

the Gold Coast Colony which have received the assent of Her late Majesty in Council, or which have received the assent of the Governor of the said Colony in the name and on behalf of Her late Majesty or of His Majesty, shall be, and shall be deemed to have been, valid and effectual from the date of such assent for all purposes whatever; provided that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to give effect to any Ordinance which has been disallowed by Her late Majesty, or which has expired or has been lawfully repealed, or to prevent the lawful disallowance or repeal of any such Ordinance.

III. All acts done within the territories aforesaid, under authority of the said Order in Council of the twenty-ninth day of December one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven in the exercise of the powers and authorities granted or purporting to be granted thereby within the territories aforesaid, shall be and are hereby declared to be and to have been done lawfully.

IV. This Order shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Governor of the Gold Coast Colony, by notice published in the Gold Coast Government Gazette.

And the Right Honourable Joseph Chamberlain, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. W. FitzRoy.

AT the Court at *Saint James's*, the 26th day of *September*, 1901.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord George Hamilton.

Mr. Chamberlain.

Mr. St. John Brodrick.

Sir Charles Scott.

WHEREAS by "The Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890," passed in the reign of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, it was amongst other things enacted that it should be lawful for Her Majesty to hold, exercise, and enjoy, any jurisdiction which Her Majesty then had and might at any time thereafter have within a foreign country in the same and as ample a manner as if Her Majesty had acquired that jurisdiction by the cession or conquest of territory:

And whereas the territories of West Africa, situate within the limits of this Order, as hereinafter described, are under the protection of His Majesty the King:

And whereas by Treaty, grant, usage, sufferance, and other lawful means, His Majesty has power and jurisdiction in the said territories:

And whereas it is necessary to provide for the peace, order, and good government of the territories aforesaid:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers by "The Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890," 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:—

I. This Order may be cited as the Northern Territories Order in Council, 1901.

II. Until further provision be made in respect thereof the limits of this Order are the territories which are bounded on the south by the eighth parallel of north latitude, on the west and north by the line of the frontier between the British and French possessions, and on the east by the line of the frontier between the British and German possessions.

The territories so bounded shall be known as

the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast, and are hereinafter referred to as the Northern Territories.

III. In this Order, unless the subject or context otherwise requires—

"His Majesty" includes His Majesty's heirs and successors.

"Secretary of State" means one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

"Treaty" includes any existing or future treaty, convention, agreement, or arrangement, made by or on behalf of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria or His Majesty with any civilized Power, or with any native tribe, people, chief, or king, and any regulation appended to any such treaty, convention, agreement, or arrangement.

"Gazette" means the Gold Coast Government Gazette.

"Governor" includes the Officer for the time being administering the Government of the Gold Coast Colony.

IV. The Governor of the Gold Coast Colony may, on His Majesty's behalf, exercise all powers and jurisdiction which His Majesty, at any time before or after the date of this Order, had, or may have, within the Northern Territories, and to that end may take or cause to be taken all such measures, and may do or cause to be done all such matters and things therein as are lawful, and as in the interest of His Majesty's service he may think expedient, subject to such instructions as he may from time to time receive from His Majesty, or through a Secretary of State.

V. Subject to the approval of a Secretary of State, the Governor may appoint a Chief Commissioner and so many fit persons as, in the interest of His Majesty's service, he may think necessary to be Commissioners, Judges, Magistrates, or other Officers, and may define from time to time the districts within which such Officers shall respectively discharge their functions.

Every such Officer may exercise such powers and authorities as the Governor may, with the like approval, assign to him, subject nevertheless to such directions and instructions as the Governor may from time to time think fit to give him. The appointment of such Officers shall not abridge, alter, or affect the right of the Governor to execute and discharge all the powers and authorities hereby conferred upon him.

The Governor may, subject to confirmation by a Secretary of State, remove any Officer so appointed.

VI. In the exercise of the powers and authorities hereby conferred upon him, the Governor may, amongst other things, from time to time by Ordinance provide for the administration of justice, the raising of revenue, and generally for the peace, order, and good government of the Northern Territories, and of all persons therein, including the prohibition and punishment of acts tending to disturb the public peace.

The Governor, in issuing such Ordinances, shall respect any native laws by which the civil relations of any native chiefs, tribes, or populations under His Majesty's protection are now regulated, except so far as the same may be incompatible with the due exercise of His Majesty's power and jurisdiction, or clearly injurious to the welfare of the said natives.

VII. Every Ordinance of the Governor shall be published in the Gazette, and shall from and after a date to be mentioned in such Ordinance, and thereafter until disallowed by His Majesty, or repealed or modified by any subsequent Ordinance, have effect as if contained in this Order, and the Governor shall take such measures as he