

# TABLE CONTAINING PARTICULARS OF LIEUTENANT-GOVERNORS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE POSSESSION OF BRITISH NEW GUINEA AND OF THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA.

Particulars of Lieutenant-Governors and Administrators of the Possession of British New Guinea appointed pursuant to Clauses II and III of the Letters Patent dated 8.6.1888 are set out in Part I of the Table below, and particulars of Lieutenant-Governors and Administrators of the Territory of Papua appointed pursuant to Section 11 of the *Papua Act* 1905-1940 are set out in Part II of the Table. The Table also contains particulars of Administrators or Acting Administrators appointed pursuant to Sections 13 (1) and 13 (2) of the *Papua Act* 1905-1940:

## TABLE.

### PART I.—LIEUTENANT-GOVERNORS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE POSSESSION OF BRITISH NEW GUINEA.

| Name of Appointee.                                   | Office to which appointed. | Period of office. |            |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|------------|
|  |                            | From              | To         |
| Sir William MacGregor, K.C.M.G. <sup>(a)</sup>       | Administrator              | 4.9.1888          | 5.6.1895   |
| Francis Pratt Winter, C.M.G. <sup>(b)</sup>          | Acting Administrator       | 18.9.1894         | 15.10.1894 |
| Francis Pratt Winter, C.M.G. <sup>(b)</sup>          | Acting Administrator       | 16.10.1894        | 5.6.1895   |
| Sir William MacGregor, K.C.M.G. <sup>(c)</sup>       | Lieutenant-Governor        | 6.6.1895          | 21.3.1899  |
| Francis Pratt Winter, C.M.G. <sup>(d)</sup>          | Acting Administrator       | 1.11.1898         | 21.3.1899  |
| George Ruthven Le Hunte, Esq., C.M.G. <sup>(d)</sup> | Lieutenant-Governor        | 22.3.1899         | 15.6.1904  |

(a) Commission published in British N.G. *Govt. Gaz.* of 4.9.1888. This Commission was superseded by Commission, dated 31.1.1889 and published in British N.G. *Govt. Gaz.* of 20.4.1889, which was itself superseded by Commission dated 13.3.1895 and published in British N.G. *Govt. Gaz.* of 22.6.1895.

(b) On the four occasions noted in the Table, Francis Pratt Winter acted as Administrator pursuant to the Commission dated 18.8.1894 and published in British N.G. *Govt. Gaz.* of 16.10.1894, which appointed him to administer the Possession of British New Guinea in the event of the death, incapacity or absence from the Possession of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Administrator.

(c) Commission published in British N.G. *Govt. Gaz.* of 22.6.1895. This Commission was superseded by Commission dated 12.8.1898 and published in British N.G. *Govt. Gaz.* of 23.3.1899.

(d) Commission published in British N.G. *Govt. Gaz.* of 23.3.1899. This Commission was revoked by Commission (appointing Francis Rickman Barton Esq. Administrator) dated 6.4.1904 and published in British N.G. *Govt. Gaz.* of 16.6.1904.

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### PART I.—LIEUTENANT-GOVERNORS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE POSSESSION OF BRITISH NEW GUINEA.—*Continued.*

| Name of Appointee.                                    | Office to which appointed. | Period of office. |                |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|   |                            | From              | To             |
| Sir Francis Pratt Winter, K.B., C.M.G. <sup>(b)</sup> | Acting Administrator       | 11.5.1902         | <sup>(e)</sup> |
| Anthony Musgrave <sup>(f)</sup>                       | Acting Administrator       | 3.1.1903          | 10.5.1903      |
| Francis Rickman Barton, Esq. <sup>(g)</sup>           | Administrator              | 16.6.1904         | 31.8.1906      |

(b) See footnote (b) printed on p. 59.

(e) The date on which the Lieutenant-Governor returned to the Possession of British New Guinea and Sir Francis Pratt Winter ceased to act as Administrator was not notified in British N.G. *Govt. Gaz.*

(f) By Proclamation dated 3.1.1903 and published in British N.G. *Govt. Gaz.* of 3.1.1903, Anthony Musgrave proclaimed that he had assumed the Administration of the Possession during the absence of the Lieutenant-Governor.

(g) Commission published in British N.G. *Govt. Gaz.* of 16.6.1904.

### PART II.—LIEUTENANT-GOVERNORS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA.

| Name of Appointee.                         | Office to which appointed.          | Period of office. |                |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|  |                                     | From              | To             |
| Francis Rickman Barton <sup>(h)</sup>      | Administrator                       | 1.9.1906          | 17.1.1909      |
| John Hubert Plunkett Murray <sup>(i)</sup> | Acting Administrator                | 9.4.1907          | 17.1.1909      |
| John Hubert Plunkett Murray <sup>(j)</sup> | Lieutenant-Governor                 | 18.1.1909         | 27.2.1940      |
| Miles Staniforth Cater Smith               | Administrator <sup>(k)</sup>        | 18.6.1910         | 11.6.1911      |
| Alexander Malcolm Campbell                 | Acting Administrator <sup>(l)</sup> | 9.3.1911          | 11.6.1911      |
| Alexander Malcolm Campbell                 | Acting Administrator <sup>(l)</sup> | 10.5.1912         | 13.5.1912      |
| Miles Staniforth Cater Smith               | Administrator <sup>(k)</sup>        | 14.5.1912         | 22.6.1912      |
| Miles Staniforth Cater Smith               | Administrator <sup>(k)</sup>        | 7.5.1913          | <sup>(m)</sup> |
| Miles Staniforth Cater Smith               | Administrator <sup>(k)</sup>        | 27.4.1914         | 25.7.1914      |

(h) Commission not published in Papua *Govt. Gaz.*

(i) Commission published in Papua *Govt. Gaz.* of 18.1.1909.

(k) On the eight occasions noted in the Table, Miles Staniforth Cater Smith acted as Administrator pursuant to the Commission dated 13.11.1908 and published in Papua *Govt. Gaz.* of 20.6.1910, which appointed him Administrator of the Territory of Papua to act during the absence or incapacity of the Lieutenant-Governor.

(l) On the two occasions noted in the Table, Alexander Malcolm Campbell acted as Administrator pursuant to Section 13(2) of the *Papua Act 1905* during the absence from the Territory of the Lieutenant-Governor and the Administrator.

(m) The date on which the Lieutenant-Governor returned to the Territory and Miles Staniforth Cater Smith ceased to act as Administrator was not notified in Papua *Govt. Gaz.*

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*Table of Lieutenant-Governors and Administrators.*

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PART II ---LIEUTENANT-GOVERNORS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE  
TERRITORY OF PAPUA.—*Continued.*

| Name of Appointee.           | Office to which appointed.          | Period of office. |           |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
|                              |                                     | To                | From      |
| Miles Staniforth Cater Smith | Administrator <sup>(k)</sup>        | 28.4.1915         | 30.6.1915 |
| Charles Edward Herbert       | Acting Administrator <sup>(n)</sup> | 24.11.1915        | 3.12.1915 |
| Charles Edward Herbert       | Acting Administrator <sup>(n)</sup> | 10.3.1916         | 10.4.1916 |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Administrator <sup>(o)</sup> | 11.4.1916         | 13.4.1916 |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Administrator <sup>(o)</sup> | 27.5.1916         | 20.7.1916 |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Administrator <sup>(o)</sup> | 25.4.1917         | 25.7.1917 |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Administrator <sup>(o)</sup> | 1.6.1918          | 21.7.1918 |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Administrator <sup>(o)</sup> | 18.1.1919         | 13.4.1919 |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Administrator <sup>(o)</sup> | 1.9.1919          | 8.3.1920  |
| Charles Edward Herbert       | Acting Administrator <sup>(n)</sup> | 15.12.1920        | 1.4.1921  |
| Miles Staniforth Cater Smith | Administrator <sup>(k)</sup>        | 19.12.1921        | 8.3.1922  |
| Miles Staniforth Cater Smith | Administrator <sup>(k)</sup>        | 13.12.1922        | 2.2.1923  |
| Charles Edward Herbert       | Acting Administrator <sup>(n)</sup> | 3.2.1923          | 25.2.1923 |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Administrator <sup>(o)</sup> | 26.2.1923         | 11.3.1923 |
| Miles Staniforth Cater Smith | Administrator <sup>(k)</sup>        | 12.3.1923         | 16.9.1923 |
| Miles Staniforth Cater Smith | Administrator <sup>(p)</sup>        | 19.1.1925         | ω         |
| Miles Staniforth Cater Smith | Administrator <sup>(p)</sup>        | 25.2.1923         | ω         |
| Miles Staniforth Cater Smith | Administrator <sup>(p)</sup>        | 28.9.1926         | ω         |
| Miles Staniforth Cater Smith | Administrator <sup>(p)</sup>        | 1.3.1927          | ω         |

(k) See footnote (k) printed on p. 60.

(n) On the four occasions noted in the Table, Charles Edward Herbert acted as Administrator pursuant to Section 13(2) of the *Papua Act 1905* during the absence from the Territory of the Lieutenant-Governor and the Administrator.

(o) On the seven occasions noted in the Table, Herbert William Champion acted as Administrator pursuant to Section 13(2) of the *Papua Act 1905*, during the absence from the Territory of the Lieutenant-Governor and the Administrator.

(p) On the six occasions noted in the Table, Miles Staniforth Cater Smith acted as Administrator pursuant to Section 13(1) of the *Papua Act 1905-1924* (inserted by the *Papua Act 1924*), during the absence from the Territory of the Lieutenant-Governor.

(q) The date on which the Lieutenant-Governor returned to the Territory and Miles Staniforth Cater Smith ceased to act as Administrator was not notified in *Papua Govt. Gaz.*

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PART II—LIEUTENANT-GOVERNORS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE  
TERRITORY OF PAPUA.—*Continued.*

| Name of Appointee.           | Office to which appointed.                | Period of office. |            |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------|------------|
|                              |   | From              | To         |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Lieutenant-Governor <sup>(r)</sup> | 4.11.1927         | (s)        |
| Charles Edward Herbert       | Acting Lieutenant-Governor <sup>(t)</sup> | 3.1.1928          | (u)        |
| Miles Staniforth Cater Smith | Administrator <sup>(p)</sup>              | 14.8.1928         | (q)        |
| Miles Staniforth Cater Smith | Administrator <sup>(p)</sup>              | 8.2.1930          | (q)        |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Lieutenant-Governor <sup>(r)</sup> | 12.3.1930         | (s)        |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Lieutenant-Governor <sup>(r)</sup> | 13.2.1931         | 1.4.1931   |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Lieutenant-Governor <sup>(r)</sup> | 4.1.1932          | 10.2.1932  |
| Walter Mersh Strong          | Acting Lieutenant-Governor <sup>(v)</sup> | 29.7.1932         | 7.9.1932   |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Lieutenant-Governor <sup>(r)</sup> | 27.11.1933        | 8.2.1934   |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Lieutenant-Governor <sup>(r)</sup> | 2.3.1934          | 12.4.1934  |
| Walter Mersh Strong          | Acting Lieutenant-Governor <sup>(v)</sup> | 11.12.1935        | (w)        |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Lieutenant-Governor <sup>(r)</sup> | 6.2.1936          | (s)        |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Lieutenant-Governor <sup>(r)</sup> | 14.2.1939         | 4.5.1939   |
| Herbert William Champion     | Acting Lieutenant-Governor <sup>(r)</sup> | 5.12.1939         | 27.12.1939 |

(p) See footnote (p) printed on p. 61.

(q) See footnote (q) printed on p. 61.

(r) On the eleven occasions noted in the Table, Herbert William Champion acted as Lieutenant-Governor pursuant to Section 13(2) of the *Papua Act 1905-1924* (inserted by the *Papua Act 1924*) during the absence from the Territory of the Lieutenant-Governor and the Administrator.

(s) The date on which the Lieutenant-Governor or Administrator returned to the Territory and Herbert William Champion ceased to act as Lieutenant-Governor was not notified in *Papua Govt. Gaz.*

(t) Charles Edward Herbert acted as Lieutenant-Governor pursuant to Section 13(2) of the *Papua Act 1905-1924* (inserted by the *Papua Act 1924*), during the absence from the Territory of the Lieutenant-Governor and the Administrator.

(u) The date on which the Lieutenant-Governor or Administrator returned to the Territory and Charles Edward Herbert ceased to act as Lieutenant-Governor was not notified in *Papua Govt. Gaz.*

(v) On the two occasions noted in the Table, Walter Mersh Strong acted as Lieutenant-Governor pursuant to Section 13(2) of the *Papua Act 1905-1924* (inserted by the *Papua Act 1924*) during the absence from the Territory of the Lieutenant-Governor and the Administrator.

(w) The date on which the Lieutenant-Governor or Administrator returned to the Territory and Walter Mersh Strong ceased to act as Lieutenant-Governor was not notified in *Papua Govt. Gaz.*

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Table of Lieutenant-Governors and Administrators.

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|--------------------------|---|-------------------|-----------|
|                          |   | From              | To        |
| Herbert William Champion | Acting Lieutenant-Governor <sup>(r)</sup> | 28.2.1940         | (s)       |
| Herbert Leonard Murray   | Administrator <sup>(x)</sup>              | 16.12.1940        | (y)       |
| Herbert William Champion | Acting Administrator <sup>(r)</sup>       | 30.12.1940        | 11.2.1941 |

(r) See footnote (r) printed on p. 62.

(s) See footnote (s) printed on p. 62

(x) Appointed for a period of 5 years.

(y) Herbert Leonard Murray was Administrator on 27.4.1942, on which date Regulation 4 of the *National Security (External Territories) Regulations* took effect. This Regulation prescribed, that "the person for the time being holding the office of Administrator of Papua shall not exercise any of the powers or functions appertaining to his office, and shall be deemed to have been granted in accordance with the conditions of his appointment and the laws of the Territory as from the twenty-third day of March, 1942, all recreation and long leave of absence for which he is eligible under those conditions and laws." He had in fact ceased to exercise his powers and functions on 14.2.1942, the date on which civil administration was replaced by a military administration. (See Public Notice dated 14.2.1942, published in *Papua Govt. Gaz.* of 14.2.1942, and printed on p. 76.)

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