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Chapter 2: Consular courts

Section 141. Judicial authority generally. To carry into full effect the provisions of the treaties of the United States with certain foreign countries. The ministers and consuls of the United States in China. Siam, Turkey.

Morocco. Muscat. Abyssinia. Persia, and the territories formerly a part of the former Ottoman Empire including Egypt. **Duly appointed to reside therein.**

Shall. In addition to other powers and duties imposed upon them.

Respectively, by the provisions of such treaties, respectively, be invested with judicial authority described in this chapter, which shall appertain to the office of minister and consul, and be a part of the duties belonging thereto, wherein, and so far as, the same is allowed by treaty, and in accordance with the usages of the countries in their intercourse with the Franks or other foreign Christian nations. (R. S. §§ 4083, 4125, 4126, 4127; June 14, 1878. c. 193. 20 Stat. 131.)

Title 22. Chapter 2 Section 142

General Jurisdiction in Criminal cases.

The officers mentioned in Section 141 of this title are fully empowered to arraign and try, in the manner provided for this chapter, all citizens of the United States charged with offenses against the law, committed in such countries, respectively, and to sentence such offenders in the manner in this chapter authorized; and each of them is authorized to issue such processes as are suitable and necessary to carry this authority into execution. (R. S. § 4084.)

Title 22 Chapter 2 Section 143

General Jurisdiction in Civil cases.

Such officers are also invested with all the judicial authority necessary to execute the provisions of such treaties, respectively, in regard to civil rights, whether of property or person; and they shall entertain jurisdiction in matters of contract, at the port where, or nearest to which, it was to be executed, and in all other matters, at the port where, or nearest to which the damage complained of was sustained, provided such port be one of the ports at which the United States are represented by consuls. Such jurisdiction shall embrace all controversies between citizens of the United States, or others, provided for by such treaties, respectively. (R. S. § 4085)