

No. 1291

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA**

Exchange of notes constituting an agreement regarding the transfer of the Marion and Prince Edward Islands from His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa. London, 15 and 22 February 1949

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
UNION SUD-AFRICAINE**

Échange de notes constituant un accord concernant le transfert au Gouvernement de Sa Majesté dans l'Union Sud-Africaine des îles Marion et du Prince-Edouard précédemment placées sous l'autorité du Gouvernement de Sa Majesté dans le Royaume-Uni. Londres, 15 et 22 février 1949

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le 10 juillet 1951.

No. 1291. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF THE MARION AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLANDS FROM HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM TO HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA. LONDON, 15 AND 22 FEBRUARY 1949

I

COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE
DOWNING STREET

15th February, 1949

Sir,

I have the honour hereby to confirm the arrangement that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom should transfer to His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa the rights, title and interests which they formerly possessed in Marion Island and Prince Edward Island. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have taken note that the national flag of the Union of South Africa was hoisted on Marion Island on 24th December 1947, and on Prince Edward Island on 4th January, 1948, and that effective government and administration of the Islands were established by His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa as from those dates; and consequently regard the transfer as complete as from those dates.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most humble and obedient servant,

(Signed) P. J. NOEL-BAKER

His Excellency

The High Commissioner for the Union of South Africa

¹ Came into force on 22 February 1949, with retroactive effect as from 24 December 1947 in respect of Marion Island and 4 January 1948 in respect of Prince Edward Island, by the exchange and according to the terms of the said notes.

II

SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE
TRAFALGAR SQUARE
LONDON, W.C.2

Ref. No. 19/88/2

22nd February, 1949

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th February, 1949 reading as follows :—

[See note I]

His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa have duly taken note of this declaration of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, and for their part likewise regard the transfer as complete as from the dates referred to therein.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed) C. H. TORRANCE

Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations
