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The Qatar (Amendment) Order, 1962

Made - - - -	*26th February*, 1962
Laid before Parliament	*2nd March*, 1962
Coming into Operation	*7th March*, 1962

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 26th day of February, 1962

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by treaty, capitulation, grant, usage, sufferance, and other lawful means Her Majesty The Queen has jurisdiction within the territories of the Ruler of Qatar;

And Whereas provision was made for the exercise of such jurisdiction by the Qatar Order, 1959(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Order");

And Whereas it is now expedient to make certain amendments to the Principal Order;

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by the Foreign Jurisdiction Acts, 1890 and 1913(b), or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The following Article shall be added after Article 8 of the Principal Order:—

"8A.—Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 8 of this Order, the powers conferred by this Order shall not extend to such matters as may be agreed from time to time between Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Ruler and specified by Queen's Regulation made under Article 77 of this Order, and the other provisions of this Order shall be construed accordingly."

2. Paragraph (2) (i) of Article 14 of the Principal Order shall be amended to read as follows:—

"(2) (i) The Judge of the Court for Qatar shall be appointed by the Secretary of State. At the time of his appointment the Judge shall be a member of the Bar of England, Scotland or Northern Ireland, or a solicitor of the Supreme Court in England or Northern Ireland, or a Writer to Her Majesty's Signet or a solicitor in the Supreme Courts of Scotland. Persons similarly qualified may be appointed to be Assistant Judges from time to time by the Secretary of State. Each Judge or Assistant Judge may exercise all the powers and jurisdiction of the Court."

(a) S.I. 1959/1038 (1959 II, p. 2252). (b) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37 and 3 & 4 Geo. 5. c. 16.

3. In paragraph (2) (iii) of Article 15 of the Principal Order for the words "Article 14 (5) (ii)" there shall be substituted the words "Article 14 (4) (ii)".

4. In Article 17 of the Principal Order the following shall be added after paragraph (2):—

"(3) In case of the absence or illness of the Judge of the Court for Qatar the Registrar of the Court for Qatar shall have all the power and authority of an Assistant Judge of the Court; provided that such power and authority shall not extend to the hearing of criminal cases committed for trial, or to civil matters other than those which may be assigned to a Registrar under the preceding paragraph of this Article or to the hearing of appeals."

5. The following shall be substituted for Article 77 (3) (*k*) of the Principal Order:—

"For the purposes specified in Articles 8 (1) (i) (*g*), 8A and 62 (2) of this Order".

6. The amendments to the Principal Order shall not affect the past operation of the Principal Order or any right, title, obligation or liability accrued, or the validity or invalidity of anything done or suffered under the Principal Order, before this Order comes into force.

7. This Order may be cited as the Qatar (Amendment) Order, 1962, and the Qatar Order, 1959, and this Order may be cited together as the Qatar Orders, 1959 and 1962.

8. This Order shall come into force on the 7th day of March, 1962.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The purpose of this amending Order is—

(1) to provide that, by Queen's Regulations, jurisdiction may be returned to the Ruler of Qatar in such matters as may be agreed between Her Majesty's Government and the Ruler;

(2) to relieve Her Majesty's Political Agent and Assistant Political Agent in Qatar of their judicial functions. Hitherto the Political Agent has been the Judge of the Court for Qatar and the Assistant Political Agent and such other persons as the Secretary of State might appoint have been Assistant Judges. In future the Judge and any Assistant Judges of the Court for Qatar will be appointed by the Secretary of State from among persons holding legal qualifications.