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FRIDAY, 23 MAY, 1924.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 19th day of *December*, 1923.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President.

Lord Steward.

Lord Somerleyton.

Mr. Secretary Bridgeman.

WHEREAS by treaty, grant, usage, sufferance, or other lawful means, His Majesty has power and jurisdiction in the territories of West Africa known as the Gambia Protectorate, the Sierra Leone Protectorate, the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast, the Nigeria Protectorate and the mandated territories known as the British Sphere of Togoland and the British Cameroons :

And whereas by reason of the contiguity of the said territories and of the colonies and possessions of His Majesty in West Africa known as the Gambia, Sierra Leone, the Gold Coast, Ashanti, and Nigeria, and the frequent inter-communication between them, it seems expedient to His Majesty and conducive to the better administration of justice therein that Part II. of the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1881, should apply to the said colonies, possessions and territories, and that subject to the provisions of this Order the Fugitive Offenders

Act, 1881, should apply as if the said territories respectively were British possessions :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue of the powers in this behalf by the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1881, 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 West African (Fugitive Offenders) Order in Council, 1923. "

2. Subject to the provisions of this Order the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1881, shall apply as if each of the territories named in Schedule I. of this Order were a British possession.

3. In the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1881, as hereby applied to the territories named in Schedule I. of this Order and in this Order with reference to the said territories unless the context otherwise requires the expression " Governor " means the Officer for the time being exercising the functions :—

(a) As regards the Gambia Protectorate, the Sierra Leone Protectorate, and the Nigeria Protectorate, of Governor of the Gambia, Sierra Leone, and Nigeria respectively ;

(b) As regards the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast, of Chief Commissioner ;