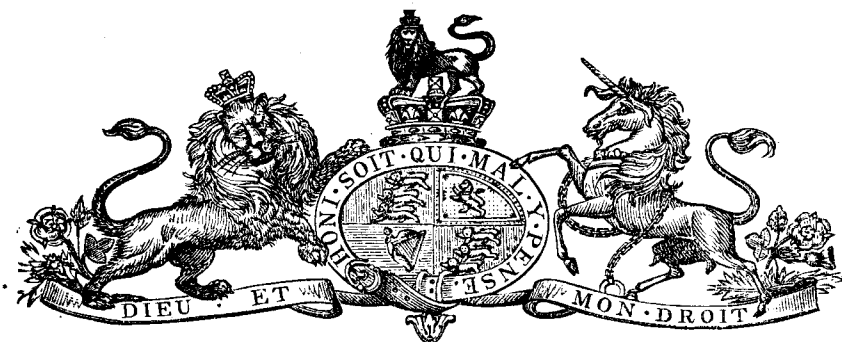


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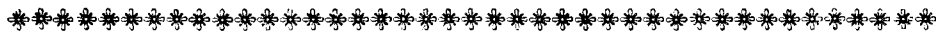


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No. 49.



AN ACT to make better provision for the A.D. 1891.  
Protection of Copyright in the Contents of —  
Newspapers. [23 December, 1891.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make better provision for the protection of copyright in the contents of newspapers: PREAMBLE.

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of *Tasmania*, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1 This Act may be cited as “The Newspaper Copyright Act, 1891.” Short title.

2 In this Act the word “newspaper” shall mean any newspaper printed and published in *Tasmania* in accordance with the provisions of the Acts of Parliament 9 *George IV.* No. 7 and 8 *William IV.* No. 11, and containing announcements or reports of current events or other intelligence, or comments thereon, or advertisements of any kind. Interpretation.

3 Every person who shall republish in any newspaper any portion of any message received by electric telegraph from any place outside or within the Colony of *Tasmania*, and published in any other newspaper within Forty-eight hours after the first publication thereof in the newspaper in which the matter so republished first appeared, without having the consent of the proprietor of such last-mentioned newspaper to so republish such matter, and not having any previous copyright in such Penalty for re-publishing contents of newspaper within Forty-eight hours after issue.

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matter before its publication in the newspaper in which it first appeared, shall, for every such offence, upon conviction thereof upon the information of the proprietor of the newspaper in which such matter was first published, or his attorney or agent, forfeit and pay a penalty not less than Twenty Pounds nor more than One hundred Pounds.

Offences to be  
tried summarily  
under 19 Vict.  
No. 8.

4 Every information laid under this Act shall be heard and determined by and before any Two or more Justices of the Peace in the mode prescribed by *The Magistrates Summary Procedure Act*; and one-half of every penalty imposed hereunder shall be paid to the informant, and the other half shall be paid to the Treasurer of *Tasmania*, and shall form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.