4. Prior to 14th August, 1947, the Governor-General of India exercised a number of powers under these Orders-in-Council, and the Indian Codes were the foundation of the law applied in these territories. After the entry into force of the Indian Independence Act, 1947, it was decided that the Orders must be amended to transfer elsewhere all powers hitherto exercised by the Governor-General of India, and this is one of the principal objects to be achieved by the present Order and similar ones made for the other Persian Gulf States.

5. At the same time it was decided to make certain minor changes in the constitution of the Courts set up under the Orders and in particular to provide:—

(i) for a professional legal judge to sit in the Superior Court as Assistant Judge to the Political Resident:

(ii) for a suitable Court of Appeal on which professional judges would sit, chosen *ad hoc* from a panel consisting of the Judges of the High Courts of Cyprus and Kenya and members of the Bar of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland of not less than 9 years' standing.

6. Finally it was desired to provide that a case occurring in any one of the States could, when desirable, be transferred for trial in any other and that persons sentenced to imprisonment by the court in any one of the States could be removed to serve his sentence in any other of the States.

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15. WEST AFRICAN TERRITORIES

The West African Territories (Air Transport) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1949

1949 No. 1234

Made - - - -	30*th June*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	1*st July*, 1949
Coming into Operation	1*st August*, 1949

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 30th day of June, 1949

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas His Majesty was pleased to make the West African Territories (Air Transport) Order in Council, 1946(a) (hereinafter referred to as " the principal Order "):

And Whereas it is expedient that the principal Order should be amended in the manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf by the British Settlements Acts, 1887 and 1945,(b) the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890,(c) 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:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the West African Territories (Air Transport) (Amendment) Order in Council, 1949; and the principal Order and this Order may be cited together as the West African Territories (Air Transport) Orders in Council, 1946 and 1949.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of August, 1949.

(a) S.R. & O. 1946 (No. 682) I, p. 622. (b) 50 & 51 Vict. c. 54; 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 7. (c) 53 & 54 Vict. c. 37.

2. In Section 5 of the principal Order:—

(*a*) in paragraph (*a*) of subsection (1) for the words "for securing that aircraft shall not be used in or between the West African Territories by any person" there shall be substituted the words "for securing that aircraft shall not be used in or between the West African Territories or between those territories and any other place by any person—";

(*b*) for subsection (2) there shall be substituted the following subsection:—

"(2) Regulations made under the provisions of this section may, for the purpose of securing compliance with the Regulations, provide for the imposition of the following penalties, namely,

(*a*) in the case of a first offence against the Regulations, a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or both such fine and such imprisonment; and

(*b*) in the case of a second or subsequent offence against the Regulations, a fine not exceeding five thousand pounds or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or both such fine and such imprisonment."

3. In Section 8 of the principal Order:—

(*a*) for subsections (1) and (2) there shall be substituted the following subsections:—

"(1) The Corporation shall consist of eight members (four of whom shall be persons not holding any office of emolument under the Crown in the West African Territories) who shall be appointed by, and shall hold office during the pleasure of, the Authority.

(2) The Officer Administering the Government of Nigeria shall appoint a person to be Chairman of the Corporation, and may appoint a person to be Vice-Chairman of the Corporation, from among the members of the Corporation, and any person so appointed shall hold office as Chairman or Vice-Chairman, as the case may be, during the pleasure of the Officer Administering the Government of Nigeria:

Provided that no such person shall continue to hold such office after he has ceased to be a member of the Corporation";

(*b*) in subsection (4), immediately after the word "Chairman" there shall be inserted the words "and, when acting as Chairman, the Vice-Chairman"; and

(*c*) in subsection (6), immediately after the words "The Chairman and" there shall be inserted the words "the other."

4. In Section 10 of the principal Order:—

(*a*) in subsection (1) for the word "within" there shall be substituted the words "in and between"; and

(*b*) in paragraph (*e*) of subsection (2), immediately after the words "air transport services" there shall be inserted the words "in or between the West African Territories or between those territories and such other places as may be approved by the Authority."

5. In subsection (1) of Section 17 of the principal Order for the word "September" there shall be substituted the word "November."

6. In Section 20 of the principal Order the words "grant of" shall be omitted.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order provides for increased penalties for breaches of regulations made under the principal Order, provides for an increased number of members of the West African Airways Corporation and for the appointment of a Vice-Chairman, and makes some minor amendments to the principal Order.

GAS

[*See* also Class 6 of the Classified List of Local Instruments printed at the end of this volume, and Index to Vol. II for Instruments made under the Defence Regulations.]

1. *Nationalisation.* | 2. *Gas Fund*, p. 2066.

1. NATIONALISATION

(1) *Vesting Date.*
(2) *Area Boards and Gas Council*, p. 1925.
(3) *Conversion Dates*, p. 1937.
(4) *General Regulations*, p. 1976.

(1) VESTING DATE

The Gas (Vesting Date) Order, 1949

1949 No. 392

Made - - - -	*7th March*, 1949
Laid before Parliament	*8th March*, 1949
Coming into Operation	*15th March*, 1949

The Minister of Fuel and Power, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section seventeen of the Gas Act, 1948(a), (in this Order referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers him enabling, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. The vesting date for the purposes of the Act shall be the first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

2. This order shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and may be cited as the Gas (Vesting Date) Order, 1949.

Dated this seventh day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

Hugh Gaitskell,
Minister of Fuel and Power.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 67.