

COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ACT

(CAP. 237)



JOHN RANKIN CMG
Governor

AMENDED INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT

TO: THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR GARY HICKINBOTTOM

Greetings

WHEREAS by section 2 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act Chapter 237 of the Revised Laws of the Virgin Islands (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), you, the RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR GARY HICKINBOTTOM, were appointed by an Instrument of Appointment on the 19th day of January, 2021 by the then Governor, HIS EXCELLENCY AUGUSTUS JAMES ULYSSES JASPERT to function as the Commissioner under the said Act to make a full, faithful and impartial inquiry into matters specified in the Commission and to conduct such inquiry in accordance with directions given.

WHEREAS section 2 of the Act provides that “It shall be lawful for the Governor whenever he shall deem it advisableEach such Commission shall specify the subject of the inquiry, and may, in the discretion of the Governor, if there is more than one Commissioner, direct which Commissioner shall be Chairman, and direct where and when such Inquiry shall be made and the report thereof rendered...”.

WHEREAS paragraph 6 of the second recital of the said Instrument of Appointment provides as a term of reference, for the preparation and submission of a written report to the Governor of the Virgin Islands within six (6) months from the commencement of the Inquiry, making all such recommendations as seem fit provided that the Governor may extend the period for submission of the report to a period no longer than nine (9) months from the date of the Inquiry.

WHEREAS the Governor on the 14th day of July, 2021, in accordance with section 2 of the Act, directed that paragraph (6) of the second recital of the said Instrument of Appointment

be amended so that the said report be rendered within twelve (12) months from the commencement of the Inquiry.

AND WHEREAS the Governor, in accordance with sections 2 and 3 of the Act, now directs that paragraph (6) of the second recital of the said Instrument of Appointment be further amended so that the said report be rendered within fifteen (15) months from the commencement of the Inquiry.

NOW THEREFORE, paragraph 6 of the second recital of the said Instrument of Appointment is hereby amended to read as follows:

“6. to prepare and submit a written report to the then Governor of the Virgin Islands within fifteen (15) months from the commencement of the Inquiry making all such recommendations as seem fit.”

GIVEN under my hand and the Public Seal of the Virgin Islands at the Governor's Office in the town of Road Town in the island of Tortola in the Virgin Islands this 10th day of January, two thousand and twenty two in the seventieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!