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At the Court at Buckingham-Palace, the 27th day of August 1857,

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by a certain Act of Parliament made and passed in the session of Parliament holden in the sixth and seventh years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to remove doubts as to the exercise of power and jurisdiction by Her Majesty, within divers countries and places out of Her Majesty's dominions, and to render the same more effectual," it is amongst other things enacted that it is and shall be lawful for Her Majesty to hold, exercise, and enjoy any power or jurisdiction which Her Majesty now hath or may at any time hereafter have, within any country or place out of Her Majesty's dominions, in the same and as ample a manner as if Her Majesty had acquired such power or jurisdiction by the cession or conquest of territory :

And whereas Her Majesty hath power and jurisdiction in the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte :

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, on the second day of October one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to make, by Order in Council, provision for the due exercise of the jurisdiction possessed by Her Majesty as aforesaid, in the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte :

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, on the nineteenth day of June one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to make, by Order in Council, further provision for the exercise of the jurisdiction aforesaid :

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, on the twenty-fourth of April one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to make, by Order in Council, other and further provisions for the due exercise of the power and jurisdiction aforesaid :

And whereas it is expedient at the present time to still further provide for the more efficient exercise of the power and jurisdiction customarily and as of right exercised on behalf of Her Majesty by Her Majesty's Ambassadors and other officers within the said dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte :

Now therefore, in pursuance of the above-recited Act of Parliament, and in execution of the powers thereby in Her Majesty in Council vested, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her

Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the above-cited Orders of Her Majesty in Council of the 2d of October 1843, as far as the same is not repealed by any subsequent Order, and of the 19th of June 1844, and of the 24th of April 1847, respectively, shall continue to have full force and effect, except in so far as the same may be in any way altered by the present Order.

And for the better maintenance of order among British subjects and persons enjoying British protection, residing in, or resorting to the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte, and for the more effectual administration of justice among all classes of Her Majesty's subjects, within the said dominions, it is hereby further ordered :

I. That the power and jurisdiction hitherto exercised by Her Majesty's Consul-General at Constantinople, so far as the same relates to the repression and punishment of crimes and offences committed within the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte, and to the judicial settlement and determination of all manner of differences, contentions, suits, and variances, that might or should happen to arise between British subjects, or between British subjects and the subjects of the Sublime Ottoman Porte, or between British subjects and the subjects of any Foreign Power, shall be vested in an officer who shall represent the Consul-General, and be called "the Judge of the Supreme Consular Court of Constantinople," and such officer shall hold, by special Commission from Her Majesty, the appointment of Vice-Consul; but, notwithstanding such commission, or any regulations concerning the precedence and comparative rank of Consuls, shall in all respects be of equal rank with Her Majesty's Consuls-General; and the said Judge shall, in his capacity of representative of the Consul-General, have the same power and jurisdiction to hold the said Consular Court of Constantinople, and therein try, determine, adjudicate, and act upon all matters properly brought before the said Court, whether the same be of a civil or criminal nature, as Her Majesty's Consul-General has customarily, or by virtue of any Act of Parliament or Order in Council, exercised on behalf of Her Majesty within the said dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte.

II. And it is further ordered that the Judge of the said Consular Court shall have attached to him, for the purpose of better enabling him to carry out the provisions of this Act, a Vice-Consul Cancellier, who shall act as Secretary of the said Court; as also a Law Clerk and such other subordinate officers as may be necessary.

