HIS 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.

Downing Street, 12th April, 1862.

Sir,

With reference to my Despatch No. 89 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.,

(G. New Castle, New South Wales.)

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

* 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 hereinafore 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 for 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.

By Authority: W. C. BULFINCH, Government Printer, William Street, Brisbane.