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A Law to provide for the recognition in the Colony of Probates and Letters of Administration granted in other parts of Her Majesty's dominions or by a British Court in a foreign country.

1949 Cap. 219. S

[24th January, 1936.]

Short title.

 This Law may be cited as the Probates (Re-sealing) Law.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law-

"British Court in a foreign country" means any British Court having jurisdiction out of Her Majesty's dominions in pursuance of an Order in Council whether made under any Act or otherwise;

"Court of Probate" means any Court or authority by whatever name designated, having jurisdiction in matters of probate;

"Her Majesty's dominions" includes any British protectorate or protected state and any territory in respect of which a mandate on behalf of the League of Nations has been accepted by Her Majesty;

"probate" and "letters of administration" include confirmation in Scotland, and any instrument having in any other part of Her Majesty's dominions the same effect which under English law is given to probate and letters of administration respectively;

"probate duty" includes any duty or fee payable on the value of the estate and effects for which probate or letters of administration is or are granted.

3. Where a Court of Probate in any part of Her Majesty's Scaling of dominions, or a British Court in a foreign country, has, either letters of before or after the enactment of this Law, granted probate administraor letters of administration in respect of the estate of a outside the deceased person, the probate or letters of administration so Colony. granted may, on being produced to, and a copy thereof deposited with, a District Court, be sealed with the seal of that Court, and thereupon shall be of the like force and effect, and have the same operation in the Colony as if granted by that Court.

4. The Court shall, before sealing a probate or letters of Conditions administration under this Law, be satisfied—

to be fulfilled before

- (a) that probate duty has been paid in respect of so sealingmuch, if any, of the estate as is liable to probate duty in the Colony; and
- (b) in the case of letters of administration, that security has been given in a sum sufficient in amount to cover the property, if any, in the Colony to which the letters of administration relate.

and may require such evidence, if any, as it thinks fit as to the domicile of the deceased person.

5. The Court may also, if it thinks fit, on the application Security for of any creditor, require, before sealing, that adequate payment of debts. security be given for the payment of debts due from the estate to creditors residing in the Colony.

6. For the purposes of this Law, a duplicate of any Duplicate probate or letters of administration sealed with the seal of or copy admissible. the Court granting the same, or a copy thereof certified as correct by or under the authority of the Court granting the same, shall have the same effect as the original.

7. The Governor, with the advice and assistance of the Rules of Chief Justice, may, by writing under the hand and official Court. seal of the Governor and the hand of the Chief Justice, make Rules of Court for regulating the procedure and practice, including fees and costs, in the District Court, on and incidental to an application for sealing a probate or letters of administration under this Law.