PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir Arthur Edward Kennedy, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor of the Colony of Queensland, and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Queensland and its Dependencies,

WHEREAS, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the tenth day of October, in the forty-second year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Her said Majesty did authorise the Governor for the time being of the Colony of Queensland, by Proclamation under his Hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, to declare that from and after a day to be therein mentioned, certain Islands, which are described in the Schedule hereeto, should be annexed to and form part of the said colony: And in the said Letters Patent it was also provided that the application of all laws to the said Islands might be modified either by such Proclamation as aforesaid, or by any law or laws to be from time to time passed by the Legislature of the said colony for the government of the said Islands so annexed: And whereas by an Act passed by the Legislature of the said Colony of Queensland in the forty-third year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, entitled "An Act to provide that certain Islands in Torres Straits and lying between the Continent of Australia and the Island of New Guinea shall be annexed to the Colony of Queensland and subject to the laws in force therein," it is enacted that from and after such a day as His Excellency the Governor of Queensland shall by Proclamation under his Hand and the Public Seal of the Colony, as is authorised by the said Letters Patent, mention and appoint for that purpose, the Islands described in the Schedule hereto shall be annexed to and become part of the Colony of Queensland: Now, therefore, I, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the power so vested in me, and by and with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby notify and proclaim that from and after the first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, the Islands described in the Schedule hereto shall be annexed to and become part of the Colony of Queensland, and shall be and become subject to the laws in force therein.

SCHEDULE.

Certain Islands in Torres Straits and lying between the Continent of Australia and Island of New Guinea, that is to say, all Islands included within a line drawn from Sandy Cape northward to the south-eastern limit of Great Barrier Reefs; thence following the line of the Great Barrier Reefs to their north-eastern extremity near the latitude of nine and a half degrees south; thence in a north-westerly direction embracing East Anchor and Bramble Cays; thence from Bramble Cays in a line west by south (south seventy-nine degrees west) true, embracing Warrior Reef, Salbai, and Tuan Islands; thence diverging in a north-westerly direction so as to embrace the group known as the Talbot Islands; thence to and embracing the Deliverance Islands, and onwards in a west-by-south direction (true) to the meridian of one hundred and thirty-eight degrees of east longitude.

Given under my Hand and the Great Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Brisbane, this eighteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, and in the forty-third year of Her Majesty's reign,

By Command,

A. H. PALMER.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!