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The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HEREAS a Convention, bearing date the VV thirteenth of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, was concluded between Her Majesty and His Majesty the King of Prussia, whereby due protection was secured within the Prussian Dominions for the authors of books, dramatic works, or musical compositions, and the inventors, designers, or engravers of prints and articles of sculpture, and the authors, inventors, designers, or engravers of any other works whatsoever of literature and the fine arts, first published in the dominions of Her Majesty, or of His said Majesty respectively, in which the laws of Great Britain and of Prussia, did then or might thereafter give their respective subjects the privilege of copyright, and by the said Convention lawful representatives or assigns of such authors, inventors, designers, or engravers, with regard to any such works first published within the dominions of Her Majesty, were to be treated on the same footing as the authors, inventors, designers, or engravers themselves.

And whereas an Order of Her Majesty in Council, dated the twenty-seventh day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, was, 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, intituled "An Act to amend the law relating to " international copyright," made by and with the advice and consent of Her Privy Council, for giving effect to the said Convention.

And whereas His Majesty the King of Saxony, His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar, their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Saxe-Meiningen, Saxe-Altenburg, and Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, His Royal Highness the Duke of Brunswick, their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Anhalt-Dessau and Anhalt-Bernburg, and their Serene Highnesses the Princes of Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt and Schwarzburg-Sondershausen, Reuss-Greitz, Reuss-Lobenstein-Ebers-Dorf, and Reuss-Schleitz, subsequently acceded to the said Convention, and thereby became parties thereto.

And whereas Orders of Her Majesty in Council, dated respectively the twenty-sixth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, the twenty-fourth day of April, one thousand eight | dramatic pieces, their executors, administrators,

T the Court at Windsor, the 19th day of | hundred and forty-seven, the tenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and the eleventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, were, by virtue of the authority aforesaid, and by and with the advice and consent aforesaid, made for giving effect to such accessions.

And whereas, on the fourteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, a convention, additional to the said Convention of the thirteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, was concluded between Her Majesty and His Majesty the King of Prussia, as well in his own name as in that of His Majesty the King of Saxony, His Royal Highness the Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar, His Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Meiningen, His Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Altenberg, His Royal Highness the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, His Royal Highness the Duke of Brunswick, His Royal Highness the Duke of Anhalt-Dessau-Cöthen, His Royal Highness the Duke of Anhalt-Bernburg, His Serene Highness the Prince of Schwarzburg-Rudolstadt, His Serene Highness the Prince of Schwarzburg-Sondershausen, His Serene Highness the Prince of Reuss (elder branch), and His Serene High-ness the Prince of Reuss (younger branch), whereby the protection granted by the said Convention of the thirteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, to original works, is extended to translations, subject to certain stipulations therein contained.

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 fifteenth and sixteenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to enable Her Majesty "to carry into effect a Convention with France " on the subject of copyright, to explain and ex-" tend the International Copyright Acts, and to " explain the Acts relating to copyright in engra-" vings," doth order, and it is hereby ordered, that the authors of any books published, or of any dramatic pieces first publicly represented within the dominions of Prussia, Saxony, Saxe Weimar, Saxe-Meiningen, Saxe-Altenburg, Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Brunswick, Anhalt-Dessau-Cöthen, An-halt-Bernburg, Schwarzburg - Rudolstadt, Schwarzburg-Sondershausen, or Reuss, at any time after the day next after the day of the publication hereof in the London Gazette, who may choose to reserve the right of translating such books or