

- "pounds" means pounds sterling ;  
 "will" means will, codicil, or other testamentary instrument ;  
 "office copy" means a copy, either made under direction of the Court, or produced to the proper officer of the Court for examination with the original, and examined by him therewith, and in either case sealed with the seal of the Court, as evidence of correctness  
 "oath and affidavit," and words referring thereto, or to swearing, may be construed to include affirmation and declaration, and to refer thereto, or to the making of an affirmation or declaration, where an affirmation or declaration is admissible in lieu of an oath or affidavit ;  
 "proved" means shown by evidence on oath, in the form of affidavit, or other form, to the satisfaction of the Court or Consular officer acting or having jurisdiction in the matter ;  
 "proof" means the evidence adduced in that behalf ;

words importing the plural or the singular may be construed as referring to one person or thing, or to more than one person or thing, and words importing the masculine as referring to females (as the case may require).

For the purposes of this Order the district of the Consulate-General of Constantinople shall be deemed to consist of and comprise the districts of the following Consulates and Vice-Consulates, namely :

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| Adrianople,  | Ghio,     |
| Brussa,      | Ineboli,  |
| Burgas,      | Lemnos,   |
| Dardanelles, | Panormia, |
| Enos,        | Rhodes,   |
| Gallipoli,   | Rodosto ; |

but the Secretary of State may, if he thinks fit, from time to time by order under his hand, enlarge or diminish the district.

## II.—GENERAL PROVISIONS RESPECTING HER MAJESTY'S JURISDICTION.

5. All Her Majesty's civil jurisdiction exercisable in the Ottoman dominions for the judicial hearing and determination of matters in difference, or for the administration or control of property or persons.—and all Her Majesty's criminal jurisdiction there exercisable for the repression or punishment of crimes or offences, or for the maintenance of order,—shall be exercised under and according to the provisions of this Order, and not otherwise.

6. Subject to the other provisions of this Order, the civil and criminal jurisdiction aforesaid shall, as far as circumstances admit, be exercised on the principles of and in conformity with the Common Law, the doctrines of Equity, the Statute Law, and other Law for the time being in force in and for England, and with the powers vested in and according to the course of procedure and practice observed by and before Courts of Justice and Justices of the Peace in England, according to their respective jurisdictions and authorities.

7. Nothing in this Order shall deprive Her Majesty's Consular officers of the right to observe and to enforce the observance of, or shall deprive any person of the benefit of, any reasonable custom existing in the Ottoman dominions, except where this Order contains some express and specific provision incompatible with the observance thereof.

8. 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, a Consular officer exercising jurisdiction under this Order shall alone act on the part and on behalf of Her Majesty.

## III.—CONSTITUTION OF HER MAJESTY'S CONSULAR COURTS.

### i.—THE SUPREME CONSULAR COURT AT CONSTANTINOPLE,

9. There shall be a Court styled *Her Britannic Majesty's Supreme Consular Court for the dominions of the Sublime Ottoman Porte* (in this Order referred to as the Supreme Court, and comprised in the term "the Court").

10. There shall be one Judge and one Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court.

There shall be attached to the Supreme Court so many officers and clerks as the Secretary of State from time to time thinks fit.

11. Her Majesty's Consul-General at Constantinople for the time being shall be the Judge of the Supreme Court ; but he shall be appointed to the office of Judge by Her Majesty by a separate warrant under Her Royal sign manual.

He shall be, at the time of his appointment, a member of the Bar of England, Scotland, or Ireland, of not less than seven years' standing, or a subject who has filled the office of Assistant Judge or Law Secretary of the Supreme Court or the office of Legal Vice-Consul in the Ottoman dominions.

He may, in case of his absence or intended absence from the district of the Consulate-General of Constantinople, either in the discharge of his duty or on leave, or in case of his illness, appoint, by writing under his hand, a fit person to be his Deputy. The Deputy Judge so appointed shall have all the jurisdiction, power, and authority of Judge.

During a vacancy in the office of Judge, or on emergency, a fit person, approved by the Secretary of State, may temporarily be Acting Judge. The Acting Judge shall have all the jurisdiction, power, and authority of Judge.

12. The Assistant Judge shall be appointed by Her Majesty.

He shall hold by commission from Her Majesty the appointment of Vice-Consul.

He shall act as Registrar of the Court.

In case of the absence or illness of the Assistant Judge, or during a vacancy in the office of Assistant Judge, or during the temporary employment of the Assistant Judge in any other capacity, the Judge may, by writing under his hand and the seal of the Supreme Court, appoint a fit person, approved by the Secretary of State, to act temporarily as Assistant Judge. The person so appointed shall have all the jurisdiction, power, and authority of Assistant Judge.

13. The Secretary of State may, from time to time, temporarily attach to the Supreme Court such persons, being Consular officers, as he thinks fit.

A person thus attached shall discharge such duties in connection with the Court as the Judge from time to time, with the approval of the Secretary of State, directs ; and for that purpose shall have the like jurisdiction, power, and authority as the Assistant Judge.

### ii.—THE CHIEF CONSULAR COURT FOR EGYPT.

14. There shall be a Court styled *Her Britannic Majesty's Chief Consular Court for Egypt* (in this Order referred to as the Court for Egypt, and comprised in the term "the Court").

Her Majesty's Legal Vice-Consul resident in Egypt for the time being shall be the Judge of the Court, but he shall be appointed to the office of Judge by Her Majesty by a separate warrant under Her Royal sign manual.

He shall be, at the time of his appointment, a member of the bar of England, Scotland, or Ireland, of not less than seven years' standing, or a