STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1963 No. 86

ADEN AND SOUTH ARABIAN PROTECTORATE

The Kuria Muria Islands Order in Council 1963

Made - - - -	*17th January* 1963
Laid before Parliament	*17th January* 1963
Coming into Operation	*On the appointed day referred to in section 1 (1)*

At the Court at Sandringham, the 17th day of January 1963

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by the British Settlements Acts 1887 and 1945(a) 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, commencement and revocation.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Kuria Muria Islands Order in Council 1963 and shall come into operation on the appointed day as defined for the purposes of the Aden (Constitution) Order in Council 1962(b).

(2) The Kuria Muria Islands Order in Council 1959(c) is revoked.

Interpretation.

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

"Aden" means Aden as defined for the purposes of the Constitution of Aden set out in Schedule 2 to the Aden (Constitution) Order in Council 1962;

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner for the Kuria Muria Islands;

"High Commissioner" means the High Commissioner for Aden and the Protectorate of South Arabia;

"the Kuria Muria Islands" means the islands that are specified in the Schedule to this Order.

(2) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to the holder of an office by the term designating his office includes, to the extent of his authority, any person who is for the time being authorised to perform the functions of that office.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(d) shall apply, with the necessary adaptations, for the purpose of interpreting this Order and otherwise in relation thereto as it applies for the purpose of interpreting, and in relation to, Acts of Parliament of the United Kingdom.

(a) 50 & 51 Vict. c. 54 and 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 7.
(b) S.I. 1962/2177 (1962 III, p. 2904).
(c) S.I. 1959/1299 (1959 I, p. 58).
(d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Power to make laws.

3.—(1) The High Commissioner may make laws for the peace, order and good government of the Kuria Muria Islands.

(2) All such laws shall be published in such manner as the High Commissioner may direct.

(3) Any such law may be disallowed by Her Majesty through a Secretary of State.

(4) Whenever any such law has been disallowed by Her Majesty notice of such disallowance shall be published in such manner as the High Commissioner may direct, and the law shall be annulled with effect from the date of the publication of the notice.

(5) On the annulment of any law under this section any enactment repealed or amended by or in pursuance of that law shall have affect as from the date of the annulment as if that law had not been made; but save as provided in the foregoing provisions of this subsection the provisions of section 38 (2) of the Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply to that annulment as they apply to the repeal of an Act of Parliament.

Appointment of officers.

4. The High Commissioner may constitute and appoint all such judges and officers as may be lawfully constituted or appointed by Her Majesty all of whom, unless otherwise provided by law, shall hold their offices during Her Majesty's pleasure.

Disciplinary powers of High Commissioner.

5. The High Commissioner may, subject to the provisions of any law for the time being in force in the Kuria Muria Islands and to such instructions as may from time to time be given to him by Her Majesty through a Secretary of State, upon sufficient cause to him appearing, dismiss or suspend from the exercise of his office any person holding any public office under the Crown in the Kuria Muria Islands, or, subject as aforesaid, may take such other disciplinary action as may seem to him desirable.

Commissioner for Kuria Muria Islands.

6.—(1) There shall be a Commissioner for the Kuria Muria Islands.

(2) The Commissioner shall be appointed by the High Commissioner and shall hold office during Her Majesty's pleasure.

(3) The High Commissioner may, as occasion may require, appoint a person to act in the office of Commissioner and may revoke any such appointment.

(4) The High Commissioner may by order under his hand delegate to the Commissioner, subject to such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the order, all or any of the powers of the High Commissioner under any of the provisions of this Order except this section and section 10.

(5) Any order made under this section may be revoked or amended by order made in like manner.

Court of Kuria Muria Islands.

7. There shall be in and for the Kuria Muria Islands a court, to be called the Court of the Kuria Muria Islands, which shall be a superior court of record and which shall be constituted in such manner, and shall have such jurisdiction and powers, as may be prescribed by any law for the time being in force in the Kuria Muria Islands.

Disposal of land.

8. Subject to any law for the time being in force in the Kuria Muria Islands and to any Instructions from time to time given to the High Commissioner by Her Majesty under Her Sign Manual and Signet or through a Secretary of State, the High Commissioner may, in Her Majesty's name and on Her Majesty's behalf, make and execute, under the Official Stamp of the Kuria Muria Islands, grants and dispositions of any lands or other immovable property within the Kuria Muria Islands that may be lawfully granted or disposed of by Her Majesty.

Official Stamp.

9. There shall be an Official Stamp for the Kuria Muria Islands which the High Commissioner shall keep and use for stamping all such documents as may be by law required to be stamped therewith.

High Commissioner's powers of pardon, etc.

10. The High Commissioner may, in Her Majesty's name and on Her Majesty's behalf—

(*a*) grant to any person concerned in any offence for which the offender may be tried in the Kuria Muria Islands, or to any person convicted by any court in the Kuria Muria Islands of any offence, a pardon, either free or subject to lawful conditions;

(*b*) grant to any person so convicted a respite, either indefinite or for a specified period, of the execution of any sentence passed on him in respect of the conviction;

(*c*) substitute a less severe form of punishment for that imposed on any such person by any such sentence; or

(*d*) remit the whole or any part of any such sentence or of any penalty or forfeiture otherwise due to Her Majesty on account of any offence in respect of which a person has been convicted by any court in the Kuria Muria Islands.

Existing laws.

11. All laws, rules of court and orders made under or otherwise having effect immediately before the commencement of this Order by virtue of any of the provisions of the Kuria Muria Islands Order in Council 1959 shall, subject to the provisions of any law or order made under this Order, continue to have effect after the commencement of this Order and shall be read and construed with such modifications, adaptations, qualifications and exceptions as may be necessary to bring them into conformity with the provisions of this Order.

Judicial proceedings.

12. All proceedings commenced or pending immediately before the commencement of this Order before the Court of the Kuria Muria Islands established by the Kuria Muria Islands Order in Council 1959 may be carried on before the Court of the Kuria Muria Islands established by this Order.

Transitional provisions relating to Commissioner.

13. Any person who immediately before the commencement of this Order was holding or acting in the office of Commissioner for the Kuria Muria Islands established by the Kuria Muria Islands Order in Council 1959 shall be deemed to have been appointed at the commencement of this Order to hold the office of Commissioner established by this Order or to act in that office, as the case may be.

W. G. Agnew.

THE SCHEDULE

Qibliya.
Hallaniya.
Gharzant.
Suda.
Hasikiya.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order makes provision for the government of the Kuria Muria Islands.