

### CHAPTER 67.

An Act for extending and amending the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts.

[16th August 1878.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows; (that is to say),

1.—(1.) This Act shall be construed as one with the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, 1843 to 1875, and those Acts together with this Act, may be cited as the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, 1843 to 1878, and this Act may be cited separately as the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1878.

(2.) The Acts whereof the titles are given in the First Schedule to this Act may be cited by the respective short titles given in that Schedule.

2. The Acts mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent in the third column of that schedule mentioned: Provided that,—

(a) any Order in Council, commission, or instructions made or issued in pursuance of any enactment hereby repealed, and in force at the passing of this Act, shall continue in force until altered or revoked by Her Majesty; and

(b) this repeal shall not affect anything done or suffered, or any right accrued or liability incurred before the passing of this Act; and

(c) any action, suit, or other proceeding affected by any enactment hereby repealed may be carried on in like manner as if this Act had not been passed.

3.—(1.) It shall be lawful for Her Majesty the Queen in Council, if she seems fit, from time to time, by Order, to direct that all or any of the enactments described in the First Schedule to this Act, or tent enactments for the time being in force amending or substituted in First Schedule, shall extend, with or without any exceptions, adaptations, [THE LAW REPORTS.] N II

place to which for the time being the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1843, applies.

(2.) Thereupon those enactments shall operate as if that country or place were one of Her Majesty's Colonies, and as if Her Majesty in Council were the Legislature of that Colony.

4. An Order in Council purporting to be made in pursuance of the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, 1843 to 1878, or any of them, shall be deemed a colonial law within the Colonial Laws Validity Act, 1866, that is to say, the Act of the session of the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter sixty-three, "to remove doubts as to the validity of colonial laws," and any country or place to which any such Order extends shall be deemed a colony within that Act.

5. In any country or place out of Her Majesty's dominions, in or to which any of Her Majesty's subjects are for the time being resident or resorting, and which is not subject to any government from whom Her Majesty might obtain power and jurisdiction by treaty or any of the other means mentioned in the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1843, Her Majesty shall by virtue of this Act have power and jurisdiction over Her Majesty's subjects for the time being resident in or resorting to that country or place, and the same shall be deemed power and jurisdiction had by Her Majesty therein within the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1843.

6. It shall be lawful for Her Majesty the Queen in Council, from time to time, by Order, to make, for the government of Her Majesty's subjects being in any vessel at a distance of not more than one hundred miles from the coast of China or of Japan, any law that to Her Majesty in Council may seem meet, as fully and effectually as any such law might be made by Her Majesty in Council for the government of Her Majesty's subjects being in China or in Japan.

7. Every Order in Council made in pursuance of the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, 1843 to 1878, or any of them, shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament forthwith after it is made if Parliament be then in session, and if not, forthwith after the commencement of the then next session of Parliament.

8.—(1.) An action, suit, prosecution, or proceeding against any person for any act done in pursuance or execution or intended execution of the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, 1843 to 1878, or any of them, or of any Order in Council made under the same, or of any such Acts or any of them, or in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of the said Acts or any of them, or of any such Order in Council, power, or jurisdiction as aforesaid, shall not lie or be instituted—

(a.) in any court within Her Majesty's dominions, unless it is commenced within six months next after the act, neglect, or default complained of, or in case of a continuance of injury or damage, within six months next after the ceasing thereof, or where the cause of action arose out of Her Majesty's dominions, within six months after the parties to such action, suit, prosecution, or proceeding have been within the jurisdiction of the court in which the same is instituted

6 & 7 Vict. c. 94.

Validity of orders made under Foreign Jurisdiction Acts.

6 & 7 Vict. c. 94. 28 & 29 Vict. c. 87. 33 & 39 Vict. c. 85.

Extension of Foreign Jurisdiction Acts over Her Majesty's subjects residing in countries without regular governments.

6 & 7 Vict. c. 94. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 94. 28 & 29 Vict. c. 116. 29 & 30 Vict. c. 87. 33 & 39 Vict. c. 85.

Orders in Council to be laid before Parliament.

Provisions for protection of persons acting under Foreign Jurisdiction Acts.

6 & 7 Vict. c. 94. 28 & 29 Vict. c. 116. 29 & 30 Vict. c. 87. 33 & 39 Vict. c. 85.

(2.) In any such action, suit, or proceeding, tender of amends before the same was commenced may be pleaded in lieu of or in addition to any other plea. If the action, suit, or proceeding was commenced after such tender, or is proceeded with after payment into court of any money in satisfaction of the plaintiff's claim, and the plaintiff does not recover more than the sum tendered or paid, he shall not recover any costs incurred after such tender or payment, and the defendant shall be entitled to costs, to be taxed as between solicitor and client, as from the time of such tender or payment; but this provision shall not affect costs on any injunction in the action, suit, or proceeding.

(3.) So far as regards any action, suit, prosecution, or proceeding instituted after the passing of this Act, the provisions of this section shall supersede any provision for a like purpose which is contained in any Order in Council under the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, 1843 to 1875, and is in force at the passing of this Act, and such provision shall cease to have any effect.

SCHEDULES.  
FIRST SCHEDULE.

Enactments referred to.

Sections 1, 3.

Session and Chapter.	Title.	Short Title.
6 & 7 Vict. c. 34.	An Act for the better Apprehension of certain Offenders.	Fugitive Offenders Act, 1843.
13 & 13 Vict. c. 96.	An Act to provide for the Prosecution and Trial in Her Majesty's Colonies of Offences committed within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty.	Admiralty Offences Colonial Act, 1849.
15 & 15 Vict. c. 99. Sections seven and eleven.	An Act to amend the law of evidence.	Evidence Act, 1851.
18 & 18 Vict. c. 104. Part X.	The Merchant Shipping Act, 1854.	Foreign Tribunals Evidence Act, 1856.
20 & 20 Vict. c. 113.	An Act to provide for taking evidence in Her Majesty's Dominions in relation to civil and commercial matters pending before Foreign Tribunals.	Evidence by Commission Act, 1859.
23 & 23 Vict. c. 63.	An Act to provide for taking evidence in Suits and Proceedings pending before Tribunals in Her Majesty's Dominions, in places out of the jurisdiction of such Tribunals.	British Law Ascertainment Act, 1859.
24 & 24 Vict. c. 122.	Ascertainment of the Law administered in one Part of Her Majesty's Dominions, when pleaded in the Courts of another Part thereof. An Act to enable the Legislatures of Her Majesty's Possessions Abroad to make Enactments similar to the Enactment of the Act ninth George the Fourth, chapter thirty-one, section eight.	Admiralty Offences Colonial Act, 1860.

Session and Chapter.	Title.	Short Title.
24 & 25 Vict. c. 11.	An Act to afford facilities for the better ascertainment of the Law of Foreign Countries when pleaded in Courts within Her Majesty's Dominions.	Foreign Law Ascertainment Act, 1861.
30 & 31 Vict. c. 124. Section eleven.	The Merchant Shipping Act, 1867.	
37 & 38 Vict. c. 94. Section fifty-one.	The Conveyancing (Scotland) Act, 1874.	

## Section 2.

## SECOND SCHEDULE.

*Enactments repealed.*

Session and Chapter.	Title.	Extent of Repeal.
6 & 7 Vict. c. 80. -	An Act for the better government of Her Majesty's subjects resorting to China.	The whole Act.
6 & 7 Vict. c. 94. -	The Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1843 -	Section seven.