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ORDER APPLYING SECTION 121 OF THE PATENTS ACT
1903-1909 TO THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

ORDER

Australia to wit. By His Excellency the Governor-General of
R. M. FERGUSON, the Commonwealth of Australia.
Governor-General.

WHEREAS by the *Patents Act* 1903-1909 it is enacted that where it is made to appear to the Governor-General that any British possession has made satisfactory provision for the protection in such possession of inventions patented in the Commonwealth, the Governor-General may, by order, apply all or any of the provisions of section 121 of that Act, with such variations or additions (if any) as to him seem fit, to inventions patented in such British Possession:

And whereas it has been made to appear to me that the British Possession of the Union of South Africa has made satisfactory provision for the protection in that Possession of inventions patented in the Commonwealth:

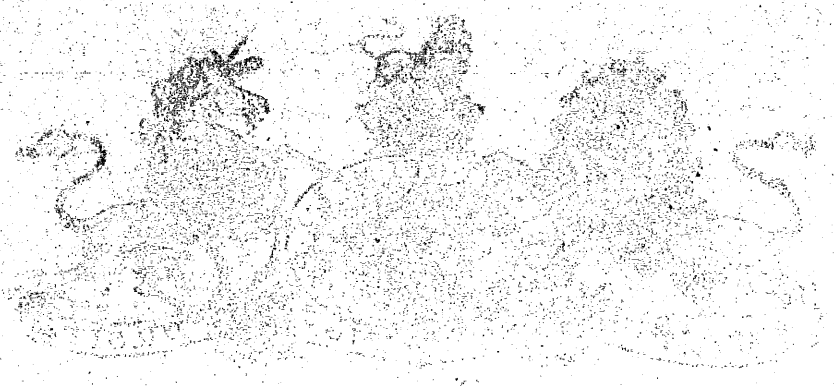
Now therefore I, Sir Ronald Craufurd Munro Ferguson, the Governor-General aforesaid, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, do hereby order that from and after the first day of March, One thousand nine hundred and nineteen, the provisions of section 121 of the *Patents Act* 1903-1909 shall be applied to inventions patented in the Union of South Africa to the extent that any person who has applied for protection for any invention in the Union of South Africa shall be

entitled to a patent for his invention under the said Act in priority to other applicants, and such patent shall have the same date as the date of the application in the Union of South Africa; provided that such application shall be made within twelve months from such person applying for protection in the Union of South Africa; provided also that nothing in the said section contained shall entitle the patentee to recover damages for infringements happening prior to the date of the actual acceptance of his complete specification in the Commonwealth: the publication in the Commonwealth during the respective periods aforesaid of any description of the invention or the use therein during such periods of the invention shall not invalidate the patent which may be granted for the invention: the application for the grant of a patent under the said section must be made in the same manner as an ordinary application under the said Act: and the application must be accompanied by a complete specification which, if it be not accepted within the period of twelve months, shall with the drawings (if any) be open to public inspection at the expiration of that period.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth,
(L.S.) at Melbourne, this twenty-sixth day of February, in
the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and
nineteen, and in the ninth year of His Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

LITTLETON E. GROOM,
Minister of State for Works and Railways,
for the Attorney-General.



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