EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order provides that where a Secretary of State appoints a tribunal of inquiry in Nigeria, the provisions of any Nigerian law relating to tribunals of inquiry may be applied thereto with any necessary adaptations.

SIERRA LEONE

1956 No. 1211

The Sierra Leone (Electoral Provisions) Order in Council, 1956

Made - - - -	3*rd August*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	10*th August*, 1956
Coming into Operation	11*th August*, 1956

At the Court at Arundel Castle, the 3rd day of August, 1956

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas it is proposed that in due course there should be established for the Colony and Protectorate of Sierra Leone a House of Representatives (hereinafter referred to as "the proposed House of Representatives") containing thirty-nine elected members (hereinafter referred to as "the elected members") in addition to certain other members and it is expedient that the Governor, Commander-in-Chief and Vice-Admiral of the said Colony and Protectorate should be empowered to make provision for the election of those members:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in that behalf by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890(a), 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:—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Sierra Leone (Electoral Provisions) Order in Council, 1956.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the eleventh day of August, 1956.

(a) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37.

Power to make electoral regulations

2.—(1) The Governor may by regulation make provision for the election in the Colony and Protectorate of Sierra Leone of the elected members to the proposed House of Representatives, including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power) all or any of the following matters, that is to say :—

(*a*) qualifications for registration as a voter or for voting at elections ;
(*b*) the registration of voters ;
(*c*) the ascertainment of the qualifications of candidates for election and of voters ;
(*d*) the establishment of electoral districts (by whatever name called) for the purpose of returning members to the proposed House of Representatives, and the division of electoral districts for any purpose connected with elections ;
(*e*) the holding of elections ;
(*f*) the determination of any question that may arise as to whether any person has become an elected member of the proposed House of Representatives or as to whether the seat of any elected member in the proposed House of Representatives has become vacant ;
(*g*) the definition and trial of offences relating to elections and the imposition of penalties therefor, including disqualification for membership of the proposed House of Representatives, or for registration as a voter, or for voting at elections, of any person concerned in any such offence ; and
(*h*) the disqualification for election as members of the proposed House of Representatives of persons holding, or acting in, any office the functions of which involve any responsibility for, or in connection with, the conduct of any election or the compilation or revision of any electoral register.

(2) No election of members to the proposed House of Representatives shall be held under any law enacted in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section until provision shall have been made by Order of Her Majesty in Council for the establishment of the proposed House of Representatives and that provision shall have come into operation ; but registration of voters in pursuance of any such law may take place at any time after the commencement of this Order.

(3) In this section " the Governor " means the Governor, Commander-in-Chief and Vice-Admiral of the Colony and Protectorate of Sierra Leone, and includes any officer for the time being administering the government of the Colony and Protectorate and, to the extent to which a Deputy is authorized to perform the functions of the office of Governor, Commander-in-Chief and Vice-Admiral, that Deputy.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order enables the Governor of the Colony and Protectorate of Sierra Leone to make provision for the election of members to a new House of Representatives which it is proposed should hereafter be established for the Colony and Protectorate.