William the Fourth to the Court of Oye of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland acting by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons and by proclamation of the United Kingdom Act of Parliament, to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Know ye that we, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons, have considered the petition of the Governor of the Southern Province and the adjournment of the Senate and House of Commons, and that it is expedient in the interest of the people of the Southern Province and the United Kingdom to establish a new province and to set the appropriate boundaries of the said province.

In pursuance of the said petition, we have appointed a new province for the Southern Province, and the extent of the Southern Province is hereby extended to include the said province.

And we do hereby order and direct, that the said province shall be called the Province of South Australia.

Given this day at the Court of Oye of the United Kingdom, the seventh day of the month of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

By Virtue of the Act of Parliament.

Edward.