

THE PACIFIC ISLAND CONTRACT LABOURERS ORDINANCE, 1920.

*Western Samoa.—No. 10, 1920.*

AN ORDINANCE

made by the Administrator of the Territory of Western Samoa, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of that Territory, and in pursuance of the Samoa Constitution Order, 1920.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Pacific Island Contract Labourers Ordinance, 1920.

2. Any Pacific-Islander who has been brought to Western Samoa under contract to work or to serve as a labourer or as an overseer of labourers for a specified period of time shall be guilty of an offence who—

- (a) Wilfully neglects or without reasonable cause refuses to obey a lawful order of any overseer or of any person placed in authority over him, or of any person charged with his medical treatment:
- (b) Persuades or induces or attempts to persuade or induce any other such Pacific-Islander to neglect or refuse to obey any such order as aforesaid:
- (c) Uses such gross negligence in the performance of any order or the doing of any work for his employer as causes or is likely to cause loss or destruction of property or danger to life:
- (d) Is habitually and without reasonable excuse idle:

and shall be liable on conviction to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three months.

3. Any person who incites or threatens with intent to induce any such Pacific-Islander as aforesaid to commit an offence under this Ordinance shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

Assented to this 3rd day of December, 1920.

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R. W. TATE, Administrator.