

(c) The person thus appointed shall have power to administer an oath, and any person giving false evidence before him shall be liable in the courts of the country where the evidence is taken to the penalties provided by the law of that country for perjury.

(d) The evidence shall be taken in accordance with the law of the country in which the evidence is to be used, provided such method is not contrary to the law of the country where the evidence is being taken, and the parties shall have the right to be present in person or be represented by barristers or solicitors of that country or by any persons who are competent to appear before the courts of either of the countries concerned.

#### ARTICLE 13

The fact that an attempt to take evidence by the method laid down in Article 11 has failed owing to the refusal of any witness to appear, to give evidence, or to produce documents does not preclude an application being subsequently made in accordance with Articles 9 or 12.

### IV.—General Provisions

#### ARTICLE 14

Any difficulties which may arise in connection with the operation of this Convention shall be settled through the diplomatic channel.

#### ARTICLE 15

The present Convention of which the English and Italian\* texts are equally authentic, shall be subject to ratification. Ratifications shall be exchanged in London. The Convention shall come into force one month after the date on which ratifications are exchanged and shall remain in force for three years after the date of its coming into force. In case neither of the High Contracting Parties shall have given notice to the other six months before the expiration of the said period of three years of his intention to terminate the Convention, it shall remain in force until the expiration of six months from the day on which either of the High Contracting Parties shall have given notice to terminate it.

#### ARTICLE 16

(a) This Convention shall not apply *ipso facto* to Scotland or Northern Ireland, nor to any of His Britannic Majesty's Colonies or Protectorates, nor to any territories under his suzerainty nor to any mandated areas administered by his Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, but His Britannic Majesty may at any time, by a notification given through his Ambassador at Rome, extend the operation of this Convention to any of the above-mentioned territories.

(b) Such notification shall state the date on which the extension shall come into force, the authorities in the territory concerned to whom judicial and extra-judicial documents and "Letters of Request" are to be transmitted, and the language in which communications and translations are to be made. The date of the coming into force of any such extension shall not be less than one month from the date of such notification.

(c) Either of the High Contracting Parties may, at any time after the expiry of three years from the coming into force of an extension of this Convention to any of the territories referred to in paragraph (a) of this Article terminate such extension on giving six months' previous notice.

\* Not printed.