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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND
and
SIERRA LEONE**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement relating to
the inheritance of international rights and obligations
by the Government of Sierra Leone. Freetown, 5 May
1961**

Official text: English.

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD
et
SIERRA LEONE**

**Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif à la suc-
cession du Gouvernement du Sierra Leone à des droits
et obligations d'ordre international. Freetown, 5 mai
1961**

Texte officiel anglais.

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le
19 janvier 1962.*

No. 6036. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE RELATING TO THE INHERITANCE OF INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE. FREETOWN, 5 MAY 1961

I

Letter from the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Sierra Leone to the Minister of External Affairs of Sierra Leone

Freetown 5th May, 1961

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Sierra Leone Independence Act, 1961, under which Sierra Leone has assumed independent status within the Commonwealth of which Her Majesty the Queen is Head, and to state that it is the understanding of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the Government of Sierra Leone agree to the following provisions:

- (i) all obligations and responsibilities of the Government of the United Kingdom which arise from any valid international instrument shall be assumed by the Government of Sierra Leone as from 27th April, 1961, in so far as such instrument may be held to have application to Sierra Leone;
- (ii) the rights and benefits heretofore enjoyed by the Government of the United Kingdom in virtue of the application of any such international instrument to Sierra Leone shall, as from 27th April, 1961, be enjoyed by the Government of Sierra Leone.

I shall be grateful for your confirmation that the Government of Sierra Leone are in agreement with the provisions aforesaid and that this note and your reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) J. B. JOHNSTON
High Commissioner

¹ Came into force on 5 May 1961, with retroactive effect from 27 April 1961, by the exchange of the said letters.

II

Letter from the Minister of External Affairs of Sierra Leone to the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Sierra Leone

Freetown 5th May, 1961

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of today's date which reads as follows:

[*See letter I*]

I have pleasure in confirming that the Government of Sierra Leone are in agreement with the provisions set out in your note of today's date, and that Your Excellency's note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant.

(*Signed*) J. KAREFA-SMART
Minister of External Affairs