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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1919.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 18th day of August 1919.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS at Versailles on the twenty-eight day of June nineteen hundred and nineteen, a Treaty of Peace (hereinafter referred to as "the Treaty") was signed on behalf of His Majesty :

And whereas by the Treaty of Peace Act, 1919, it was provided that His Majesty might make such appointments, establish such offices, make such Orders in Council and do such things as appeared to him to be necessary for carrying out the Treaty, and for giving effect to any of the provisions of the Treaty, and that any Order in Council made under that Act might provide for the imposition by summary process or otherwise of penalties in respect of breaches of the provisions thereof :

And whereas the Treaty contained the Sections set out in the Schedule to this Order, and it is expedient that for giving effect to those Sections the provisions hereinafter contained should have effect :

And whereas by Treaty grant usage sufferance or other lawful means His Majesty has power and jurisdiction in British Protectorates, and is pleased by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in him by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, or otherwise to extend the provisions of this Order to such Protectorates ;

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the

advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

1. The Sections of the Treaty set out in the Schedule to this Act shall have full force and effect as law, and for the purpose of carrying out the said sections the following provisions shall have effect :—

(i) There shall be established in the United Kingdom a Clearing Office under the control and management of such person (hereinafter referred to as the Controller) as the Board of Trade may appoint for the purpose, and there shall be attached thereto such officers and servants as the Board of Trade, subject to the consent of the Treasury as to number, may determine, and there shall be paid to the Controller and to such officers and servants such salaries or other remuneration as the Treasury may determine.

In the event of a local office being established in any part of His Majesty's dominions outside the United Kingdom or in any Protectorate, the provisions relating to the Clearing Office hereinafter contained shall apply thereto for the purpose of the functions authorised to be performed by a local Clearing Office under paragraph 1 of the Annex to Section III. of Part X. of the Treaty.

(ii) It shall not be lawful for any person to pay or accept payment of any enemy debt except in cases where recovery thereof in a court of law is allowed as hereinafter provided,