

There is nothing to interpret. No sane man will contend that one Legislature can say of the Statute of another that it intended a certain piece of legislation but forgot or omitted to enact it, and thereupon *declare* that *it was enacted*.

The consequence of admitting such a doctrine might upset by retrospective laws all the institutions of society.

On behalf of the Royal Institution.

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