

date of the communication of the decision. This communication of the decision is made to the State Advocate, as representative of the Treasury, by a bailiff, but by the State Advocate, through the administrative channel and against a receipt, to the litigant if he reside in Athens, or his "antichitos," otherwise to his last proxy at the regular trial.

If before the operation of the present law an appeal has been lodged against a definite decision issued at a regular trial of a seizure within the competency of the Court established by Article 1, it is also brought for discussion before this Court, a summons being previously made by the litigant first applying by a statement to the Secretary and notification according to the manner in paragraph 1.

With respect to the examination, discussion, decision, and execution, the procedure of Article 3 and the following articles of the present law is applied.

"Prescription."

Any claim to compensation arising from a seizure subject to the competency of the Court established by the present law is invalidated by lapse of time after the lapse of six months from the issue of the decision quashing the seizure, provided no reasons exist for non-admission (See Note 3), according to Articles 13 and 14. "Prescription" is stopped by the submission to this Court of a petition respecting the adjudication of compensation, according to the terms of the present law, and recommences from the last act of the litigants or the Court in the last proceedings.

Article 18.—All proceedings taking place according to the present law are done upon unstamped paper.

All expenses, stationery, of the enquiry, etc., are paid out of the Budget of the Ministry of Marine.

Article 19.—The operation of the present law commences from its publication.

Athens, March 26, 1913.
Athens, April 8,

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

Note 1.—An "antichitos" is the special representative of a litigant in a suit, who represents him for this purpose only, that "all communications are made to him while the litigation lasts." His appointment is obligatory whenever the party to the suit resides permanently or temporarily outside the seat of the Court.

Note 2.—"Oath of Appraisalment." If the ground and the existence of a claim or of damage unlawfully caused be absolutely proved, but it be impossible to ascertain the quantity or amount of the claim or damage by other evidence, the Court imposes the so-called "Oath of Appraisalment" on the party who makes the claim or has suffered the damage.

Note 3.—"Inadmissibility" is a plea put forward to stop a suit; it differs from "Prescription" in that the latter includes the idea of quashing the action, while "inadmissibility" contains the idea of its non-institu-

tion. According to some, "inadmissibility" contains the idea of "prescription" of the action by means of the non-execution within the statutory limits of the provisions required by law for preserving it or carrying it on.

Foreign Office,
May 15, 1913.

His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs has received a telegraphic despatch from His Majesty's Minister at Cetinje, stating that at the request of Vice-Admiral Burney he has informed the Montenegrin Government that the blockade of the coast of the Adriatic (announced in the London Gazettes of April 11th and April 25th) has been raised as from two o'clock on the afternoon of May 14th.

Whitehall, May 14, 1913.

The KING has been pleased to order a Congé d'Élire to pass the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, empowering the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Lichfield to elect a Bishop of that See, the same being void by the death of the Right Reverend Father in God Doctor Augustus Legge (the Honourable Augustus Legge), late Bishop thereof; and His Majesty has been pleased to recommend to the said Dean and Chapter the Right Reverend John Augustine Kempthorne, D.D., Bishop Suffragan of Hull, to be by them elected Bishop of the said See of Lichfield.

Downing Street,
15th May, 1913.

The KING has been pleased to approve of the reappointment of Robert Young, Esq., to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements.

RAILWAY AND CANAL TRAFFIC ACT, 1888.

Whereas application has been made to the Board of Trade on behalf of all the railway companies in the United Kingdom to amend the classification of merchandise traffic and schedules of maximum rates and charges fixed in pursuance of the above-mentioned Act, by adding to the said classification the following articles, matters, or things, viz.:—

Quilts, down or feather.

And whereas the Board of Trade have heard the parties in support of, and in opposition to, the said application:

Now, therefore, the Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers in them vested by the pro-