

(b) The repayment of these expenses shall be claimed by the competent authority by whom the Letter of Request has been executed from the Diplomatic or Consular Officer by whom it was transmitted when sending to him the documents establishing its execution as provided in Article 7 (h).

(c) Except as above provided no fees of any description shall be payable by one High Contracting Party to the other in respect of the taking of evidence.

#### IV.—Judicial Assistance for Poor Persons, Imprisonment for Debt and Security for Costs

##### ARTICLE 11

The subjects or citizens of one High Contracting Party shall enjoy in the territory of the other High Contracting Party a perfect equality of treatment with subjects or citizens of that High Contracting Party as regards free judicial assistance for poor persons and imprisonment for debt; and provided that they are resident in the territory shall not be compelled to give security for costs in any case where a subject or citizen of such other High Contracting Party would not be so compelled.

#### V.—General Provisions

##### ARTICLE 12

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

##### ARTICLE 13

The present Convention, of which the Finnish\* and Swedish\* and English 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. If neither of the High Contracting Parties shall have given notice through the diplomatic channel to the other not less than 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 14

(a) This Convention shall not apply *ipso facto* to Scotland or Northern Ireland, nor to any of the Colonies or Protectorates of His Majesty the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, nor to any territories under His suzerainty, nor to any Mandated territories in respect of which the mandate is exercised by His Government in the United Kingdom, but His Majesty may at any time, while this Convention is in force under Article 13, by a notification given through His Minister at Helsingfors, extend the operation of the Convention to any of the above-mentioned territories.

(b) Such notification shall state the authorities in the territory concerned to whom requests for service under Article 3 or Letters of Request under Article 7 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 be one month from the date of such notification.

\* Not printed.