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WESTERN AUSTRALIA, }
TO WIT.

GERARD SMITH.
(L.S.)

COMMISSION

By His Excellency Lieut.-Colonel Sir GERARD SMITH, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Western Australia and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

To His Honour Sir ALEXANDER CAMPBELL ONSLOW, Knight, Chief Justice of Western Australia.

WHEREAS by Clause 14 of the Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom constituting the Office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Western Australia and its Dependencies, bearing date the 25th August, 1890, it is provided that in the event of the Governor having occasion to be temporarily absent for a short period from the seat of Government, or from the Colony, he may in every such case, by an Instrument under the Public Seal of the Colony, constitute and appoint our Lieutenant-Governor, or if there be no such Officer, then any other person, to be his deputy during such temporary 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 vested in the Governor by these Our Letters Patent as shall in and by such Instrument be specified and limited, but no others: Provided, nevertheless, that by the appointment of a Deputy as aforesaid the power and authority of the Governor shall not be abridged, altered, or in any way affected otherwise than We may at any time hereafter think proper to direct;

AND WHEREAS I, the said Governor, purpose to absent myself temporarily from the said Colony as authorised;

AND WHEREAS there is no Lieutenant-Governor of the said Colony;

NOW THEREFORE I, the said Governor, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in me as aforesaid, do by this Instrument under the Public Seal of the Colony constitute and appoint His Honour Sir ALEXANDER CAMPBELL ONSLOW, Knight, from the date of my departure upon the said absence from the said Colony and during such absence, to exercise, perform, and execute, for and on my behalf as such Governor, all the powers and authorities vested in me by the said Letters Patent.

Given under my hand and issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony, at Perth, this 19th day of October, 1898.

By His Excellency's Command,

G. RANDELL,

Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !!