

"Secretary of State" means one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

"Treaty" includes any existing or future treaty, convention, agreement, or arrangement, made by or on behalf of His Majesty or any of His predecessors with any civilised power or with any native tribe, people, chief, or king, and any regulation appended to any such treaty, convention, agreement, or arrangement.

"Gazette" means the Gold Coast Government Gazette.

"Governor" includes the officer for the time being administering the Government of the Gold Coast Colony.

"Gold Coast" means the Gold Coast Colony, Ashanti and the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast as though they were a single territory.

4. The Governor of the Gold Coast Colony is hereby authorised, empowered and commanded to exercise on His Majesty's behalf all such powers and jurisdiction as His Majesty at any time before or after the date of this Order, had, or may have within the Northern Territories and to that end may take or cause to be taken all such measures, and may do or cause to be done all such matters and things therein as are lawful, and as in the interest of His Majesty's service he may think expedient, subject to such instructions as he may from time to time receive from His Majesty or through a Secretary of State.

5. The Governor may appoint a Chief Commissioner and all such Judges, Commissioners, Justices of the Peace and other necessary officers as may be lawfully appointed by His Majesty, all of whom unless otherwise provided by law shall hold their offices during His Majesty's pleasure.

6. The Executive Council of the Gold Coast Colony shall be and be deemed to be the Executive Council of the Northern Territories.

7. In the exercise of the powers and authorities hereby conferred upon him, the Governor may, amongst other things, from time to time by Ordinance provide for the administration of justice, the raising of revenue, and generally for the peace, order and good government of the Northern Territories, and of all persons therein, including the prohibition and punishment of acts tending to disturb the public peace.

The Governor, in issuing such Ordinances, shall respect any native laws by which the civil relations of any native chiefs, tribes, or populations under His Majesty's protection are now regulated, except so far as the same may be incompatible with the due exercise of His Majesty's power and jurisdiction, or clearly injurious to the welfare of the said natives.

8. Every Ordinance of the Governor shall be published in the Gazette, and shall, unless otherwise provided in such Ordinance, thereupon come into operation on the date of such publication, and thereafter shall, until disallowed by His Majesty or repealed or modified by any subsequent Ordinance, have effect as if contained in this Order, and the Governor shall take such measures as he thinks proper for giving due publicity thereto within the Northern Territories.

9. His Majesty may disallow any such Ordinance wholly or in part, and may signify such

disallowance by Order in Council or through a Secretary of State, and upon such disallowance being notified in the Gazette, the provisions so disallowed shall, from and after a date to be mentioned in such notification, cease to have effect, but without prejudice to anything theretofore lawfully done thereunder. Due notification shall be publicly made by the Governor within the Northern Territories of the disallowance of any such Ordinance.

The right is hereby reserved to His Majesty, with the advice of His Privy Council, from time to time, to make all such Laws or Ordinances as may appear to Him necessary for the peace, order and good government of the Northern Territories or any part thereof as fully as if this Order had not been made.

10. All Laws, Ordinances, Proclamations, by-laws and regulations of whatsoever nature in force at the date of the commencement of this Order within the Northern Territories, or any of them, shall continue in force until repealed or revoked by or in pursuance of any Law or Ordinance passed by the Governor.

Every suit, action, complaint, matter, or thing which is depending in any Court within the Northern Territories at the commencement of this Order shall and may be proceeded with in such Court in like manner as if this Order had not been passed.

11. The Governor shall use the Public Seal of the Gold Coast Colony for sealing all things whatsoever relating to the Northern Territories that are required to be under the Public Seal.

12. Whenever and so often as the Governor is absent from the seat of Government or is absent in the Gold Coast Colony or Ashanti or on a passage between any places in the Gold Coast or is in any of the territories adjacent to or near the Gold Coast in the exercise or discharge of any powers or duties conferred or imposed upon him by His Majesty, he may by an instrument under the Public Seal appoint any person or persons to be his Deputy or Deputies within any part or parts of the Northern Territories during such absence, and in that capacity to exercise, perform and execute for and on behalf of the Governor during such absence, but no longer, all such powers and authorities by this Order in Council or otherwise vested in the Governor as shall in and by such instrument be specified and limited but no others. Every such Deputy shall conform to and observe all such instructions as the Governor shall from time to time address to him for his guidance. Provided nevertheless that by the appointment of a Deputy or Deputies as aforesaid the power and authority of the Governor shall not be abridged altered or in any way affected otherwise than His Majesty may at any time hereafter think proper to direct.

13. The Governor may, subject to such instructions as may from time to time be given to him by Us through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, upon sufficient cause to him appearing, dismiss or suspend from the exercise of his office any person holding any public office within the Northern Territories, or subject as aforesaid may take such other disciplinary action as may seem to him desirable.

14. When any crime or offence has been committed within the Northern Territories, or for