GOLD COAST

1953 No. 1565

The Gold Coast (Constitution) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1953

Made - - - -	*28th October*, 1953
Laid before Parliament	*29th October*, 1953
Coming into Operation	*10th November*, 1953

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of October, 1953

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas certain proposals for constitutional reform in the Gold Coast have been submitted to Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom:

And whereas it is expedient that the legislature of the Gold Coast should be empowered forthwith to make provision for the election of such elected members as may be included in any legislative body that may hereafter be established by Her Majesty in Council in order to give effect, with or without modification, to the said proposals:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in Her by the British Settlements Acts, 1887 and 1945(a), and 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:—

Citation, construction and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Gold Coast (Constitution) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1953, and shall be construed as one with the Gold Coast (Constitution) Orders in Council, 1950 to 1952(c).

(2) The Gold Coast (Constitution) Orders in Council, 1950 to 1952, and this Order may be cited together as the Gold Coast (Constitution) Orders in Council, 1950 to 1953.

(3) This Order shall be published in the Gazette and shall come into operation on the tenth day of November, 1953.

Amendment of s. 49 of Gold Coast (Constitution) O. in C., 1950

2. Section 49 of the Gold Coast (Constitution) Order in Council, 1950(d), (hereinafter called "the principal Order") shall have effect as

(a) 50 & 51 Vict. c. 54 and 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 7. (b) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37.
(c) S.I. 1950/2094; 1952/455, 1039: 1950 I, p. 831; 1952 I, pp. 1101, 1107.
(d) S.I. 1950/2094; 1950 I, p. 831.

if the reference therein to the making of provision, by or in pursuance of any law enacted under that Order, for the election of Elected Members of the Assembly included a reference to the making of provision, by or in pursuance of any such law, for the election of elected members of any legislative body that may at any time before or after the enactment of the law be established by Order of Her Majesty in Council in order to give effect, with or without modification, to the proposals referred to in this Order, notwithstanding that those proposals may be inconsistent with the provisions of the principal Order:

Provided that—

(*a*) no election of members to such a legislative body shall be held under any such law unless and until provision shall have been made by Order of Her Majesty in Council for the establishment of such a legislative body and that provision shall have come into operation;

(*b*) any provisions of any such law inconsistent with any provision of any such Order of Her Majesty in Council shall have no effect after that provision shall come into operation.

Revocation

3. The Gold Coast (Constitution) (Electoral Provisions) Order in Council, 1950(**a**), is hereby revoked, 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.*)

Proposals have been made for the revision of the present constitution of the Gold Coast. This Order amends the Gold Coast (Constitution) Order in Council, 1950, so as to empower the legislature established by that Order to make provision for elections to any new legislative body that may replace the present Legislative Assembly if a new constitution is granted in order to give effect, with or without modification, to those proposals.

(**a**) S.I. 1950/1267; 1950 I, p. 862.