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An Ordinance to enable Consular Officers of Certain States to Administer the Estates of Deceased Foreign Nationals of such States. 8 of 1940.

[18TH JULY, 1940.]

WHEREAS it is expedient that effect should be given in Sierra Leone to the provisions of certain Treaties of Commerce and Navigation mentioned in the Schedule hereto.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Administration of Estates by Consular Officers Ordinance, and shall apply to the Colony and Protectorate. Short title.

2. Whenever any subject or citizen of any State mentioned in the first column of the Schedule hereto— Administra-
tion of
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(a) dies within Sierra Leone, or

(b) dies outside Sierra Leone, leaving property within Sierra Leone,

and no person other than the Official Administrator is present in Sierra Leone at the time of his death who is rightfully entitled to administer the estate of such deceased person, the Consul, Vice-Consul or Consular Agent of such State within Sierra Leone may take possession and have the custody of the property of such deceased person, and may apply the same in payment of his debts and funeral expenses, and may retain the surplus for the benefit of the persons entitled thereto; but such Consul, Vice-Consul or Consular Agent shall immediately apply for, and