

No. 556.

THE DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES (EXTENSION) LAW.
CAP. 202 AND LAW 11 OF 1953.

ORDER IN COUNCIL No. 2793

MADE UNDER SECTION 2.

In exercise of the powers vested in him by section 2 of the Diplomatic Privileges (Extension) Law (hereinafter referred to as "the Law"), His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to order as follows :—

Cap. 202
11 of 1953.

1. This Order may be cited as the Diplomatic Privileges (International Telecommunication Union) Order, 1955.

A.—THE ORGANISATION.

2. The International Telecommunication Union (hereinafter referred to as "the Union") is an organisation of which Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and Governments of foreign sovereign Powers are members.

3. The Union shall have the legal capacities of a body corporate and, except in so far as in any particular case it has expressly waived its immunity, immunity from suit and legal process. No waiver of immunity shall be deemed to extend to any measure of execution.

4. The Union shall have the like inviolability of official archives and premises occupied as offices as is accorded in respect of official archives and premises of an envoy of a foreign sovereign Power accredited to Her Majesty.

5. The Union shall have the like exemption or relief from taxes and rates, other than taxes on the importation of goods, as is accorded to a foreign sovereign Power.

6. The Union shall have exemption from taxes on the importation of goods directly imported by the Union for its official use in the Colony or for exportation, or on the importation of any publications of the Union directly imported by it, such exemption to be subject to compliance with such conditions as the Comptroller of Customs and Excise may prescribe for the protection of the Revenue.

7. The Union shall have exemption from prohibitions and restrictions on importation or exportation in the case of goods directly imported or exported by the Union for its official use and in the case of any publications of the Union directly imported or exported by it.

B.—REPRESENTATIVES, OTHER THAN REPRESENTATIVES OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, ON ORGANS OR COMMITTEES OF THE UNION.

8.—(i) Except in so far as in any particular case any privilege or immunity is waived by the Governments whom they represent, representatives of member Governments at plenipotentiary and administrative conferences, on the administrative council, or consultative committees or on any committee of any of these bodies shall enjoy :—

(a) while exercising their functions as such and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting, immunity from personal arrest or detention and from seizure of their personal baggage and inviolability for all papers and documents ;

(b) immunity from legal process of every kind in respect of words spoken or written and things done or omitted to be done by them in their capacity as representatives.

(ii) Where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, representatives shall not be deemed to be resident in the Colony during any period when they are present in the Colony for the discharge of their duties.