

# PART ONE—GOVERNORS

## SUCCESSION OF GOVERNORS OF NEW SOUTH WALES, AND PERIODS OF OFFICE

Name	Period Served	
	From	To
Captain Arthur Phillip, R.N. ....	26 Jan., 1788	10 Dec., 1792
Major Francis Grose (Lieutenant-Governor) . . . . .	11 Dec., 1792	17 Dec., 1794
Captain William Paterson, New South Wales Corps (Lieutenant-Governor) . . . . .	17 Dec., 1794	10 Sept., 1795
Captain John Hunter, R.N. ....	11 Sept., 1795	27 Sept., 1800
Captain Philip Gidley King, R.N. ....	28 Sept., 1800	12 Aug., 1806
Captain William Bligh, R.N. ....	13 Aug., 1806	26 Jan., 1808
During Governor Bligh's suspension the Government was successively administered by—		
Lieutenant-Colonel George Johnston . . . . .	26 Jan., 1808	29 July, 1808
Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Foveaux . . . . .	30 July, 1808	9 Jan., 1809
Colonel William Paterson . . . . .	9 Jan., 1809	31 Dec., 1809
Major-General Lachlan Macquarie . . . . .	1 Jan., 1810	1 Dec., 1821
Major-General Sir Thomas Brisbane, K.C.B. . . . .	1 Dec., 1821	1 Dec., 1825
Colonel William Stewart, 3rd Regiment of Buffs (Acting Governor) . . . . .	1 Dec., 1825	19 Dec., 1825
Lieutenant-General Ralph Darling . . . . .	19 Dec., 1825	22 Oct., 1831
Colonel Patrick Lindesay, C.B. (Acting Governor) . . . . .	22 Oct., 1831	2 Dec., 1831
Major-General Sir Richard Bourke, K.C.B. . . . .	3 Dec., 1831	5 Dec., 1837
Lieutenant-Colonel Kenneth Snodgrass (Acting Governor) . . . . .	6 Dec., 1837	23 Feb., 1838
Sir George Gipps . . . . .	24 Feb., 1838	11 July, 1846
Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Charles O'Connell, K.C.H., (Acting Governor) . . . . .	12 July, 1846	2 Aug., 1846
Sir Charles Augustus FitzRoy . . . . .	3 Aug., 1846	20 Jan., 1855
<sup>1</sup> Sir William Thomas Denison, K.C.B. . . . .	20 Jan., 1855	22 Jan., 1861
<sup>1</sup> Lieutenant-Colonel John Francis Kempt (Administrator) . . . . .	22 Jan., 1861	21 Mar., 1861
The Right Honourable Sir John Young, K.C.B., G.C.M.G. . . . .	22 Mar., 1861	15 May, 1861
Sir Trevor Chute, K.C.B. (Administrator) . . . . .	16 May, 1861	24 Dec., 1867
The Right Honourable Somerset Richard, Earl of Belmore . . . . .	24 Dec., 1867	8 Jan., 1868
Sir Alfred Stephen, C.B. (Administrator) . . . . .	8 Jan., 1868	21 Feb., 1872
Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, G.C.M.G. . . . .	21 Feb., 1872	3 June, 1872
Sir Alfred Stephen, K.C.M.G., C.B. (Lieutenant-Governor) . . . . .	3 June, 1872	19 Mar., 1879
The Right Honourable Sir Augustus William Frederick Spencer Loftus, G.C.B. (commonly called Lord Augustus Loftus) . . . . .	19 Mar., 1879	4 Aug., 1879
Sir Alfred Stephen, G.C.M.G., C.B. (Lieutenant-Governor) . . . . .	4 Aug., 1879	9 Nov., 1885
The Right Honourable Charles Robert, Baron Carrington, G.C.M.G. . . . .	9 Nov., 1885	12 Dec., 1885
Sir Alfred Stephen, G.C.M.G., C.B. (Lieutenant-Governor) . . . . .	12 Dec., 1885	3 Nov., 1890
The Right Honourable Victor Albert George, Earl of Jersey, G.C.M.G. . . . .	3 Nov., 1890	15 Jan., 1891
The Hon. Sir Frederick Matthew Darley (Lieutenant-Governor) . . . . .	15 Jan., 1891	2 Mar., 1893
The Right Honourable Henry Robert Viscount Hampden, G.C.M.G. . . . .	2 Mar., 1893	29 May, 1893
The Hon. Sir Frederick Matthew Darley, G.C.M.G. (Died in Office, 15 March, 1895.) . . . . .	29 May, 1893	15 Mar., 1895
The Right Honourable Matthew Darley (Lieutenant-Governor) . . . . .	15 Mar., 1895	21 Nov., 1895
The Right Honourable Henry Robert Viscount Hampden, G.C.M.G. . . . .	21 Nov., 1895	5 Mar., 1899
The Honourable Sir John Lackey, K.C.M.G., President of the Legislative Council appointed Deputy Governor during temporary absence of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. . . . .	28 June, 1897	28 June, 1897
The Hon. Sir Frederick Matthew Darley, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the absence of Viscount Hampden on a visit to New Zealand.) . . . . .	22 Nov., 1897	22 Jan., 1898
The Hon. Sir Frederick Matthew Darley, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor) . . . . .	5 Mar., 1899	18 May, 1899
The Right Honourable William, Earl Beauchamp, K.C.M.G. . . . .	18 May, 1899	30 April, 1901
The Hon. Sir Frederick Matthew Darley, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the absence of Earl Beauchamp on a visit to New Zealand.) . . . . .	24 Jan., 1900	9 Mar., 1900
The Hon. Sir Frederick Matthew Darley, G.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor) . . . . .	1 Nov., 1900	27 May, 1902
<sup>2</sup> Admiral Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, R.N., G.C.B. . . . .	27 May, 1902	27 May, 1909
The Right Honourable Sir Frederick Matthew Darley, G.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During absence of Sir Harry Rawson on a visit to England.) . . . . .	7 June, 1905	29 Dec., 1905
The Hon. George Bowen Simpson (Senior Judge of the Supreme Court) (Administrator) . . . . .	24 Mar., 1909	28 May, 1909
<sup>3</sup> The Right Honourable Frederic John Napier, Baron Chelmsford, G.C.M.G. . . . .	28 May, 1909	11 Mar., 1913
The Hon. Sir George Bowen Simpson (Senior Judge of the Supreme Court) (Administrator). (During the period Lord Chelmsford acted as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth.) . . . . .	21 Dec., 1909	27 Jan., 1910
The Hon. Sir William Portus Cullen, (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the absence of Lord Chelmsford on a visit to England.) . . . . .	26 April, 1911	12 Nov., 1911
The Hon. Sir William Portus Cullen, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor) . . . . .	11 Mar., 1913	14 Mar., 1913
Sir Gerald Strickland, Count della Catena, G.C.M.G. . . . .	14 Mar., 1913	27 Oct., 1917
The Hon. Sir William Portus Cullen, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During interregnum following Sir Gerald Strickland's departure from the State.) . . . . .	30 April, 1917	18 Feb., 1918
Sir Walter Edward Davidson, K.C.M.G. (Died in Office, 16 September, 1923.) . . . . .	18 Feb., 1918	16 Sept., 1923
The Hon. Sir William Portus Cullen, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During interregnum following death of Sir Walter Davidson.) . . . . .	16 Sept., 1923	28 Feb., 1924
Admiral Sir Dudley Rawson Stratford de Chair, K.C.B., M.V.O. . . . .	28 Feb., 1924	8 April, 1930
The Hon. Sir William Portus Cullen, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the absence of Sir Dudley de Chair on a visit to England.) . . . . .	24 Aug., 1928	2 Feb., 1929
The Hon. Sir William Portus Cullen, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During interregnum following Sir Dudley de Chair's departure from the State.) . . . . .	9 April, 1930	28 May, 1930
Air Vice-Marshal Sir Philip Woolcott Game, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O . . . . .	29 May, 1930	15 Jan., 1935
The Hon. Sir Philip Whistler Street, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the absence of Sir Philip Game on a visit to England.) . . . . .	24 May, 1934	5 Oct., 1934

{ All of the New South  
Wales Corps,  
afterwards 102nd Regt. }

{ (Administrator)  
(Governor-in-Chief)

<sup>1</sup> Issued with Commission as Captain-General and Governor-General, also Commission as Governor of New South Wales, Van Dieman's Land, Victoria and South Australia.  
<sup>2</sup> Granted six months leave of absence from 1 November, 1900.  
<sup>3</sup> Granted two months leave of absence from 24 March, 1909.  
<sup>3</sup> Acted as Administrator of the Governor of the Commonwealth during the absence of the Governor-General from Australia from 21 December, 1909, to 27 January, 1910.

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The Hon. Sir Philip Whistler Street, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During interregnum following Sir Philip Game's departure from the State.)	15 Jan., 1935	20 Feb., 1935
Brigadier-General The Honourable Sir Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O. (Afterwards Lord Gowrie of Canberra and Dirleton.)	21 Feb., 1935	22 Jan., 1936
The Hon. Sir Philip Whistler Street, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During interregnum following Lord Gowrie's departure.)	22 Jan., 1936	6 Aug., 1936
Admiral Sir David Murray Anderson, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., M.V.O. (Died in Office, 30 October, 1936.)	6 Aug., 1936	30 Oct., 1936
The Hon. Sir Philip Whistler Street, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During interregnum following death of Sir David Murray Anderson.)	30 Oct., 1936	8 April, 1937
Captain the Right Hon. John de Vere, Baron Wakehurst, K.C.M.G.	8 April, 1937	8 Jan., 1946
The Hon. Sir Frederick Richard Jordan, K.C.M.G. (Administrator)	28 Oct., 1937	1 Nov., 1937
The Hon. Sir Philip Whistler Street, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor)	1 Nov., 1937	7 Nov., 1937
The Hon. Sir Frederick Richard Jordan, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor)	9 Jan., 1946	31 July, 1946
<sup>4</sup> Lieutenant-General John Northcott, C.B., M.V.O. (afterward Lieutenant-General Sir John Northcott, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.)	1 Aug., 1946	31 July, 1957
The Hon. Kenneth Whistler Street (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the period Sir John Northcott acted as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth.)	19 July, 1951	14 Dec., 1951
Do	30 July, 1956	23 Oct., 1956
<sup>5</sup> Lieutenant-General Eric Winslow Woodward, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. (afterwards Lieutenant-General Sir Eric Winslow Woodward, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.)	1 Aug., 1957	31 July, 1965
The Hon. Sir Kenneth Whistler Street, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the period Sir Eric Woodward acted as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth.)	16 June, 1964	31 Aug., 1964
The Hon. Sir Kenneth Whistler Street, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During interregnum following Sir Eric Woodward's relinquishment of office.)	3 Aug., 1965	19 Jan., 1966
<sup>6</sup> Sir Arthur Roden Cutler, V.C., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., K.St.J.	20 Jan., 1966	19 Jan., 1981
The Hon. Sir Kenneth Whistler Street, K.C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the absence of Sir Roden Cutler on an official visit to the United Kingdom.)	17 June, 1969	24 July, 1969
The Hon. Sir Leslie James Herron, K.B.E., C.M.G., K.St.J. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the absence of Sir Roden Cutler on an official visit to the United Kingdom.) (Died in Office, 3 May, 1973.)	11 April, 1973	3 May, 1973
The Hon. John Robert Kerr, C.M.G. (Chief Justice of the Supreme Court) (Administrator)	4 May, 1973	28 May, 1973
The Hon. John Robert Kerr, C.M.G. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the absence of Sir Roden Cutler on an official visit to the United Kingdom.)	16 May, 1974	27 May, 1974
The Hon. Laurence Whistler Street (Acting Chief Justice) (Administrator)	28 May, 1974	29 May, 1974
The Hon. Laurence Whistler Street (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the period Sir Roden Cutler acted as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth.)	21 Feb., 1975	13 Mar., 1975
The Hon. Laurence Whistler Street (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the absence of Sir Roden Cutler on an official visit to the Middle East.)	14 April, 1975	11 May, 1975
The Hon. Laurence Whistler Street (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the period Sir Roden Cutler acted as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth.)	12 May, 1975	24 May, 1975
Do	16 Sept., 1975	17 Sept., 1975
<sup>7</sup> The Hon. Laurence Whistler Street (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the period Sir Roden Cutler acted as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth.)	23 Dec., 1975	3 Feb., 1976
The Hon. Sir Laurence Whistler Street, K.C.M.G., K.St.J. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the period Sir Roden Cutler acted as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.)	26 April, 1977	15 June, 1977
Do	23 Aug., 1977	29 Aug., 1977
The Hon. Sir Laurence Whistler Street, K.C.M.G., K.St.J. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the absence of Sir Roden Cutler on an official visit to the United Kingdom and Europe.)	27 April, 1978	1 June, 1978
The Hon. Arthur Randolph Moffitt, C.M.G. (Acting Chief Justice) (Administrator). (During the absence of Sir Roden Cutler on an official visit to the United Kingdom, to attend the funeral of the late Earl Mountbatten of Burma.)	1 Sept., 1979	7 Sept., 1979
<sup>8</sup> Air Marshal Sir James Anthony Rowland, K.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C.	20 Jan., 1981	19 Jan., 1989
The Hon. Sir Laurence Whistler Street, K.C.M.G., K.St.J. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the absence of Air Marshal Sir James Rowland, K.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., K.St.J., overseas.)	27 Sept., 1983	27 Oct., 1983
The Hon. Sir Laurence Whistler Street, K.C.M.G., K.St.J. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the period Air Marshal Sir James Rowland, K.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., K.St.J., acted as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.)	19 Aug., 1985	18 Oct., 1985
Do	14 Jan., 1987	21 Jan., 1987
The Hon. Sir Laurence Whistler Street, K.C.M.G., K.St.J. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the absence of Air Marshal Sir James Rowland, K.B.E., D.F.C., K.St.J., overseas.)	15 June, 1987	20 July, 1987
The Hon. Sir Laurence Whistler Street, K.C.M.G., K.St.J. (Lieutenant-Governor). (During the period Air Marshal Sir James Rowland, K.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., K.St.J., acted as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.)	15 Sept., 1987	4 Nov., 1987
The Hon. Rear Admiral Sir David Martin, K.C.M.G., A.O.	20 Jan., 1989	7 Aug., 1990
His Excellency Rear Admiral Peter Ross Sinclair, A.C.	8 Aug., 1990	29 Feb., 1996
The Hon. Gordon Jacob Samuels, A.C., Q.C.	1 Mar., 1996	28 Feb., 2001
<sup>9</sup> Her Excellency Professor The Hon. Dame Marie Bashir, A.C., C.V.O.	1 Mar., 2001	1 Oct., 2014
<sup>10</sup> His Excellency General The Hon. David Hurley A.C., D.S.C. (Ret'd)	2 Oct., 2014	1 May., 2019
Her Excellency The Hon. Margaret Joan Beazley, A.C., Q.C.	2 May., 2019	Still holds office.

<sup>4</sup> Acted as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth during the absence of the Governor-General from Australia from 19 July, 1951, to 14 December, 1951, and also from 30 July, 1956, to 23 October, 1956.

<sup>5</sup> Acted as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth during the absence of the Governor-General from Australia from 15 June, 1964, to 31 August, 1964.

<sup>6</sup> Acted as Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth during the absence of the Governor-General from Australia from 21 February, 1975, to 13 March, 1975; also from 12 May, 1975, to 24 May, 1975; also from 16 September, 1975, to 17 September, 1975; also from 23 December, 1975, to 3 February, 1976; also from 26 April, 1977, to 15 June, 1977 and also from 23 August, 1977, to 29 August, 1977.

<sup>7</sup> The Hon. Sir Laurence Whistler Street, K.C.M.G. (1 January, 1976), K.St.J. (25 February, 1976).

<sup>8</sup> Air Marshal Sir James Anthony Rowland, K.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C. (20 January, 1981) K.St.J. (22 April, 1981).

<sup>9</sup> Her Excellency Professor The Hon. Dame Marie Bashir, A.C., C.V.O. as senior state governor, was frequently appointed as the administrator of the government of the Commonwealth of Australia when the Governors-General of the Commonwealth of Australia were unable to perform their duties. During these periods the Lieutenant-Governor or the Administrator assumed the administration of the government of the state. In each instance a message was received by the President of the Legislative Council, reported to the House and recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Legislative Council and reported by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in the Votes and Proceedings.

<sup>10</sup> His Excellency General The Hon. David Hurley A.C., D.S.C. (Ret'd), as senior state governor, was frequently appointed as the administrator of the government of the Commonwealth of Australia when the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia was unable to perform his duties. During these periods the Lieutenant-Governor or the Administrator assumed the administration of the government of the state. In each instance a message was received by the President of the Legislative Council, reported to the House and recorded in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Legislative Council and reported by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in the Votes and Proceedings.