

into the present state of the law and the administration thereof in divorce and matrimonial causes and applications for separation orders, especially with regard to the position of the poorer classes in relation thereto, and the subject of the publication of reports of such causes and applications; and to report whether any and what amendments should be made in such law, or the administration thereof, or with regard to the publication of such reports:

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents authorize and appoint you, the said John Gorell, Baron Gorell (Chairman); Cosmo Gordon, Archbishop of York; Edward George Villiers, Earl of Derby; Frances Balfour; Thomas Burt; Charles John Guthrie; Sir William Reynell Anson; Sir Lewis Tonna Dibdin; Sir George White; Henry Tindal Atkinson; May Edith Tennant; Rufus Daniel Isaacs; Edgar Brierley and John Alfred Spender to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said inquiry; and We do hereby empower you to make an interim report with a view of enabling such steps as you may recommend to be taken for the redress of any hardship from which, in your opinion, the poorer classes may suffer under the existing law and administration.

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission, We do by these Presents give and grant unto you, or any three or more of you, full power to call before you such persons as you shall judge likely to afford you any information upon the subject of this Our Commission; and also to call for, have access to and examine all such books, documents, registers and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject, and to inquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever:

And We do by these Presents authorize and empower you, or any three or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem it expedient so to inspect for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid:

And We do by these Presents will and ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment:

And We do further ordain that you, or any three or more of you, have liberty to report your proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do:

And Our further will and pleasure is that you do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us, under your hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of any three or more of you, your opinion upon the matters herein submitted for your consideration

Given at Our Court at *Sandringham*, the eighth day of *November*, one thousand nine hundred and nine, in the ninth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

H. J. Gladstone.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 15th day of *February*, 1909.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Archbishop of York.
Lord President.
Lord Chamberlain.
Lord Sandhurst.
Lord Northcote.
Mr. Secretary Gladstone.
Mr. Harcourt.
Sir J. C. Bigham.

WHEREAS by Treaty, grant, usage, sufferance, and other lawful means His Majesty has power and jurisdiction within the territories of Africa known as the East Africa, Uganda, and Nyasaland Protectorates (in this Order referred to as "the said Protectorates"):

And whereas it is expedient that a Court should be established for the hearing and determining of appeals from His Majesty's Courts in the said Protectorates:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers in this behalf 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:—

1. This Order may be cited as the "Eastern African Protectorates (Court of Appeal) Order in Council, 1909."

2. A Court shall be constituted, called His Majesty's Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa (in this Order referred to as "The Court of Appeal"), which shall be a superior Court of record, and shall, for the purposes of and subject to the provisions of this Order, have full power to determine in accordance with this Order any questions necessary to be determined for the purpose of doing justice in the case before the Court, and shall exercise such appellate jurisdiction and such other powers in relation to the High Courts and other Courts in the said Protectorates as may from time to time be conferred by Ordinances passed under the provisions of the Orders in Council relating to the said Protectorates respectively.

3. The Court of Appeal shall have a seal bearing the style of the Court and a device approved by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies (in this Order referred to as "the Secretary of State"), and until such a seal is provided the existing stamp and seal bearing the words His Britannic Majesty's Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa may be used instead thereof.

4. The members of the Court of Appeal shall be the Judges and Acting Judges for the time being of His Majesty's High Courts of the said Protectorates respectively, and such other competent person or persons, if any, each being a member of the Bar of England, Scotland or Ireland, of not less than five years' standing, as the Secretary of State may from time to time appoint.

5. The seniority of the Members of the Court of Appeal shall be determined according to the instructions to be given from time to time by the Secretary of State.