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An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act of His preſent Majeſty, for encouraging the Art of making new Models and Caſts of Buſts, and other Things therein mentioned; and for giving further Encouragement to ſuch Arts.

[18th *May* 1814.]

WHEREAS by an Act, paſſed in the Thirty-eighth Year of the Reign of His preſent Majeſty, intituled *An Act for encouraging the Art of making new Models and Caſts of Buſts, and other Things therein mentioned;* the ſole Right and Property thereof were veſted in the original Proprietors, for a Time therein ſpecified: And whereas the Proviſions of the ſaid Act having been found ineffectual for the Purpoſes thereby intended, it is expedient to amend the ſame, and to make other Proviſions and Regulations for the Encouragement of Artiſts, and to ſecure to them the Profits of and in their Works, and for the Advancement of the ſaid Arts: May it therefore pleaſe Your Majeſty that it may be enacted; and be it enacted by the King'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 38 G.3. c.71.

The ſole Right and Property of all new and original Sculpture, Models, Copies, and Caſts, veſted in the Proprietors, for 14 Years.

of the ſame, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, every Perſon or Perſons who ſhall make or cauſe to be made any new and original Sculpture, or Model, or Copy, or Caſt of the Human Figure or Human Figures, or of any Buſt or Buſts, or of any Part or Parts of the Human Figure, clothed in Drapery or otherwiſe, or of any Animal or Animals, or of any Part or Parts of any Animal combined with the Human Figure or otherwiſe, or of any Subject being Matter of Invention in Sculpture, or of any Alto or Baſſo-Relievo repreſenting any of the Matters or Things herein-before mentioned, or any Caſt from Nature of the Human Figure, or of any Part or Parts of the Human Figure, or of any Caſt from Nature of any Animal, or of any Part or Parts of any Animal, or of any ſuch Subject containing or repreſenting any of the Matters and Things herein-before mentioned, whether ſeparate or combined, ſhall have the ſole Right and Property of all and in every ſuch new and original Sculpture, Model, Copy and Caſt of the Human Figure or Human Figures, and of all and in every ſuch Buſt or Buſts, and of all and in every ſuch Part or Parts of the Human Figure, clothed in Drapery or otherwiſe, and of all and in every ſuch new and original Sculpture, Model, Copy and Caſt, repreſenting any Animal or Animals, and of all and in every ſuch Work repreſenting any Part or Parts of any Animal combined with the Human Figure or otherwiſe, and of all and in every ſuch new and original Sculpture, Model, Copy and Caſt of any Subject, being Matter of Invention in Sculpture, and of all and in every ſuch new and original Sculpture, Model, Copy and Caſt in Alto or Baſſo-Relievo, repreſenting any of the Matters or Things herein-before mentioned, and of every ſuch Caſt from Nature, for the Term of Fourteen Years from firſt putting forth or publiſhing the ſame; provided, in all and in every Caſe, the Proprietor or Proprietors do cauſe his, her, or their Name or Names, with the Date, to be put on all and every ſuch new and original Sculpture, Model, Copy or Caſt, and on every ſuch Caſt from Nature, before the ſame ſhall be put forth or publiſhed.

Works publiſhed under the recited Act, veſted in the Proprietors for 14 Years.

II. And be it further enacted, That the ſole Right and Property of all Works, which have been put forth or publiſhed under the Protection of the ſaid recited Act, ſhall be extended, continued to and veſted in the reſpective Proprietors thereof, for the Term of Fourteen Years, to commence from the Date when ſuch laſt mentioned Works reſpectively were put forth or publiſhed.

Perſons putting forth pirated Copies or pirated Caſts, may be proſecuted.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall, within ſuch Term of Fourteen Years, make or import, or cauſe to be made or imported, or expoſed to Sale, or otherwiſe diſpoſed of, any pirated Copy or pirated Caſt of any ſuch new and original Sculpture, or Model or Copy, or Caſt of the Human Figure or Human Figures, or of any ſuch Buſt or Buſts, or of any ſuch Part or Parts of the Human Figure clothed in Drapery or otherwiſe, or of any ſuch Work of any Animal or Animals, or of any ſuch Part or Parts of any Animal or Animals combined with the Human Figure or otherwiſe, or of any ſuch Subject being Matter of Invention in Sculpture, or of any ſuch Alto or Baſſo-Relievo repreſenting any of the Matters or Things herein-before mentioned, or of any ſuch Caſt from Nature as aforeſaid, whether ſuch pirated Copy or pirated Caſt be produced by moulding or copying from, or imitating in any way, any of the Matters or Things put forth or publiſhed

liſhed under the Protection of this Act, or of any Works which have been put forth or publiſhed under the Protection of the ſaid recited Act, the Right and Property whereof is and are ſecured, extended and protected by this Act, in any of the Caſes as aforeſaid, to the Detriment, Damage, or Loſs of the original or reſpective Proprietor or Proprietors of any ſuch Works ſo pirated; then and in all ſuch Caſes the ſaid Proprietor or Proprietors, or their Aſſignee or Aſſignees, ſhall and may, by and in a Special Action upon the Caſe to be brought againſt the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, receive ſuch Damages as a Jury on a Trial of ſuch Action ſhall give or aſſeſs, together with Double Coſts of Suit. Damages and Double Coſts.

IV. Provided nevertheleſs, That no Perſon or Perſons who ſhall or may hereafter purchaſe the Right or Property of any new and original Sculpture or Model, or Copy or Caſt, or of any Caſt from Nature, or of any of the Matters and Things publiſhed under or protected by virtue of this Act, of the Proprietor or Proprietors, expreſſed in a Deed in Writing ſigned by him, her, or them reſpectively, with his, her, or their own Hand or Hands, in the Preſence of and atteſted by Two or more credible Witneſſes, ſhall be ſubject to any Action for copying or caſting, or vending the ſame, any Thing contained in this Act to the contrary notwithſtanding. Purchaſers of Copy Right ſecured in the ſame.

V. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That all Actions to be brought as aforeſaid, againſt any Perſon or Perſons for any Offence committed againſt this Act, ſhall be commenced within Six Calendar Months next after the Diſcovery of every ſuch Offence, and not afterwards. Limitation of Actions.

VI. Provided always, and be it further enacted, That from and immediately after the Expiration of the ſaid Term of Fourteen Years, the ſole Right of making and diſpoſing of ſuch new and original Sculpture, or Model, or Copy, or Caſt of any of the Matters or Things herein-before mentioned, ſhall return to the Perſon or Perſons who originally made or cauſed to be made the ſame, if he or they ſhall be then living, for the further Term of Fourteen Years, excepting in the Caſe or Caſes where ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall by Sale or otherwiſe have diveſted himſelf, herſelf or themſelves, of ſuch Right of making or diſpoſing of any new and original Sculpture, or Model, or Copy, or Caſt of any of the Matters or Things herein-before mentioned, previous to the paſſing of this Act. An additional Term of 14 Years, in caſe the Maker of the original Sculpture, &c. ſhall be living.

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