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COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE passed the 15th day of March 1842, in the Fifth Year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

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AN ORDINANCE to secure the COPYRIGHT of PRINTED BOOKS to the Authors thereof

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Copyright of Books should be secured by law to the authors thereof Be it enacted, by the Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows.

Period of protection

1. The author of any book which shall hereafter be printed and published, and his assignees, shall have the sole liberty of printing and reprinting such book for the full term of twenty-eight years, to commence from the day of first publishing the same, and also if the author shall be living at the end of that period for the residue of his natural life

Penalty

2. If any person shall, during the period or periods aforesaid, print, reprint, or import, or cause to be printed, reprinted, or imported any such book, without the consent in writing of the author or assignee of the copyright thereof, or shall, knowing the same to have been so printed, reprinted, or imported without such consent as aforesaid, sell, publish, or expose for sale, or cause to be sold, published, or exposed for sale, or have in his possession for sale any such books, without such consent as aforesaid, every such person shall be liable to an action at the suit of the author or assignee, in which action double costs of suit shall be allowed, and shall also, upon a verdict being given against him in such action as aforesaid, forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds to the use of Her Majesty, Her heirs and successors, for the public uses of the colony, and the support of the Government thereof.

*W. Hobson*, Governor.

Passed in the Legislative Council the Fifteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Forty-two

*J Coates*, Clerk of Council.