

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 historic old building of the South African Library, Cape Town, together with that portion of its grounds lying between the front of the building and the fence of the Botanical Gardens, to be a national monument.

Description

The historic building of the South African Library and that portion of its grounds lying between the front of the building and the fence of the Botanical Gardens, situate on a certain piece of freehold land at the lower end of the Botanical Gardens, Cape Town (now known as Erf 3678, Cape Town), and measuring as such 369 square roods. Cape Freeholds Volume 15, Folio 28, dated 21 December 1858.

Historical Interest

The old building of the South African Library was designed by W. H. Kohler in the neo-classical style. The foundation stone was laid by Sir George Grey in 1858 and the building was officially opened by Prince Alfred in 1860.

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