STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 915

PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONER

The Parliamentary Commissioner Order 1979

Made - - - 26th July 1979

Laid before Parliament 3rd August 1979

Coming into Operation 25th August 1979

At the Court of Saint James, the 26th day of July 1979

Present.

The Counsellors of State in Council

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 16th day of July 1979, to delegate to the six Counsellors of State therein named or any two or more of them full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval for anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and His Royal Highness The Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by section 5(4) of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967(a) and all other powers enabling Her Majesty, and by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, do on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

- 1. This Order may be cited as the Parliamentary Commissioner Order 1979 and shall come into operation on 25th August 1979.
- 2. Paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (which describes certain actions or matters in respect of which the Commissioner may not conduct an investigation under the Act) is hereby amended by the addition of the following words at the end thereof:—

"other than action which is taken by an officer (not being an honorary consular officer) in the exercise of a consular function on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom and which is so taken in relation to a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies who has the right of abode in the United Kingdom."

N. E. Leigh, Clerk of the Privy Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order narrows the exception to the jurisdiction of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration which is made by paragraph 2 of Schedule 3 to the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 (action taken by United Kingdom Government officials outside the United Kingdom) by excluding from it action taken by career consular officers in relation to United Kingdom citizens who have the right of abode in the United Kingdom.

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