

NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND. By Clive Parry, LL.D., of Gray's Inn, Barrister-at-Law; Fellow of Downing College, Cambridge. Volume Two. [London: Stevens & Sons Ltd. 1960. pp. xxiv + 260 (1025 – 1285) incl. Index. £4 4s. (To registered purchasers of Volume One—£3 10s.)]

In his *Nationality and Citizenship Laws of The Commonwealth and of The Republic of Ireland*, 1957, the learned author foresaw an early issue of supplements to keep the work up to date. These expectations proved well founded. In the last three decades, the United Kingdom embarked upon a policy of systematic raising of status of its colonies culminating in the granting of full independence. So, since the time of Dr. Parry's writing, only some three years ago, not less than four new states have emerged within the British family of nations all of them immediately providing for their own nationality and citizenship legislation. At the same time, it was wisely anticipated that the nationality and citizenship statutes then in operation were not the final word on this rapidly developing subject. In fact, there is scarcely a country which has not enacted at least a minor amendment to its existing nationality and citizenship laws in the last three years.

As foreshadowed, volume two of the Nationality and Citizenship Laws which must be read in conjunction with the original volume is designed to cope with the changes which occurred in the subject since 1957. The method of treatment adopted by the learned author is that of supplements to the main work together with a fitting examination of the newly enacted legislation. Thus the numbering of the original chapters has been retained, any additions and amendments to these chapters having been inserted in chapters bearing identical numbers. The amendments, deletions and substitutions themselves follow the pages of the original volume. In addition, four new chapters dealing respectively with the presently existing situation in the State of Singapore, the Federation of Malaya, the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and in Ghana have been incorporated in the work. In this way, new legislation, additions and changes up to January 1, 1960 have been recorded.

Together with the original volume, the work is a comprehensive textbook on the complex nationality and citizenship legislation in force both in the United Kingdom

and in the Republic of Ireland as well as in the entire British Commonwealth and dependencies. The subject is presented in four parts. The first offers a general introduction, the second deals with the laws of the United Kingdom and Colonies, the third relates to the laws of the several countries of the Commonwealth oversea, and the fourth is devoted to the Republic of Ireland. With the exception of part four, which forms one chapter only, the material contained in the first three parts is divided in chapters each of which gives an outline of the history and of the general characteristics of the laws in any given country intended to familiarize the reader with the particular subject matter and followed by the annotated and commented text of the applicable statutes. The relevant statutes are reproduced in full with minor provisions and references being carried in footnotes.

With the growing importance of fast sea and especially air travel, an increasing number of citizens of both foreign and British countries is travelling and not rarely also settling in all parts of the Commonwealth. Consequently, many problems connected and associated with the nationality and citizenship laws are likely to arise. It is therefore not surprising that practitioners are frequently faced with an increasing number of involved problems which require a detailed knowledge of the relevant statutes, decrees, orders in council and regulations applicable in a particular case. But this material is not always readily available even in the biggest and best equipped law libraries. Dr. Parry has undertaken a formidable task in collecting, explaining and commenting upon the various kinds of legislation governing nationality in the countries of the entire British family of nations and has thus provided the practitioner and the student with an excellent textbook on the subject. This is an outstanding achievement which undoubtedly merits high praise and appreciation.