

CONVENTION BETWEEN HIS MAJESTY, IN RESPECT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF NORWAY 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 His Majesty the King of Norway,

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 may possibly 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 Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, M.P., His Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs;

and His Majesty the King of Norway:

Monsieur Benjamin Vogt, His Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary 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 "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.

II.—Service of Judicial and Extra-Judicial Documents

ARTICLE 2

When judicial or extra-judicial documents drawn up in the territory of one of the High Contracting Parties are required to be served on persons, partnerships, companies, societies or other corporations in the territory of the other High Contracting Party, such documents may be served on the recipient, whatever his nationality, in the manner provided in Article 3.

ARTICLE 3

(a) A request for service shall be addressed by a Diplomatic or Consular Officer of the High Contracting Party from whose territory the documents to be served emanate, to the competent authority of the country where the documents are to be served, requesting such authority to cause the documents to be served. The request shall be sent by such Diplomatic or Consular Officer to such authority.

(b) The request for service shall be drawn up in the language of the country where service is to be effected.