

# PROCLAMATION DECLARING THAT THE POSSESSION OF BRITISH NEW GUINEA SHALL BE DESIGNATED THE TERRITORY OF PAPUA.

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## PROCLAMATION.<sup>(1)</sup>

On Behalf of His Excellency the Right Honourable Henry Stafford, Baron Northcote, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Commander of the Most Eminent Order of the Indian Empire, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Commonwealth of Australia and its Dependencies.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETING—

(L.S.)

F. R. BARTON.

In pursuance of instructions received by me from His Excellency the Governor-General of the Commonwealth aforesaid, I, FRANCIS RICKMAN BARTON, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, do hereby proclaim and declare that the Territory and Islands hitherto known as "The Possession of British New Guinea" shall, from and inclusive of this the first day of September, one thousand nine hundred and six, under the provisions of the Act of the said Commonwealth, known as the "*Papua Act 1905*,"<sup>(2)</sup> henceforth be designated, known, and described as the "Territory of Papua."

Given under my Hand and the Public Seal, at Port Moresby, Territory of Papua, this first day of September, one thousand nine hundred and six.

By Command,

A. MUSGRAVE,  
Government Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

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(1) Published in *Papua Govt. Gaz.* of 1.9.1906.

(2) Now the *Papua Act 1905-1940*.