



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

IN REPLY
PLEASE QUOTE
NO 14/10408.

Melbourne, 1st July, 1914.

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Acting Administrator
of Norfolk Island.

I am directed by the Minister to confirm the cablegram despatched to you yesterday, which was in the following terms:-

"Would be glad if you would read following at public meeting to-morrow. Begins. I desire to express to the inhabitants of Norfolk Island the good wishes of the Government of the Commonwealth and of the people of Australia on the occasion of the Island becoming a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, in accordance with the provisions of the Act and His Majesty's Order-in-Council. It is the desire and shall be the aim of the Government that the relations this day established may be marked by the disinterestedness and sympathy displayed in respect of the public affairs of the Island when under the direction of the Governor for the time being of New South Wales, and I feel that the material and social prosperity of the community must continue to be advanced by the application of those beneficent and effective principles and methods which are characteristic of British administration throughout our world-wide Empire. I regret that circumstances prevented me from realizing the hope that I might be able to personally visit Norfolk Island to take part in the celebrations of the day."

Alfred Street

Secretary.

PROCLAMATION.

Commonwealth of
Australia to wit.

Governor-General.

BY His Excellency the Right Honourable Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia:

WHEREAS by the Norfolk Island Act 1913 it is enacted that that Act shall not come into operation until the King has been pleased to place Norfolk Island under the authority of the Commonwealth, and the Governor General has been pleased, by proclamation, to fix a day for the commencement of the Act:

AND WHEREAS by an Order of His Majesty in Council bearing date the thirtieth day of March One thousand nine hundred and fourteen His Majesty has been pleased to place Norfolk Island under the authority of the Commonwealth, which said Order is to take effect from the date which shall be fixed by proclamation by the said Governor-General for the commencement of the said Norfolk Island Act:

NOW THEREFORE I, RONALD CRAUFURD MUNRO FERGUSON, the Governor-General aforesaid, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, do signify and declare that the Norfolk Island Act 1913 shall commence on Wednesday the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia this 17th day of June One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and in the fourth year of His Majesty's reign.

(Ed) R. M. Ferguson

By His Excellency's Command.

GOD SAVE THE KING!



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WEDNESDAY, 17TH JUNE.

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AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE,
The 30th day of March, 1914.

PRESENT:

The King's Most Excellent Majesty.

Lord President | Lord Colebrooke
Viscount Knollys | Lord Emmott.

WHEREAS by the *Australian Waste Lands Act* 1855, it was among other things provided that it should be lawful for Her Majesty at any time by Order in Council to separate Norfolk Island from the Colony of Van Diemen's Land and to make such provision for the Government of Norfolk Island as might seem expedient:

And whereas by an Order in Council, dated the 24th day of June, 1856, made in pursuance of the said Act, it was ordered and declared that from and after the date of the Proclamation of the Order in New South Wales Norfolk Island should be separated from the said Colony of Van Diemen's Land:

And whereas by an Order in Council, dated the 18th day of October, 1900, Her Majesty Queen Victoria was pleased to order that the affairs of Norfolk Island should thenceforth, and until further order should be made in that behalf by Her Majesty, be administered by the Governor for the time being of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies:

And whereas by the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, it is provided that the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia may make laws for the government of any territory placed by the King under the authority of and accepted by the Commonwealth:

And whereas the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia has passed an Act No. 15 of 1913, entitled "An Act to provide for the acceptance of Norfolk Island as a territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, and for the government thereof":

And whereas it is expedient that the said Order in Council, of 18th of October, 1900, should be revoked, and that Norfolk Island should be placed under the authority of the Commonwealth of Australia:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the power in this behalf by the *Australian Waste Lands Act* 1855, or otherwise in His Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

- (1) Norfolk Island is hereby placed under the authority of the Commonwealth of Australia.
- (2) The said Order in Council of the 18th day of October, 1900, is hereby revoked, but without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder.

(3) This Order shall be published by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* at such time as the Governor-General may think fit, and shall take effect from the date which shall be fixed by Proclamation by the said Governor-General for the commencement of the Act No. 15 of 1913 of the Parliament of the Commonwealth.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia.

WHEREAS by the *Norfolk Island Act* 1913, it is enacted that that Act shall not come into operation until the King has been pleased to place Norfolk Island under the authority of the Commonwealth, and the Governor-General has been pleased, by Proclamation, to fix a day for the commencement of that Act:

And whereas by an Order of His Majesty in Council bearing date the thirtieth day of March, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, His Majesty has been pleased to place Norfolk Island under the authority of the Commonwealth, and to order that the said Order shall take effect from the date which shall be fixed by Proclamation by the said Governor-General for the commencement of the said Act:

Now therefore I, Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, the Governor-General aforesaid, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, do fix Wednesday, the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, as the day upon which the *Norfolk Island Act* 1913 shall commence.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Australia this seventeenth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, and in the fifth year of His Majesty's reign.

(L.S.) By His Excellency's Command,
P. McM. GLYNN.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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LORD PRESIDENT
VISCOUNT KNOLLYS

LORD COLEBROOKE
LORD EMMOTT.

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ALMERIC FITZROY.