

Any British subject failing so to register himself, and not excusing his failure to the satisfaction of the Consular Officer, shall not be entitled to be recognized or protected as a British subject in any difficulties in which he may be involved in the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte.

The Consular Officer may issue to any person so registered, on the request of such person, a certificate of registration under his hand and Consular seal, and, subject to such regulations as one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary's of State may from time to time approve of, may charge upon each such certificate a fee of such amount, not exceeding five shillings, as the Secretary of State may from time to time direct.

36. In any case in the decision of which, under the Capitulations, Articles of Peace, and Treaties with the Sublime Ottoman Porte, any of Her Majesty's Consuls may or ought to concur, the Judge of the Supreme Consular Court or any Consul-General, Consul or Vice-Consul exercising jurisdiction under the present Order, shall be competent to act and shall exclusively act on the part and on behalf of Her Majesty.

64. The Supreme or other Consular Court, according to its respective jurisdiction, original or appellate (as the case may require), and in conformity with the rules relating to suits between British subjects and appeals therein, may hear and determine any suit, proceeding, or question of a civil nature, instituted, taken, or raised by a British subject against a subject of the Sublime Ottoman Porte, or a subject or citizen of any other State in amity with Her Majesty, or by a subject of the Sublime Ottoman Porte, or a subject or citizen of any other State in amity with Her Majesty against a British subject:

Provided that the subject of the Sublime Ottoman Porte, or the subject or citizen of such other State as aforesaid, obtains and files in such Court the consent in writing of the competent local authority on behalf of the Sublime Ottoman Porte or of the Consul of such other State (as the case may be) to his submitting, and does submit, to the jurisdiction of the Supreme or other Consular Court, and, if required, gives security to the satisfaction of the Court, by deposit or otherwise, to pay fees, damages, costs, and expenses, and abide by and perform any such decision as may be given by the Supreme or other Consular Court originally or on appeal (as the case may require).

65. Where it is shown to the Supreme or other Consular Court that the attendance of a British subject to give evidence, or for any other purpose connected with the administration of justice, is required in a Court or before a judicial officer of the Sublime Ottoman Porte, or in a Court or before a judicial officer in the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte of any State in amity with Her Majesty, the Supreme or other Consular Court may, in cases and under circumstances which would require the attendance of such British subject before one of Her Majesty's Consular Courts in the Ottoman dominions, and if it seems to the Supreme or other Consular Court, just and expedient so to do, issue a compulsory order for the attendance of such British subject in such Court or before such judicial officer and for such purpose as aforesaid.

Any British subject, duly served with such an order and with reasonable notice of the time and place at which his attendance is required, failing to attend accordingly and not excusing his failure to the satisfaction of the Court making the order, shall be liable to a fine of not more than one hundred pounds sterling, or to imprisonment for not more than thirty days, at the discretion of the Court.

66. The Judge of the Supreme Consular Court may from time to time frame Rules for the effectual execution of the present Order, and for the observance of the Capitulations, Articles of Peace, and Treaties between Her Majesty and the sublime Ottoman Porte, and for the maintenance of order among British subjects in the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte, and for the regulation of procedure and pleading, forms of writs, and other proceedings, expenses of witnesses and prosecutions, costs and fees, in civil and criminal cases, in the Supreme Consular Court and other Consular Courts, and the regulation of appeals to the Supreme Consular Court from the other Consular Courts.

The Rules shall be so framed as to secure, as far as may be, that cases shall be decided on their merits according to substantial justice without excessive regard to technicalities of pleading or procedure, and without unnecessary delay.

No Rules shall take effect unless and until approved by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

A copy of the present Order and of the Rules for the time being in force shall be affixed and kept open and exhibited in some conspicuous place in the Supreme Consular Court and other Consular Courts respectively, and in every British Consulate in the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte, and printed copies shall be provided and sold at such reasonable price as the Judge of the Supreme Consular Court may from time to time direct.

No penalty shall be enforced for the breach of any Rule until the Rule has been so affixed, kept open, and exhibited for one calendar month in the Court of the district within which the breach of the Rules is committed.

For the purpose of convicting any person committing a breach of any Rule, and for all other purposes of law, a printed copy of the same, purporting to be certified under the hand of the Judge of the Supreme Consular Court, and the seal of the Court or under the hand and consular seal of one of Her Majesty's Consuls-General, Consuls, or Vice-Consuls, shall be taken as conclusive evidence of the same, and no proof of the handwriting or seal purporting to certify the same shall be required.

67. Nothing in the present Order or in the Rules to be made under it shall be deemed to deprive the Supreme or any other Consular Court of the right to observe and to enforce the observance of any reasonable custom obtaining within the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte, or to deprive any person of the benefit thereof, except where the present Order or any Rule contains some express and specific provision incompatible with the observance of such custom.

68. No suit or proceeding shall be commenced in the Supreme or other Consular Court against any person for anything done or omitted under the present Order, or any Rule made under it, unless notice in writing is given by the intending plaintiff to the intended defendant one calendar month at least before the commencement of the suit or proceeding, nor unless it is commenced within six calendar months next after the act or omission complained of, or in case of a continuation of damage within six calendar months next after the doing of such damage has ceased.

The plaintiff shall not succeed in any such suit or proceeding if tender of sufficient amends is made by the defendant before the commencement thereof; and in case no tender has been made the defendant may by leave of the Court at any time pay into Court such sum of money as he may think fit, whereupon such proceeding and order