STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1965 No. 593

OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

The Admiralty Jurisdiction (British Honduras) Order 1965

Made - - - - 24*th March* 1965
Coming into Operation 25*th March* 1965

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of March 1965

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the power vested in Her by section 56 of the Administration of Justice Act 1956(a) and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

Citation and commencement.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Admiralty Jurisdiction (British Honduras) Order 1965.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on 25th March 1965.

Admiralty jurisdiction of Supreme Court of British Honduras.

2. The Colonial Courts of Admiralty Act 1890(b) shall, in relation to the Supreme Court of British Honduras, have effect as if for the reference in subsection (2) of section 2 thereof to the Admiralty jurisdiction of the High Court in England there were substituted a reference to the Admiralty jurisdiction of that court as defined by section 1 of the Administration of Justice Act 1956 subject to the adaptations and modifications of the said section 1 that are specified in the First Schedule to this Order.

Application of provisions of Administration of Justice Act 1956 to British Honduras.

3. The provisions of sections 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 of Part I of the Administration of Justice Act 1956 shall extend to British Honduras with the adaptations and modifications that are specified in Column II of the Second Schedule to this Order.

W. G. Agnew.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Article 2.

ADAPTATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF SECTION 1 OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ACT 1956

In subsection (1) the words "and any other jurisdiction connected with ships and aircraft vested in the High Court apart from this section which is for the time being assigned by rules of court to the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division" shall be deleted;

In subsection (3) the words and figures "under sections five hundred and forty-four to five hundred and forty-six of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894(c)" shall be deleted and the words "under section twenty of the Wrecks Ordinance of British Honduras(d)" shall be substituted;

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 46. (b) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 27.
(c) 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60. (d) Laws of British Honduras, Rev. 1958, Cap. 151.

In subsection (4) after the words and figures "Merchant Shipping Acts 1894 to 1954" there shall be inserted the words "or of the Wrecks Ordinance of British Honduras".

Article 3

SECOND SCHEDULE

PROVISIONS OF PART I OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ACT 1956 EXTENDED TO BRITISH HONDURAS AND ADAPTATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS THERETO

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Section 3	In subsections (1), (3), (5), (6) and (7), for the reference to the High Court, the Liverpool Court of Passage, and any county court there shall be substituted a reference to the Supreme Court of British Honduras; In subsection (2) the words "the High Court" shall be deleted and the words "the Supreme Court of British Honduras" shall be substituted; In subsection (4) the words "High Court and (where there is such jurisdiction) the Admiralty jurisdiction of the Liverpool Court of Passage or any county court" shall be deleted and the words "Supreme Court of British Honduras" shall be substituted; In subsection (8) the words "England and Wales" shall be deleted and the words "British Honduras" shall be substituted.
Section 4	Subsection (1) shall be deleted and the following subsection shall be substituted:— "(1) No court in British Honduras shall entertain an action in personam to enforce a claim to which this section applies unless— (*a*) the defendant has his habitual residence or a place of business in British Honduras; or

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	(*b*) the cause of action arose within the territorial waters of British Honduras; or (*c*) an action arising out of the same incident or series of incidents is proceeding in the court or has been heard and determined in the court. In this subsection "territorial waters of British Honduras" include any port, dock or harbour in British Honduras.";
	In subsection (2) the words "in England and Wales" shall be deleted and the words "in British Honduras" shall be substituted, and the words "outside England and Wales" shall be deleted and the words "outside British Honduras" shall be substituted;
	In subsection (5) the words "the High Court" shall be deleted and the words "the Supreme Court of British Honduras" shall be substituted;
	Subsection (6) shall be omitted.
Section 6	The words "England and Wales" shall be deleted and the words "British Honduras" shall be substituted.
Section 7	Subsection (1) shall be deleted and the following subsection shall be substituted:— "(1) Section six hundred and eighty-eight of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 (which relates to the detention of ships by customs officers in certain cases) shall cease to have effect.";
	Subsection (2) shall be omitted.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order provides that the Supreme Court of British Honduras, which is a Colonial Court of Admiralty, shall have the Admiralty jurisdiction of the High Court of England, as defined in section 1 of the Administration of Justice Act 1956, with certain modifications. It also extends certain of the provisions contained in Part I of that Act to British Honduras.