

“The Customs Consolidation Act, 1876.”

AN ACT to consolidate the Customs Laws.

[24th July, 1876.]

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Foreign re-
prints of books
under copy-
right pro-
hibited.

152. Any books wherein the copyright shall be subsisting, first composed or written or printed in the United Kingdom, and printed or reprinted in any other country, shall be and are hereby absolutely prohibited to be imported into the British possessions abroad: Provided always that no such books shall be prohibited to be imported as aforesaid unless the proprietor of such copyright, or his agent, shall have given notice in writing to the Commissioners of Customs that such copyright subsists, and in such notice shall have stated when the copyright will expire; and the said Commissioners shall cause to be made and transmitted to the several ports in the British possessions abroad, from time to time to be publicly exposed there, lists of books respecting which such notice shall have been duly given, and all books imported contrary thereto shall be forfeited; but nothing herein contained shall be taken to prevent Her Majesty from exercising the powers vested in her by the tenth and eleventh Victoria, chapter ninety-five, intituled “An Act to amend the Law relating to the Protection in the Colonies of Works entitled to Copyright in the United Kingdom,” to suspend in certain cases such prohibition.

Foreign
manufactures
with British
marks.

153. If any articles of foreign manufacture, and any packages of such articles, bearing any names, brands, or marks being or purporting to be the names, brands, or marks of manufacturers resident in the United Kingdom, shall be imported into any of the British possessions abroad, the same shall be forfeited.

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Colonial laws
repugnant to
Acts of Parlia-
ment void.

161. All laws, by-laws, usages, or customs at this time or which hereafter shall be in practice, or endeavoured or pretended to be in force or practice, in any of the British possessions, which are in anywise contrary to the Customs Acts, are and shall be null and void.

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¹ For the text of this Act, see “Admiralty Offences,” *ante*, pp. 40-42,