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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Brisbane, 21st June, 1862.

**H**IS Excellency the Governor directs the annexed Despatch from the Secretary of State, with the enclosed Supplementary Commission, to be published for general information.

By His Excellency's Command,  
R. G. W. HERBERT.

(QUEENSLAND.)  
*Separate.*

Downing Street,  
12th April, 1862.

SIR,

With reference to my Despatch No. 39 of the 14th December last,\* I now transmit to you a Supplementary Commission under the Great Seal, for altering the Boundary of Queensland.

I understand that in annexing these Territories for the present to the Colony of Queensland, Her Majesty is taking a step which is acceptable to the Government and Legislature of Queensland, on whom I rely for passing the measures necessary in order to complete the incorporation of these districts with the Colony.

You will further perceive that the opportunity has been taken, on issuing this Supplementary Commission, of conveying to you, in common with most of the other Australian Governors, so far as it can be lawfully granted by Her Majesty, the power to remove, as well as suspend, any person exercising any office or place within your Government, under or by virtue of any Commission or Warrant granted, or which might be granted by Her Majesty, or in Her name, or under Her authority.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) NEWCASTLE.

Governor Sir G. F. BOWEN, G.C.M.G.,  
&c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith:

To Our trusty and well-beloved SIR GEORGE FERGUSON BOWEN, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,

Greeting:

Whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in the fifth and sixth years of Our Reign, it was enacted that it should be lawful for us by Letters Patent, to be from time to time issued under the Great Seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to erect into a separate Colony any territories which then were or were reputed to be or thereafter might be comprised within the Colony of New South Wales: And whereas by such Letters Patent as aforesaid, bearing date at Westminster on the sixth day of June, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, in the twenty-second year of Our Reign, We did, in pursuance and exercise of the said powers and of all others vested in Us in that behalf, separate from the said Colony of New South Wales so much of the territory thereof as lies to the northward of a line commencing on the sea coast at Point Danger, in latitude about twenty-eight degrees eight minutes south, and following the range thence which divides the waters of the Tweed, Richmond and Clarence Rivers from those of the Logan and Brisbane Rivers, westerly to the great dividing range between the waters falling to the east coast and those of the River Murray, following the great dividing range southerly to the range dividing the waters of Tenterfield Creek from those of the main head of the Dumaresq River, following that range westerly to the Dumaresq River, and following that river (which is locally known as the Severn) downwards to its confluence with the Mackintyre River; thence following the Mackintyre River, which lower down becomes the Barvan, downwards to the twenty-ninth parallel of south latitude, and following that parallel westerly to the one hundred and forty-first meridian of east longitude, which is the eastern boundary of South Australia, together with all and every the adjacent islands their members and appurtenances in the Pacific Ocean; and we did erect the said territory so described into a separate Colony, to be called the Colony of Queensland: And whereas by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament holden in

\* Already presented to both Houses of Parliament.

the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth years of Our Reign, intituled "*An Act to remove doubts respecting the authority of the Legislature of Queensland, and to annex certain territories to the Colony of South Australia, and for other purposes*," it was amongst other things provided, that it should be lawful for Us by such Letters Patent as aforesaid, to annex to any Colony which was then or which might thereafter be established on the Continent of Australia, any territories which (in the exercise of the powers hereinbefore mentioned) might have been erected into a separate Colony: Provided always that it should be lawful for Us, in such Letters Patent, to reserve such powers of revoking or altering the same as to Us should seem fit, or to declare the period during which such Letters Patent should remain in force, and also on the revocation or other determination of such Letters Patent, again to exercise in respect of the territories referred to therein, or any part thereof, all such powers and authorities as might have been exercised if the said Letters Patent had never been made: Now know you, that We have thought fit in pursuance of the powers so vested in Us and of all other powers and authorities to Us in that behalf belonging, to annex, and We do hereby annex to Our said Colony of Queensland, so much of Our Colony of New South Wales as lies to the northward of the twenty-sixth parallel of south latitude and between the one hundred and forty-first and one hundred and thirty-eighth meridians of east longitude, together with all and every the adjacent islands their members and appurtenances in the Gulf of

Carpentaria. And whereas We did by Our aforesaid Letters Patent constitute and appoint you to be Our Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over our said Colony of Queensland; and We did give and grant unto you full power and authority upon sufficient cause to you appearing, to suspend from the exercise of his office within Our said Colony any person exercising any place under or by virtue of any Commission or Warrant granted, or which might be granted by Us or in Our name or under Our authority, which suspension should continue and have effect only until Our pleasure therein should be made known and signified to you: Now know you, that We do hereby give any grant unto you, so far as We lawfully may, full power and authority upon sufficient cause to you appearing, to remove from his office or to suspend from the exercise of the same, any person exercising any Office or Place within Our said Colony under or by virtue of any Commission or Warrant granted, or which may be granted by Us, or in Our name, or under our authority. And We do hereby reserve to Us, Our heirs and successors, full power and authority from time to time to revoke, alter, and amend these Our Letters Patent, as to Us or them shall seem meet.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent. Witness Ourself at Westminster, the thirteenth day of March, in the twenty-fifth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the Queen's Sign Manual.

C. ROMILLY.