

the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, to amend the Laws relating to Dramatic Literary Property, or of this Act, although no Entry shall be made in the Book of Registry aforesaid.

Copyright shall be Personal Property.

XXV. And be it enacted, That all Copyright shall be deemed Personal Property, and shall be transmissible by Bequest, or, in case of Intestacy, shall be subject to the same Law of Distribution as other Personal Property, and in *Scotland* shall be deemed to be Personal and Moveable Estate.

General Issue.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That if any Action or Suit shall be commenced or brought against any Person or Persons whomsoever for doing or causing to be done any thing in pursuance of this Act, the Defendant or Defendants in such Action may plead the General Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence; and if upon such Action a Verdict shall be given for the Defendant, or the Plaintiff shall become nonsuited, or discontinue his Action, then the Defendant shall have and recover his full Costs, for which he shall have the same Remedy as a Defendant in any Case by Law hath; and that all Actions, Suits, Bills, Indictments, or Informations for any Offence that shall be committed against this Act shall be brought, sued, and commenced within Twelve Calendar Months next after such Offence committed, or else the same shall be void and of none effect; provided that such Limitation of Time shall not extend or be construed to extend to any Actions, Suits, or other Proceedings which under the Authority of this Act shall or may be brought, sued, or commenced for or in respect of any Copies of Books to be delivered for the Use of the *British Museum*, or of any One of the Four Libraries herein-before mentioned.

Limitation of Actions;

not to extend to Actions, &c. in respect of the Delivery of Books.

Saving the Rights of the Universities, and the Colleges of Eton, Westminster, and Winchester.

XXVII. Provided always, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall affect or alter the Rights of the Two Universities of *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, the Colleges or Houses of Learning within the same, the Four Universities in *Scotland*, the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Queen *Elizabeth* near *Dublin*, and the several Colleges of *Eton*, *Westminster*, and *Winchester*, in any Copyrights heretofore and now vested or hereafter to be vested in such Universities and Colleges respectively, any thing to the contrary herein contained notwithstanding.

Saving all subsisting Rights, Contracts, and Engagements.

XXVIII. Provided also, and be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained shall affect, alter, or vary any Right subsisting at the Time of passing of this Act, except as herein expressly enacted; and all Contracts, Agreements, and Obligations made and entered into before the passing of this Act, and all Remedies relating thereto, shall remain in full force, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Extent of the Act.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That this Act shall extend to the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and to every Part of the *British* Dominions.

Act may be amended this Session.

XXX. And be it enacted, That this Act may be amended or repealed by any Act to be passed in the present Session of Parliament.

## ANNO QUINTO & SEXTO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

### Schedule to which the preceding Act refers.

#### No. 1.

#### FORM OF MINUTE OF CONSENT TO BE ENTERED AT STATIONERS HALL.

WE, the undersigned, *A.B.* of                      the Author of a certain Book, intituled *Y.Z.* [or the personal Representative of the Author, as the Case may be], and *C.D.* of                      do hereby certify, That we have consented and agreed to accept the Benefits of the Act passed in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Cap.                      , for the Extension of the Term of Copyright therein provided by the said Act, and hereby declare that such extended Term of Copyright therein is the Property of the said *A.B.* or *C.D.*

Dated this                      Day of                      18 .

Witness

(Signed) *A. B.*  
*C. D.*

To the Registering Officer appointed by the Stationers Company.