EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order revokes the Sierra Leone (Legislative Council) Order in Council, 1924, and the Sierra Leone (Legislative Council) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1939.

The Order establishes a Legislative Council consisting of the Governor as President, a Vice-President, seven Ex-Officio Members, twenty-one Elected Members and two Nominated Members.

The Sierra Leone Protectorate Order in Council, 1951

1951 No. 610

Made - - - - *9th April,* 1951
Laid before Parliament 10*th April,* 1951
Coming into Operation *On a day to be appointed by the Governor under Section 2**

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 9th day of April, 1951

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by the Sierra Leone Protectorate Order in Council, 1924(a), provision is made for the administration and government of the Protectorate of Sierra Leone:

And Whereas it is expedient to make further provision for the matters aforesaid:

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

Interpretation

1.—(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:—

"the Colony" means the Colony of Sierra Leone;

"the Protectorate" means the Protectorate of Sierra Leone as defined in this Order;

"Sierra Leone" means the Colony and Protectorate;

"the Governor" means the Governor, Commander in Chief and Vice-Admiral of the Colony of Sierra Leone and includes the Officer for the time being Administering the Government and, to the extent to which a Deputy for the Governor is authorised to act, that Deputy;

"the existing Order" means the Sierra Leone Protectorate Order in Council, 1924;

"the Gazette" means the Sierra Leone Royal Gazette;

"the appointed day" means the day fixed under Section 2 of this Order;

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

* The date thus appointed was 27th November, 1951.

(a) S.R. & O. 1924 (No. 1158) p. 412. (b) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Short title and commencement

2. This Order may be cited as the Sierra Leone Protectorate Order in Council, 1951, and shall come into operation on a date to be appointed by the Governor by Proclamation published in the Gazette.*

Revocation

3.—(1) The existing Order is hereby revoked but without prejudice to any appointment lawfully made, or to any other thing lawfully done, thereunder.

(2) The continued operation of any law in force in the Protectorate immediately before the appointed day shall not be affected by reason only of the revocation of the existing Order.

Limits of the Protectorate

4.—(1) The Protectorate consists of the territories, not being portions of the Colony, lying between the sixth and tenth degrees of north latitude and the tenth and fourteenth degrees of west longitude, and commencing at the extreme southerly point of the Colony on the Anglo-Liberian boundary, as delimited under the provisions of the Anglo-Liberian Conventions, dated the eleventh day of November, 1885, and the twenty-first day of January, 1911, and bounded as follows:—

On the west by the Colony until it meets the Anglo-French boundary line, as delimited under the provisions of the Anglo-French Convention dated the twenty-eighth day of June, 1882, and the Anglo-French Arrangement dated the tenth day of August, 1889, the Anglo-French Agreement dated the twenty-first day of January, 1895, and the notes exchanged between Our Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the Ambassador of the French Republic, and dated the sixth day of July, 1911; on the north-west, north and east by the said Anglo-French boundary line until it meets the Anglo-Liberian boundary line aforesaid; and, from that point, on the east and south-east by the said Anglo-Liberian boundary line until it meets the Colony at its most southerly point.

The Governor

5. The Governor, Commander in Chief and Vice-Admiral of the Colony shall be the Governor, Commander in Chief and Vice-Admiral of the Protectorate; any person for the time being administering the Government of the Colony in place of the Governor or during a vacancy in the office of Governor shall likewise administer the Government of the Protectorate; and any power conferred upon the Governor to appoint a Deputy to exercise his powers and functions in relation to the Colony shall apply to his powers in relation to the Protectorate.

Governor's powers and authorities

6.—(1) The Governor shall exercise on His Majesty's behalf all such powers and jurisdiction as His Majesty may from time to time have in the Protectorate, and to that end may take or cause to be taken all such measures therein as are lawful and as in the interest of His Majesty's service he may think expedient.

(2) The Governor shall do all things belonging to his office and relating to the Protectorate in accordance with this Order, the Commission appointing him to that Office, such Instructions as may from time to time be given to him under His Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet or through a Secretary of State and such Orders in Council and other laws as may from time to time be in force in the Protectorate.

* The date thus appointed was 27th November, 1951.

The Executive Council

7. The Executive Council of the Colony shall be the Executive Council of the Protectorate.

Appointment of Officers

8. The Governor may, in His Majesty's name and on His Majesty's behalf, constitute and appoint all such Judges and other Officers for the Protectorate as may lawfully be constituted or appointed by His Majesty, all of whom, unless otherwise provided by law, shall hold their offices during His Majesty's pleasure.

Discipline

9. The Governor may, subject to the provisions of any law for the time being in force in the Protectorate and to such instructions as may from time to time be given to him by His Majesty through a Secretary of State, upon sufficient cause to him appearing, dismiss or suspend from the exercise of his office any person holding any public office in the Protectorate, or, subject as aforesaid, may take such other disciplinary action as may seem to him desirable.

Grant of Pardon

10. When any offence has been committed for which the offender may be tried in the Protectorate, the Governor may, as he shall see fit, in His Majesty's name and on His Majesty's behalf, grant a pardon to any accomplice in such offence who shall give such information as shall lead to the conviction of the principal offender, or any one of such principal offenders if more than one; and further may grant to any offender convicted of any such offence in any Court within the Protectorate a pardon, either free or subject to lawful conditions, or any respite, either indefinite or for such period as the Governor may think fit, of the execution of any sentence passed on such offender, and may remit the whole or any part of such sentence or of any penalties or forfeitures otherwise due to His Majesty.

The Public Seal

11. The Public Seal of the Colony shall be the Public Seal of the Protectorate.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

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This Order revokes the Sierra Leone Protectorate Order in Council, 1924, and makes fresh provision for the administration of the Protectorate of Sierra Leone.