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An Ordinance to provide for the preservation of Copies of Books printed in Sierra Leone, and for the registration of such books and to repeal Ordinance No. 13, 1886.

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1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Publications Ordinance. Short title.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, the term "book" includes every volume, part, or division of a volume, and pamphlet in any language, and every sheet of music, map, chart, or plan separately printed or lithographed; but shall not include any publication which consists merely of a price list, sale catalogue, annual report, trade circular, or trade advertisement. Interpreta-
tion.

3. Three printed or lithographed copies of the whole of every book which shall be printed or lithographed in this Colony, together with all maps, prints, or other engravings belonging thereto, finished and coloured in the same manner as the best copies of the same, shall be produced, and also of any second, or subsequent, edition which shall be so produced, with any additions or alterations, whether the same shall be in letterpress, Delivery to
Government
of copies of
printed
books.

or in the maps, prints, or other engravings belonging thereto, and whether the first edition of such book shall have been produced before, or after, this Ordinance shall come into force, shall, within one month after the day in which any such book shall first be delivered out of the press, and notwithstanding any agreement (if the book be published) between the printer and publisher thereof, be delivered, free of any charge, claim, or demand whatsoever, by the printer, bound, sewed, or stitched together and upon the best paper on which the same shall be printed or lithographed, at such place, and to such officer, as the Governor shall, by notification in the *Gazette*, from time to time, direct. The publisher or other person employing the printer shall, at a reasonable time before the expiration of the said month, supply him with all maps, prints, and engravings, finished and coloured as aforesaid, which may be necessary to enable him to comply with the requirements aforesaid.*

Receipt for
copies.

4. Such officer shall thereupon give a receipt, in writing, for the copies so received.

Disposal of
the three
copies.

5. Two of such copies shall be transmitted to the Trustees of the British Museum, and the remaining copy shall, after a memorandum containing the particulars hereinafter mentioned respecting the book shall have been registered, as hereinafter provided, be deposited in such public library, or be otherwise disposed of, as the Governor shall, from time to time, determine.

Registration
of memo-
randa of
books.

6. There shall be kept at such office, and by such officer, as the Governor shall appoint in this behalf, a book to be called "A Catalogue of Books Printed in Sierra Leone," wherein shall be registered a memorandum of every book which shall have been delivered pursuant to section 3 of this Ordinance, such memorandum shall (so far as may be practicable) contain the following particulars (that is to say)—

- (1) The title of the book and the contents of the title page, with a translation into English of such title and contents, when the same are not in the English language;
- (2) The language in which the book is written;
- (3) The name of the author, translator, or editor of the book, or any part thereof;
- (4) The subject;
- (5) The place of printing and the place of publication;

* Order-in-Council of 12th August, 1898 (*Gazette* No. 563 of 1898), directs delivery to the Registrar General at his Office in the City of Freetown.

(6) The name or firm of the printer, and the name or firm of the publisher;

(7) The date of issue from the press, or of the publication;

(8) The number of sheets, leaves, or pages;

(9) The size;

(10) The first, second, or other number of the edition;

(11) The number of copies of which the edition consists;

(12) Whether the book is printed or lithographed;

(13) The price at which the book is sold to the public; and

(14) The name and residence of the proprietor of the copyright, or of any portion of such copyright.

Such memorandum shall be made and registered in the case of each book, as soon as practicable after the delivery of the copies thereof in manner aforesaid.

7. The memoranda registered during each quarter in the said catalogue shall be published in the *Gazette*, as soon as may be after the end of such quarter, and a copy of the memoranda so published shall be sent to the said Trustees of the British Museum.

Publication of memoranda registered.

8. Every printer who neglects to deliver three copies of any such book, as is referred to in section 3 of this Ordinance, or of any second, or subsequent, edition of any such book, to the officer, and in the manner hereinbefore prescribed, commits an offence punishable by a fine not exceeding five pounds.

Penalty for non-delivery of books by printer.

9. Every publisher or other person, employing any such printer, and who neglects to supply him in manner aforesaid with maps, prints, or engravings, finished and coloured as aforesaid, which may be necessary to enable such printer to comply with the provisions of the said section, commits an offence punishable by a fine not exceeding five pounds.

Penalty for non-supply of books by publisher.

10. All pecuniary penalties imposed under this Ordinance may be recovered in a summary manner before a Magistrate.

Mode of recovering penalties.

11. The Governor in Council may make rules for carrying out the objects of this Ordinance.

Power of Governor in Council to make rules.

12. The Governor in Council may make rules excluding any class of books from the operation of the whole, or any part, or parts, of this Ordinance.

Exclusion of books from operation of Ordinance.