

No. 6580

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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
and  
JAMAICA**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement relating to  
the inheritance of international rights and obligations  
by the Government of Jamaica. Kingston, 7 August  
1962**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 2 April  
1963.*

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

**Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif à la succes-  
sion du Gouvernement jamaïquain à des droits et  
obligations d'ordre international. Kingston, 7 août 1962**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord le 2 avril 1963.*

No. 6580. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA RELATING TO THE INHERITANCE OF INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA. KINGSTON, 7 AUGUST 1962

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I

*Letter from the British High Commissioner in Jamaica to the Prime Minister of Jamaica*

Kingston, 7th August, 1962

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the Jamaica Independence Act, 1962, under which Jamaica 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 Jamaica agree to the following provisions :

- (i) all obligations and responsibilities of the Government of the United Kingdom which arise from any valid international instrument (including any such instrument made by the Government of the Federation of the West Indies by virtue of authority entrusted by the Government of the United Kingdom) shall as from 6th August, 1962 be assumed by the Government of Jamaica, in so far as such instrument may be held to have application to Jamaica ;
- (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 Jamaica shall as from 6th August, 1962 be enjoyed by the Government of Jamaica.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force as from 6 August 1962, in accordance with the provisions of the said letters.

I shall be grateful for your confirmation that the Government of Jamaica 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) A. F. MORLEY  
High Commissioner

## II

*Letter from the Prime Minister of Jamaica to the British High Commissioner in Jamaica*

Kingston, 7th August, 1962

Your Excellency,

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

[See letter I]

I have pleasure in confirming that the Government of Jamaica 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) Alexander BUSTAMANTE  
Prime Minister  
and Minister of External Affairs and Defence