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TUESDAY, 18 APRIL, 1939

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 30th day of *March*, 1939.

PRESENT,

The KING's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Recites Nigeria Protectorate Order in Council, 1922, and Nigeria Protectorate Order in Council, 1935.

WHEREAS by the Nigeria Protectorate Order in Council, 1922 (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Order) as amended by the Nigeria Protectorate Order in Council, 1935, provision is made for the administration of the Government of the territories known as the Protectorate of Nigeria:

And whereas it is expedient to amend the said Order in the manner hereinafter appearing:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers by the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, or otherwise in His Majesty vested, by and with the advice of His Privy Council to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Short Title.

I. This Order may be cited as the Nigeria Protectorate Order in Council, 1939, and the Principal Order, the Nigeria Protectorate Order in Council, 1935, and this Order may be cited together as the Nigeria Protectorate Orders in Council, 1922 to 1939.

Inserts fresh Clause V.

II. The Principal Order shall have effect as if the following Clause were inserted therein immediately after Clause IV:—

Division of Protectorate.

“ V. The Protectorate of Nigeria shall be divided into two portions, which shall be known as the Northern Provinces and the Southern Provinces respectively; and it shall be lawful for the Governor by Proclamation issued with His Majesty's approval, signified through the Secretary of State, to define, and from time to time to vary, the boundaries thereof.”

Amends Clause IX of Principal Order.

III. The proviso forming the second paragraph of Clause IX of the Principal Order is hereby revoked, without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder.

Commencement.

IV. This Order shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Governor by Proclamation in the Nigeria Gazette, and shall be published in the said Gazette; and the Governor 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 due publicity thereto within the Protectorate of Nigeria.

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

Rupert B. Howorth.