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Executive Council Office,  
Perth, 4th November, 1948.

NOTICE is hereby given that, at the Special Meeting of the Executive Council held at Government House on Thursday, the 4th day of November, 1948, at 12 o'clock noon, the Honourable Sir James Mitchell reported that he had received from His Majesty's Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations a Commission under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet appointing him Governor of Western Australia, which Commission was read by the Clerk as follows:—

Western Australia.

Commission passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, appointing the Honourable Sir James Mitchell, G.C.M.G., to be Governor of the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

Dated 5th October, 1948.

GEORGE R.

George the Sixth by the Grace of God of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith: To Our Trusty and Well-beloved the Honourable Sir James Mitchell, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Greeting.

We do, by this Our Commission under Our Sign Manual and Signet, appoint you, the said Sir James Mitchell, to be, during Our pleasure, Our Governor in and over Our State of Western Australia and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, with all the powers, rights, privileges, and advantages to the said Office belonging or appertaining.

II. And We do hereby authorise, empower, and command you to exercise and perform all and singular the powers and directions contained in certain Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date at Westminster the Twenty-ninth day of October, 1900, constituting the Office of Governor in and over Our State of Western Australia and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, or in any other Letters Patent adding to, amending, or substituted for the same, and according to such Orders and Instructions as the Governor for the time being of the said State hath already received, or as you may hereafter receive from Us.

III. And We do hereby command all and singular Our Officers, Ministers, and loving subjects in Our said 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 at Saint James's, this fifth day of October, 1948, in the Twelfth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

PHILIP NOEL-BAKER.

His Excellency the Honourable Sir James Mitchell 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 The Honourable Sir James  
TO WIT. } Mitchell, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Dis-  
JAMES MITCHELL, } tinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint  
Governor. } George, Governor in and over the State of  
[L.S.] } Western Australia and its Dependencies in the  
Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by 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, Her late Majesty Queen Victoria did constitute, order, and declare that there shall be a Governor in and over the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies as therein defined, 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 His Majesty King George the Sixth has been pleased, by a Commission under His Royal Sign Manual and Signet bearing date at His Court of Saint James's the 5th day of October, 1948, to appoint me, Sir James Mitchell, to be Governor in and over the State of Western Australia and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, during His Majesty's pleasure, and has by the said Commission authorised, empowered, and commanded me to exercise and perform all and singular the powers and directions contained in the hereinbefore recited Letters Patent;

And whereas I have 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 James Mitchell, as Governor 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 give obedience accordingly.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the said State, at Perth, this fourth day of November, 1948.

(Sgd.) JAMES MITCHELL,  
Governor.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor,

R. H. DOIG,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

GOD SAVE THE KING ! ! !