



Federation of Nigeria Official Gazette

No. 40

LAGOS - 1st June, 1961

Vol. 48

Government Notice No. 1108

The following is published as supplement to this Gazette :—

L.N. 80 of 1961—Northern Cameroons (Administration) Amendment Order in Council 1961.

Government Notice No. 1109

ADMISSION OF NORTHERN CAMEROONS INTO THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA

PROCLAMATION



By His Excellency the Right Honourable Doctor NNAMDI AZIKIWE, Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Federation of Nigeria.

NNAMDI AZIKIWE,
Governor-General

WHEREAS by Resolution No. 1068/XV the United Nations Assembly duly approved the result of a plebiscite held on 11th and 12th days of February, 1961 in the Cameroons whereby *inter alia* those parts of the Cameroons known as the Northern Cameroons agreed to achieve independence by joining the independent Federation of Nigeria :

AND WHEREAS by exchange of notes it is agreed between the Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of the Federation of Nigeria that to implement the resolution aforesaid the Northern Cameroons should be regarded as forming part of the territory of the Federation of Nigeria with effect from the 1st day of June, 1961 :

AND WHEREAS it is the intention of the Federal Parliament to enact legislation under the provisions of section 16 of the Constitution Order to give effect to the resolution and agreement aforesaid but for divers reasons it is expedient and necessary to make suitable provision in anticipation thereof :

AND WHEREAS provision is made by the Northern Cameroons (Administration) Order in Council, 1960 published as legal notice L.N. 163 of 1960 for the due and proper administration of the Northern Cameroons as a trust territory and it is likewise expedient and necessary for the adoption of and continuance in the meantime of such Order as amended by Order in Council No. 998 dated 26th May, 1961 and notwithstanding that the Northern Cameroons is no longer to be administered as a trust territory :

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NNAMDI AZIKIWE, Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Federation of Nigeria, in exercise of the powers in that behalf reposed in or conferred upon me by the Constitution Order and of all other powers if any me thereunto enabling, HEREBY PROCLAIM AND DECLARE that the territorial area known as the Northern Cameroons shall on the first day of June, 1961 be administered as part of the Federation of Nigeria and be treated as a province of Northern Nigeria.

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Federation of Nigeria this 31st day of May, 1961.

Government Notice No. 1110

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Rt. Hon. Viscount Head, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., M.C.

OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM,
LAGOS.

29TH MAY, 1961.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the plebiscite held in the Northern Cameroons on the 11th and 12th February, 1961, which resulted in a majority vote in favour of joining the Federation of Nigeria and to Resolution No. 1068(XV) of the Fifteenth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

2. I am instructed to recall the discussions held in London in May 1960, with representatives of the Nigerian Governments at which the terms on which the Northern Cameroons would rejoin Nigeria were referred to.

3. It is the understanding of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the Government of the Federation of Nigeria, and the other Governments in Nigeria, so far as they are concerned, agree with the Government of the United Kingdom that the Northern Cameroons should be admitted to the Federation of Nigeria and incorporated in Northern Nigeria and that the Governments concerned will take the necessary legislative action to amend the Constitutions of the Federation and of Northern Nigeria in accordance with section 16 of the Nigeria (Constitution) Order in Council, 1960.

4. The Government of the United Kingdom further understand that it is the intention that the new system of local administration which was introduced into the Northern Cameroons on the 1st July, 1960, shall continue after the incorporation of the territory into Nigeria.

5. In accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of Resolution 1068(XV) of the Fifteenth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations the Government of the United Kingdom will regard the Northern Cameroons as being part of the territory of the Federation of Nigeria with effect from 1st June, 1961.

6. I shall be grateful for your confirmation that these understandings of the Government of the United Kingdom are correct and that the Government of the Federation of Nigeria agree that this note and your reply confirming these understandings shall constitute an agreement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

HEAD

ALHAJI THE HONOURABLE SIR ABUBAKAR TAFAWA BALEWA, K.B.E., M.P.,
PRIME MINISTER OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA,
LAGOS.

CABINET OFFICE,
LAGOS,
NIGERIA.
29TH MAY, 1961

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Note of to-day's date which reads as follows:—

"Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the plebiscite held in the Northern Cameroons on the 11th and 12th February, 1961, which resulted in a majority vote in favour of joining the Federation of Nigeria and to Resolution No. 1068/XV of the Fifteenth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

2. I am instructed to recall the discussions held in London in May 1960, with representatives of the Nigerian Governments at which the terms on which the Northern Cameroons would rejoin Nigeria were referred to.

3. It is the understanding of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the Government of the Federation of Nigeria, and the other Governments in Nigeria, so far as they are concerned, agree with the Government of the United Kingdom that the Northern Cameroons should be admitted to the Federation of Nigeria and incorporated in Northern Nigeria and that the Governments concerned will take the necessary legislative action to amend the Constitutions of the Federation and of Northern Nigeria in accordance with section 16 of the Nigeria (Constitution) Order in Council, 1960.

4. The Government of the United Kingdom further understand that it is the intention that the new system of local administration which was introduced into the Northern Cameroons on the 1st July, 1960 shall continue after the incorporation of the territory into Nigeria.

5. In accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of Resolution 1068/XV of the Fifteenth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations the Government of the United Kingdom will regard the Northern Cameroons as being part of the territory of the Federation of Nigeria with effect from 1st June, 1961.

6. I shall be grateful for your confirmation that these understandings of the Government of the United Kingdom are correct and that the Government of the Federation of Nigeria agree that this letter and your reply confirming these understandings shall constitute an agreement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

HEAD"

I have pleasure in confirming that these understandings of the Government of the United Kingdom are correct and that the Government of the Federation of Nigeria agree that your Note and this reply confirming these understandings shall constitute an agreement.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your obedient Servant,

ABUBAKAR TAFAWA BALEWA

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RT. HON. VISCOUNT HEAD, P.C., K.C.M.G., C.B.E., M.C.,
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM,
LAGOS.