

ADDENDA.

EVIDENCE.

14 and 15 "An Act to amend the Law of Evidence."—(7th August, 1851.)
Vic., c. 99:

Sec. 7.—All Proclamations, Treaties, and other Acts of State of any Foreign State, or of any British colony, and all Judgments, Decrees, Orders and other Judicial proceedings of any Court of Justice in any Foreign State, or in any British colony, and all Affidavits, Pleadings, and other legal documents filed or deposited in any such Court, may be proved in any Court of Justice, or before any person having by law, or by consent of parties, authority to hear, receive and examine evidence, either by examined copies, or by copies authenticated, as hereinafter mentioned; that is to say, if the document sought to be proved be a Proclamation, Treaty, or other Act of State, the authenticated copy to be admissible in evidence must purport to be sealed with the Seal of the Foreign State or British colony to which the original document belongs; and if the document sought to be proved be a Judgment, Decree, Order, or other Judicial Proceeding of any Foreign or Colonial Court, or an Affidavit, Pleading or other legal document filed or deposited in any such Court, the authenticated copy to be admissible in evidence must purport either to be sealed with the Seal of the Foreign or Colonial Court to which the original document belongs, or, in the event of such Court having no Seal, to be signed by the Judge, or, if there be more than one Judge, by any one of the Judges of the said Court, and such Judge shall attach to his signature a statement in writing on the said copy that the Court whereof he is a Judge has no Seal; but if any of the aforesaid authenticated copies shall purport to be sealed or signed as hereinbefore respectively directed, the same shall be respectively admitted in evidence in every case in which the original document could have been received in evidence without any proof of the Seal, where a Seal is necessary, or of the signature, or of the truth of the statement attached thereto, where such signature and statement are necessary, or of the Judicial character of the person appearing to have made such signature and statement.

Sec. 11.—Every document which by any law now in force, or hereafter to be in force, is, or shall be admissible in evidence of any Particular in any Court of Justice in England, or Wales, or Ireland, without proof of the Seal, or stamp, or signature authenticating the same, or of the Judicial or official character of the person appearing to have signed the same, shall be admitted in evidence to the same extent, and for the same purposes, in any Court of Justice of any of the British colonies, or before any person having, in any of such colonies, by law or by consent of parties, authority to hear, receive and examine evidence, without proof of the Seal, or stamp or signature authenticating the same, or of the Judicial or official character of the person appearing to have signed the same.