CHAP. 8.

An Act for extending the Jurisdiction of the Courts of the West African Settlements to certain Offences committed out of Her Majesty's Dominions. [31st March 1871.]

A.D. 1871.

WHEREAS the inhabitants of certain territories in Africa adjoining Her Majesty's settlements of Sierra Leone, Gambia, Gold Coast, and Lagos, and the adjacent protectorates, not being within the jurisdiction of any civilised government, and crimes and outrages having been and being likely (unless restrained by law) to be committed within such territories against British subjects and persons resident within any of the said settlements, it is requisite to provide for the trial and punishment of such crimes and outrages:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows; (that is to say,)

Jurisdiction of Superior Courts extended.

1. Crimes or offences committed within twenty miles of the boundary of any of the said settlements or of any adjacent protectorate by any of Her Majesty's subjects, or by persons not subjects of any civilised power against the persons of British subjects, or of persons resident within any of the said settlements, shall be cognizable in the Superior Courts exercising criminal jurisdiction within any of the said settlements, and shall be inquired of, tried, prosecuted, and, upon conviction, punished in such and the same manner as if the crime or offence had been committed within such settlements.

Apprehension of persons within extended limits.

2. Any person known or suspected to have committed a crime or offence within the first section of this Act may be apprehended in any of the said settlements, and kept in custody therein, in like manner as if the said crime or offence had been committed within such settlement.

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