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CAP. LXXV.

An Act to confirm an Order in Council concerning the Exercise of Jurisdiction in Matters arising within the Kingdom of *Siam*.

[25th *August* 1857.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session holden in the Sixth and Seventh Years of Her Majesty, Chapter Ninety-four, "to remove Doubts as to the Exercise of Power and "Jurisdiction by Her Majesty within divers Countries and Places out "of Her Majesty's Dominions, and to render the same more effectual," it was enacted that it should be lawful for Her Majesty to hold, exercise, and enjoy any Power or Jurisdiction which Her Majesty then had or might at any Time thereafter have within any Country or Place out of Her Majesty's Dominions, in the same and as ample a Manner as if Her Majesty had acquired such Power or Jurisdiction by the Cession or Conquest of Territory: And whereas, to make Provision for the due Exercise of the Jurisdiction possessed by Her Majesty in the Dominions of the Kings of *Siam*, Her Majesty, by an Order in Council, dated the Twenty-eighth Day of *July* One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and expressed to be made in pursuance of the above-recited Act, vested certain Powers and Authorities in Her Majesty's Consul appointed

6 & 7 Vict. c. 94.

Order in Council, dated 28th July 1856.

appointed to reside in the Kingdom of *Siam* for the Peace, Order, and good Government of Her Majesty's Subjects being within the Dominions of the Kings of *Siam*, and particularly Authority to hear and determine any Suits of a Civil Nature arising in those Dominions between a *British* Subject and a Subject of the Kings of *Siam* or a Subject or Citizen of a Foreign State in Amity with Her Majesty, or between *British* Subjects, subject to an Appeal, expressed to be given by the said Order, to the Supreme Court in Her Majesty's Possession of *Singapore*, and also Authority to try *British* Subjects charged with having committed Crimes or Offences within the Dominions of the Kings of *Siam*, and Power also to cause any *British* Subject charged with the Commission of any Crime or Offence, the Cognizance whereof might appertain to such Consul, to be sent to Her Majesty's Possession of *Singapore* for Trial before the Supreme Court of the said Possession; and in the said Order in Council are contained Provisions in relation to the Trial by the said Supreme Court of the *British* Subjects so sent for Trial, and also for the Exercise by the said Supreme Court, concurrently with Her Majesty's Consul in *Siam*, of Authority and Jurisdiction in regard to all Suits of a Civil Nature between *British* Subjects arising within the Dominions of the Kings of *Siam*: And whereas Doubts have arisen whether all the Jurisdiction intended to be vested by the said Order in Council in the Supreme Court of *Singapore* can be effectually vested in the said Court without the Authority of Parliament, and it is expedient that the said Order should be confirmed as herein-after mentioned: 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:

Order in Council confirmed.

I. The said Order in Council is hereby confirmed, and shall have the same Force and Effect as if every Article and Provision therein had been enacted by the Authority of Parliament: Provided always, that it shall and may be lawful for Her Majesty, by Order in Council, at any Time hereafter to amend, alter, or vary the said Order in Council, and from Time to Time by any fresh Order or Orders in Council to make such other Rules and Regulations touching the Administration of Justice by the said Supreme Court at *Singapore*, under the said recited Order, as to Her Majesty in Council shall seem right.

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