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An Act to enable His Majesty to make Regulations for the better defining and establishing the Powers and Jurisdiction of His Majesty's Consuls in the *Ottoman* Dominions. [13th *August* 1836.]

WHEREAS by the Treaties and Capitulations subsisting between His Majesty and the Sublime *Ottoman* Porte, full and entire Jurisdiction and Control over *British* Subjects within the *Ottoman* Dominions in Matters in which such *British* Subjects are exclusively concerned is conferred upon the *British* Ambassadors and Consuls appointed to reside within the said Dominions: And whereas it is expedient for the Protection of *British* Subjects within the Dominions of the Sublime Porte in *Europe*, *Asia*, and *Africa*, and likewise in the States of *Barbary*, as well as for the Protection of His Majesty's Ambassadors, Consuls, or other Officers appointed or to be appointed by His Majesty for the Protection of the Trade of His Majesty's Subjects in the said Ports and Places, that Provision should be made for defining and establishing the Authority of the said Ambassadors, Consuls, and other Officers: Be it therefore enacted by the King'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, That it shall and may be lawful for His Majesty from Time to Time, by any Order or Orders of His Majesty in Council, to make and issue any Directions and Regula-

His Majesty, by Orders in Council, may issue

Directions to His Ambassadors, Consuls, &c., touching their Rights and Duties in the Protection of His Subjects residing or resorting there;

Regulations touching and concerning the Rights and Duties, Jurisdiction and Authority, Criminal as well as Civil, over His Majesty's Subjects residing at or resorting to the Ports or other Places within the Dominions of the Sublime *Ottoman* Porte in *Europe*, *Asia*, and *Africa*, and likewise in the States of *Barbary*, to be exercised and performed by His Majesty's Ambassadors, Consuls, or other Officers appointed or to be appointed by His Majesty for the Protection of the Trade of His Majesty's Subjects in the Ports and Places before mentioned, and to establish Forms of Proceeding in all Matters coming under the Cognizance of the said Ambassadors, Consuls, or other Officers in virtue of such Order or Orders in Council, and to impose Penalties, Forfeitures, or Imprisonments for the Breach of any such Directions or Regulations, to be enforced in such Manner as in the said Order or Orders shall be specified; and the said Ambassadors, Consuls, and other Officers are hereby authorized and required to obey and enforce the said Regulations and Directions; and the same shall be effectual and binding upon all Subjects of His Majesty residing at or resorting to the said Ports and Places for the Purposes of Trade or otherwise.

and also Directions for their Guidance in the Settlement of Differences between His Subjects and and those of any other Christian Power in said Dominions.

II. And whereas Cases occasionally arise within the Dominions of the *Ottoman* Porte above specified, and in the States of *Barbary*, wherein the Interposition of His Majesty's Ambassadors, Consuls, or other Officers is required by the Subjects of other Christian Powers in the Determination of Differences or Disputes between such Persons and *British* Subjects; be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for His Majesty, by any Order or Orders in Council, to make and issue, in the same Manner, Directions and Regulations for the Guidance of His Ambassadors, Consuls, and other Officers, and of all other Subjects of His Majesty, in Cases in which the Interposition of His Majesty's Ambassadors, Consuls, or other Officers may be so required for the Settlement of any Differences or Disputes which may arise between *British* Subjects and the Subjects of any Christian Power within the Dominions of the Sublime Porte in *Europe*, *Asia*, and *Africa*, and in the States of *Barbary*: Provided always, that every Order in Council issued by the Authority of this Act shall be published in the *London Gazette*, and shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament, and shall not be binding and effectual until Six Months after it shall have been so laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Regulating Suits and Actions brought under this Act.

III. And be it further enacted, That if any Suit or Action shall be brought against any Person or Persons for any thing done in pursuance of this Act, or of any Orders or Regulations made by virtue thereof, then and in every such Case such Action or Suit shall be commenced or prosecuted within Six Months after the Fact committed, and not afterwards, except where the Cause of Action shall have arisen in any Place not within the Jurisdiction of any of His Majesty's Courts having Civil Jurisdiction, and then within Six Months after the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, Defendant or Defendants, shall have been within the Jurisdiction of any such Court; and the same and every such Action or Suit shall be brought in the County or Place where the Cause of Action shall have arisen, and not elsewhere,

where, except where the Cause of Action shall have arisen in any Place not within the Jurisdiction of any of His Majesty's Courts having Civil Jurisdiction; and the Defendant or Defendants shall be entitled to the like Notice, and shall have the like Privilege of tendering Amends to the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or their Agent or Attorney, as is provided in Actions brought against any Justice of the Peace for Acts done in the Execution of his Office, by an Act passed in the Twenty-fourth Year of the Reign of King *George* the Second, intituled *An Act for the rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Constables and others acting in obedience to the Warrants;* and if the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall become Nonsuit, or discontinue any such Action after the Defendant or Defendants shall have appeared, or if a Verdict shall pass against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, or if upon Demurrer Judgment shall be taken against the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs, the Defendant or Defendants shall and may recover Treble Costs, and have the like Remedy for the Recovery thereof as any Defendant or Defendants hath or have in any Cases of Law. 24 G. 2. c. 44.

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