

deemed to have been, from the date of the alteration, the Boundaries of the Colony:

And whereas it is expedient that the Boundaries of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony should be altered so as to include Ocean Island, Fanning Island, and Washington Island:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers by the Colonial Boundaries Act, 1895, 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:—

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.

**W**HEREAS 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 Boun-

daries 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.
Nukunono	
Atafu	

*Westminster, 17th May, 1916.*

This day the Lords being met a message was sent to the Honourable House of Commons by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, acquainting them that *The Lords authorized by virtue of a Commission under the Great Seal, signed by His Majesty, for declaring His Royal Assent to the Acts agreed upon by both Houses, do desire the immediate attendance of the Honourable House in the House of Peers to hear the Commission read;* and the Commons being come thither, the said Commission, empowering the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, and several other Lords therein named, to declare and notify the Royal Assent to the said Acts, was read accordingly, and the Royal Assent given to

Local Government (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1916.

Courts (Emergency Powers) (Amendment) Act, 1916.

Summer Time Act, 1916.

Edinburgh Corporation Order Confirmation Act, 1916.

Gas Orders Confirmation Act, 1916.

Burnley Corporation Act, 1916.

Weston-super-Mare Grand Pier Act, 1916.