STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 1240

CARIBBEAN AND NORTH ATLANTIC TERRITORIES

The Virgin Islands Constitution (Amendment) Order 1971

Made - - - -	28*th July* 1971
Laid before Parliament	3*rd August* 1971
Coming into Operation	4*th August* 1971

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 28th day of July 1971

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

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

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Virgin Islands Constitution (Amendment) Order 1971.

(2) This Order shall be construed as one with the Virgin Islands Constitution Orders 1967 to 1970(b) and those Orders and this Order may be cited together as the Virgin Islands Constitution Orders 1967 to 1971.

(3) This Order shall come into operation on 4th August 1971.

2.—(1) Section 3 of the Virgin Islands (Constitution) Order 1967 is amended by the deletion of paragraph (1) and the substitution of the following:—

"(1) There shall be a Governor of the Virgin Islands who shall be appointed by Her Majesty by Commission under Her Sign Manual and Signet and shall hold office during Her Majesty's pleasure".

(2) Any reference in the Virgin Islands Constitution Orders 1967 to 1970 to the Administrator shall be construed as a reference to the Governor.

3.—(1) Any reference to the Administrator in any existing law in force or otherwise having effect in, or in relation to, the Virgin Islands immediately before the commencement of this Order shall, in respect of any period commencing on or after the commencement of this Order, be construed as a reference to the Governor.

(2) For the purposes of this Order, the expression "existing law" means any Order in Council, ordinance, law, rule, regulation or other instrument made or having effect as part of the law of the Virgin Islands, but does not include any Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom so having effect.

W. G. Agnew.

(a) 1962 c. 19.

(b) S.I. 1967/471, 1969/1065, 1970/1942 (1967 I, p. 1418; 1969 II, p. 3122; 1970 III, p. 6341).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order changes the title of the Administrator of the Virgin Islands to that of Governor and replaces references to the Administrator by references to the Governor in the Virgin Islands Constitution Orders 1967 to 1970, and in other laws in force in the Virgin Islands.