

actions in the Supreme Court shall be issued by the District Registrars when thereunto required, and all such further proceedings as might be taken and recorded in the Registry of the Supreme Court at Constantinople may be taken and recorded in the District Registry in any actions pending in such District Registries respectively.

(4.) The exercise of powers and performance of duties by District Registries at Alexandria and Cairo shall be subject to the control and direction of the Provincial Courts of Alexandria and Cairo respectively in the same manner and to the same extent, subject to Rules of Court, as the exercise of powers and performance of duties by the Registrar of the Supreme Court at Constantinople are subject to the control and direction of a Judge of the Supreme Court.

Provided that where a Judge of the Supreme Court is present in Alexandria or Cairo the said control and direction shall be exercised exclusively by such Judge.

16. The Judge or under his directions the Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court may visit, in a magisterial or judicial capacity, any place in the Ottoman dominions, and there inquire of, or hear and determine, any case, civil or criminal, and may examine any records or other documents in any Provincial or Local Court, and give directions as to the keeping thereof.

17. A Provincial Court shall have in all matters civil and criminal, an original jurisdiction, concurrent with the jurisdiction of the several Local Courts (if any) held within its district to be exercised subject and according to the provisions of this Order.

18.—(1.) Where any case, civil or criminal, commenced in a Local Court, appears to that Court to be beyond its jurisdiction, or to be one which for any other reason ought to be tried in the Provincial Court or the Supreme Court, the Local Court shall report the case to the Provincial Court for directions.

(2.) Subject to any directions of the Supreme Court under this Article, a Provincial Court may of its own motion, or on the report of a Local Court, or on the application of any party concerned, require any case, civil or criminal, pending in a Local Court to be transferred to the Provincial Court or in the case of any such report or application, may direct that the case shall proceed in the Local Court.

(3.) Where any case, civil or criminal, commenced in a Provincial Court, or reported or transferred to that Court under this Article, appears to the Provincial Court to be beyond its jurisdiction, or to be one which for any other reason ought to be tried in the Supreme Court, the Provincial Court shall report the case to the Supreme Court for directions.

(4.) The Supreme Court may have its own motion, or upon the report of a Provincial Court, or on the application of any party concerned, require any case, civil or criminal, pending in any Provincial or Local Court to be transferred to, or tried in, the Supreme Court, or may direct in what Court and in what mode, subject to the provisions of this Order, any such case shall be tried.

19. The Supreme Court, and each Provincial Court shall, in the exercise of every part of its jurisdiction, be a Court of Record.

20.—(1.) Every Provincial and Local Court shall execute any writ or order issuing from the Supreme Court, and shall take security from any person named in a writ or order for his appearance personally or by attorney, and shall,

in default of security being given, or when the Supreme Court so orders, send the person on board one of Her Majesty's vessels of war to Constantinople, or such other port as may be named in the order, or, if no vessel of war is available, then on board some British or other fit vessel.

(2.) The order of the Court shall be sufficient authority to the commander or master of the vessel to receive and detain the person, and deliver him up at the port named according to the order.

21. The Supreme Court and each Provincial and Local Court, shall be auxiliary to one another in all particulars relative to the administration of justice, civil or criminal.

22. Each Provincial and Local Court shall at such time as may be fixed by rules of Court furnish to the Supreme Court an annual report of every case, civil and criminal, brought before it, in such form as the Supreme Court directs.

The report of a Local Court shall be sent through the Provincial Court.

23. Subject to the provisions of this Order, criminal and civil cases may be tried as follows:—

(a.) In the case of the Supreme Court, by the Court itself, or by the Court with a jury, or with assessors.

(b.) In the case of a Provincial Court by the Court itself, or by the Court with assessors.

(c.) In the case of a Local Court, by the Court itself, without assessors or jury.

24.—(1.) Notwithstanding anything in this Order, the Court shall not exercise any jurisdiction in any proceeding whatsoever over the Ambassador, or over his official or other residences, or his official or other property.

(2.) Notwithstanding anything in this Order, the Court shall not exercise, except with the consent of the Ambassador signified in writing to the Court, any jurisdiction in any proceeding over any person attached to or being a member of, or in the service of, the Embassy.

(3.) If in any case under this Order it appears to the Court that the attendance of the Ambassador, or of any person attached to or being a member of the Embassy, or being in the service of the Embassy, to give evidence before the Court is requisite in the interest of justice, the Court may address to the Ambassador a request in writing for such attendance.

(4.) A person attending to give evidence before the Court shall not be compelled or allowed to give any evidence or produce any document, if, in the opinion of the Ambassador, signified by him personally or in writing to the Court, the giving or production thereof would be injurious to Her Majesty's service.

(5.) This Article shall apply to Her Majesty's Agency in Egypt, and the foregoing provisions shall for the purpose of this application be read as if "Her Majesty's Agent and Consul-General" were substituted for "the Ambassador," and "Agency" for "Embassy," wherever those words respectively occur.

PART III.—*Criminal Matters.*

25.—(1.) Except as regards offences against the Capitulations, Articles of Peace, and Treaties between Her Majesty and the Sublime Ottoman Porte, or against any rules and regulations for the observance thereof, or for the maintenance of order among British subjects in the Ottoman dominions, made by or under the authority of Her Majesty, or against any of the provisions of this Order;—