

WESTERN PACIFIC HIGH COMMISSION.

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C. H. RODWELL,

High Commissioner.

25th April, 1921.

KING'S REGULATION

TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AN ADVISORY COUNCIL IN THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE.

Made by His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific under the provisions of the Pacific Order in Council 1893.

In the name of His Majesty, GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

[25th April, 1921.]

1. This Regulation may be cited as the Solomons Advisory Council Regulation 1921. SHORT TITLE.

2. There shall be a Council to be known as the Advisory Council consisting of the Resident Commissioner and not more than four members. CONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL.

3. The Resident Commissioner shall subject to the approval of the High Commissioner appoint as members of the Council not more than four persons being British subjects resident in the Protectorate of whom one may be an official. The members of the Council shall hold office for three years unless sooner removed or suspended by the Resident Commissioner with the like approval but shall be eligible for re-appointment. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.

4.—(1) In the event of the resignation removal suspension incapacity or absence from the Protectorate of any member of the Council the Resident Commissioner with the approval of the High Commissioner may appoint some other person to fill the temporary vacancy thus caused. VACANCIES.

(2) Every member appointed to fill any such temporary vacancy shall cease to be a member on the return to the Protectorate or the removal of the suspension or incapacity of the member in whose place he was appointed.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

5. Every member of the Council shall before taking his seat take and subscribe before the Resident Commissioner the following oath of allegiance:—I A.B. do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George V his heirs and successors according to law. So help me God. Provided that any person authorised by law to affirm or declare instead of taking an oath may make such affirmation or declaration in lieu of such oath.

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL.

6. The Council shall meet whenever summoned by the Resident Commissioner but not less than once in each year. The Resident Commissioner shall preside at all meetings of the Council and any two members with the Resident Commissioner shall form a quorum.

RESIDENT COMMISSIONER TO TAKE ADVICE OF COUNCIL.

7. The Resident Commissioner shall inform or consult the Council upon all such matters relating to the internal administration of the Protectorate as he may in his discretion determine.

REPORT AND MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COUNCIL.

8. At the close of every Council meeting a formal report of the minutes and proceedings of the Council shall be forwarded to the High Commissioner.

MEMBERS MAY ASK FOR INFORMATION AND TENDER ADVICE.

9. Members may at meetings of the Council request information or offer advice on matters relating to the internal administration of the Protectorate and the Resident Commissioner may comply or refuse to comply with such request or advice as he may think fit. Provided that in the event of non-compliance he shall if a majority of the Council so desire transmit to the High Commissioner a special report on the subject stating his reasons for non-compliance.

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By Command,

ROGER GREENE,

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