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THE following amendments of the Probate and Administrative Rules are published for general information.

R. C. GREEN,
Under Secretary for Law.

ADMINISTRATION ACT, 1903-1954.

Amendment of the Probate and Administration Rules.

The Honourable Albert Asher Wolff, Acting Chief Justice of Western Australia, the Honourable Lawrence Walter Jackson, the Honourable John Evenden Virtue and the Honourable Roy Vivian Nevile, Puisne Judges of the Supreme Court of Western Australia, acting in pursuance of the powers contained in the Administration Act, 1903-1954, the Supreme Court Act, 1935-1954, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do hereby amend the Probate and Administration Rules (being the Rules contained in the Third Schedule of the Administration Act, 1903-1954) in the manner hereinafter mentioned and direct that Rules 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 13 of these Rules shall come into force immediately on the publication thereof in the *Government Gazette* and that the remaining rules shall come into force on the expiration of one month from the date of such publication.

1. Rule 3 is repealed and in lieu thereof the following rule is inserted:—
 3. In these Rules—
 - (i) "The Act" means the Administration Act, 1903-1954.
 - (ii) "The Registry" means the Probate Office of the Supreme Court.
2. Rule 4 and the heading thereto are repealed and in lieu thereof the following heading and rule are inserted:—

Powers of the Master.

4. The Master may exercise the powers of the Court in and about the granting of probate and administration of, and all orders at the instance of the Public Trustee in reference to, wills and estates in cases where the gross value of the estate as sworn for the purposes of duty being assessed under Part V. of the Act does not exceed Five thousand pounds, in and about the passing and allowance of the accounts of executors and administrators, and the costs in connection therewith, where no commission is applied for, and in and about the dispensation with or reduction of bonds for the due administration of such estates:

Provided that the Master shall, where any person interested may so desire, and may, in cases where any doubt or difficulty arises, refer the matter to the Court.