Now, therefore, Her Majesty The Queen and Her Royal Highness The Princess Elizabeth, being authorized thereto by the said Letters Patent, and by virtue and in exercise of the powers in that behalf by the British Settlements Acts, 1887 and 1945(a), the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890(b), or otherwise conferred, do hereby, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, on His Majesty's behalf, order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the West African Territories (Air Transport) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1951, and the principal Order and this Order may be cited together as the West African Territories (Air Transport) Orders in Council, 1946 to 1951.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of December, 1951.

2. In paragraph (*e*) of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the principal Order, for the words "The Chief Secretary, West African Council", there shall be substituted the words "The Chief Secretary, West African Inter-Territorial Secretariat".

3. In sub-section (1) of Section 4 of the principal Order for the word "twice" there shall be substituted the word "once".

F. J. Fernau.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order provides for the alteration of the membership of the West African Air Transport Authority consequent upon the dissolution of the West African Council and its replacement by the West African Inter-Territorial Conference. It also reduces the number of times the West African Air Transport Authority must meet from twice to once annually.

WINDWARD ISLANDS

DOMINICA

The Dominica (Legislative Council) (Electoral Provisions) Order in Council, 1951

1951 No. 330

Made - - - - *27th February,* 1951
Coming into Operation *On a day to be appointed by the Governor by Proclamation in the Dominica Official Gazette.**

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of February, 1951

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by Letters Patent constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Windward Islands, comprising the Islands of Grenada, Saint Vincent, Saint Lucia and Dominica, and their

(a) 50 & 51 Vict. c. 54; 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 7. (b) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37.
* The date thus appointed was 25th April, 1951.

Dependencies, bearing date the Thirteenth day of November, 1936(a), as amended by Letters Patent bearing date the Twenty-eighth day of December, 1939, and the Eleventh day of May, 1945(b), it is provided that there shall be a Legislative Council for the Colony of Dominica constituted in such manner and consisting of such persons and having such powers as are directed by any Order or Orders in His Majesty's Privy Council:

And Whereas by the Dominica Orders in Council, 1939 and 1949(c) (hereinafter called "the existing Orders"), provision is made for the constitution of a Legislative Council for the Colony of Dominica:

And Whereas it is proposed that other provision should be made for the constitution of a Legislative Council for the Colony of Dominica (hereinafter called "the proposed Legislative Council"):

And Whereas it is expedient, for the avoidance of delay, that the Legislature of the Colony of Dominica should be empowered to make provision, by law made under the existing Orders, for the election of members to the proposed Legislative Council, notwithstanding that the same has not yet been constituted by Order of His Majesty in Council:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in Him by the Dominica Act, 1938(d), and of all other powers enabling Him in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Short title and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Dominica (Legislative Council) (Electoral Provisions) Order in Council, 1951, and shall come into operation on a date to be appointed by the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Windward Islands by Proclamation in the Dominica Official Gazette.*

Provision for election of members to the proposed Legislative Council

2. Provision may be made, by or in pursuance of any law enacted under the existing Orders, for the election of members to the proposed Legislative Council, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power) the following matters, that is to say:—

(*a*) the qualifications and disqualifications of electors;

(*b*) the registration of electors;

(*c*) the ascertainment of the qualifications of persons who submit themselves for election;

(*d*) the division of the Colony of Dominica or any part thereof into electoral districts for the purpose of elections; and the division of electoral districts into polling divisions;

(*e*) the holding of elections;

(*f*) the determination of all questions which may arise as to the right of any person to be or to remain an elected member of the proposed Legislative Council;

(*g*) the definition and trial of offences relating to elections and the imposition of penalties therefor, including disqualification for membership of the proposed Legislative Council, or for registration as an elector, or for voting at elections, of any person concerned in any such offence; and

(a) S.R. & O. 1936, II, p. 3687.
(b) S.R. & O. 1939, II, p. 3601, and S.R. & O. 1945, I, p. 1428.
(c) S.R. & O. 1939, (No. 1896) I, p. 658, and S.I. 1949 (No. 1840) I, p. 4740.
(d) 1 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 10.
* The date thus appointed was 25th April, 1951.

(*h*) the disqualification for election as members of the proposed Legislative Council of persons holding, or acting in, any office the 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:

Provided that no election of members to the proposed Legislative Council shall be held under any such law until provision shall have been made by Order of His Majesty in Council for the establishment of the proposed Legislative Council, and that provision shall have come into operation.

Power to revoke or amend this Order

3. His Majesty hereby reserves to Himself, His Heirs and Successors, power, with the advice of His or Their Privy Council, to revoke, add to or amend this Order, as to Him or Them shall seem fit.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

It is essential, in order that the new Dominica constitution should be brought into force as early as possible this year, that provisions for elections to the new Legislature should be made by local legislation very shortly. It would not, however, be constitutionally proper that such legislation should be enacted by the existing Dominica Legislature in advance of the new constitutional instruments without special enabling provision made by Order in Council. This Order makes the necessary provision and gives the required powers to the existing Legislature.

The Dominica (Legislative Council) Order in Council, 1951

1951 No. 1392

Made - - - - 1*st August*, 1951

Coming into Operation :—

Sections 2 *and* 35 - 1*st August*, 1951

Remainder - - - *On a day to be appointed by the Governor by Proclamation in the Dominica Official Gazette.**

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 1st day of August, 1951

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by the Dominica Act 1938(a), His Majesty in Council is empowered to make such provision, by Order in Council, as he thinks proper for the government of Dominica, and thereby to delegate to any authority constituted for Dominica (whether by such Order or otherwise)

(a) 1 & 2 Geo. 6. c. 10.

* The date thus appointed was 29th September, 1951.