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NOTICE is hereby given that, at a meeting of the Executive Council held in the Council Chamber, Perth, on Monday, the 2nd day of July, 1951, it was reported that the term of office as Governor in and over the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia of His Excellency, Sir James Mitchell, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, had expired on the 30th day of June, 1951; that his successor in such office, His Excellency, the Governor elect, Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Gairdner, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Companion of the Order of the Bath, Commander of the Order of the British Empire, had not yet arrived within the State, and that the Dormant Commission passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet appointing the Chief Justice for the time being of Western Australia, in circumstances which at present obtain, to administer the Government of the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, now operated to command the Honourable Sir John Patrick Dwyer, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, to administer the Government of the State and its Dependencies until a Governor, a Lieutenant-Governor, or other duly appointed person shall be present in the State and capable of administering the Government.

Having taken the prescribed oaths, His Excellency the Administrator issued the following Proclamation:—

PROCLAMATION

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, } By His Excellency The Honourable Sir John
TO WIT. } Patrick Dwyer, Knight Commander of the Most
Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and
Saint George, Administrator in and over the
State of Western Australia and its Dependencies
in the Commonwealth of Australia.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS by a Dormant Commission under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet dated the 17th day of February, 1920, I, Sir John Patrick Dwyer, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, being the Chief Justice for the time being of Western Australia, have been duly appointed Administrator of the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, and whereas,

by the said Commission, I was authorised and required, in the event of the office of Governor becoming vacant, or of the Governor being incapable, or of his departure from the said State and of there being present in the State no Lieutenant-Governor or other person holding a Commission to administer the Government thereof, with all and singular the powers and authorities contained in certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland bearing date at Westminster the 29th day of October, 1900, constituting the office of Governor in and over the said State of Western Australia, and according to such instructions as the said Governor for the time being had already received or might thereafter receive from His Majesty, or through one of His Principal Secretaries of State, and according to such laws as were then or might thereafter be in force in the said State; and whereas the term of office as Governor in and over the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia of His Excellency Sir James Mitchell, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, expired on the 30th day of June, 1951: Now this is to give notice that I, the said Sir John Patrick Dwyer, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, having duly taken the oaths required by the said Letters Patent, have, in pursuance of the said Commission this day assumed the office of Administrator of the Government, until a Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or other duly authorised person shall be present in the State and capable of administering the Government: And by the terms of the said recited Commission His Majesty doth command all and singular his officers, Ministers, and loyal subjects in the said State and its Dependencies, and all others whom it may concern, to take due notice thereof and to give their ready obedience accordingly.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State, at Perth, this 2nd day of July, 1951.

(Sgd.) J. P. DWYER,
Administrator.

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GOD SAVE THE KING !!!

By order of His Excellency the Administrator.

R. GREEN,
Acting Clerk of the Executive Council.