1954 No. 1144

The Gambia Protectorate Order in Council, 1954

Made - - - - 30*th August*, 1954
Laid before Parliament 3*rd September*, 1954
Coming into Operation
*On a day to be appointed by the Governor under section 2**

At the Court at Balmoral, the 30th day of August, 1954

Present,
The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by the Gambia Protectorate Order in Council, 1946(a), provision is made for the government of the Protectorate of the Gambia:

And whereas it is expedient to make further provision for the same:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890(b), and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Interpretation

1.—(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the appointed day" means the day appointed under Section 2 of this Order;

"the Colony" means the Colony of the Gambia;

"the Gambia" means the Colony and the Protectorate;

"the Gazette" means the Official Gazette of the Gambia;

"the Governor" means the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Gambia and includes any Officer for the time being administering the Government and, to the extent to which a Deputy for the Governor is authorised to act, that Deputy;

"the existing Order" means the Gambia Protectorate Order in Council, 1946;

"the Letters Patent" means the Gambia Colony Letters Patent, 1954;

"the Protectorate" means the Protectorate of the Gambia as defined in this Order;

"public office" means any office of emolument in the public service;

"the public service" means the service of the Crown in respect of the government of the Protectorate;

"Secretary of State" means one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

(2) Save as is in this Order otherwise provided, or required by the context, the Interpretation Act, 1889(c), shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(a) S.R. & O. 1946/2085 (Rev. VIII, p. 371: 1946 I, p. 540). (b) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. * Date appointed, 8.9.54.

Citation and commencement

2. This Order may be cited as the Gambia Protectorate Order in Council, 1954, and shall come into operation on a date to be appointed by the Governor by Proclamation published 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.*

Revocation

3.—(1) The existing Order in Council is hereby revoked, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder.

(2) The continued operation of any law in force in the Protectorate immediately before the appointed day shall not be affected by reason only of the revocation of the existing Order.

Limits of the Protectorate

4. The Protectorate of the Gambia consists of the territories in West Africa, excluding the Colony, which are bounded on the west by the Atlantic Ocean and on the north, south and east by the line of the frontier between the British and French territories.

The Governor

5. The Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony shall be the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Protectorate; any person for the time being administering the Government of the Colony in place of the Governor or during a vacancy in the Office of Governor shall likewise administer the Government of the Protectorate; and any power conferred upon the Governor to appoint a Deputy to perform his functions in relation to the Colony shall include a power to appoint such Deputy to perform his functions in relation to the Protectorate.

Governor's Powers and Authorities

6.—(1) The Governor shall exercise on Her Majesty's behalf all such powers and jurisdiction as Her Majesty may from time to time have in the Protectorate, and to that end may take or cause to be taken all such measures therein as are lawful as, in the interest of Her Majesty's service, he may think expedient.

(2) The Governor shall do all things belonging to his Office and relating to the Protectorate in accordance with this Order, the Commission appointing him to that Office, such Instructions as may from time to time be given to him under Her Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet or through a Secretary of State, and such Orders in Council and other laws as may from time to time be in force.

Provisions for the Colony to apply to the Protectorate

7. Articles 10 to 13 and Article 16 of the Letters Patent shall apply in relation to the Protectorate as they apply in relation to the Colony.

Concurrent Powers

8.—(1) When a holder of any office constituted by or under this Order is on leave of absence pending relinquishment of his office it shall be lawful for another person to be appointed substantively to the same office.

* Date appointed, 8.9.54.

(2) When two or more persons are holding the same office by reason of an appointment made pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, then for the purpose of any function conferred upon the holder of that office by this Order the person last appointed to the office shall be deemed to be the holder of the office.

The Public Seal

9. The Public Seal of the Colony shall be the Public Seal of the Protectorate.

Power to revoke or amend this Order

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

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order revokes the Gambia Protectorate Order in Council, 1946, and makes fresh provision for the administration of the Protectorate of the Gambia.

GOLD COAST

GOLD COAST GENERALLY

1954 No. 551

The Gold Coast (Constitution) Order in Council, 1954

Made - - - -	*29th April,* 1954
Laid before Parliament	*30th April,* 1954
Coming into Operation	*On a date to be appointed by the Governor under Section* 2 (2).*

At the Court of Saint James, the 29th day of April, 1954.

Present,

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret.

Lord Privy Seal	**Mr. Selwyn Lloyd**
Viscount Swinton	**Sir Thomas Dugdale**
Miss Horsbrugh	**Mr. Hopkinson**

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts, 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the twentieth day of November, 1953, to delegate to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, His Royal Highness The

* Dates appointed: 5.5.54 except for Part II and ss. 56, 63, 70.
18.6.54 for Part II and s. 70.
31.7.55 for ss. 56, 63.