

## JURISDICTION OVER PRIZES

*Exchange of notes at Wellington November 3, 1942, and January 28, 1943*

*Reciprocity proclaimed by the President of the United States April 1, 1943<sup>1</sup>*

*Entered into force April 1, 1943*

*Expired at conclusion of World War II*

59 Stat. 1301; Executive Agreement Series 454

*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Prime Minister*

LEGATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Wellington, New Zealand  
November 3, 1942

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to my note dated February 21, 1942 and to your note dated April 13, 1942 in reply with regard to changes under consideration by my Government concerning vessels taken as prizes by United States Naval forces in foreign waters far from a United States port.

The changes in prize court procedure proposed by my Government are contained in Public Law 704—77th Congress, an Act to facilitate the disposition of prizes captured by the United States during the present war, and for other purposes, which was approved on August 18, 1942. A copy of the Act is enclosed.<sup>2</sup>

Section 3 of the Act provides that the authority contained in the Act shall not be exercised over prizes brought into the territorial waters of a cobelligerent, and that prizes shall not be taken or appropriated within such territorial waters for the use of the United States unless the government having jurisdiction over such territorial waters consents thereto.

Section 5 of the Act provides for the exercise abroad by special prize commissioners of the duties prescribed for such commissioners and such

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<sup>1</sup> 57 Stat. 736.

<sup>2</sup> See 56 Stat. 746; not printed here.