

CONVENTION BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY, IN RESPECT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC REGARDING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN CIVIL AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS

His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, and the President of the Portuguese Republic,

Being desirous to render mutual assistance in the conduct of legal proceedings, in their respective territories, in civil and commercial matters which are being dealt with or which it is anticipated may be dealt with by their respective judicial authorities;

Have resolved to conclude a Convention for this purpose and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India:

For Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

The Right Honourable Arthur Henderson, M.P., His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; and

The President of the Portuguese Republic:

His Excellency General Thomas Antonio Garcia Rosado, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Portuguese Republic in London;

Who, having communicated their full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:—

I.—Preliminary

ARTICLE 1

(a) This Convention applies only to civil and commercial matters, including non-contentious matters.

(b) In this Convention the words—

(1) "Territory of one (or of the other) High Contracting Party" shall be interpreted as meaning at any time any of the territories of such High Contracting Party to which the Convention at that time applies;

(2) "Persons" shall be deemed to mean individuals and moral persons;

(3) "Moral Persons" shall be deemed to mean partnerships, companies, societies and other corporations;

(4) "Subjects or citizens of a High Contracting Party" shall be deemed to include "moral persons" constituted and incorporated in accordance with the laws of the territory of such High Contracting Party;

(5) "A subject of one (or of the other) High Contracting Party" shall in relation to His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India be deemed to mean all subjects of His Majesty wherever domiciled.