

**LETTERS PATENT**

**21 July 1908.**

**Dependencies.**

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Letters Patent passed under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, appointing the Governor of the Colony of the Falkland Islands to be Governor of South Georgia, the South Orkneys, the South Shetlands, the Sandwich Islands, and Graham's Land, and providing for the Government thereof as Dependencies of the Colony.

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, 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:

Dated 21<sup>st</sup> July  
1908

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS the groups of islands known as South Georgia, the South Orkneys, the South Shetlands, and the Sandwich Islands, and the territory known as Graham's Land, situated in the South Atlantic Ocean to the south of the fiftieth parallel of south latitude, and lying between the twentieth and the eightieth degrees of west longitude, are part of Our Dominions, and it is expedient that provision should be made for their government as Dependencies of Our Colony of the Falkland Islands.

- 1 Now we do hereby declare that from and after the publication of these Our Letters Patent in the Government Gazette of Our Colony of the Falkland Islands the said groups of islands known as South Georgia, the South Orkneys, the South Shetlands, and the Sandwich Islands, and the said territory of Graham's Land shall become Dependencies of Our said Colony of the Falkland Islands.

South  
Georgia,  
South  
Orkneys, etc.,  
to be  
Dependencies  
of the Falkland  
Islands.
- 2 And We do hereby further declare that from and after such publication as aforesaid the Governor and Commander in-Chief of Our Colony of the Falkland Islands for the time being (hereinafter called the Governor) shall be the Governor of South Georgia, the South Orkneys, the South Shetlands, and the Sandwich Islands, and the territory of Graham's Land (all of which are hereinafter called the Dependencies) ; and We do hereby vest in him all such powers of government and legislation in and over the Dependencies as are from time to time vested in Our said Governor in and over Our Colony of the Falkland Islands, subject, nevertheless, to any instructions which may from time to time be hereafter given him under Our Sign Manual and Signet, or through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State,

Appointment  
of Governor of  
the Falkland  
Islands to be  
Governor of  
the  
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and to such laws as are now or shall hereafter be in force in the said Dependencies.

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| 3 | In the event of the death or incapacity of the Governor, or in the event of his absence from Our Colony of the Falkland Islands otherwise than for the purpose of visiting the Dependencies, the Officer for the time being Administering the Government of Our said Colony shall be Governor for the time being of the Dependencies.   | Temporary administration during Governor's absence.                           |
| 4 | There shall be an Executive Council for the Dependencies, and the said Council shall consist of such persons as shall from time to time constitute the Executive Council of Our Colony of the Falkland Islands ; and the said Council shall exercise the same functions in regard to all matters arising in connection with the Dependencies as are exercised by the Executive Council of Our Colony of the Falkland Islands in regard to matters arising in connection with Our said Colony. | Executive Council   |
| 5 | It shall be, and shall be deemed always to have been competent for the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of Our Colony of the Falkland Islands, to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Dependencies.   | Legislation   |
| 6 | The Governor is and shall be deemed always to have been, authorised and empowered to make and execute, in Our name and on Our behalf, grants and dispositions of any Lands which may lawfully be granted or disposed of by Us within the Dependencies, either in conformity with Instructions under Our Sign Manual and Signet, or through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, or in conformity with such laws as may from time to time be in force in the Dependencies.               | Governor empowered to make grants of Lands                                    |
| 7 | We do hereby reserve to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, full power and authority from time to time to revoke, alter or amend these Our Letters Patent as to Us or Them shall seem meet  | Power reserved to His Majesty to revoke alter or amend present Letters Patent |
| 8 | The Governor shall cause these Our Letters Patent to be published in the Government Gazette of Our Colony of the Falkland Islands, and the same shall thereupon come into force.  | Publication in Gazette  |

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourselves at Westminster, this Twenty-first day of July, in the Eighth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign Manual.

MUIR MACKENZIE.