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CAP. III.

An Act for the Protection of Inventions and Designs exhibited at certain Industrial Exhibitions in the United Kingdom.

[27th *March* 1865.]

WHEREAS Exhibitions of Objects of Art and Industry manufactured or contributed wholly or in part by Members of the Industrious Classes of Her Majesty's Subjects have lately been held, and may be from Time to Time hereafter held, in divers Parts of the United Kingdom; and it is expedient to encourage such Exhibitions by granting to Persons desirous of exhibiting at the same new Inventions or new Designs such Protection as is herein-after mentioned: Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the "Industrial Exhibitions Act, 1865." Short Title.

2. It shall be lawful for the Lords of the Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, upon the Application of any Persons desirous of holding any such Exhibition Power to Board of Trade to certify that certain

Industrial Exhibitions are entitled to the Benefit of this Act.

Exhibition as aforesaid in any Part of the United Kingdom, to certify, if they shall think fit, that the Exhibition so proposed to be held is in their Judgment calculated to promote *British* Art and Industry, and to prove beneficial to the Industrious Classes of Her Majesty's Subjects, either generally or in or near the Place where such Exhibition is proposed to be held; and every such Certificate shall mention the Place at which and the Time during which such Exhibition is proposed to be held; and the Time mentioned in any such Certificate may afterwards, if the Lords of the said Committee shall so think fit, be enlarged and extended by a further Certificate, but so that the whole Time allowed and certified for the holding of the same Exhibition shall in no Case exceed the total Period of Six Months; and every such Exhibition so certified, if and so long as the same shall be held at the Place and within the Time mentioned in any such Certificate, shall be deemed to be an Industrial Exhibition entitled to the Benefit of this Act.

Exhibition of new Inventions not to prejudice Patent Rights.

3. The Exhibition of any new Invention at any Industrial Exhibition entitled to the Benefit of this Act shall not, nor shall the Publication during the Period of the holding of such Exhibition of any Description of such Invention, nor shall the User of such Invention for the Purposes of such Exhibition, and within the Place where the same may be held, or elsewhere by any Person using the same during the Period of such Exhibition, without the Privity and Consent of the true and first Inventor thereof, prejudice the Right of any Person to register provisionally such Invention, or invalidate any Letters Patent which may be granted for such Invention.

Exhibition of Designs not to prejudice Right to Registration.

4. The Exhibition at any Industrial Exhibition entitled to the Benefit of this Act of any new Design capable of being registered provisionally under the "Designs Act, 1850," or of any Article to which such Design is applied, shall not, nor shall the Publication during the Period of the holding of such Exhibition of any Description of such Design, prejudice the Right of any Person to register, provisionally or otherwise, such Design, or invalidate any Provisional or other Registration which may be granted for such Design.

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