

THE ISLAND OF NAURU

No. 8 of 1939

AN ORDINANCE

To Establish Wireless Censorship

BE it ordained by the Administrator of the Island of Nauru, acting in pursuance of the powers conferred by Article 1 of the Agreement dated the second day of July, 1919, between 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 Wireless Censorship Ordinance, 1939.

Operation.

2. This Ordinance shall come into operation at 9 o'clock in the forenoon on the second day of September, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

Institution
of
Censorship.

3. The Administrator by the promulgation of this Ordinance in the Gazette declares that a state of Emergency has arisen and shall have power to institute a Censorship of all Wireless Telegraphic and Wireless Telephonic messages, to appoint Censors and to prescribe conditions under which Wireless Telegraphic and Wireless Telephonic messages may be transmitted or received.

Until the Administrator shall otherwise direct by notice in the Gazette, the following conditions shall be observed.

(a) No Code or Cypher messages, except Official messages franked by an authorised Officer of the Administration are to be despatched to any addresses whatsoever.

(b) All private messages, which must be in plain language - English or French, must bear the surname of the sender at the end of the text included among the words which are charged to the sender and signalled forward.

(c) The use of all codes and cyphers is strictly prohibited, except as Clause (a) above.

(d) Code addresses or abbreviated addresses, except for Official messages, will not be accepted either as the address or as the name of the sender of any Wireless message lodged for transmission.

(e) All private messages will be examined by the Censor and they will not be transmitted if they contain information which is likely to be of use to the enemy or which may be prejudicial to the interests of the Territory, Australia or the British Empire.

**Control of
Radio Tele-
phonic Stations.**

4. The Administrator shall have power to assume control of any Radio Telephonic Station in the Territory and to prescribe the conditions under which Radio-Telephonic messages may be sent and received.

**Control of
Radio
Receiving Sets.**

5. The Administrator shall have power to assume control of all Radio Receiving Sets and to direct their removal from the custody of their owners to such place as he may consider suitable for their safe custody. No compensation in respect to the removal storage or damage arising from removal and storage, shall be payable by the Administration.

**Powers of
Censor.**

6. The Censor duly appointed by the Administrator may stop, delay or otherwise deal with messages at his discretion.

**Claims for
re-imbusement.**

7. No claims for re-imbusement of sums paid or any other claim will be considered by the Administration.

**GIVEN under my hand at Administration Headquarters,
Nauru, Central Pacific, this second day of
September, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-
nine.**

F. R. Chalmers.

Administrator of the Island of Nauru.