

Assented to in Her Majesty's name this 22nd day of
June, 1964.

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S. A. BENKA-COKER,
Acting Governor-General.

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Sierra Leone

**An Act to Make Provision for the Establishment and In-
corporation of the Njala University College and for
Purposes Connected Therewith**

[_____, 1964.] Date of
commence-
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and
with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives in this
present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,
as follows:—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Njala University College Act, Short title
and com-
mencement.
1964, and shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by
the Governor-General by Public Notice in the *Gazette*.

Interpre-
tation.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—
 “Authority ” means any of the Authorities of the College established by or prescribed under section 6;
 “ Board ” means the board of a faculty of the College established or prescribed under section 9;
 “ College ” means the Njala University College established under section 3;
 “ Council ” means the Council of the College established under section 7;
 “ Senate ” means the Senate of the College established under section 8;
 “ Statutes ” means the Statutes of the College set out in the Schedule and any other Statutes made in pursuance of subsection (4) of section 7.

The Sched-
ule.

PART II—INCORPORATION, OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THE COLLEGE

Establish-
ment of the
College.

3. There is hereby established a University College to be called the Njala University College, which shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name and shall have power to acquire and hold property movable and immovable and to sell, mortgage, alienate or lease the said property.

Objects of
the College.

4. The general objects of the College shall be—
 (a) to encourage the advancement of learning and the development of educational, economic, social and ethical standards among the people of Sierra Leone;
 (b) to endeavour to improve the health and general welfare of the population.

Powers of
the College.

5. For carrying out its general objects the College shall have power—
 (a) to institute courses leading to degrees, diplomas and other academic awards;
 (b) to provide suitable instruction, and hold examinations, for and grant degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions to persons who—
 (i) have successfully pursued any course of study prescribed by the College;
 (ii) have carried on research in the College under such conditions as may be laid down in the Statutes;
 (c) to confer honorary degrees or other distinctions in the manner and under such conditions as may be laid down in the Statutes;

- (d) to provide intensive specialised courses of instruction for groups of workers and other adults who are not degree or diploma students of the College;
- (e) to provide for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge and for University Extension programmes;
- (f) to institute teaching and research posts required by the College and to appoint persons to such posts;
- (g) to create administrative and other necessary non-academic posts and make appointments thereto;
- (h) to institute such scholarships, fellowships and award such prizes as may be prescribed in the Statutes;
- (i) to provide, maintain, supervise and control residential accommodation for students, and employees of the College;
- (j) to demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the College for the purpose of instruction such fees and other charges as may be prescribed by the College;
- (k) to act in conjunction with other educational institutions and authorities in such manner and for such purpose as may be determined jointly by the College and the other institutions and authorities concerned;
- (l) to do all acts or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the College.

PART III—AUTHORITIES OF THE COLLEGE

6. The Authorities of the College shall be the Council, the Senate, the Boards, the President, the Principal and such other bodies and officers as may from time to time be prescribed in the Statutes. The Authorities.

7. (1) There shall be a Council which shall be the governing and executive body of the College with power to exercise all the powers conferred upon the College by this Act and to manage all matters not otherwise provided for by this Act or the Statutes. The Council.

(2) The Council shall be constituted as set out in Chapter I of the Schedule.

(3) The Council may meet at such times and places as it may find convenient but shall meet at least once in each academic term of the College.

(4) Without derogation from the generality of the powers conferred upon the Council by subsection (1) the Council shall have in addition the power—

- (a) to accept the transfer of any movable or immovable property on behalf of the College;

Transfer to
College of
certain
Government
Institutions.

15. (1) All the interests of the Government in the following institutions, that is to say—

- the Rice Research Station at Rokupr;
- the Oil Palm Research Station at Njala;
- the Experimental Station of the Division of Agriculture at Njala; and
- the Government Teacher-Training College at Njala,

which immediately before the vesting day were vested in the Government, shall on the vesting day be transferred to and vest in the College without further assurance and shall be held and applied for the objects for which the College is incorporated.

(2) Without derogation from the generality of subsection (1), for the purposes of this section, the interests of Government in the transferred institutions shall include—

- (a) all properties, movable or immovable, of every description;
- (b) the right to receive and give a good discharge for any grant or contributions which may have been voted or promised to the Government in respect of any of the transferred institutions by any person or body.

(3) The land deemed to have been transferred to and vesting in the College on the vesting day under the provision of this section shall be as described and set out in a Public Notice to be published by the Minister of Natural Resources in the *Gazette* on or before the vesting day or as soon as may be thereafter.

Existing
contracts
and pending
proceedings.

16. (1) All deeds, bonds, agreements, instruments, debts, credits and working arrangements, subsisting immediately before the vesting day, affecting any of the transferred institutions shall be of as full force and effect against or in favour of the College, and as enforceable as fully and effectually as if, instead of the Government or any person acting on behalf of the Government, the College had been named therein or had been a party thereto:

Provided that this subsection shall not apply to any contract, agreement or other arrangement relating to the service or employment of any public officer or employee of the Government and the College shall be under no obligation or liability with respect to any such officer or employee serving or employed at any of the transferred institutions prior to the vesting day.

(2) Any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing immediately before the vesting day by or against the Government in respect of any of the transferred institutions may be continued or enforced by or against the Government as if this Act had not been enacted.

PART VI—MISCELLANEOUS

17. (1) The College may appear in any legal proceedings by an officer of the College authorised generally or in respect of any particular proceedings by resolution of the Council; and any officer, so authorised, shall be at liberty to institute and carry on any proceedings which the Council is authorised to institute and carry on under this or any other Act, subject always to any directions which may be given to him by the Council.

Appearance
of College
in legal
proceedings.

(2) Service on the College of all legal processes and notices shall be effected by service on the Principal of the College.

18. Membership of the College shall be open to persons of either sex and no discrimination shall be made or test imposed on the grounds of religious belief, political views, racial or tribal origin.

Member-
ship of the
College.

THE SCHEDULE

(Section 2)

THE STATUTES

CHAPTER I

The Constitution of the Council of the College (section 7)

1. The Council shall be composed of the following members—

(a) *Ex-officio members:*

- (1) The Chief Agriculturist.
- (2) The Chief Education Officer.
- (3) The Principal.

(b) *Other Members:*

- (1) Three members of the House of Representatives selected by that body to represent the Parliament of Sierra Leone.
- (2) The Principal of Fourah Bay College.
- (3) Two persons interested in education, one of whom shall be a woman, but not in the public service, to be nominated by the Government to represent the people of Sierra Leone.
- (4) The Chairman of the Sierra Leone Produce Marketing Board.
- (5) A representative of the business interests with agricultural projects in the country, to be elected by the Sierra Leone Chamber of Commerce.
- (6) Two representatives from each of the Provinces and the Western Area, to be nominated by the President of the College.
- (7) One representative each, selected by and representative of the membership of, the following—
 - (a) The Co-operative Societies in Sierra Leone.

- (b) The Registered Graduates of the College.
 (c) The Sierra Leone Teachers Union.
 (d) The Conference of Principals of Secondary Schools.
2. (1) The term of office of the members of the Council, other than the *ex-officio* members, shall be six years, but at the time of the first assembly of the Council, provision shall be made for curtailing of the term of office of certain members chosen in order that, as nearly as may be, one-third of the members shall retire every two years thereafter.
 (2) The term of office of a member chosen to fill a vacancy shall be for the residue of his predecessor's term.
 3. Members shall serve without pay, but shall be entitled to such daily allowances and travel expenses as may be prescribed by the College.
 4. The Council shall elect its own Chairman from among its members and shall make such Standing Orders as it shall think fit with respect to the conduct of its meetings, and the meetings of any Committee of the Council, and the procedure thereof.
 5. There shall be a Committee of the Council known as the Finance and Development Committee whose functions shall be determined by Council.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 14th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four.

S. V. WRIGHT,
 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed the House of Representatives and found by me to be a true and correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

S. V. WRIGHT,
 Clerk of the House of Representatives.