

(e) By Order in Council P.C. 2489 of September 5, 1939, the Exchequer Court of Canada on its Admiralty side is constituted and established a Prize Court and is thereby authorized and required to take cognizance of and judicially proceed upon all and all manner of captures, seizures, prizes and reprisals of all ships, vessels and goods.

(f) It is expedient and desirable, in view of the close coordination of effort in respect of maritime warfare that exists between the United States of America and Canada that the Dominion of Canada should enter into a reciprocal arrangement with the said United States regarding jurisdiction of all prizes brought into the territorial waters of the other or taken or appropriated for their use in such territorial waters.

(g) The Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs reports that the Secretary of State of the United States has given assurance that, upon receipt of the consent of the Government of Canada, as required by Sec. 3 of the Act above referred to, the said United States will take appropriate measures in accordance with Sec. 7 of the said Act to confer reciprocal privileges with respect to prizes upon the Government of Canada.

(h) The Chief of Naval Staff and the Deputy Minister for Naval Services report that it would tend to the best interests of the Naval Service if such a reciprocal arrangement were entered into.

2. THEREFORE, His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of National Defence for Naval Services, concurred in by the Secretary of State for External Affairs and under and by virtue of the War Measures Act, Chapter 206 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, and notwithstanding the provisions of any other statute, order or regulation, is pleased to consent to and doth hereby consent to and authorize the exercise of original jurisdiction by the District Courts of the United States of America of all prizes captured during the present war on the high seas if said capture was made by authority of the said United States or was adopted and ratified by the President of the said United States and the prize was brought into the territorial waters of Canada or was taken or appropriated for the use of the said United States on the high seas or in such territorial waters including the jurisdiction of all proceedings for the condemnation of such property taken as prize.

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