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The Gambia (Legislative Council—Extension of Duration) Order in Council, 1959

Made - - - -	28*th July*, 1959
Laid before Parliament	4*th August*, 1959
Coming into Operation	31*st August*, 1959

At the Court of St. James, the 28th day of July, 1959

Present,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother
Her Royal Highness The Princess Alexandra of Kent

Lord President	**Mr. Brooke**
Earl of Selkirk	**Mr. Aubrey Jones**

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts, 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the fifteenth day of June, 1959, to delegate to the following Counsellors of State (subject to the exceptions hereinafter mentioned) or any two or more of them, that is to say, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent and Her Royal Highness The Princess Alexandra of Kent, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval for any thing for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required :

And whereas Her Majesty was further pleased to except from the number of the said Counsellors of State His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent and Her Royal Highness The Princess Alexandra of Kent while absent from the United Kingdom:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Her Royal Highness The Princess Alexandra of Kent, being authorized thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in exercise of the powers conferred on Her Majesty by the British Settlements Acts, 1887

and 1945(a), the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890(b), and of all other powers enabling Her Majesty in that behalf, do hereby, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation, construction and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Gambia (Legislative Council —Extension of Duration) Order in Council, 1959, and shall be construed as one with the Gambia (Constitution) Order in Council, 1954(c).

(2) This Order shall come into operation on a date to be appointed by the Governor by Proclamation in the Gazette, which date shall not be earlier than the day after the day upon which this Order shall have been laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Extension of duration of Legislative Council

2. So long as this Order remains in force subsection (3) of section 58 of the Gambia (Constitution) Order in Council, 1954, shall have effect as if for the words "five years" there were substituted the words "six years".

Vacancies not to be filled

3. The seat of any Nominated Member or of any Elected Member of the Legislative Council which is vacant at the commencement of this Order, or which becomes vacant while this Order remains in force, shall not be filled, notwithstanding anything contained in the Gambia (Constitution) Order in Council, 1954, or in any other law for the time being in force in the Gambia.

Duration of Order

4. This Order shall remain in force until the Legislative Council last elected and appointed before the date of this Order has been dissolved, and shall then expire, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order extends from five to six years the period from the date of the return of the first writ at a general election held under the Gambia (Constitution) Order in Council, 1954, at the end of which the Governor must dissolve the Legislative Council, if it has not been sooner dissolved.

(a) 50 & 51 Vict. c. 54 and 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 7.
(b) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37.
(c) S.I. 1954/1145 (1954 II, p. 2759).