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BILL

Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORM OF THE ROYAL STYLE AND TITLES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION OF SOLOMON
ISLANDS.

ENACTED by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands.

WHEREAS Prime Ministers and other representatives of Commonwealth countries assembled in London in the year One thousand nine hundred and fifty-two and considered the form of the Royal Style and Titles and concluded that in the present stage of development of the Commonwealth relationship; it would be in accord with the established constitutional position that each member country should use for its own purposes, a form suitable to its own particular circumstances but retain a substantial common element to all:

AND WHEREAS it was further agreed by the Prime Ministers and other representatives that the various forms of the Royal Style and Titles should, in addition to the appropriate territorial designation, have as their common element the description of the Sovereign as "Queen of Her Realms and Territories and Head of the Commonwealth":

AND WHEREAS Solomon Islands was at the time a British Protectorate whereby a Proclamation was issued by his Excellency the High Commissioner on the direction of Her Majesty the Queen for the adoption in all instruments, the Royal Style and Titles in the manner adopted by the United Kingdom in respect of the other territories for whose foreign relations the Government of United Kingdom was responsible:

AND WHEREAS at present the use of the citation in letters of Credence and Recall issued by the Head of State has no legal basis as it has neither been incorporated in the Constitution nor enacted by an Act of Parliament as in other Commonwealth Countries on gaining independence, and thus this measure for adequate legislative recognition.

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Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Royal Style and Titles Act 2013 and shall come into force on the date of publication in the Gazette.

Royal style and Titles

2. (1) Notwithstanding any Act, regulation, rule, order or ordinance, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second may be referred to in any document by the Royal Style and Titles set out in subsection (2), and such description shall be sufficient for all purposes.

(2) The Royal Style and Titles referred to in subsection (1) of this section are as follows -

“Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Solomon Islands and of Her Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth”.

(3) In this section “document” means document of any kind prescribed by or used pursuant to any Act, regulation, rule of court, order, ordinance or other instrument.

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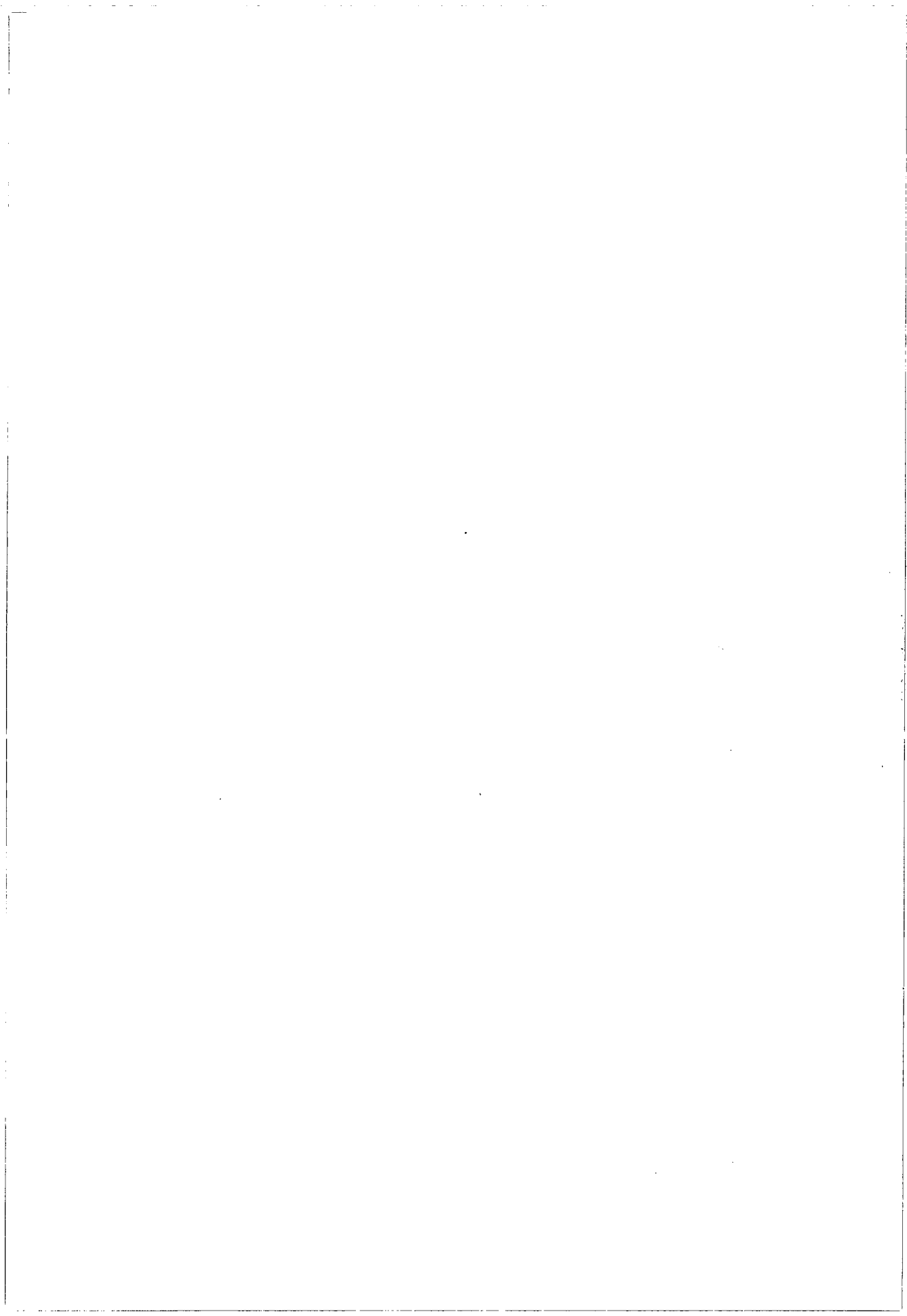
OBJECTS AND REASONS

The modern Royal Style and Titles in usage in Solomon Islands was adopted by the issue of a Proclamation by His Excellency the High Commissioner on 3rd of June 1953, on the direction of Her Majesty the Queen. The Royal Style and Titles was formally introduced to all territories in respect of which the United Kingdom was responsible for foreign relations.

On the attainment of independence the newly independent states enacted its own legislation to give legal effect to the usage as required on attaining independence.

The Bill therefore seeks to formally recognise and secure the necessary Constitutional approval for the usage of the Royal Style and Titles in documents used by the Solomon Islands Government.

PRIME MINISTER



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