

SAMOA CONSTITUTION ORDER, 1920.

LIVERPOOL, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this first day of
April, 1920.

Present :

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE W. F. MASSEY, P.C., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS the Territory of Western Samoa as defined in the First Preamble.
Schedule to this Order has during the late war with Germany been
in the military occupation of His Majesty's Forces : And whereas by a
Treaty of Peace signed on behalf of His Majesty at Versailles on the
twenty-eighth day of June, nineteen hundred and nineteen, the Govern-
ment of Germany has renounced all right and title to that Territory
in favour of the Principal Allied and Associated Powers being parties
to that treaty : And whereas it has been agreed between the said
Principal Allied and Associated Powers that the said Territory shall
be administered by His Majesty in his Government of the Dominion
of New Zealand : And whereas by Order in Council intituled the
Western Samoa Order in Council, 1920, and made on the eleventh
day of March, nineteen hundred and twenty, in pursuance of the
Imperial Act known as the Foreign Jurisdiction Act, 1890, His Majesty,
with the advice of His Privy Council, has been pleased accordingly to
authorize and empower the Parliament of New Zealand to make laws
for the peace, order, and good government of the said Territory, and
has been further pleased to provide that, subject to the authority so
conferred upon the Parliament of New Zealand, and until that Parlia-
ment has otherwise provided, the Executive Government of New
Zealand may by Order in Council exercise the like authority to make
laws for the peace, order, and good government of the said Territory :
And whereas by the Treaties of Peace Act, 1919, the Parliament of New
Zealand has approved and authorized the exercise by the said Executive
Government of any authority which may be so conferred by His
Majesty, and has further empowered the said Executive Government
to make by Order in Council such provisions as may be thought neces-
sary in New Zealand for the due and effective exercise of the authority
so conferred for the government of the said Territory, and has enacted
that all such provisions so made shall have the force of law in New
Zealand : And whereas it is expedient that laws should now be made
accordingly by the Executive Government of New Zealand for the peace,
order, and good government of the said Territory of Western Samoa :

Now, THEREFORE, I, Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liver-
pool, the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting
by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that
Dominion, and in pursuance of the Western Samoa Order in Council,
1920, hereinbefore recited, and in pursuance of the Treaties of Peace
Act, 1919, and of all other powers and authorities enabling me in that
behalf, do hereby order as follows :—

1. This Order in Council may be cited as the Samoa Constitution Short Title.
Order, 1920.

2. Save so far as other provision is expressly made herein, this Commencement.
Order shall come into operation on the first day of May, nineteen
hundred and twenty.