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THE PERMITS ORDINANCE, 1921.

*Western Samoa.*

*No. 25, 1921.*



## 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 Permits Ordinance, 1921.

### OVERSEAS PERMITS.

2. No person over the age of twelve years shall depart or attempt to depart from the Territory for any place beyond the seas unless such person is in possession of a permit (hereinafter referred to as an overseas permit) issued to such person by the Commissioner of Police to visit New Zealand or some other place beyond the seas named in such permit.

3. The preceding clause shall not apply to

(a) Any person who leaves the Territory in the course of the service of a ship, or the ship by which such person arrives in the Territory, or

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- (b) Any person returning from the Territory to New Zealand or to any other country, if such person is in possession of a permit to visit the Territory, issued under the authority of the Government of New Zealand, or such other country, and endorsed by the Commissioner of Police for the return journey, or to
- (c) Any person in respect to whom the Administrator may see fit to grant an exemption from the requirements of the preceding clause, or to
- (d) Any person in possession of a passport under which such person is entitled to proceed overseas from Samoa.

4. An overseas permit shall cease to be in force for leaving the Territory on the expiration of three weeks from the date thereof.

5. Any overseas permit may at any time be withdrawn by the Administrator while the person to whom it is issued is in the Territory, by notice in writing to such person.

CLEARING OF OVERSEAS VESSELS.

6. Every person found on board any ship which is about to leave the Territory shall, on demand of any officer of Police or of Customs or of the master or any officer of such ship state whether he is in possession of an overseas permit and produce such permit for inspection such to any officer or master.

Any person refusing or failing, without reasonable cause, to produce such permit shall be guilty of an offence.

7. No person to whom an overseas permit has been issued shall go or be on board of any ship which is about to leave the Territory without having such permit in his possession.

8. (1) It shall be the duty of the master of every vessel about to proceed overseas to cause all persons not entitled to sail as members of the crew or as bona fide passengers to leave such vessel at least one hour before the advertised time of departure, and to afford such facilities by mustering the crew or otherwise as may be reasonably required by any officer of Customs or Police for ascertaining that no persons except such as are entitled to sail as aforesaid are aboard.

Persons except such as are entitled to sail as aforesaid found aboard within one hour of the advertised time, without reasonable excuse, shall be guilty of an offence, and may be taken and placed ashore by any officer of

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- (3) The Collector of Customs may withhold the clearance of any vessel about to proceed overseas until one hour after the master has complied with the provisions of this clause.

PERMITS, FOR SAVAI'I.

9. (1) No person ~~not being~~ *being an immigrant within the meaning of Part II of the Samoan Immigration Order 1930*  
~~(a) A Samoan~~ *shall* travel to the island of Savai'i without a permit (hereinafter referred to as a permit for Savai'i) issued by the Commissioner of Police. No. 1  
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- (2) Every permit for Savai'i shall remain in force and be available for successive visits to Savai'i unless withdrawn by the Commissioner of Police. There shall be no fee payable for such permit.
- (3) On the application of any person for a permit for Savai'i such permit shall be issued as of course, unless in the opinion of the Administrator the presence of the applicant in Savai'i will not be conducive to the peace or order or good government of that part of the Territory.
- (4) Any permit for Savai'i may be at any time withdrawn by the Commissioner of Police by notice in writing to the person to whom it is issued.
- (5) Any person who, having committed a breach of the provisions of this clause, is found in Savai'i may be arrested and removed therefrom.
- (6) Notwithstanding anything in this clause the Administrator may in any special case where in his opinion the presence of any person in Savai'i would disturb the peace, order or good government of the inhabitants of Savai'i or any part thereof prohibit such person from going to Savai'i by notice served personally on such person.
- Any person who having been served with such notice as aforesaid travels to Savai'i in breach thereof shall be guilty of an offence and may be arrested and removed from Savai'i.
- (7) Any master or other person in charge of a vessel who permits any person to travel to Savai'i on such vessel without a permit in breach of this Ordinance shall be guilty of an offence.
10. Any person who
- (a) Leaves or attempts to leave the Territory for any place beyond the seas without an overseas permit, contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, or
- (b) Travels to the Island of Savai'i without a permit for Savai'i, contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance, or
- (c) Makes use of or attempts to make use of any permit that is not intended to be used by such person, or which has been withdrawn or has ceased to be in force, or



- (d) By any false statement or representation obtains or attempts to obtain the issue of any permit either for himself or for any other person, or
- (e) Makes, without authority, any material alteration or addition to any permit, or
- (f) Is guilty of any other offence against this Ordinance, for which no penalty is elsewhere provided in this Ordinance,
- shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.

Assented to this 21st day of  
December, 1921.

[L.S.] R. W. TATE,  
Administrator.