

**AGREEMENT REGARDING BRITISH WAR CEMETERIES AND GRAVES
IN EGYPT BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENTS IN THE
UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUS-
TRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND THE EGYPTIAN
GOVERNMENT**

CAIRO, June 2, 1937.

THE Government of Egypt on the one hand, and the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa and India on the other hand, being desirous of placing on a firm and established basis the care of the graves of the British soldiers who fell in the late war and were buried in Egyptian Territory, have agreed as follows:—

ARTICLE I

The Imperial War Graves Commission (hereinafter referred to as "The Commission") incorporated by Royal Charter granted by His Majesty The King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India (hereinafter referred to as "His Majesty The King and Emperor") on the 21st day of May, 1917, is recognized by the Egyptian Government as the sole authority charged with the care of the British War Memorial Cemeteries and War Graves in Egypt.

Accordingly, the Commission shall alone be qualified to act in this matter, particularly in all that concerns the execution of that part of the agreement contained in the note of the 27th October, 1918, addressed by le Comité des Finances to, and approved by the Egyptian Council of Ministers on the 9th November, 1918, relating to the free cession of land in perpetuity for British War Memorial Cemeteries to the Commission by the Egyptian Government, and subsequently confirmed by a formal Deed of Gift dated the 9th May, 1921, and registered in the Bureaux des Hypothèques of the Mixed Tribunals of Cairo and Alexandria on the 9th May, 1921, and the 27th June, 1921, respectively, and in the Bureaux des Hypothèques of Mansourah on the 27th July, 1921.

ARTICLE II

Notwithstanding anything contained in the aforesaid Deed of Gift or its annexes as to the nature of the Commission's Committee in Egypt, the Egyptian Government agrees that the character and functions of that body shall be as provided in Articles 11 and 12 of the present Agreement, and that the Commission's rights under the Deed of Gift shall continue unaffected by any changes in the title, composition or powers of the said Committee made in conformity with these articles.