

of all things whatsoever that shall pass the said Public Seal.

10. There shall be for the purpose of assisting the High Commissioner an Executive Council which shall be composed of such persons and constituted in such manner as may be directed by any instructions which may from time to time be addressed to the High Commissioner by His Majesty, under His Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet, and all such persons shall hold their places in the said Council during His Majesty's pleasure; and the said Executive Council shall observe such Rules in the conduct of business as may from time to time be contained in any such Instructions as aforesaid.

11.—(1) The High Commissioner may, with the approval of a Secretary of State, by Proclamation divide Palestine into administrative divisions or districts in such manner and with such subdivisions as may be convenient for purposes of administration describing the boundaries thereof and assigning names thereto.

(2) If a question arises whether any place is or is not within any administrative division or district, and such question does not appear to be determined by any such Proclamation or other evidence, it shall be referred to the High Commissioner, and a certificate under his hand and seal shall be conclusive on the question, and judicial notice shall be taken thereof.

12.—(1) All rights in or in relation to any public lands shall vest in and may be exercised by the High Commissioner for the time being in trust for the Government of Palestine.

(2) All mines and minerals of every kind and description whatsoever being in, under or on any land or water, whether the latter be inland rivers or seas or territorial waters, shall vest in the High Commissioner subject to any right subsisting at the date of this Order of any person to work such mines or minerals by virtue of a valid concession.

13. The High Commissioner may make grants or leases of any such public lands or mines or minerals or may permit such lands to be temporarily occupied on such terms or conditions as he may think fit subject to the provisions of any Ordinance.

Provided that such grant or disposition shall be in conformity either with some Order in Council or Law or Ordinance now or hereafter in force in Palestine, or with such instructions as may be addressed to the High Commissioner under His Majesty's Sign Manual and Signet, or through a Secretary of State; for the purposes of executing the provisions of the Mandate:

14. The High Commissioner may, subject to the direction of the Secretary of State, appoint or authorise the appointment of such public officers of the Government of Palestine under such designations as he may think fit, and may prescribe their duties; and all such public officers, unless otherwise provided by law, shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the High Commissioner.

15. The High Commissioner may, subject to such instructions as may from time to time be given to him, upon sufficient cause to him appearing, dismiss or suspend from the exercise of his office any person holding any public office within Palestine, or, subject as aforesaid, may take such other disciplinary action as may seem to him desirable.

16. When any crime or offence has been com-

mitted within Palestine, or for which the offender may be tried therein, the High Commissioner may, as he shall see occasion, grant a pardon to any accomplice in such crime or offence who shall give such information and evidence as shall lead to the conviction of the principal offender or of any such offenders if more than one; and further may grant to any offender convicted of any crime or offence in any Court or before any Judge, or Magistrate, within Palestine a pardon, either free or subject to lawful conditions, or any remission of the sentence passed on such offender, or any respite of the execution of such sentence, for such period as the High Commissioner thinks fit, and may, as he shall see occasion, remit any fines, penalties or forfeitures which may accrue or become payable in virtue of the judgment of any Court or Magistrate in Palestine.

### PART III.

#### LEGISLATURE.

17. From and after a date to be fixed by the High Commissioner in Executive Council by Proclamation in the Gazette, there shall be constituted a Legislative Council in and for Palestine as in this Order provided, which shall replace any Advisory Council then existing.

The powers of the High Commissioner now subsisting to pass Ordinances after consultation with the Advisory Council shall continue in force until the date of the election of members to the legislature hereby constituted.

18. The Legislative Council shall have full power and authority, without prejudice to the powers inherent in, or reserved by this Order to, His Majesty, and subject always to any conditions and limitations prescribed by any Instructions under the Sign Manual and Signet, to establish such Ordinances as may be necessary for the peace, order and good government of Palestine, provided that no Ordinance shall be passed which shall restrict complete freedom of conscience and the free exercise of all forms of worship, save in so far as is required for the maintenance of public order and morals; or which shall tend to discriminate in any way between the inhabitants of Palestine on the ground of race, religion or language.

No Ordinance shall be passed which shall be in any way repugnant to or inconsistent with the provisions of the Mandate.

19. The Legislative Council shall consist of 22 members in addition to the High Commissioner, of whom 10 shall be official members and 12 shall be unofficial members.

20. The official members of the Council shall be:—

The persons for the time being lawfully exercising the functions of the respective offices of:—

- (a) Chief Secretary.
- (b) Attorney-General.
- (c) Treasurer.
- (d) Inspector-General of Police.
- (e) Director of Health.
- (f) Director of Public Works.
- (g) Director of Education.
- (h) Director of Agriculture.
- (i) Director of Customs.
- (j) Director of Commerce and Industry

provided that if the High Commissioner is satisfied that any of the above persons is unable to attend a meeting of the Council he may summon in his place such other person holding public office in the Govern-