STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 856

QATAR

The Qatar (Amendment) Order 1969

Made - - - -	*25th June* 1969
Laid before Parliament	*1st July* 1969
Coming into Operation	*2nd July* 1969

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 25th day of June 1969

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 Orders 1959 to 1963(a) (hereinafter referred to together 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. This Order may be cited as the Qatar (Amendment) Order 1969. The Qatar Order 1959, the Qatar (Amendment) Order 1962, the Qatar (Amendment) Order 1963 and this Order may be cited together as the Qatar Orders 1959 to 1969.

2. This Order shall come into operation on 2nd July 1969.

3. The following shall be substituted for Article 14(2)(i) of the Principal Order:—

"(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 or shall be a person who has held a judicial office which, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, makes him a fit person to hold office as a Judge of the Court for Qatar. Persons similarly qualified may be appointed as 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, 1962/406, 1963/2093 (1959 II, p. 2252; 1962 I, p. 470; 1963 III, p. 4614).
(b) 1890 c. 37; 1913 c. 16.

4. The following shall be substituted for Article 14(3)(i) of the Principal Order:—

"(3)(i) The Judge of the Chief Court shall be appointed by Her Majesty under Her Royal Sign Manual. He shall be a member of the Bar of England, Scotland or Northern Ireland of not less than nine years' standing or a person who has held a judicial office which, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, makes him a fit person to hold office as a Judge of the Chief Court. The Secretary of State may appoint from persons similarly qualified for such periods as he thinks fit such Assistant Judges of the Chief Court as may from time to time be required. Each Judge or Assistant Judge of the Chief Court may exercise all the powers and jurisdiction of the Court."

5. The following shall be substituted for Article 15(4)(ii) of the Principal Order:—

"(ii) The Political Resident may appoint any fit person to act for the Registrar of the Court for Qatar for such period as he may consider advisable or until the appointment is revoked and the person so appointed may act during a vacancy in the office of Registrar or whenever the Registrar is absent or ill or on any other occasion at the request of the Registrar."

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 the coming into operation of this Order.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order amends the Qatar Orders 1959 to 1963 to provide that the Judge and Assistant Judges of the Chief Court for the Persian Gulf and of the Court for Qatar may be appointed from persons who have held appropriate judicial office and to provide for the appointment of a person to act for the Registrar of the Court for Qatar in case of need.