

JURISDICTION OVER PRIZES

Exchange of notes at London June 10 and September 24, 1943

Reciprocity proclaimed by the President of the United States November 28, 1943

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59 Stat. 1709; Executive Agreement Series 489

The American Ambassador to the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

LONDON, June 10, 1943

No. 2719

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to the arrangement made between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the United States by which, in conformity with the provisions of Public Law 704 enacted by the Seventy-seventh Congress of the United States and approved August 18, 1942,¹ the courts of the United States were permitted to exercise jurisdiction over prizes taken by United States armed forces and brought into the territorial waters of the United Kingdom and Sierra Leone. A copy of the Act in question is enclosed for your convenient reference.² The consent of the Government of the United Kingdom to this arrangement was notified to this Embassy by a note (No. W 13225/279/49) dated November 3, 1942.³

My Government now desires to obtain the consent of the Government of India to a similar arrangement with respect to prizes taken by United States armed forces and brought into the territorial jurisdiction of the Government of India. Permission is desired for special prize commissioners appointed by the district courts of the United States to exercise in India such powers and duties, in addition to those already prescribed for prize commissioners, as may be deemed necessary or proper for carrying out the pur-

¹ 56 Stat. 746.

² Not printed here.

³ EAS 393, *post*, UNITED KINGDOM.