



LIZABETH THE SECOND BY THE GRACE OF GOD

Of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Kingdoms and Territories Queen Head of the Commonwealth Defender of the Faith To Our trusty and well beloved Sir Charles Noble Arden Arden-Clark Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over Ghana and Sir Edmund Charles Quint Knight Officer of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire Speaker of the National Assembly of Our Parliament of Ghana and To Our trusty and well beloved the Members of Parliament and Our People of Ghana Greeting: Whereas

by the Ghana Independence Act 1957 provision is made for the attainment by Ghana of fully responsible status within the British Commonwealth of Nations And Whereas in pursuance of the provisions of the Ghana (Constitution) Order in Council 1957 Our Parliament of Ghana has been summoned to meet for certain urgent and important affairs concerning the Government thereof And Whereas We are desirous of marking the importance of the opening of the first meeting of the said Parliament (being the first session thereof since the attainment by Ghana of fully responsible status is achieved) and of showing Our special interest in the welfare of Our Loyal Subjects therein and for as much as for certain causes We cannot conveniently be present thereto in Our Royal Person Now Know Ye that We trusting in the discretion fidelity and care of Our most dear and entirely beloved Aunt Marina Duchess of Kent Lady of the Imperial Order of the Crown of India Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order Dame Grand Cross of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire Do give and grant by the tenor of these Presents unto the said Marina Duchess of Kent full power in Our name to hold Our Parliament of Ghana and to open and declare and cause to be opened and declared the cause of holding the same and to do everything which for Us and by Us shall be therein to be done Willing that the said Duchess of Kent shall hereby carry to Our said Parliament and people Our Royal message of goodwill and Our assurance of Our warmest prayer for the blessing of Almighty God on the new Constitution of Ghana and for the continued prosperity and happiness of All Our Loyal Subjects in Ghana Commanding also by the tenor of these Presents as well all and every to meet in Our said Parliament that to the same Duchess of Kent they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid AND We do further direct and enjoin that these Our Letters shall be read and proclaimed at such place or places as Our said Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief shall think fit within Ghana in Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent Witness Ourself at Westminster the twenty-seventh day of February in the sixth year of Our Reign

BY THE QUEEN HERSELF SIGNED WITH HER OWN HAND

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