functions of which involve any responsibility for, or in connection with, the conduct of any election or the compilation or revision of any electoral register.

(4) No election of members to the proposed Legislative Council shall be held under any law enacted in pursuance of subsection (1), or any regulation made in pursuance of subsection (2), of this section, until provision shall have been made by Order of Her Majesty in Council for the establishment of the proposed Legislative Council and that provision shall have come into operation; but registration of electors in pursuance of any such law or regulation may take place at any time after the commencement of this Order.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order enables provision to be made for the election of members to a new Legislative Council which it is proposed should hereafter be established for the Colony, and enables registration of electors in pursuance of any such provision to take place.

AGRICULTURE

AUTHORITIES

1955 No. 216 (S. 19)

The Agriculture (Scotland) Regulations, 1955

Made - - - -	*3rd February*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	*12th February*, 1955
Coming into Operation	*14th February*, 1955

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 69 of the Agriculture (Scotland) Act, 1948(a) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Agriculture (Scotland) Regulations, 1955 and shall come into operation on the fourteenth day of February, 1955.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them—

"the Act of 1948" means the Agriculture (Scotland) Act, 1948.

"area of an Agricultural Executive Committee" means an area as defined in the Agriculture (Scotland) (No. 2) Regulations, 1950(b) for which there has been established a Committee.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 45. (b) S.I. 1950/1552 (1950 I, p. 106).

"Committee" means an Agricultural Executive Committee established under subsection (1) of section 68 of the Act of 1948, and, in relation to any notice, authorisation, requirement, representation or other document referred to in these regulations, means the Agricultural Executive Committee in whose area the land to which such notice, authorisation, requirement, representation or other document relates is comprised, or in terms of these regulations is deemed to be comprised; and "sub-committee" means a sub-committee appointed by a Committee under subsection (2) of the said section.

(2) Any reference in these regulations to a Committee in relation to functions which have been delegated by them, under subsection (2) of section 68 of the Act of 1948, to a sub-committee shall be read as a reference to that sub-committee.

(3) Where any land lies partly in the area of an Agricultural Executive Committee, and partly in that of another Committee, such land shall, for the purpose of the exercise by a Committee of the functions delegated to them under these regulations, be deemed to be comprised in the area in which lies the greater part of the land.

(4) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a) shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Delegation of functions to Committees

3. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, the functions of the Secretary of State under the enactments set out in the first column of the Schedule hereto are hereby delegated to the Committee for the area in which is comprised the land to which the said functions relate:

Provided that in any case or in any class of cases where the Secretary of State intimates to a Committee that he has decided himself to exercise in relation to that case or class of cases functions delegated to them under these regulations, such intimation shall be deemed to be a recall of the delegation to the Committee, and of any delegation by the Committee to a sub-committee, of such functions so far as relating to that case or class of cases.

Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing delegation, the principal functions under the said enactments are as indicated in the second column of the said Schedule.

Restriction on exercise of delegated functions

4. The function under subsection (8) of section one of the Pests Act, 1954(b) (which provides for authorising any person to enter on and inspect land for certain purposes) is delegated to the extent only that a Committee may so authorise any person added by them to a sub-committee in exercise of powers under paragraph 4 of Part I of the Eighth Schedule to the Act of 1948.

Dated the third day of February, 1955.

G. Lloyd-George,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 68.

Regulation 3

SCHEDULE

FUNCTIONS DELEGATED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO AGRICULTURAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Enactments	*Principal Functions*
Agriculture (Scotland) Act, 1948 (*as amended by the Pests Act*, 1954)	
Section 39 (5)	Serving notices on occupiers of land requiring steps to be taken to destroy or reduce breeding places or cover for rabbits or to exclude rabbits from land or to prevent rabbits living in any place from spreading to or doing damage in any other place; receiving and considering objections to such notices and confirming them with or without modification.
Pests Act, 1954	
Section 1 (4)	Sanctioning the authorisation by an occupier of any land in a rabbit clearance area of a reasonable number of persons to kill rabbits with firearms.
Section 1 (6)	Giving a notice under section 39 (1) of the Agriculture (Scotland) Act, 1948 to certain occupiers.
Section 1 (8)	Authorising a person to enter on and inspect land for certain purposes.
Section 1 (11)	Consulting such persons as appear to be representative of agricultural and forestry interests in areas designated in proposed rabbit clearance orders and giving notice of proposals to make such orders.
Section 1 (12)	Receiving and considering representations made by persons interested in land in areas designated in proposed rabbit clearance orders.
Section 4 (1)	Requiring persons to state their interest in any land.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations provide for the delegation to Agricultural Executive Committees of certain of the functions of the Secretary of State under the Agriculture (Scotland) Act, 1948 and the Pests Act, 1954. These functions comprise those ancillary to the making of and securing compliance with a rabbit clearance order and those relating to the extension of the rights of certain occupiers as regards the shooting of rabbits in clearance areas and the destruction or reduction of breeding places and cover for rabbits.