SINGAPORE

The Singapore Colony (Amendment) Order in Council, 1948

1948 No. 341

Made - - - -	*24th February*, 1948
Laid before Parliament	*24th February*, 1948
Coming into Operation	*1st March*, 1948

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of February, 1948

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by the Singapore Colony Order in Council, 1946(a) (which Order, as amended by the Singapore Colony (Amendment) Order in Council, 1947(b), is hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Order") provision is made for the constitution of a Legislative Council in and for the Colony;

And Whereas it is expedient to make other provision than in the Principal Order is contained in regard to the Constitution of the said Legislative Council and to make certain other amendments to the Principal Order;

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in that behalf by the Straits Settlements (Repeal) Act, 1946, and by the British Settlements Acts, 1887 and 1945, 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:—

9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 37.
50 & 51 Vict. c. 54.
9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 7.

Short title and commencement.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Singapore Colony (Amendment) Order in Council, 1948, and shall be construed as one with the Principal Order, which Order and this Order may be cited together as the Singapore Colony Orders in Council, 1946 to 1948.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the first day of March, 1948.

Legislative Council.

2. For subsection (2) of section 16 of the Principal Order there shall be substituted the following subsection:—

"(2) The Council shall consist of the Governor as President and—

(*a*) four *ex officio* Members;

(*b*) such Nominated Official Members not exceeding seven, and such Nominated Unofficial Members not exceeding four, as the Governor shall (subject to any Instructions which he may receive in that behalf from His Majesty under His Sign Manual and Signet or through a Secretary of State) direct; and

(*c*) such Elected Members not exceeding nine as His Majesty shall direct by Instructions under his Sign Manual and Signet or through a Secretary of State."

(a) S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 464) I, p. 1539.
(b) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 470) I, p. 1996.

3. In section 18 of the Principal Order the words " in the Colony " shall be deleted. Nominated Official Members.

4. In section 19 of the Principal Order the words " in the Colony " shall be deleted. Nominated Unofficial Members.

5. In section 39 of the Principal Order subsection (2) shall be renumbered as subsection (3) and the following subsection shall be inserted as subsection (2):— Duration of Legislative Council.

" (2) Unless it is sooner dissolved every Legislative Council shall continue for three years from the date appointed for the commencement of its first meeting, and the expiry of the said period of three years shall operate as a dissolution of the Council."

6. The provisions of the Principal Order specified in Column 1 of the Schedule to this Order shall be amended in the manner specified in Column 2 of that Schedule. Consequential and minor amendments.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

THE SCHEDULE

Section 6.

Consequential and minor amendments of the Principal Order

Column 1 *Section*	Column 2 *Particulars of amendments*
Section 2 ...	In subsection (1) the definition of " Malayan Union Citizen " shall be deleted and the following definition shall be inserted immediately after the definition of " the existing laws ":—
	' " Federal citizen " means any person who is a citizen of the Federation of Malaya by virtue of the provisions of any law for the time being in force, or any instrument for the time being having the force of law, in the said Federation ; '
	In subsection (1) the definition of " sitting " shall be deleted and the following definition shall be inserted immediately after the definition of " the Governor in Council ":—
	' " meeting " means any sitting or sittings of the Legislative Council commencing when the Council first meets after being summoned at any time and terminating when the Council is adjourned *sine die* or at the conclusion of a session without adjournment ; '
	In subsection (3) the words " in the Colony " shall be deleted in both places where they occur.
Section 7 ...	In the proviso to subsection (1) for the words " the Malayan Union " there shall be substituted with effect from the first day of February 1948 the words " the Federation of Malaya ".
Section 19 ...	For the words " Malayan Union citizens " there shall be substituted the words " Federal citizens ".
Section 21 ...	In paragraph (2) after the words " in any territory under His Majesty's protection " there shall be inserted the words " or in which His Majesty has for the time being jurisdiction ".

Column 1	Column 2
Section	*Particulars of amendments*
Section 22 ...	In paragraph (*d*) and in paragraph (*e*) of subsection (3) after the words " in any territory under His Majesty's protection ", there shall be inserted the words " or in which His Majesty has for the time being jurisdiction ".
	In paragraph (i) of subsection (3) the words " in the Colony " shall be deleted.
	For paragraph (*l*) of subsection (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraph :—
	" (*l*) in the case of a Nominated Unofficial or Elected Member, if he shall become a party to any contract with the Government of the Colony for, or on account of, the public service or if any firm in which he is a partner, or any company of which he is a director or manager, shall become a party to, or if he shall to his knowledge become otherwise interested in, any such contract :
	Provided that the Governor may, if in the circumstances it shall appear to him to be just so to do, exempt any Member from vacating his seat under the provisions of this paragraph, if such Member shall, before becoming a party to such contract as aforesaid or before, or as soon as practicable after, becoming otherwise interested in such contract (whether as partner in a firm or director or manager of a company or otherwise), disclose to the Governor the nature of such contract and his interest or the interest of any such firm or company therein ".
	In subsection (4) the words " in the Colony " shall be deleted.
Section 23 ...	In paragraph (*i*) of subsection (1) the words " in the Colony " shall be deleted.
Section 30 ...	In paragraph (*c*) of subsection (2) for the words " Malayan Union " there shall be substituted the words " Federation of Malaya ".
Sections 47 and 48.	In subsection (3) of section 47 and in subsection (3) of section 48 reference to the Governor of any territory formerly included in the Straits Settlements but not included in the Colony shall, with effect from the first day of February, 1948, be construed as including reference to the High Commissioner for the Federation of Malaya.
Section 50 ...	For paragraph (*f*) of subsection (2) there shall be substituted the following paragraph :—
	" (*f*) the definition and trial of offences relating to elections and the imposition of penalties therefor including the disqualification for membership of the Council, or for registration as a voter, or for voting, of any person concerned in any such offence ; ".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order

(*a*) gives the Governor power to fix the number of Nominated Official and Nominated Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council subject to a stated maximum in either case;

(*b*) increases the maximum number of Nominated Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council from two to four;

(*c*) provides for an automatic dissolution of every Legislative Council after three years from the date fixed for its first meeting;

(*d*) makes minor and consequential amendments of the principal Order.

The Singapore Colony (Amendment) (No. 2) Order in Council, 1948

1948 No. 863

Made - - - -	*27th April,* 1948
Laid before Parliament	*27th April,* 1948
Coming into Operation	*1st May,* 1948

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 27th day of April, 1948

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by the Singapore Colony Order in Council, 1946(a) (which Order, as amended by the Singapore Colony (Amendment) Order in Council, 1947(b), and by the Singapore Colony (Amendment) Order in Council, 1948(c), is hereinafter referred to as " the Principal Order ") provision is made for the constitution of a Legislative Council in and for the Colony;

And Whereas it is expedient to make other provision than in the Principal Order is contained in regard to the Constitution of the said Legislative Council;

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in that behalf by the Straits Settlements (Repeal) Act, 1946, and by the British Settlements Acts, 1887 and 1945, 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:— 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 37. 50 & 51 Vict. c. 54. 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 7.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Singapore Colony (Amendment) (No. 2) Order in Council, 1948, and shall be construed as one with the Principal Order, which Order and this Order may be cited together as the Singapore Colony Orders in Council, 1946 to 1948. Short title and commencement.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the first day of May, 1948.

2. Paragraph (*b*) of subsection (2) of section 16 of the Principal Order shall have effect as if, for the words " such Nominated Official Members not exceeding seven," there were substituted the words " five Nominated Official Members,".

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

(a) S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 464) I, p. 1539.
(b) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 470) I, p. 1996.
(c) S.I. 1948 No. 341, p. 3990 above.