

SOUTHERN RHODESIA CONSTITUTION.

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LETTERS PATENT providing for the constitution of Responsible Government in the Colony of Southern Rhodesia.

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*Dated 1st September 1923.*

George the Fifth by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, unto all to whom these presents shall come Greeting.

Recites Southern Rhodesia Order in Council 1898 and Amending Orders.

WHEREAS by the Southern Rhodesia Order in Council 1898, as added to altered or amended by divers further Orders in Council provision was made for the administration of the government of certain territories of Africa under Our protection and known as Southern Rhodesia :

Recites Southern Rhodesia (Annexation) Order in Council 1923.

And whereas by an Order in Our Privy Council bearing date the 30th day of July 1923, and known as the Southern Rhodesia (Annexation) Order in Council 1923 it is provided that the territories within the limits of the Southern Rhodesia Order in Council 1898 and known as Southern Rhodesia, shall, from and after the coming into operation of the said Order, be annexed to and form part of Our Dominions, and shall be known as the Colony of Southern Rhodesia :

And whereas We are minded to provide for the establishment of Responsible Government, subject to certain limitations hereinafter set forth, in Our said Colony :

Now know ye that We do declare Our will and pleasure to be as follows :—

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