

AN ACT

For preventing the mischiefs arising from the Printing and Publishing Books, Newspapers, and Papers of a like nature by persons unknown, and to regulate the printing and publishing the same.

WHEREAS it is expedient that regulations should be provided touching publications of the nature herein mentioned—

Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, that no person shall after the expiration of twenty days after the passing of this act print or publish or cause to be printed or published any newspaper or other paper containing public news or intelligence or serving the purpose of a newspaper until an affidavit or affidavits affirmations or affirmations made and signed as hereinafter mentioned shall be delivered to the Secretary of this Island or to some officer or officers in the respective towns and at the respective offices which shall be named and appointed by the Secretary for that purpose of receiving such affidavits or affirmations containing the several matters and things hereinafter for that purpose specified and mentioned.

2.—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that such affidavit or affidavits affirmations or affirmations shall specify and set forth the real and true names additions description and places of abode of all and every person and persons who is and are intended to be the printer or printers publisher and publishers of the newspaper or other paper mentioned in such affidavit or affidavits or affirmations or affirmations and of all the proprietors of the same and of the printing press and types generally used in the printing thereof and the true description of the house or building wherein such paper is intended to be printed and likewise the title of such paper.

3.—And be it further enacted that an affidavit or affidavit or affidavits or affirmations of the like import shall be made signed and given in like manner as often as any of the printers publishers or proprietors named in such affidavits or affirmations shall be changed or shall change their respective places of abode or their printing house place or office and as often as the title of the paper shall be changed and as often as the Grand Jury for the district in which such paper shall be printed shall see reasonable cause for requiring such affidavit or affidavits to be made signed and sworn or affirmed and shall give notice that they do require the same such notice to be left at such a place as is mentioned in the affidavit or affidavit or affidavit last delivered as the place at which the newspaper or other paper to which such notice shall relate is printed.

4.—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that every such affidavit or affidavit or affidavits shall be in writing and signed by the person or persons making the same and shall be taken by any one or more of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace and such Justices are hereby authorized to take such affidavits upon the oath of the person or persons making the same and such affirmations in the case of persons commonly called Quakers.

5.—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that if any person or persons making such affidavit or affidavit or affidavit as in and by this act is required to be made shall knowingly and wilfully insert or set forth therein the name or names addition or additions place or places of any person as proprietor printer or publisher of any newspaper or other such paper as aforesaid to which such affidavit or affidavit or affidavit relates who is not a printer proprietor or publisher thereof or shall knowingly or wilfully omit to mention in such affidavit or affidavit or affidavit the name or names addition or additions and place or places of abode of any of the proprietors printers publishers thereof contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act or shall knowingly and wilfully in any other manner or respect set forth in such affidavit or affidavit or affidavit any matter or thing by this act required to be set forth otherwise than according to the truth or shall knowingly or wilfully omit to set forth therein according to the truth any matter or thing required by this act to be therein set forth every such person so offending shall be liable to the pains and penalties

to which persons are liable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

6.—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that such affidavits or affirmations as aforesaid shall be filed and kept in such a manner as the Secretary of this Colony for the time being shall direct and the same or copies thereof certified to be true copies as hereinafter mentioned shall respectively in all proceedings civil and criminal touching any newspaper or other such paper as aforesaid which shall be mentioned in such affidavits or affirmations or touching any publication matter or thing contained in such newspaper or other paper be received and admitted as conclusive evidence of the truth of all such matters set forth in such affidavits or affirmations as are hereby required to be therein set forth against every person who shall have signed and sworn or affirmed such affidavits or affirmations and shall always be received and admitted in like manner as sufficient evidence of the truth of all such matters against all and every person who shall not have signed and sworn or affirmed the same but who shall be therein mentioned to be a proprietor printer or publisher of such newspaper or other paper unless the contrary shall be satisfactorily proved. Provided always that if any such person or persons respectively against whom such affidavit or affidavit or affidavit or any copy thereof shall be offered in evidence shall prove that he she or they hath or have signed sworn or affirmed and delivered to the Secretary of this Colony or such officer to be appointed by him as aforesaid previous to the day of the date of publication of the newspaper or other such paper as aforesaid to which the proceeding civil or criminal shall relate on affidavit or affidavit or affidavit that he she or they hath or have ceased to be the printer or printers proprietor or proprietors or publisher or publishers of such newspaper or other such paper such person or persons shall not be deemed by reason of any former affidavit or affidavit or affidavit so delivered as aforesaid to have been the printer or printers publishers or proprietors or publishers of such paper after the day upon which such last mentioned affidavit or affidavit or affidavit shall have been to the said Secretary or the officer to be by him appointed as aforesaid.

7.—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that in some conspicuous part of every newspaper or other such paper as aforesaid there shall be printed in legible characters the true and real name and names addition and additions and place or places of abode of the printer and printers and publisher and publishers of the same and also a true description of the place where the same is printed. And in case any person or persons shall knowingly and wilfully print or publish or cause to be printed or published any such newspaper or other such paper not containing the particulars aforesaid and every of them every such person as aforesaid shall be taken and deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanour.

8.—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that it shall not be necessary after any such affidavit or affidavit or affidavit or a certified copy thereof shall have been produced in evidence as aforesaid against the person who served and made such affidavit or affidavit or affidavit or are therein named according to this act or any of them and after a newspaper or any such paper or book as aforesaid shall be produced in evidence intitled in the same manner as a newspaper or other paper mentioned in such affidavit or affidavit or affidavit and wherein the name or names of the printer and publisher or printers and publishers and the place of printing shall be the same as the name or names of the printer and publisher or printers or publishers and the place of printing mentioned in such affidavit or affidavit or affidavit for the plaintiff informant or prosecutor to prove that the newspaper or paper to which such trial relates was purchased at any house shop or office belonging to or occupied by the defendant or defendants or any of them or by his or their servant or workmen or where he or where he or they by themselves or their servant usually carry on the printing or publishing such paper or where the same is usually sold.

9.—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Secretary of this Colony or Officer by whom any such affidavits or affirmations shall be

kept according to the directions of this act shall and they are hereby required upon application made by them by any person or persons requiring a copy certified recording to this act of any such affidavit or affidavit or affidavit in order that the same may be produced in any civil or Criminal proceedings to deliver to the person so applying for the same such certified copy.

10.—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that within twenty days from and after the passing of this act the printer or publisher of every newspaper or other such paper as aforesaid shall upon every day upon which the same shall be published or within six days after delivery to the Secretary of this Colony for the time being, or to the officers to be by him appointed to receive the same and whom he is hereby required to appoint for that purpose one of the papers so published upon each such day signed by the printer or publisher thereof in his handwriting with his name and place of abode and the same shall be carefully kept by the said Secretary or such officers as aforesaid in such manner as the said Secretary shall direct and in every case in which the printer and publisher of such newspaper or other paper as aforesaid shall neglect to deliver one such newspaper or other paper hereinafore directed such printer and publisher shall for every such neglect respectively be taken and deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanour and in case any person or persons shall make application to the said Secretary or to any such officer as aforesaid in order that such newspaper or other paper so signed by the printer or publisher may be produced in evidence in any proceeding civil or criminal the said Secretary or such officer shall at the expense of the party applying at any time within two years from the publication thereof either cause the same to be produced in the Court in which the same is required to be produced and at the time when the same is required to be produced or shall deliver the same to the party applying for it, taking according to their discretion reasonable security at his expense for the returning the same to the said Secretary or such officer and in case by reason that the same shall have been previously required by any other person to be produced in any Court or hath been previously delivered to any other person for the like purpose the same can not be produced at the time required or be delivered according to such application in such case the said Secretary or such officer shall cause the same to be produced or shall deliver the same as soon as they are enabled to do so.

11.—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that from and after the expiration of twenty days after the passing of this act any person who shall print any book or paper whatsoever which shall be meant or intended to be published or dispersed whether the same shall be sold or given away shall print upon the front of every such paper if the same shall be printed on one side only and upon the first and last leaves of every book or paper which shall consist of more than one leaf in legible characters his or her name and the name of the City Town Parish or Place and also the name (if any) of the square street lane court or place in which his or her dwelling house or usual place of abode shall be and every person who shall omit so to print his name and place of abode on every such paper or book printed by him and also every person who shall publish or disperse or assist in publishing or dispersing either gratis or for money any printed paper or book which shall have been printed after the expiration of twenty days from the passing of this act and on which the name and place of abode of the person printing the same shall not be printed as aforesaid shall for the publication or dispersion by him of every copy of such paper or book so published or dispersed be taken and deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanour. Provided always that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to any Papers printed by the authority and for the use of the Government or either Branch of the Legislature of this Island.

12.—And be it further enacted that the Owner and Owners of every printing press or types used in the printing of any newspaper or other paper or pamphlet in this Island shall be deemed and

taken to be a proprietor or part proprietor of every such newspaper or other paper or pamphlet so published as aforesaid.

Lord W. Paget, R. N., lately commanding the Winchester, is said to have volunteered his service to the Queen of Spain, and that he has received an appointment on the staff of Gen. Evans.—Baron de Rottenburgh, brother to Lady W. Paget, commands the Rifle Corps at the head quarters of the British Legion.

Four black convicts, sentenced to be transported for life from the Island of Jamaica, arrived at Falmouth last week, in the Lord Melville, and were turned loose to support themselves by their wits.

The late Baron Teixeira Tampayo, Ex-Portuguese Consul General, who died at his residence in Albermarle-street, a few days since; has left immense wealth which has been distributed, among his relatives and friends. His fortune in this country, is said to amount to upwards of £180,000, and on the continent it is stated £40,000.

Madame de Beaumont, only daughter of the late celebrated Baron Dupuyren, the French surgeon, is now one of the richest ladies in France, having by the death of her father succeeded to a fortune of seven millions of francs.

DEATH OF LORD HOOD.—Died at Whiteley, on the 25th Jan., Henry Viscount Hood, of Whiteley, in Warwickshire, and Baron Hood, of Catterington, Hants, in the British and Irish Peerage. His lordship was in his 82d year.

The Cove, under the command of Capt. J. C. Ross, with a full complement of naval and medical officers, 3 surgeons, and 22 seamen, sailed from Hull on Friday, on her arduous mission for the relief of the ice-bound numbers.

The oldest General officer in the Army at present is Sir James Stuart, Bart., of the Scots Greys.

The total amount of subscriptions for the relief of the Irish Clergy, as advertised in the London papers, to the end of Jan. was £73,533 13s 6d.

The property of the monks confiscated to the use of the state in Spain, is estimated at about £1,226,406 stig.

LONDON POST-OFFICE.—The ordinary business of each day is, in letters, in the inland office about 5,700 letters received, and 40,000 sent (23,475,060 annually) exclusive of the numbers in the Foreign Office Department and the Ship letter Office, and altogether independent of the Twopenny post. The numbers of newspapers daily vary from 25,000 to 60,000 (on Sunday 40,000), and on Monday 50,000 of which number about 20,000 are put into the office ten minutes before six. After that hour each newspaper is charged one halfpenny.

The following letter has been received at Lloyd's, this morning, from their Agent at Peterhead, dated the 3d January:—

"Sir,—I am happy to state that the Grenville Bay, another of the Whalers that was beset in the middle ice, is now off here. I have seen Capt. Taylor, who was on shore, getting some fresh provisions, and making arrangements for sending home those of his crew belonging to Orkney. He also has on board 16 men, part of the crews of the lost ships Gordon, Mary Frances, and Lee. He reports that he got clear on the 16th Dec., and that the Norfolk, of Berwick, got free three days previously, which vessel, he expects, is now in Orkney. He drifted down 69½ deg. Davis' Straits, and was driven into Hudson's Straits by the current on the north side, and was again driven out by the current on the south side, on Bullen's Island, as far as 90 deg. on the Labrador coast, where he got clear. At the time when he was released he was driving N. E., and at a rate of 20 miles a day. He has been driven upwards of 600 miles enclosed in the ice.—He last saw the Lady Jane on the 25th Dec., in lat. 59 deg., about 5 or 6 miles to the southwest of the Granville Bay surrounded, at the time, by a good deal of ice. When he last saw the Abram was in lat. 62, bearing E.S.E.

"The Grenville Bay had about month's provisions in full allowance left. Capt. Taylor got the half of the provisions of the Gordon, and agreed to take a board half of the crew, but a less portion came to his ship. The Abram got a share of the provisions of the Gordon and Capt. Taylor thinks she has on board, including part of the crews of the lost