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AT the Court at Windsor, the 12th day of December 1850.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the law of copyright," it is, among other things enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any person, not being the proprietor of the copyright, or some person authorized by him, to import into any port in the United Kingdom, or into any other part of the British dominions, for sale or hire, any printed book first composed or written, or printed and published in any part of the United Kingdom wherein there shall be copyright, and reprinted in any country or place whatsoever out of the British dominions :

And whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the eighth and ninth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to regulate the trade of the British possessions abroad," books, wherein the copyright is subsisting, first composed or written, or printed in the United Kingdom, and printed or reprinted in any other country, are absolutely prohibited to be imported into the British possessions abroad :

And whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the tenth and eleventh years of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to the protection in the colonies of works entitled to copyright in the United Kingdom," it is enacted, that in case the legislature or proper legislative authorities in any British possession shall be disposed to make due provision for securing or protecting the rights of British authors in such possession, and shall pass an Act, or make an Ordinance for that purpose, and shall transmit the same in the proper manner to the Secretary of State, in order that it may be submitted to Her Majesty ; and in case Her Majesty shall be of opinion that such Act or Ordinance is sufficient for the purpose of securing to British authors reasonable protection within such possession, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, if she think fit so to do, to express Her royal approval of such Act or Ordinance, and thereupon to issue an Order in Council, declaring that so long as the

provisions of such Act or Ordinance continue in force within such colony, the prohibitions contained in the aforesaid Acts, and hereinbefore recited, and any prohibitions contained in the said Acts, or in any other Acts against the importing, selling, letting out to hire, exposing for sale or hire, or possessing foreign reprints of books first composed, written, printed, or published in the United Kingdom, and entitled to copyright therein, shall be suspended, so far as regards such colony ; and thereupon such Act or Ordinance shall come into operation, except so far as may be otherwise provided therein, or may be otherwise directed by such Order in Council :

And whereas an Act has been passed by the Legislature of the Province of Canada, No. 780, intituled "An Act to impose a duty on foreign reprints of British copyright works," whereby it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to impose an *ad valorem* duty not exceeding twenty per centum upon books imported into the said province wherein the copyright shall be subsisting, first composed or written, or printed in the United Kingdom, and printed or reprinted in any other country with regard to which the notice to the Commissioners of Customs required by any Act of the Imperial Parliament in force in that behalf shall have been given, and from time to time to alter the said duty (not exceeding in any case the rate aforesaid), and from time to time to establish such regulations and conditions as may be consistent with any Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom then in force, and as he may deem requisite and equitable with regard to the admission of such books, and to the distribution of the proceeds of such duty to or among the party or parties beneficially interested in the copyright :

And it is thereby further enacted that the provisions of that Act (except in so far as may be otherwise directed in such Order of Her Majesty in Council,) shall come into operation from and after the day to be appointed for that purpose in any Proclamation of the Governor of the said province, signifying Her Majesty's approval of that Act, and the issuing of such Order in Council, and not before :

And whereas Her Majesty hath expressed Her royal approval of the said Act of the Canadian Legislature :

Now therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of Her Privy Council, and by the