EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Muscat Order, 1955 (referred to as " the Principal Order "). The amendments—

1. give effect to an agreement recently concluded between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Sultan of Muscat and Oman to transfer to him jurisdiction over Indian nationals;
2. enable effect to be given to similar agreements in the future without further amendment of the Principal Order;
3. extend the power of the Court to make an Order of deportation if any person fails to give security when lawfully required to do so under Article 27 to cases where any person fails to give security when lawfully required to do so under any provision of the Order;
4. give power to the Secretary of State to mitigate or remit any punishment awarded by the Courts. This power was formerly exercised by the Secretary of State under the Indian Code of Criminal Procedure which has now been repealed in its application to Muscat;
5. repeal the Articles of the Principal Order which have become unnecessary owing to the introduction of the Muscat Administration of Estates Regulation, 1957, (No. 1 of 1957) and the Muscat Probate and Administration Rules, 1957.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE

1958 No. 714

The National Assistance (Appeal Tribunals) Amendment Rules Confirmation Instrument, 1958

Made - - - -	*28th April,* 1958
Laid before Parliament	*1st May,* 1958
Coming into Operation	*5th May,* 1958

Whereas the National Assistance Board, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by paragraph 6 of the Fifth Schedule to the National Assistance Act, 1948(a) (hereinafter referred to as " the Act "), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, made on the 28th day of April, 1958, the National Assistance (Appeal Tribunals) Amendment Rules, 1958, which rules are set out in the Schedule to this instrument;

And Whereas by virtue of section 63 of the Act no rules made by the said Board shall take effect unless confirmed by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance:

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the said section 63 and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I do hereby confirm the National Assistance (Appeal Tribunals) Amendment Rules, 1958, contained in the Schedule hereto.

This instrument may be cited as the National Assistance (Appeal Tribunals) Amendment Rules Confirmation Instrument, 1958, and shall come into operation on the 5th May, 1958.

Dated this twenty-eighth day of April, 1958.

John Boyd-Carpenter,
Minister of Pensions and National Insurance.

SCHEDULE

THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (APPEAL TRIBUNALS) AMENDMENT RULES, 1958

The National Assistance Board, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by paragraph 6 of the Fifth Schedule to the National Assistance Act, 1948, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following rules:—

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These rules, which may be cited as the National Assistance (Appeal Tribunals) Amendment Rules, 1958, shall be read as one with the National Assistance (Appeal Tribunals) Rules, 1948(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal rules") and shall come into operation on the 5th May, 1958.

Amendment of rule 11 of the principal rules

2.—(1) Paragraph (1) of rule 11 of the principal rules (which paragraph relates to the rights of persons to be present and to be heard and the right of the appellant or the person concerned to be represented at an oral hearing by an Appeal Tribunal) shall be amended in accordance with the following paragraph of this rule.

(2) In the said paragraph (1) for the words "and the appellant or the person concerned may be represented or accompanied by any person not being a barrister, advocate or solicitor and appearing as such" there shall be substituted the words "and the appellant or the person concerned may be represented or accompanied by any person whether having legal qualifications or not".

Given under the official seal of the National Assistance Board this 28th day of April, 1958.

(L.S.)

Geoffrey Hutchinson,
Chairman of the National Assistance Board.

H. Fieldhouse,
Secretary of the National Assistance Board.

(a) S.I. 1948/1454 (Rev. XV, p.281: 1948 I, p. 1984).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Confirmation Instrument or the Rules confirmed thereby but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

This Instrument confirms Rules made by the National Assistance Board which amend the National Assistance (Appeal Tribunals) Rules, 1948 (which Rules provide for the procedure of Appeal Tribunals set up in accordance with the Fifth Schedule to the National Assistance Act, 1948), so as to permit an appellant or other person concerned to be legally represented at a hearing by an Appeal Tribunal.

1958 No. 42

The National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1958

Made - - - -	10*th January*, 1958
Laid before Parliament	16*th January*, 1958
Coming into Operation	27*th January*, 1958

The Minister of Health, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 22 of the National Assistance Act, 1948(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1958, and shall come into operation on the twenty-seventh day of January, 1958.

(2) These regulations and the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations, 1955(**b**), may be cited together as the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations, 1955 and 1958.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**c**), shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. In regulation 6 of the National Assistance (Charges for Accommodation) Regulations, 1955, for the words "seven shillings and sixpence per week" there shall be substituted the words "ten shillings per week".

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Health this tenth day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

(L.S.)

Derek Walker-Smith,
Minister of Health.

(**a**) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 29. (**b**) S.I. 1955/109 (1955 I, p. 1240).
(**c**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.