

positions represented or executed for the first time in either of the two countries, after the Convention shall have come into operation.

The Convention shall continue in force for ten years from the day on which it may come into operation ; and if neither Contracting Party shall, twelve months before the expiration of the said period of ten years, give notice of its intention to terminate its operation, the Convention shall continue in force for a year longer, and so on from year to year, until the expiration of a year's notice from either Contracting Party for its termination.

The High Contracting Parties, however, reserve to themselves the power of making by common consent, in this Convention, any modifications which may not be inconsistent with its spirit and principles, and which experience of its working may show to be desirable.

ARTICLE XVI.

The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London as soon as may be within six months from the date of signature.

In witness whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto the seals of their arms.

Done at London, the twelfth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

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dans l'un des deux pays, après la mise en vigueur de la Convention.

La Convention restera en vigueur pendant dix années à partir du jour où elle pourra être mise à exécution ; et dans le cas où l'une des deux Parties Contractantes n'aurait pas signifié, douze mois avant l'expiration de la dite période de dix années, son intention d'en faire cesser les effets, la Convention continuera à rester en vigueur encore une année, et ainsi de suite d'année en année, jusqu'à l'expiration d'une année à partir du jour où l'une ou l'autre des Parties Contractantes l'aura dénoncée.

Les Hautes Parties Contractantes se réservent cependant la faculté d'apporter à la présente Convention, d'un commun accord, toute modification qui ne serait pas incompatible avec l'esprit et les principes qui en sont la base, et dont l'expérience aurait démontré l'opportunité.

ARTICLE XVI.

La présente Convention sera ratifiée, et les ratifications en seront échangées à Londres dans le délai de six mois, à partir du jour de la signature, ou plus tôt si faire se peut.

En foi de quoi, les Plénipotentiaires respectifs l'ont signée, et y ont apposé le cachet de leurs armes.

Fait à Londres, le douze Août, l'an de grace mil huit cent cinquante-quatre.

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(L.S.) SYLVAIN VAN DE WEYER.

AT the Court at *Windsor*, the 8th day of *February*, 1855,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS a Treaty has been concluded between Her Majesty and the King of the Belgians, whereby due protection has been secured within the Kingdom of Belgium, for the benefit of authors of books, dramatic pieces, musical compositions, drawings, paintings, articles of sculpture, engravings, lithographs, and any other works of literature and of the fine arts, in which the laws of Great Britain and of Belgium do now, or may hereafter, give their respective subjects the right of property or copyright, and for the benefit of the lawful representatives or assigns of such authors, with regard to any such works first published within the dominions of Her Majesty :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of Her Privy Council, and by virtue of the authority committed to her by an Act passed in the session of Parliament, holden in the seventh and eighth years of her reign, intitled "An Act to amend the law relating to "international copyright;" and of another Act, passed in the session of Parliament, holden in the fifteenth and sixteenth years of her reign, intitled "An Act to enable Her Majesty to carry "into effect a Convention with France on the "subject of Copyright, to extend and explain the "International Copyright Acts, and to explain the "Acts relating to Copyright in Engravings;" doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that from and after the day next after the day of the publication hereof in the London Gazette, the authors,

inventors, designers, engravers, and makers of any of the following works ; that is to say : books, dramatic works, musical compositions, drawings, paintings, sculpture, engravings, lithographs, and any other works of literature and the fine arts, in which the laws of Great Britain give to British subjects the privilege of copyright, and the executors, administrators, and assigns of such authors, inventors, designers, engravers, and makers respectively, shall, as respects works first published within the kingdom of Belgium after the said day next after the day of publication hereof have the privilege of copyright therein for a period equal to the term of copyright which authors, inventors, designers, engravers, and makers of the like works respectively, first published in the United Kingdom, are by law entitled to ; provided such books, dramatic works, musical compositions, drawings, paintings, sculpture, engravings, lithographs, or other works of literature or the fine arts, shall have been registered, and copies thereof shall have been delivered according to the requirements of the said recited Acts, within three months after the first publication thereof in any part of the Kingdom of Belgium, or if such work be published in parts, then within three months after the publication of the last part thereof :

And it is hereby further ordered, that the authors of dramatic pieces and musical compositions, which shall after the day aforesaid be first publicly represented or performed within the Kingdom of Belgium, or their executors, administrators, or assigns, shall have the sole liberty of representing or performing in any part of the British dominions such dramatic pieces or musical compositions, during a period equal to the period during which authors of dramatic pieces and musical compositions, first publicly represented or