

In Her Majesty's name I assent to this Ordinance this *20th day of April, 1961.*

MAURICE H. DORMAN,
Governor.

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Sierra Leone

An Ordinance to transfer to and vest in the Government of Sierra Leone all Lands in the Colony at present Vested in or held by the Admiralty, the Air ministry and the War Department.

(2nd April, 1961) Date of commencement.

WHEREAS it has been agreed that certain lands now vested in or held by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for Air and the Secretary of State for War should be transferred to the Government subject to certain reservations as to easements and other rights and interests in or in respect of such lands:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to confirm the said agreement and accordingly to make provision for vesting, subject to such reservation as aforesaid, the aforementioned lands in the Government and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Legislature of Sierra Leone, as follows—

Short title and commencement

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Transfer of Defence Lands Ordinance, 1961, and shall come into operation on the 2nd day of April, 1961.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

“land” includes leaseholds the reversion on which is vested in the Government, land covered by water, any building or structure erected on land, and any interest, right or easement in or over any land and “lands” shall be construed accordingly;

“the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty” mean the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland;

“the scheduled Defence lands” means the lands (being lands now vested in or held by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for Air and the Secretary of State for War respectively) described in the Schedule;

“the Secretary of State for Air” means Her Majesty’s Principal Secretary of State for the Air Ministry of the United Kingdom;

“the Secretary of State for War” means Her Majesty’s Principal Secretary of State for the War Department of the United Kingdom.

3. (1) Subject as hereinafter provided, as from the second day of April, 1961, the scheduled Defence lands shall be transferred to and vest absolutely in the Government.

Transfer to and vesting of scheduled Defence lands in the Government subject to reservations.

(2) Subject as hereinafter provided, every person having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest, use or trust whatsoever in or to or out of the scheduled Defence lands shall, as from the date of the vesting of the said lands in the Government, be forever barred of all such right, title, estate, interest, use or trust notwithstanding any provision of law, usage, matter or thing to the contrary.

4. Notwithstanding anything in the provisions of section 3, any estate or interest (including any right, easement, restrictive covenant and rights in relation to machinery, plant, apparatus and things) held or enjoyed by any person in or in respect of any part of the scheduled Defence lands immediately before the vesting of such lands in the Government in so far as such estate or interest was granted or knowingly suffered by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for Air or the Secretary of State for War before such vesting or was expressly reserved by any instrument to which the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for Air or the Secretary of State for War were a party or out of any conveyance or other instrument under which the land was acquired by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty the Secretary of State for Air or the Secretary of State for War shall not be extinguished or affected by such vesting but shall subsist and continue and may be held or enjoyed to the same extent that such estate or interest would have subsisted and continued, and might have been held or enjoyed, had this Ordinance not been passed.

Saving for certain rights enjoyed in scheduled Defence lands immediately before vesting in the Government.

SCHEDULE (Section 2)
DESCRIPTION OF DEFENCE LANDS TO BE VESTED IN
THE GOVERNMENT

ALL THOSE LANDS in the Colony which immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance were vested in or held by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for Air or the Secretary of State for War, as shown (for the purpose of identification only) in a book of plans numbered respectively SLS 80/61A, SLS 80/61B, SLS 80/61C, SLS 80/61D, SLS 80/61E, SLS 80/61F, SLS 80/61G, SLS 80/61H and deposited in the office of the Director of Surveys and Lands therein coloured green.

Passed in the House of Representatives this *29th day of March*, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one.

S. V. WRIGHT,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed the House of Representatives and found by me to be a true and correct copy of the said Bill.

S. V. WRIGHT,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.