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NOTICE is hereby given that at a special meeting of the Executive Council held at Government House on Monday, the 16th day of February, 1920, at 11 o'clock a.m., His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor reported that he had been advised by His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies that a Commission under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet had been issued as follows:—

COMMISSION.

GEORGE, R.I.

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India: To our trusty and well-beloved Sir Francis Alexander Newdigate Newdegate, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Greeting:

Whereas by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster the 29th day of October, 1900, it was ordered and declared that there should be a Governor in and over the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, and the Governor was thereby authorised empowered and commanded to do and execute all things belonging to his said office as therein is more particularly set forth:

And whereas by the said Letters Patent it was declared in the event of the office of the Governor becoming vacant or of his departure from the State, the Lieutenant-Governor, or if there should be no such officer in our said State, then such person or persons as might be appointed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet should during pleasure administer the Government of the same:

And whereas by a Commission passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet bearing date the 7th day of May, 1906, His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh did appoint our trusty and well-beloved Sir Edward Albert Stone, Knight (now Knight Commander of Our Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George) to be during pleasure Lieutenant-Governor of our State of Western Australia and its Dependencies, and whereas

by a dormant commission passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet bearing date the 29th day of October, 1900, Her Majesty Queen Victoria did appoint the Chief Justice or the Senior Judge for the time being of Western Australia and its Dependencies to administer the Government thereof in the event of the Office of Governor becoming vacant or of the Governor being incapable or of his departure from the State and of there being no Lieutenant-Governor or other person holding a Commission under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet then present in the State and capable of administering the Government: And whereas we are minded to make fresh provision for the Administration of the Government of our State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the events hereafter specified:

Now, therefore, as from the time when you the said Sir Francis Alexander Newdigate Newdegate shall take the oaths directed to be taken by our above recited Letters Patent, we do hereby revoke the above recited commission of the 7th day of May, 1906, and the above recited dormant commission of the 29th day of October, 1900, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder, and we do hereby appoint you the said Sir Francis Alexander Newdigate Newdegate to administer the Government of our said State of Western Australia and its Dependencies during our pleasure in the event of the office of Governor becoming vacant or of the Governor being incapable or of his departure from the State, with all and singular the powers and authorities granted by the above recited Letters Patent of the 29th day of October, 1900, or by any other Letters Patent adding to the same according to such instructions as our said Governor for the time being has already received or may hereafter receive from us or through one of our Principal Secretaries of State, and according to such laws as are now or shall hereafter be in force in our said State: And we do hereby Command all and singular our officers, ministers, and loving subjects in our State and its Dependencies and all others whom it may concern to take due notice hereof and to give their ready obedience accordingly.

Given at our Court of St. James, the 19th day of January, 1920, in the tenth year of our Reign.

Countersigned,—

W. S. CHURCHILL.

His Excellency Sir Francis Alexander Newdigate Newdegate then took the Oaths of Allegiance and Office before the Honourable the Chief Justice, in the presence of the Members of the Executive Council, and thereupon issued the following Proclamation:—

PROCLAMATION

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, } By His Excellency Sir Francis Alex-
TO WIT. { ander Newdigate Newdegate, Knight
Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Administrator in and over the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

[L.S.]

Whereas by certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster the twenty-ninth day of October, 1900, it was ordered and declared that there should be a Governor in and over the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, and the Governor was thereby authorised, empowered, and commanded to do and execute all things belonging to his said office as therein more particularly set forth: And whereas by the said Letters Patent it was declared that in the event of the office of Governor becoming vacant or of his departure from the State the Lieutenant-Governor, or if there should be no such officer in the said State, then such person or persons as might be appointed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet should during His Majesty's pleasure administer the Government of the same: And whereas His Majesty King George the Fifth has been pleased by a Commission under His Royal Sign Manual and Signet, bearing date at His Court of St. James's the nineteenth day of January, 1920, to appoint me, Sir Francis Alexander Newdigate Newdegate to administer the Government of His Majesty's said State of Western Australia and its Dependencies during His Majesty's pleasure in the event of the office of Governor becoming vacant or of the

Governor being incapable or of his departure from the State, with all and singular the powers and authorities granted by the above recited Letters Patent of the twenty-ninth day of October, 1900, or by any other Letters Patent adding to the same according to such instructions as His Majesty's said Governor for the time had already received or might thereafter receive from His Majesty or through one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State and according to such laws as were then or might hereafter be in force in the said State.

And whereas His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir William Grey Ellison-Macartney, Governor of the said State, has departed from the State: And whereas I have, as provided by the said Commission, duly taken the oaths prescribed to be taken by the said recited Letters Patent in the form and manner therein set forth: Now I do hereby proclaim and make known that all and singular the powers and authorities conferred by the said Letters Patent have devolved upon me, the said Sir Francis Alexander Newdigate Newdegate, as Administrator of the said State of Western Australia: And I further proclaim that I have this day assumed the Government of the said State, and all and singular His Majesty's officers, ministers, and subjects in the said State and all others whom it may concern are required to take due notice thereof and to give obedience accordingly.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State, this sixteenth day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

F. A. NEWDEGATE,
Administrator.

By Command of His Excellency the Administrator,

BERNARD PARKER,
Clerk of the Executive Council.