



ANNO SEXTO

GEORGII V REGIS.

A.D. 1915.

No. 1189.

An Act to amend the Law as to Oaths to be taken, and Notarial Acts to be done, in Foreign Countries.

[*Assented to, October 1st, 1915.*]

BE it Enacted by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the "Oaths and Notarial Acts (in Foreign Countries) Act, 1915." Short title.

2. In this Act—

"Diplomatic agent" means ambassador, envoy, minister, chargé d'affaires, or secretary of embassy or legation: Interpretation.

"Consular agent" means consul-general, consul, vice-consul, pro-consul, consular agent, acting consul-general, acting consul, acting vice-consul, and acting consular agent:

"Affidavit" includes affirmation, and statutory or other declaration:

"Oath" includes affirmation and declaration:

"Foreign country" and "foreign place" respectively mean any country or place not being within the British Empire.

3. (1) Every British diplomatic agent exercising his functions in any foreign country, and every British consular agent exercising his functions in any foreign place, may in that country or place—

I. administer any oath and take any affidavit, and

II. do any notarial act which any notary public can do within the said State; and

Before and by whom oaths and notarial acts may be taken and done in foreign countries.

Imp. Acts, 52 Vict., c. 10, s. 8; 54 and 55 Vict., c. 50, s. 2.

Oaths and Notarial Acts (in Foreign Countries) Act.—1915.

and every oath, affidavit, and notarial act administered, sworn, or done by or before any such person shall be as effectual as if duly administered, sworn, or done by or before any lawful authority in the said State.

(2) Any document purporting to have affixed, impressed, or subscribed thereon or thereto the seal and signature of any British diplomatic or consular agent in testimony of any oath, affidavit, or act being administered, taken, or done by or before him, shall be admitted in evidence without proof of the seal or signature being his seal or signature, or of his official character.

Section 16 of Act No.
8 of 1867, not affected
by this Act.

4. This Act shall not be construed as repealing or superseding, or in any way affecting, section 16 of the "Supreme Court Act, 1867"; but the continuance in force of that section shall not be taken to limit the operation of this Act.

In the name and on behalf of His Majesty, I hereby assent to
this Bill.

H. L. GALWAY, Governor.