

**(2) Finland**

**1939 No. 1452**

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of October, 1939.

PRESENT,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas \* \* \* [*Here follows the first recital to the Estonia Order in Council, see p. 52 above*]:

And whereas by Article 19 of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation with the President of the Republic of Finland signed at Helsingfors on 14th December, 1923, it is provided as follows:—

“When a subject or citizen of one Contracting Party dies within the territories of the other, leaving non-resident heirs, the Consular representative of the former Party is entitled, without express authorization from such non-resident heirs, to represent them, so far as the laws of the other Party do not expressly prohibit such representation, in all matters pertaining to administration, probate and settlement of the estate, with the right to collect the distributive shares of such heirs.”

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by the Domicile Act, 1861, or otherwise in His Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:— 24 & 25 Vict.  
c. 121.

1. This Order may be cited as “The Administration of Estates by Consular Officers (Finland) Order in Council, 1939.”

2. Subject to the provisions of this Order, Section 4 of the Domicile Act, 1861, shall, by reason of and in conformity with the aforesaid provisions of the Treaty of Commerce and Navigation of 1923, apply to Finland.

3. This Order in Council shall apply to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

*Rupert B. Howorth.*