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An Act to impose a duty on Foreign re-prints of
British Copyright Works.

WHEREAS it is declared by an Act of the Imperial Preamble.
Parliament, passed in the tenth and eleventh years
of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "*An Act to amend the* Imperial Act.
Law relating to the Protection in the Colonies, of Works 10 & 11 Vict.
entitled to Copyright in the United Kingdom," that in c. 95.
5 case the Legislature in any British Possession shall be
disposed to make due provision for securing or protect-
ing the rights of British Authors in such Possession, and
shall pass an Act for that purpose, and shall transmit the
10 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 should be of opinion that such Act is
sufficient for the purpose of securing to British Authors
reasonable protection within such Possession, it shall be
15 lawful for Her Majesty to express Her Royal Approval of
such Act, and thereupon, by Order in Council, to sus-
pend, so long as the provisions of such Act shall continue
in force, within such Colony, the prohibition contained in
the Imperial Acts in the said above recited Act mentioned,
20 or in any other Acts against the importing, selling, letting
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 Copy-
right therein; and it is expedient to pass such Act, to the
25 end that such Foreign Reprints may, under the provisions
of the said Imperial Act, be allowed to be imported into
this Province: Be it enacted, &c.

And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,
That it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to im- Governor in
Council may
impose a duty
on Foreign
Re-prints of
British Copy-
right Works,
&c.
30 pose an *ad valorem* duty not exceeding twenty *per centum*
upon Books imported into this Province, wherein the
Copyright shall be subsisting, first composed or written
or printed in the United Kingdom, and printed or re-print-
ed in any other Country, and with regard to which the
35 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 condi-
40 tions as may be consistent with any Act of the Parli-
ament of the United Kingdom then in force, and as he
may deem requisite and equitable, with regard to the ad-