STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 1064

CARIBBEAN AND NORTH ATLANTIC TERRITORIES

The Saint Vincent Electoral Provisions Order 1969

Made - - - -	31*st July* 1969
Laid before Parliament	6*th August* 1969
Coming into Operation	7*th August* 1969

At the Court at Arundel Park, the 31st day of July 1969

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it is proposed to establish for Saint Vincent a House of Assembly of which thirteen members will be elected to represent constituencies:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of Her powers under sections 5 and 7 of the West Indies Act 1962(a) is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Saint Vincent Electoral Provisions Order 1969.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on 7th August 1969.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) 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.

(4) In this Order "the Administrator" means the Administrator of Saint Vincent and includes any person who, under and to the extent of any authority in that behalf, is for the time being performing the functions of the office of Administrator.

Establishment of Commission.

2.—(1) There shall be a Constituency Boundary Commission for Saint Vincent which shall consist of a Chairman and such other members as a Secretary of State, after consultation with the Chief Minister of Saint Vincent, may appoint.

(2) A person appointed as a member of the Commission shall hold office upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by a Secretary of State after consultation with the Chief Minister of Saint Vincent.

Functions of Commission.

3.—(1) For the purpose of the election of members of the proposed House of Assembly, Saint Vincent shall, in accordance with the provisions of this section, be divided into thirteen constituencies having

(a) 1962 c. 19. (b) 1889 c. 63.

such boundaries as may be prescribed by order made by the Constituency Boundary Commission and published in the official Gazette of Saint Vincent.

(2) All constituencies shall contain as nearly equal numbers of inhabitants as appears to the Commission to be reasonably practicable but the Commission may depart from this principle to such extent as it considers expedient in order to take into account the following factors, that is to say—

(*a*) the density of population and in particular the need to ensure adequate representation of sparsely populated rural areas ;

(*b*) the means of communication ;

(*c*) geographical features ; and

(*d*) the boundaries of existing administrative areas.

(3) The Administrator may, by regulation, make such provision as appears to him to be necessary or expedient for facilitating the discharge by the Commission of its functions.

Electoral regulations.

4. The Administrator may by regulation make provision, for the purposes of the election of members of the proposed House of Assembly, for the registration of electors and any matter that appears to him to be incidental thereto or consequential thereon, including qualifications and disqualifications for registration as an elector and the application of the provisions of any law in force in Saint Vincent for the purposes of the regulations with such adaptations, modifications and exceptions as may be specified in the regulations.

Exercise of Administrator's powers.

5. The Administrator may exercise the powers conferred upon him by this Order without obtaining the advice of the Executive Council of Saint Vincent.

Revocation of Electoral Provisions Order 1967.

6. The Saint Vincent Electoral Provisions Order 1967(a) and any regulations made thereunder that are in force immediately before the commencement of this Order are revoked.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

It is proposed in due course to establish a House of Assembly for Saint Vincent including thirteen elected members representing constituencies. The Order establishes a Commission to divide Saint Vincent into constituencies and enables the Administrator of Saint Vincent to make provision for the registration of electors. It also revokes the Saint Vincent Electoral Provisions Order 1967.

(a) S.I. 1967/240 (1967 I, p. 855).