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THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT hereby decrees as follows:

1. — (1) Section 3 of the Interim Administrative Councils (Amendment) Decree 1967 (which confers sundry powers relative to appointments to the public service) shall on the commencement of this Decree and during its currency be suspended, and the powers of the interim council relative to the South-Eastern and the Rivers States of Nigeria shall vest and be exercisable as hereinafter provided.

(2) In the application of this section, the Constitution of the former Eastern Region of Nigeria as affected by section 1 (5) of the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) Decree 1967 (which provides for existing law to have effect with necessary modifications to bring it into conformity with the said section) shall revive in so far as it relates to the establishment, powers and tenure of office of members of the Public Service Commission and to any necessary extent, and accordingly and in conformity with section 1 (5) of the Decree aforesaid there shall be a Public Service Commission for the Rivers State and one for the South-Eastern State with power in either case to review appointments (other than judicial appointments) made before the date of this Decree.

(3) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on 11th August 1967.

2. The Administration of Justice (Eastern States) Decree 1967 shall cease to apply to the Rivers State and the South-Eastern State.
3.—(1) This Decree may be cited as the Public Service, etc. (Rivers and South-Eastern States) Decree 1969 and shall apply throughout the Federation.

(2) This Decree shall as to section 1 be deemed to have come into force as therein provided, and sections 2 and 3 of this Decree shall come into force on the making thereof.

Made at Lagos this 26th day of March 1969.

M A J O R - G E N E R A L Y . G O W O N ,
Head of the Federal Military Government,
Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces,
Federal Republic of Nigeria