

THE ISLAND OF NAURU

No. 9 of 1939

AN ORDINANCE

To institute Postal Censorship

BE it ordained by the Administrator of the Island of Nauru in pursuance of the powers conferred by Article 1 of the Agreement dated the Second day of July, 1919, between His Majesty's Government in London, His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and His Majesty's Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, as follows:-

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Postal Censorship Ordinance 1939.

Operation.

2. This Ordinance shall come into operation at 8 o'clock in the forenoon on the thirteenth day of September one thousand nine hundred and thirtynine.

Definitions.

3. In this Ordinance -

(1) The term "Administrator" includes every person for the time being administering the Government of the Territory.

(2) The term "Censorship Staff" means any person or persons appointed by the Administrator to carry out censorship duties within the Territory.

(3) The term "enemy" includes the Government and Nationals of the German Reich and shall also include the Government and Nationals of any other Power which may ally herself with the German Reich.

Power to appoint  
Censor and duties  
of Censorship  
Staffs.

4. The Administrator shall have power to appoint a Censorship Staff who shall exercise such powers as the Administrator may from time to time direct and in particular shall have authority to open and examine all Postal Articles as defined by the Post and Telegraph Ordinance 1912-1916 of the Territory of Papua, and to withhold from delivery all such Postal Articles as are considered to be of any enemy character, or traitorous, or to contain information of a Secret or Confidential

nature, or likely to be useful to the enemy, or as are considered to contain written or printed matter the publication of which is likely in the present emergency to be injurious to the public safety or welfare, and shall also have authority to prohibit the printing or publication of any such information or matter in any newspaper, magazine, periodical or other publication, and to seize all such publications issued in defiance of the orders of such Censorship Staff.

GIVEN under my hand at Administration Headquarters, Nauru, Central Pacific, this thirteenth day of September in the year One thousand nine hundred and thirtynine.

F. R. Chalmers

Administrator of the Island of Nauru.