

Sec. 1—Full Faith and Credit

should, if they do not infringe federal law or policy.¹⁴² However, the refusal of a territorial court in Hawaii, which had jurisdiction of the action on a policy issued by a New York insurance company, to admit evidence that an administrator had been appointed and a suit brought by him on a bond in the federal court in New York in which no judgment had been entered, did not violate this clause.¹⁴³

The power to prescribe the effect to be given to the judicial proceedings of the courts of the United States is conferred by other provisions of the Constitution, such as those that declare the extent of the judicial power of the United States, which authorize all legislation necessary and proper for executing the powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, and which declare the supremacy of the authority of the National Government within the limits of the Constitution. As part of its general authority, the power to give effect to the judgment of its courts is coextensive with its territorial jurisdiction.¹⁴⁴

Evaluation Of Results Under Provision

The Court, after according an extrastate operation to statutes and judicial decisions in favor of defendants in transitory actions, proceeded next to confer the same protection upon certain classes of defendants in local actions in which the plaintiff's claim was the outgrowth of a relationship formed extraterritorially. But can the Court stop at this point? If it is true, as Chief Justice Marshall once remarked, that "the Constitution was not made for the benefit of plaintiffs alone," so also it is true that it was not made for the benefit of defendants alone. The day may come when the Court will approach the question of the relation of the Full Faith and Credit Clause to the extrastate operation of laws from the same angle as it today views the broader question of the scope of state legislative power. When and if this day arrives, state statutes and judicial decisions will be given such extraterritorial operation as seems reasonable to the Court to give them. In short, the rule of the dominance of legal policy of the forum state will be superseded by that of judicial review.¹⁴⁵

¹⁴² *Milwaukee County v. White Co.*, 296 U.S. 268 (1935).

¹⁴³ *Equitable Life Assurance Society v. Brown*, 187 U.S. 308 (1902). *See also* *Gibson v. Lyon*, 115 U.S. 439 (1885).

¹⁴⁴ *Embry v. Palmer*, 107 U.S. 3, 9 (1883). *See also* *Northern Assurance Co. v. Grand View Ass'n*, 203 U.S. 106 (1906); *Louisville & Nashville R.R. v. Stock Yards Co.*, 212 U.S. 132 (1909); *Atchison, T. & S.F. Ry. v. Sowers*, 213 U.S. 55 (1909); *West Side R.R. v. Pittsburgh Const. Co.*, 219 U.S. 92 (1911); *Knights of Pythias v. Meyer*, 265 U.S. 30, 33 (1924).

¹⁴⁵ Reviewing some of the cases treated in this section, a writer in 1926 said: "It appears, then, that the Supreme Court has quite definitely committed itself to a program of making itself, to some extent, a tribunal for bringing about uniformity