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*Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act, 1890.*


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Act of the Imperial Parliament or in a Colonial law, shall apply to a Colonial Court of Admiralty, and be read as if the expression "Colonial Court of Admiralty" were therein substituted for "Vice-Admiralty Court" or for other expressions respectively referring to such Vice-Admiralty Courts or the judge thereof; and the Colonial Court of Admiralty shall have jurisdiction accordingly.

Provided as follows:—

- (a.) Any enactment in an Act of the Imperial Parliament referring to the Admiralty jurisdiction of the High Court in England, when applied to a Colonial Court of Admiralty in a British possession, shall be read as if the name of that possession were therein substituted for England and Wales; and—
- (b.) A Colonial Court of Admiralty shall have, under the Naval Prize Act, 1864, and under the Slave Trade Act, 1873, and any enactment relating to prize or the slave trade, the jurisdiction thereby conferred on a Vice-Admiralty Court and not the jurisdiction thereby conferred exclusively on the High Court of Admiralty or the High Court of Justice; but, unless for the time being duly authorized, shall not, by virtue of this Act, exercise any jurisdiction under the Naval Prize Act, 1864, or otherwise in relation to prize; and—
- (c.) A Colonial Court of Admiralty shall not have jurisdiction under this Act to try or punish a person for an offence which according to the law of England is punishable on indictment; and—
- (d.) A Colonial Court of Admiralty shall not have any greater jurisdiction in relation to the laws and regulations relating to Her Majesty's Navy at sea, or under any Act providing for the discipline of Her Majesty's Navy, than may be, from time to time, conferred on such court by Order in Council.

(4.) Where a Court in a British possession exercises in respect of matters arising outside the body of a county or other like part of a British possession any jurisdiction exercisable under this Act, that jurisdiction shall be deemed to be exercised under this Act and not otherwise.

**3.** The legislature of a British possession may, by any Colonial law,—

- (a.) declare any court of unlimited civil jurisdiction, whether original or appellate, in that possession to be a Colonial Court of Admiralty, and provide for the exercise by such court of its jurisdiction under this Act, and limit territorially or otherwise, the extent of such jurisdiction; and—

26 & 28 Vict.  
c. 25.  
36 & 37 Vict.  
c. 88.

Power of  
Colonial  
legislature as  
to Admiralty  
jurisdiction.