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At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 2nd day of *November*, 1907.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.
 Lord Steward.
 Master of the Horse.
 Earl Carrington.
 Lord Sandhurst.
 Lord Farquhar.

WHEREAS by Treaty grant usage sufferance and other lawful means His Majesty has jurisdiction within the Islands of the Pacific Ocean known as the New Hebrides including the Banks Islands and Torres Islands.

And whereas under and by virtue of the Pacific Order in Council, 1893, provision was made for the exercise of His Majesty's jurisdiction within the said Islands.

And whereas by the Pacific Order in Council, 1907, the said Order was amended in certain respects.

And whereas by a Convention made at London on the twentieth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and six, by the Government of His Majesty the King and the Government of the French Republic it was amongst other things provided that the Islands known as the New Hebrides including the Banks and Torres Islands should form a region of joint influence in which the subjects and citizens of Great Britain and France respectively should enjoy equal rights of residence personal protection and trade, each of the two said Powers retaining jurisdiction over its subjects and citizens and neither exercising a separate control over the group and that the subjects or citizens of other Powers should enjoy the same rights and should be subject to the same obligations as British subjects or French citizens.

And whereas it has been agreed by notes exchanged on the twenty-ninth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and seven, between the Government of His Majesty the King and the Government of the French Republic that the expression "land suits" as used in the said Convention shall include suits with regard to mines minerals and everything under the surface of the soil and that the words "after two written warnings addressed to the employer" occurring in the fourth sub-section of the fifty-first article of the said Convention shall be omitted therefrom and shall cease to have effect, and that until the establishment of the Joint Court under the terms of the said Convention British subjects who shall infringe the provisions of the said Convention or of the regulations made by the High Commissioners thereunder shall be prosecuted in accordance with the provisions of the twentieth article of the said Convention, and with the provisions heretofore in force.

And whereas it is expedient to provide for the exercise of His Majesty's jurisdiction within the said Islands in accordance with the terms of the said Convention as amended by the said notes of the twenty-ninth August, one thousand nine hundred and seven.

Now therefore His Majesty in virtue of the powers by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, and all other powers thereto Him enabling by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

I. The limits of this Order shall include all the Islands of the Pacific Ocean known as the New Hebrides and all the Islands known as the Banks Islands and Torres Islands. The said Islands are hereinafter referred to as the New Hebrides.

II. The Convention made the twentieth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and six