

THIRTY-FOURTH CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION, CHAPTER 169.

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AN ACT supplemental to an act entitled "An act to amend the several acts respecting copyright," approved February third, eighteen hundred and thirty-one.

1856, *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 August 18. *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* 5

That any copyright hereafter granted under the laws of the United States to the author or proprietor of any dramatic composition, designed or suited for public representation, shall be deemed and taken to confer upon the said author or proprietor, his heirs or assigns, along with the sole right to print and publish the said composition, the 10 sole right also to act, perform, or represent the same, or cause it to be acted, performed, or represented, on any stage or public place during the whole period for which the copyright is obtained; and any manager, actor, or other person acting, performing, or representing the said composition, without or against the consent of the said author or 15 proprietor, his heirs or assigns, shall be liable to damages to be sued for and recovered by action on the case or other equivalent remedy, with costs of suit in any court of the United States, such damages in all cases to be rated and assessed at such sum not less than one hundred dollars for the first, and fifty dollars for every subsequent perform- 20 ance, as to the court having cognizance thereof shall appear to be just: *Provided, nevertheless,* That nothing herein enacted shall impair any right to act, perform, or represent a dramatic composition as aforesaid, which right may have been acquired, or shall in future be acquired by any manager, actor, or other person previous to the securing of the 25 copyright for the said composition, or to restrict in any way the right of such author to process in equity in any court of the United States for the better and further enforcement of his rights.

Approved, August 18, 1856.

In "The Statutes at Large and Treaties of the United States of America, from 30 December 3, 1855, to March 3, 1859. Edited by George Minot and George P. Sanger." Vol. 11, 8vo. Boston, 1859, pp. 138-139.

THIRTY-FIFTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION, CHAPTER 22, SECTION 8.

AN ACT providing for keeping and distributing all public documents.

1859, *SECTION 8. And be it further enacted,* That all books, 35
 February 5. maps, charts, and other publications of every nature whatever heretofore deposited in the Department of State according to the laws regulating copyrights, together with all the records of the Department of State in regard to the same, shall be removed to, and be under the control of the Department of the Interior, 40 which is hereby charged with all the duties connected with the same, and with all matters pertaining to copyright, in the same manner and to the same extent that the Department of State is now charged with the same; and hereafter all such publications of every nature what-