

Berne Convention—Extension to Japan.

AT THE COURT AT OSBORNE HOUSE, ISLE OF WIGHT, THE 8TH
DAY OF AUGUST, 1899.

Present :

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Lord Chancellor,
Lord President,

Lord James of Hereford,
Sir Fleetwood Edwards.

WHEREAS on the 9th day of September, 1886, a convention (hereinafter called the Berne Convention) with respect to the protection to be given by way of copyright to the authors of literary and artistic works was concluded between Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the foreign countries following, that is to say:—Belgium, Hayti, Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany, Spain and Tunis :

And whereas on the 5th day of September, 1887, the ratifications of the said convention were duly exchanged between Her Majesty the Queen and the aforesaid countries :

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the 28th day of November, 1837, and made under the authority committed to Her Majesty by the International Copyright Acts, 1844 to 1886; Her Majesty was pleased to make provision for giving rights of copyright throughout Her Majesty's dominions to the authors of literary and artistic works first produced in any of the said foreign countries (therein referred to as the foreign countries of the Copyright Union), and otherwise giving effect throughout Her Majesty's dominions to the terms of the said Berne Convention, and an English translation of the said convention was set out in the first schedule to the Order in Council now in recital :

And whereas since the date of the said Order in Council hereinbefore recited, the foreign countries following, namely, Luxembourg, Monaco, Montenegro, and Norway have acceded to the said Berne Convention, and by Orders in Council, dated respectively the 10th day of August, 1888, the 15th day of October, 1889, the 16th day of May, 1893, and the 1st day of August, 1896, and made under the authority aforesaid, the provisions of the hereinbefore recited Order in Council of the 28th day of November, 1887, have been extended to the last-mentioned foreign countries respectively, and the last-mentioned foreign countries, together with the foreign countries comprised in the said Order in Council of the 28th day of November, 1887, now constitute the foreign countries of the Copyright Union within the meaning of the said Order in Council :

And whereas an additional Act to the said Berne Convention was agreed upon between Her Majesty and the following foreign countries for the purpose of varying the provisions of the said Berne Convention, namely:—Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Spain, Monaco, Tunis, France,