

No. XII. of 1911.

KING'S REGULATION

TO REGULATE THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF CERTAIN PRODUCE IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS.

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.

1. This Regulation may be cited for all purposes as the Solomons Short title. (Produce) Regulation, 1911.

2. The Solomons (Produce) Regulation, 1911, which came into Repeals Regulation No. VII of 1911. operation on the twentieth day of July, 1911, is hereby repealed.

3. Reference in this Regulation to "the Resident Commissioner," Interpretation. "the Protectorate," "native" or "natives," and the like expressions are applicable only to the British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

4.—(1) This Regulation shall come into operation in the Pro-Mode of bringing tectorate, or in any particular area or areas therein, as the case may operation. be, according to the tenor of the notice by the Resident Commissioner of his intention so to bring the same into operation, and on the expiration of the fourteen days, next hereinafter prescribed.

(2) Notice by the Resident Commissioner of his intention to bring the Regulation into operation shall be given by posting the document containing the notice at his office at the seat of Government of the Protectorate and, if the Regulation is brought into operation in any particular area or areas therein, in some conspicuous place in that area or those areas, for fourteen days from the date of so posting the notice.

Disposal of produce by natives.

5. Any native who shall desire to dispose of the coconuts or ivory nuts (hereinafter referred to as "the produce") growing, lying, or being in or on his land by permitting a non-native person to acquire the produce by gathering, collecting, recovering, taking or carrying away the same, shall lodge with the Resident Commissioner for exhibition in his office a notice of that desire, setting forth the name and approximate area of the locality where the produce is growing or lying and the nature and, as nearly as may be, the quantity or extent of the same.

Terms and conditions of acquisition of produce.

6. The Resident Commissioner, upon the receipt of the notice in the last preceding section mentioned, shall add thereto or insert therein such fixed sum by way of premium for the right to acquire the produce, such conditions as to the rate at which, and the time or times when, payment for the produce shall be made, the periods during and over which the payment of the premium and the right to acquire shall be made and extend, and such other terms of contract, as he may, with the consent and approval of the native lodging the notice, deem it necessary and expedient to prescribe, and shall exhibit the notice at his office for such time as shall be stated therein to be that within which applications for the right to acquire the produce will be received at the office of the Resident Commissioner or such other officer of the Protectorate as he shall name.

Agreement -

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7. The non-native person who obtains the right to acquire the produce shall sign the notice in the last two preceding sections mentioned, which shall constitute a binding agreement between the parties, and shall pay to the Resident Commissioner or other officer aforesaid, for the use of the Protectorate Government, in addition to the premium above mentioned a sum representing ten pounds per centum thereof at such time and in such manner as the Resident Commissioner shall prescribe.

Contravention of

Penalty.

8.—(1) Any non-native who makes or enters into an agreement to acquire, or who by any means acquires, the produce, and any native who disposes of the produce to a non-native, save as in this Regulation provided shall be liable on conviction, if he is not a native, to a penalty of fifty pounds and in default of payment to imprisonment with hard labour for a term not exceeding six months, and, if he is a native, to the said term of imprisonment, and the agreement (if any) shall be null and void.

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(2) Any native who, knowing the same to be false, represents himself to be the owner of the produce to which an agreement, or a notice under the provisions of the fourth section hereof, relates shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment with hard labour for a term not exceeding six months.

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By Command,

C. H. HART-DAVIS, Secretary to His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

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