

Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :—

From and after the proclamation of this Order by publication in the Western Pacific High Commission Gazette the Boundaries of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony shall be extended so as to include Ocean Island, Fanning Island, and Washington Island.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 29th day of February 1916.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.
 Lord President.
 Lord Chamberlain.
 Lord Chelmsford.
 Lord Stamfordham.
 Mr. Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

WHEREAS the Islands in the Pacific Ocean specified in the Schedule to this Order, and hereinafter referred to as the Union Islands, were proclaimed as British Protectorates on the dates mentioned in the said Schedule :

And whereas the Native Governments of the said Islands have expressed their desire that these Islands should be annexed to, and should henceforth form part of, His Majesty's Dominions :

And whereas it has seemed expedient to His Majesty to accede to this desire, and to direct that provision should be made for the peace, order, and good government of the said Islands in the manner hereinafter provided :

And whereas by an Order of His Majesty in Council, bearing date the 10th day of November 1915, and known as the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Order in Council, 1915, provision was made for the annexation of certain Islands in the Pacific Ocean and their Dependencies to His Majesty's Dominions, and their future administrations as a Colony to be called the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony :

And whereas by the Colonial Boundaries Act, 1895, it is provided that where the Boundaries of a Colony have, either before or after the passing of that Act, been altered by Order in Council or by Letters Patent, the Boundaries as so altered shall be, and be deemed to have been, from the date of the alteration, the Boundaries of the Colony :

And whereas by an Order of His Majesty in Council, bearing date the 27th day of January, 1916, the Boundaries of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony were extended so as to include Ocean Island, Fanning Island, and Washington Island :

And whereas it is expedient that the Boundaries of the said Colony should be further altered so as to include the Union Islands :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of all powers including the powers by the Colonial Boundaries Act, 1895, 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. From and after the coming into operation of this Order the Union Islands, together

with all small Islands, Islets, Rocks, and Reefs depending on them, shall be annexed to, and form part of, His Majesty's Dominions, and the Boundaries of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony shall be extended so as to include the said Union Islands and their Dependencies.

II. This Order shall be published in the Western Pacific High Commission Gazette, and shall thereupon commence and come into operation, and the Officer for the time being acting as High Commissioner for the Western Pacific shall give directions for the publication of this Order at such places, and in such manner, and for such time or times, as he thinks proper for giving publicity thereto within the Colony.

III. His Majesty may from time to time revoke, alter, add to, or amend this Order.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

SCHEDULE.

Date of Declaration of Protectorate.

Union Group, viz. :—

Fakaafu	} June 20th to 22nd, 1889.
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ORDER by the Secretary for Scotland dated 19th May 1916, for the discontinuance of Sheriff Court Sittings at Tobermory.

WHEREAS by the Sheriff Courts (County of Argyll) Order, 1903, it was amongst other things provided that the Sheriff of Argyllshire or the salaried Sheriff-Substitute at Oban shall hold Courts for Small Debts and Debts Recovery cases at Tobermory once every month during the Session of the Sheriff Court (provided that one of such Courts may be held during vacation instead of during the Session as may be convenient), and shall take such proofs and hear such debates in ordinary cases at Tobermory from the district assigned to the Tobermory Small Debt Circuit as he shall be satisfied may more conveniently for the public be taken there than at Oban, and as may be ready for probation or hearing on the occasion of any sitting of the Court there.

And whereas it has been represented to me that the holding of Sheriff Courts at Tobermory is no longer necessary and may in the public interest be discontinued.

And whereas I am of opinion after due inquiry and consideration that it is expedient to discontinue the said Courts.

Now therefore I, the undersigned, His Majesty's Secretary for Scotland, do hereby order as follows :—

1. Without prejudice to anything duly done thereunder so much of the Sheriff Courts (County of Argyll) Order, 1903, as is hereinbefore recited is hereby revoked, and shall cease to have effect as from the date of the operation of this Order.

2. This Order shall be recorded in the Sheriff Court Books at Oban, and shall be published in the local newspapers as the Sheriff of Argyllshire may direct.

3. This Order may be cited as the Sheriff Courts (County of Argyll) Order, 1916, and shall