STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1967 No. 802

CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY

The Crown Office Rules Order 1967

Made - - -	*24th May* 1967
Laid before Parliament	*31st May* 1967
Coming into Operation	*1st June* 1967

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of May 1967
Present,
The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas section 3(1) of the Crown Office Act 1877(a) provides that Her Majesty may, by Order in Council, make, and when made, from time to time revoke, add to, or alter rules prescribing the form in which documents to which the said Act applies, or any of them, may be worded:

And Whereas in pursuance of the said Act of 1877 the Crown Office Rules (No. 1) Order 1926(b) prescribed the form of Commission to be used for declaring the Royal Assent:

And Whereas section 1(1) of the Royal Assent Act 1967(c) provides that an Act of Parliament is duly enacted if Her Majesty's Assent thereto, being signified by Letters Patent under the Great Seal signed with Her Majesty's own hand, is pronounced in the presence of both Houses in the House of Lords in the form and manner customary before the passing of the Royal Assent Act 1967, or is notified to each House of Parliament sitting separately by the Speaker of that House or in the case of his absence by the person acting as such Speaker:

And Whereas it is desirable that there should be a single form of Commission to be used for signifying the Royal Assent when it is to be pronounced in the presence of both Houses of Parliament in the House of Lords and at the same time Parliament is to be prorogued:

And Whereas it is therefore expedient that further forms to be used for signifying the Royal Assent should now be prescribed:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of section 3(1) of the Crown Office Act 1877, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:

1. The Crown Office Rules (No. 1) Order 1926 is hereby revoked, and the forms set out in the Schedule to this Order shall be used in place of the forms prescribed by that Order.

2. Where the Royal Assent is given to one or more Acts but to no Measure, or to one Act and one or more Measures, or to several Acts and one Measure, or to one or more Measures but to no Act, the forms set out in the Schedule shall be modified accordingly.

(a) 1877 c. 41. (b) S.R. & O. 1926/1412 (Rev. III, p. 1009: 1926 p. 277). (c) 1967 c. 23.

3. This Order may be cited as the Crown Office Rules Order 1967 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1967.

W. G. Agnew.

SCHEDULE

Royal Assent by Commission

1. The following form shall be used for signifying the Royal Assent when it is to be pronounced in the presence of both Houses of Parliament in the House of Lords:—

"ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen Head of the Commonwealth Defender of the Faith To Our right trusty and right well beloved the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and to Our trusty and well beloved the Knights Citizens and Burgesses of the House of Commons in this present Parliament assembled GREETING:

FORASMUCH as in Our said Parliament divers Acts have been agreed upon by you Our loving subjects the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and the Commons the short Titles of which are set forth in the Schedule hereto but the said Acts are not of force and effect in the Law without Our Royal Assent [AND WHEREAS in pursuance of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, certain Measures the short Titles of which are set forth in the said Schedule have been presented to Us in the form laid before Parliament] AND forasmuch as We cannot at this time be present in the Higher House of Our said Parliament being the accustomed place for giving Our Royal Assent to such Acts as have been agreed upon by you Our said subjects the Lords and Commons We have therefore caused these Our Letters Patent to be made and have signed them and by them do give Our Royal Assent to the said Acts [and Measures] WILLING that the said Acts [and Measures] shall be of the same strength force and effect as if We had been personally present in the said Higher House and had publicly and in the presence of you all assented to the same COMMANDING ALSO [*here insert the name of the Lord Chancellor*] Chancellor of Great Britain to seal these Our Letters with the Great Seal of Our Realm AND ALSO COMMANDING [*here insert the names of the Commissioners, for example* Our most dear and entirely beloved Uncle and most faithful Counsellor Henry William Frederick Albert Duke of Gloucester The Most Reverend Father in God and Our faithful Counsellor Arthur Michael Archbishop of Canterbury Primate of All England and Metropolitan, *followed by the names of the Lord Chancellor and at least two other Lords of the Privy Council*] or any three or more of them to declare this Our Royal Assent in the said Higher House in the presence of you the said Lords and Commons and the Clerk of Our Parliaments to endorse the said Acts [and Measures] in Our name as is requisite and to record these Our Letters Patent and the said Acts [and Measures] in manner accustomed AND FINALLY WE do declare that after this Our Royal Assent given and declared as is aforesaid then and immediately the said Acts [and Measures] shall be taken and accepted as good and perfect Acts of Parliament [and good and perfect Measures] and be put in due execution accordingly IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent WITNESS Ourself at Westminster the day of in the year of Our Reign

By The Queen Herself—Signed with Her Own Hand"

Royal Assent by Commission with Prorogation

2. The following form shall be used for signifying the Royal Assent when it is to be pronounced in the presence of both Houses of Parliament in the House of Lords and at the same time Parliament is to be prorogued:—

"ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen Head of the Commonwealth Defender of the Faith To Our right trusty and right well beloved the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and to Our trusty and well beloved the Knights Citizens and Burgesses of the House of Commons in this present Parliament assembled GREETING:

FORASMUCH as in Our said Parliament divers Acts have been agreed upon by you Our loving subjects the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and the Commons the short

Titles of which are set forth in the Schedule hereto but the said Acts are not of force and effect in the Law without Our Royal Assent [AND WHEREAS in pursuance of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919, certain measures the short Titles of which are set forth in the said Schedule have been presented to Us in the form laid before Parliament] AND forasmuch as We cannot at this time be present in the Higher House of Our said Parliament being the accustomed place for giving Our Royal Assent to such Acts as have been agreed upon by you Our said subjects the Lords and Commons We have therefore caused these Our Letters Patent to be made and have signed them and by them do give Our Royal Assent to the said Acts [and Measures] WILLING that the said Acts [and Measures] shall be of the same strength force and effect as if We had been personally present in the said Higher House and had publicly and in the presence of you all assented to the same COMMANDING ALSO [*here insert the name of the Lord Chancellor*] Chancellor of Great Britain to seal these Our Letters with the Great Seal of Our Realm AND ALSO COMMANDING [*here insert the names of the Commissioners, for example* Our most dear and entirely beloved Uncle and most faithful Counsellor Henry William Frederick Albert Duke of Gloucester The Most Reverend Father in God and Our faithful Counsellor Arthur Michael Archbishop of Canterbury Primate of all England and Metropolitan *followed by the names of the Lord Chancellor and at least two other Lords of the Privy Council*] or any three or more of them to declare this Our Royal Assent in the said Higher House in the presence of you the said Lords and Commons and the Clerk of Our Parliaments to endorse the said Acts [and Measures] in Our name as is requisite and to record these Our Letters Patent and the said Acts [and Measures] in manner accustomed AND WE do declare that after this Our Royal Assent given and declared as is aforesaid then and immediately the said Acts [and Measures] shall be taken and accepted as good and perfect Acts of Parliament [and good and perfect Measures] and be put in due execution accordingly:

AND WHEREAS We did lately for divers difficult and pressing affairs concerning Us the State and defence of Our United Kingdom and Church ordain this Our present Parliament to begin and be holden at Our City of Westminster the day of in the year of Our Reign on which day Our said Parliament was begun and holden and is there now holden Know Ye that for certain pressing causes and considerations Us especially moving We have thought fit to prorogue Our said Parliament WE THEREFORE confiding very much in the fidelity prudence and circumspection of you Our Commissioners aforesaid have by the advice and consent of Our Council assigned you Our Commissioners giving to you or any three or more of you by virtue of these Presents full power and authority in Our name to prorogue and continue Our present Parliament at Our City of Westminster aforesaid from the day of instant until and unto the day of instant there then to be holden AND We Command You that you diligently attend the premises and effectually fulfil them in manner aforesaid We also strictly Command all and singular Our Archbishops Dukes Marquesses Earls Viscounts Bishops Barons Baronets Knights Citizens and Burgesses and all others whom it concerns to meet at Our said Parliament by virtue of these Presents that they observe obey and assist you in executing the premises as they ought to do IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent WITNESS Ourself at Westminster the day of in the year of Our Reign

By The Queen Herself—Signed with Her Own Hand"

Royal Assent by Notification

3. The following form shall be used for signifying the Royal Assent when it is to be notified to each House of Parliament sitting separately:—

"ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen Head of the Commonwealth Defender of the Faith To Our right trusty and right well beloved the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and to Our trusty and well beloved the Knights Citizens and Burgesses of the House of Commons in this present Parliament assembled GREETING:

FORASMUCH as in Our said Parliament divers Acts have been agreed upon by you Our loving subjects the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and the Commons the short Titles of which are set forth in the Schedule hereto but the said Acts are not of force and effect in the Law without Our Royal Assent [AND WHEREAS in pursuance of

the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 certain Measures the short Titles of which are set forth in the said Schedule have been presented to Us in the form laid before Parliament] AND forasmuch as We cannot at this time be present in the Higher House of Our said Parliament being the accustomed place for giving Our Royal Assent to such Acts as have been agreed upon by you Our said subjects the Lords and Commons We have therefore caused these Our Letters Patent to be made and have signed them and by them do give Our Royal Assent to the said Acts [and Measures] WILLING that the said Acts [and Measures] shall be of the same strength force and effect as if We had been personally present in the said Higher House and had publicly and in the presence of you all assented to the same COMMANDING ALSO [*here insert the name of the Lord Chancellor*] Chancellor of Great Britain to seal these Our Letters with the Great Seal of Our Realm AND ALSO COMMANDING that this Our Royal Assent be notified to each House of Parliament separately pursuant to the Royal Assent Act 1967 AND after this Our Royal Assent shall have been notified to both Houses of Parliament the Clerk of Our Parliaments to endorse the said Acts [and Measures] in Our name as is requisite and to record these Our Letters Patent and the said Acts [and Measures] in manner accustomed AND FINALLY We do declare that after this Our Royal Assent given and notified as aforesaid then and immediately the said Acts [and Measures] shall be taken and accepted as good and perfect Acts of Parliament [and good and perfect Measures] and be put in due execution accordingly IN WITNESS &c. WITNESS &c.

By The Queen Herself—Signed with Her Own Hand"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order in Council prescribes the three forms to be used for Letters Patent signifying the Royal Assent to Bills. The first form is for use where Royal Assent is to be pronounced by Commission in the traditional manner. The second is a joint form of Letters Patent for Royal Assent and Prorogation for use where there is to be a Royal Assent by Commission followed immediately by the prorogation of Parliament. The third form is for use where Royal Assent is to be notified to each House of Parliament sitting separately by the Speaker of that House, under the new procedure authorised by the Royal Assent Act 1967. The Order revokes the Crown Office Rules (No. 1) Order 1926, which hitherto prescribed the form of Letters Patent for Royal Assent by Commission.