

"Lunatic" means idiot or person of unsound mind.

"Master," with respect to any ship, includes every person (except a pilot) having command or charge of that ship.

"Month" means calendar month.

"Oath" and "affidavit," in the case of persons for the time being allowed by law to affirm or declare, instead of swearing, include affirmation and declaration, and the expression "swear," in the like case, includes affirm and declare.

"Offence" includes crime, and any act or omission punishable criminally in a summary way or otherwise.

"Office copy" means a copy made under the direction of the Court, or produced to the proper officer of the Court for examination with the original, and examined by him and sealed with the seal of the Court.

"Person" includes Corporation.

"Pounds" means pounds sterling.

"Prescribed" means prescribed by Rules of Court.

"Prosecutor" means complainant or any person appointed or allowed by the Court to prosecute.

"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, and "proof" means the evidence adduced in that behalf.

"Resident" means having a fixed place of abode in Siam.

"Rules of Court" means rules of Court made under the provisions of this Order.

"Secretary of State" means one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

"Ship" includes any vessel used in navigation, however propelled, with her tackle, furniture, and apparel, and any boat or other craft.

"Supreme Court" means the Supreme Court of the Straits Settlements.

"The Treasury" means the Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

"Treaty" includes any Convention, Agreement, or Arrangement, made by or on behalf of His Majesty with any State or Government, King, Chief, people, or tribe, whether His Majesty the King of Siam is or is not a party thereto.

"Will" means will, codicil, or other testamentary instrument.

Expressions used in any rules, regulations, or orders made under this Order shall, unless a contrary intention appears, have the same respective meanings as in this Order.

4.—(1.) 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 the feminine (as the case may require).

(2.) Where this Order confers any power or imposes any duty, then, unless a contrary intention appears, the power may be exercised and the duty shall be performed from time to time as occasion requires.

(3.) Where this Order confers a power, or imposes a duty on, or with respect to, a holder of an office, as such, then, unless a contrary intention appears, the power may be exercised and the duty shall be performed by, or with respect to, the holder for the time being of the office or the person temporarily acting for the holder.

(4.) Where this Order confers a power to make any rules, regulations, or orders, the power shall, unless a contrary intention appears, be construed as including a power exercisable in the

like manner and subject to the like consent and conditions, if any, to rescind, revoke, vary, or amend the rules, regulations, or orders.

(5.) This Article shall apply to the construction of any rules, regulations, or orders made under this Order, unless a contrary intention appears.

5. The jurisdiction conferred by this Order extends to the persons and matters following, in so far as by Treaty, grant, usage, sufferance, or other lawful means, His Majesty has jurisdiction in Siam in relation to such matters and things, that is to say:—

(i.) British subjects, as herein defined, within the limits of this Order.

(ii.) The property and all personal or proprietary rights and liabilities in Siam of British subjects, whether such subjects are within the said limits or not.

(iii.) Siamese subjects and foreigners in the cases and according to the conditions specified in this Order and not otherwise.

(iv.) Foreigners with respect to whom any State, King, Chief, or Government whose subjects, or under whose protection they are, has by any Treaty as herein defined or otherwise agreed with His Majesty for, or consents to, the exercise of power or authority by His Majesty.

(v.) British ships with their boats, and the persons and property on board thereof, or belonging thereto, being within the Siamese dominions.

6. All His Majesty's jurisdiction exercisable in Siam for the hearing and determination of criminal or civil matters, or for the maintenance of order, or for the control or administration of persons or property, or in relation thereto, shall be exercised under and according to the provisions of this Order, and not otherwise.

## PART II.—Constitution and Powers of Courts.

### (i.) Court for Siam.

7.—(1.) There shall be a Court styled "His Britannic Majesty's Court for Siam" (in this Order referred to as the Court for Siam, and comprised in the term "the Court").

(2.) Subject to the provisions of this Order, there shall be one Judge of the Court for Siam, who shall be appointed by His Majesty, by warrant under His 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 five years' standing.

(3.) The Judge may hold a Commission from His Majesty as Consul-General or Consul.

(4.) There shall be attached to the Court for Siam a Registrar, a Marshal, and so many officers and clerks under such designations as the Secretary of State thinks fit.

(5.) In case of the death, illness, or other incapacity, or of the absence or intended absence from the Consular district of Bangkok of the Judge, the Minister may, if he thinks fit, appoint as Acting or Assistant Judge either the Consul at Bangkok or a person qualified to be appointed Judge.

(6.) The Secretary of State may temporarily attach to the Court for Siam such persons, being Consular officers, as he thinks fit.

(7.) Persons attached to the Court under this Article shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers in connection with the Court as may be prescribed by Rules of Court, or as the Judge, with the approval of the Secretary of State, may direct.

8.—The Court for Siam shall have a seal, bearing the style of the Court and such device