

CIVIL PROCEDURE CONVENTION BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND LITHUANIA

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

Being desirous to render mutual assistance in the conduct of legal proceedings 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:

Mr. Hughe Montgomery Knatchbull-Hugessen, his Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Lithuania, and

The President of the Republic of Lithuania:

Dr. Dovas Zaunius, Minister for Foreign Affairs,

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

I.—Preliminary

ARTICLE 1

(a) Except where the contrary is expressly stated, 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 (a) in relation to His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, as meaning England and Wales and all territories in respect of which the Convention is in force by reason of extensions under Article 16 or accessions under Article 17; and (b) in relation to the President of the Republic of Lithuania as meaning Lithuania;

(2) “persons” shall be deemed to mean individuals and artificial persons;

(3) “artificial persons” shall be deemed to include partnerships, companies, societies and other corporations;

(4) “subjects or citizens of a High Contracting Party” shall be deemed to include artificial persons constituted or incorporated under the laws of the territory of such High Contracting Party;

(5) “subjects (or citizens) of one (or of the other) High Contracting Party” shall be deemed (a) in relation to His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, to mean all subjects of His Majesty wherever domiciled and all persons under his protection; and (b) in relation to the President of the Republic of Lithuania all Lithuanian citizens.

II.—Service of Judicial and Extra-Judicial Documents

ARTICLE 2

(a) When judicial or extra-judicial documents drawn up in the territory of one of the High Contracting Parties are required by a judicial authority situated therein to be served on persons in the territory of the other High Contracting Party, such documents may be served on the recipient, whatever his nationality, by any of the methods provided in Articles 3 and 4, in all cases where such method of service is recognised by the law of the country of origin.