EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order in Council establishes a reformed Executive Council and a Legislative Assembly for the Gold Coast.

The Executive Council consists of the Governor, as President, three *ex-officio* Members and eight Representative Members who are Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Legislative Assembly consists of a Speaker and eighty-four Members, of whom three are *ex-officio* Members, six are Special Members and seventy-five are Elected Members.

The Order also establishes a Public Service Commission to be constituted in accordance with regulations made by the Governor.

The Gold Coast (Constitution) (Electoral Provisions) Order in Council, 1950

1950 No. 1267

Made - - - -	*28th July*, 1950
Laid before Parliament	*28th July*, 1950
Coming into Operation	*On a day to be appointed by the Governor by Proclamation in The Gold Coast Gazette under Section* 1.*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of July, 1950

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by the Gold Coast Colony and Ashanti (Legislative Council) Order in Council, 1946, (as amended by the Gold Coast Colony and Ashanti (Legislative Council) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1949) (hereinafter together called " the existing Orders ")(a) provision is made for the constitution of a Legislative Council for the Gold Coast Colony and Ashanti:

And Whereas in the month of December, 1948, a Committee (hereinafter called " the Committee ") was established by the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Gold Coast (hereinafter called " the Governor ") to examine certain proposals for constitutional and political reform and to consider the extent to which those proposals could be accepted and the manner in which they should be implemented:

And Whereas the Committee duly made its report to the Governor on the 17th day of August, 1949; and His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, for and on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, in a despatch to the Governor dated the 14th day of October, 1949, accepted the recommendations of the Committee with certain variations:

And Whereas in pursuance of the said report and despatch it is proposed that there should in due course be a Legislative Assembly in and for the Gold Coast which should contain elected members:

(a) S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 353) I, p. 640 and S.I. 1949 (No. 1998) I, p. 2067.

* The date thus appointed was 12th August, 1950.

And Whereas it is expedient that, for the avoidance of delay in establishing any such Legislative Assembly, the Legislature of the Gold Coast Colony and Ashanti should be empowered to make provision for the election of members to such a Legislative Assembly, 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 British Settlements Acts, 1887 and 1945(a), and by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890(b), 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 Gold Coast (Constitution) (Electoral Provisions) Order in Council, 1950, and shall come into operation on a date to be appointed by the Governor by Proclamation in the Official Gazette of the Gold Coast.

Interpretation.

2. In this Order, "the Gold Coast" means the Gold Coast Colony, Ashanti and the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast, as from time to time respectively defined by Order of His Majesty in Council; and for the purposes of this Order references to the Gold Coast shall include Togoland under United Kingdom Trusteeship.

Provision for election of members to Legislative Assembly.

3.—(1) Provision may be made, by or in pursuance of any law enacted under the existing Orders, for the election of members to any Legislative Assembly which may hereafter be constituted by Order of His Majesty in 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 Gold Coast or any part thereof into electoral districts for the purpose of elections; and the division of electoral districts into wards or subdistricts;

(*e*) the holding of elections, direct or indirect;

(*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 such a Legislative Assembly; and

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

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

(2) For the avoidance of doubts it is hereby declared that, notwithstanding anything contained in the existing Orders, any such law may be made applicable to the whole of the Gold Coast.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

(a) 50 & 51 Vict. c. 54; 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 7.

(b) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37.

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 Gold Coast constitution should be brought into force early next year, that provision 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 Gold Coast 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.

GOODS AND SERVICES (PRICE CONTROL)

APPAREL AND TEXTILES

The General Apparel (Distributors' Maximum Prices) Order, 1950

1950 No. 621

Made - - - -	17*th April*, 1950
Laid before Parliament	18*th April*, 1950
Coming into Operation	1*st May*, 1950

The Board of Trade, in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by Sections 1, 13 and 18 of the Goods and Services (Price Control) Act, 1941(**a**), as amended by the Defence (Price Control) Regulations, 1945(**b**), hereby order as follows:—

PART I

MAXIMUM PRICES

1. The maximum prices to be charged in the course of the business of the following classes, namely, importer, wholesaler and retailer, in respect of goods to which this Order applies, being those specified or referred to in the First Schedule hereto, (hereinafter called "goods") shall be computed in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.

Imported goods. Importer and Wholesaler

2. The maximum price to be charged in the course of the business of an importer, in respect of goods imported into the United Kingdom in the course of that business, or a wholesaler, in respect of such goods, shall be—

(*a*) on a sale otherwise than by retail, the landed cost and the appropriate percentage thereof specified in column 4 of the Second Schedule hereto;

(*b*) on a sale by retail, the landed cost, the appropriate percentage thereof specified in column 5 of the said Second Schedule and the amount of purchase tax (if any) paid or payable in respect thereof.

Other goods. Wholesaler

3.—(1) The maximum price to be charged on a sale of goods to which Article 2 does not apply in the course of the business of a wholesaler who, in respect of those goods, conducts a regular selling organisation for supplying

(**a**) 4 & 5 Geo. 6. c. 31. (**b**) S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 1613) II, p. 81.