

shall not be punished under this Article for anything done within the district of a court before the expiration of one month after such publication therein, unless the person offending is proved to have had express notice of the Statute or Order in Council.

(2.) That a prosecution by or on behalf of a prosecutor who is not a British subject shall not be entertained without the consent in writing of the Consul-General, who may withhold such consent, unless he is satisfied that effectual provision exists for the punishment in Consular or other Courts of similar acts committed by the subjects of the State or Power of which such prosecutor is a subject, in relation to or affecting the interests of British subjects.

293. Where, by virtue of any Imperial Act, of this Order, or otherwise, any provisions of any Imperial Acts, or of any Law, or of any Orders in Council other than this Order, are applicable under this Order, or any form, Regulation, or procedure, prescribed or established under any such Act or Law, are, or is, so applicable, the same shall be deemed applicable so far only as the constitution and jurisdiction of the Courts acting under this Order and the local circumstances permit, and for the purposes of facilitating application may be construed or used, with such alterations and adaptations as may be necessary, and anything required to be done by or to any Court, Judge, officer, or authority may be done by or to a Court, Judge, officer, or authority having the like or analogous functions, or by any officer designated by a Secretary of State, or by the Court (as the case may require) for that purpose, and the seal of the Court may be substituted for any other seal: and in case any difficulty occurs in the application, it shall be lawful for a Secretary of State to direct by, and to whom, and in what manner, anything is to be done, and such Act, Law, order, form, Regulation, or procedure shall be construed accordingly.

294. Judicial notice shall be taken of this Order, and of the commencement thereof, and of the appointment of Consular or other officers, and of the constitution and limits of any jurisdiction, Court, or district, and of Consular seals and signatures, and of any Rules or Regulations made or in force under this Order, and no proof shall be required of any of such matters.

295. Every signature or seal affixed to any instrument purporting to be the signature of any Consular officer or person acting under this Order, or to be the seal of any of Her Majesty's Courts, shall for all purposes under this Order, without any proof thereof, be presumed to be genuine, and shall be taken as genuine until the contrary is proved.

296. A person attending to give evidence before the Court shall not be compelled or allowed to give any evidence or produce any documents if, in the opinion of the principal Consular officer having authority in the district in which the Court is held, signified by him personally or in writing to the Court, the giving or production thereof would be injurious to Her Majesty's service.

297. Whenever an acting Consular officer has commenced the hearing of any cause or matter, civil or criminal, he may, unless the Consular officer otherwise directs, continue and complete the hearing and determination thereof, notwithstanding that his authority to act as such Consular officer has otherwise ceased by reason of the expiration of the time for which he was appointed to act, or by reason of the happening

of any event by which his authority is determined.

298. This Order shall commence and have effect as follows:—

(1.) As to the making of any warrant or appointment under this Order, immediately from and after the date of this Order.

(2.) As to the framing of Rules of Procedure or Regulations, and the approval thereof by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, immediately from and after the date of this Order.

(3.) As to all other matters and provisions comprised and contained in this Order, immediately from and after the expiration of one month after this Order is first exhibited in the public office of the Consul-General; for which purpose he is hereby required forthwith, on receipt by him of a copy of this Order, to affix and exhibit the same conspicuously in his public office, and he is also hereby required to keep the same so affixed and exhibited during one month from the first exhibition thereof; and notwithstanding anything in this Order, the time of the expiration of the said month shall be deemed to be the time of the commencement of this Order.

(4.) Proof shall not in any proceeding or matter be required that the provisions of this Article have been complied with, nor shall any act or proceeding be invalidated by any failure to comply with any of such provisions.

299. A copy of this Order shall be kept exhibited conspicuously in each Consular Court.

Printed copies shall be provided and sold at such reasonable price as a Consular officer, subject to any direction of a Secretary of State, may fix.

And the Most Honourable the Marquis of Salisbury and the Right Honourable Lord Knutsford, two of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, are to give the necessary directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

*C. L. Peel.*

#### THE FIRST SCHEDULE. FORMS.

##### 1.—CIVIL.

##### 1.

*Issue for Decision on Question of Fact without Suit.*

In Her Britannic Majesty's Consular Court at [                    ].  
[Saturday] the [                    ] day of [                    ],  
18                    .

Between A. B.  
and  
C. D.

The Court has ordered that the above-named A. B., of [gentleman], and the above-named C. D., of [merchant], may proceed to the trial of the questions of fact to be determined between them without any petition presented or other pleading.

This Court, therefore, now further orders that the following questions be tried:—

1. Whether, &c.
2. Whether, &c.

The said A. B., maintaining the affirmative, and the said C. D., the negative thereof respectively.  
(Seal).