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AN ACT for the establishment of a Copyright Register.

[ Assented to, 22nd July, 1887. ]

WHEREAS the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland has enacted the "International Copyright Act, 1886:" Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia and its Dependencies, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Preamble.

1. THAT a Copyright Register be established in this Colony, in manner following:—

Registration of Copyright.

A Book of Registry wherein may be registered, as hereinafter enacted, the proprietorship in the copyright of books and assignments thereof, and in dramatic and musical pieces, whether in manuscript or otherwise, and licenses affecting such copyright, shall be kept by the Registrar General at his office, and shall at all convenient times be open to the inspection of any person on payment of One shilling for every entry which shall be searched for or inspected in the said book; and the Registrar

General shall, whenever thereunto reasonably required, give a copy of any entry in such book, certified under his hand and impressed with his stamp, to any person requiring the same, on payment to him of the sum of Five shillings; and such copies so certified and impressed shall be received in evidence in all Courts and in all summary proceedings, and shall be *primâ facie* proof of the proprietorship or assignment of copyright or license as therein expressed but subject to be rebutted by other evidence, and in the case of dramatic or musical pieces shall be *primâ facie* proof of the right of representation or performance, subject to be rebutted as aforesaid.

Making false entry a misdemeanor.

2. THAT if any person shall wilfully make or cause to be made any false entry in the said book of registry, or shall wilfully produce or cause to be tendered in evidence any paper falsely purporting to be a copy of any entry in the said book, he shall be guilty of an indictable misdemeanor, and shall be punished accordingly.

Entries of Copyright in book of registry.

3. THAT after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the proprietor of copyright in any book heretofore published, or in any book hereafter to be published, to make entry in the book of registry of the title of such book, the time of the first publication thereof, and the name and place of abode of the proprietor of the copyright of the said book or of any portion of such copyright, in the form in that behalf given in the Schedule to this Act annexed, upon payment of the sum of Five shillings to the Registrar General; and that it shall be lawful for every such registered proprietor to assign his interest or any portion of his interest therein by making entry in the said book of registry of such assignment and of the name and place of abode of the assignee thereof, in the form given in that behalf in the said Schedule, on payment of the like sum; and such assignment so entered shall be effectual in law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, without being subject to any stamp or duty, and shall be of the same force and effect as if such assignment had been made by deed.

Persons aggrieved by any entry in the book of registry may apply to the Supreme Court or Judge.

4. THAT if any person shall deem himself aggrieved by any entry made under color of this Act in the said book of registry, it shall be lawful for such person to apply by motion to the Supreme Court, or if such Court be not sitting to apply by summons to any Judge of such Court, for an order that such entry may be expunged or varied; and that upon such application by motion or summons to the said Court or to a Judge as aforesaid, such Court or Judge shall make such order for expunging, varying, or confirming such entry either with or without costs as to such Court or Judge shall seem

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just; and the Registrar General shall, on the production to him of any such order for expunging or varying any such entry, expunge or vary the same according to the requisitions of such order.

5. THAT the forms in the Schedule to this Act be used for the purposes respectively indicated. Forms in schedule to be used.

6. THAT this Act may be cited as "The Copyright Register Act, 1887." Short title.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to this Act.

F. NAPIER BROOME, Governor.

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## SCHEDULE.

### 1.—Form of requiring entry of Proprietorship of Copyright.

To the Registrar General.

I, A.B., of \_\_\_\_\_, being the Proprietor of the Copyright in a Book intituled Y.Z., do hereby require you to make entry in the Book of Registry of my Proprietorship of such Copyright, according to the particulars underwritten.

Title of Book.	Name of Publisher and Place of Publication.	Name and Residence of the Proprietor of the Copyright.	Date of First Publication.
Y.Z.		A.B.	

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 188 .  
(Signed) A.B.

Witness C.D.

### 2.—Form of entry of Proprietorship of Copyright in the Book of Registry.

Time of making the entry.	Title of Book.	Name of Publisher and Place of Publication.	Name and Residence of the Proprietor of the Copyright.	Date of First Publication.
	Y. Z.	C. D.	A. B.	

### 3.—Form of requiring entry of Assignment of Copyright previously registered.

To the Registrar General.

I, A. B., of \_\_\_\_\_ being the Assignor of the Copyright of the Book hereunder described, do hereby require you to make entry of the Assignment in the Book of Registry.

Title of Book.	Assignor.	Assignee.
Y. Z.	A. B.	E. F.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 .  
(Signed) A. B.

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*4.—Form of entry in the Book of Registry of Assignment of Copyright in any book previously registered.*

Date of Entry.	Title of Book.	Assignor of Copyright.	Assignee of Copyright.
	<i>[Set out the title of the Book and refer to the page of the Registry Book in which the original entry of the Copyright thereof is made.]</i>		