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DECLARATION OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 10 (1) of the National Monuments Act, 1969 (Act 28 of 1969), I, Johannes Petrus van der Spuy, Minister of National Education, hereby declare the building known as the Old Gaol in High Street, Grahamstown, to be a national monument.

DESCRIPTION

The historical building, situate on a certain piece of land named Landdrosts' Cottage, situate at Grahamstown, Division of Albany, in the Province of the Cape of Good Hope. (Now known as remainder of Erf 3607, Grahamstown.)

HISTORICAL INTEREST

The erection of the Old Gaol was commenced in 1813, shortly after the founding of Grahamstown (1812). In 1814 one of the walls of the gaol served as a line for the surveying of the main street, and thus also as the basis for the layout of the whole town. The building was completed in 1818, but served as a school after 1824 and later also as the first local public library until 1863.

J. P. VAN DER SPUY, Minister of National Education.