



# Nigeria Independence Act 1960

## 1960 CHAPTER 55

### **1 Provision for the fully responsible status of Nigeria**

- (1) On the first day of October, nineteen hundred and sixty (in this Act referred to as "the appointed day"), the Colony and the Protectorate as respectively defined by the Nigeria (Constitution) Orders in Council, 1954 to 1960, shall together constitute part of Her Majesty's dominions under the name of Nigeria.
- (2) No Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom passed on or after the appointed day shall extend, or be deemed to extend, to Nigeria or any part thereof as part of the law thereof, and as from that day—
  - (a) Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom shall have no responsibility for the government of Nigeria or any part thereof; and
  - (b) the provisions of the First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to legislative powers in Nigeria.
- (3) Without prejudice to subsection (2) of this section, nothing in subsection (1) thereof shall affect the operation in Nigeria or any part thereof on and after the appointed day of any enactment, or any other instrument having the effect of law, passed or made with respect thereto before that day.