

## THE OATHS (FOREIGN COUNTRIES) ACT

Cap. 265.  
Act  
37 of 1976.

[11th April, 1916.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Oaths (Foreign Countries) Act. Short title.

2.—(1) Every Jamaican or British ambassador, envoy, minister, chargé d'affaires, and secretary of embassy or legation exercising his functions in any foreign country, and every Jamaican or British consul-general, consul, vice-consul, acting consul, pro-consul and consular agent, acting consul-general, acting vice-consul and acting consular agent exercising his functions in any foreign place may, in that country or place, administer any oath and take any affidavit and also do any notarial act which any notary public can do within this Island; and every oath, affidavit, and notarial act administered, sworn, or done by or before any such person shall be as effectual as if duly administered, sworn, or done by or before any lawful authority in this Island.

Jamaican or British ambassadors etc., may administer oath and do notarial acts.

(2) Any document purporting to have affixed, impressed, or subscribed thereon or thereto, the seal and signature of any person authorized by this section to administer an oath in testimony of any oath, affidavit, or act being administered, taken, or done by or before him, shall be admitted in evidence without proof of the seal or signature being the seal or signature of that person, or of the official character of that person.

Document admissible in evidence without further proof.

(3) For the purposes of this section—  
(a) any reference to a foreign country or foreign place shall be deemed to include any commonwealth country other than Jamaica; and accordingly

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- (b) in relation to any such Commonwealth country, any reference to an ambassador shall be deemed to include reference to a Jamaican or British High Commissioner in that country and any reference to any of the consular offices specified in subsection (1) shall be deemed to include a Jamaican or British officer performing like consular duties in that country.