

No. 4 of 1888.



VICTORIA by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen Defender of the Faith Empress of India &c. &c.

A REGULATION

(Made in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty by Her Majesty's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific under the provisions of the Western Pacific Order in Council 1879.)

TO PROHIBIT THE SUPPLY OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS
TO NATIVES OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC ISLANDS.

[L.S.] JOHN B. THURSTON.

26th December, 1888.

1. REGULATIONS Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 of 1879 Prohibiting the Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Natives of certain Islands of the Western Pacific are hereby repealed.

2. In this Regulation the expression—

“Western Pacific Islands” shall mean and include any of the following islands or places namely:—

The islands or Archipelago of New Britain and New Ireland;
The Louisiade Archipelago;

The Groups of Islands known as,—

The Friendly Islands,
The Navigator's Islands,
The Union Islands,
The Phoenix Islands,
The Ellice Islands,
The Gilbert Islands,
The Solomon Islands,
The New Hebrides Islands,
The Santa Cruz Islands ;

All other islands in the Western Pacific Ocean not being within the limits of the Colonies of Fiji Queensland New South Wales or New Guinea and not being within the jurisdiction of any civilised power.

“Native” shall mean and include in its reference every person in the Western Pacific not of European descent.

“Intoxicating Liquor” shall include all spirituous compounds and all fermented liquors and any mixture part whereof is spirituous or which contains fermented liquors and any mixture or preparation containing any drug capable of producing intoxication.

3. If any British subject in the Western Pacific sells or gives or otherwise supplies either directly or indirectly any native of any island or place within the Western Pacific Islands any intoxicating liquor he shall on conviction thereof before the Court of Her Majesty's High Commissioner be liable to punishment as follows :—

- (1) Imprisonment for any term not exceeding three months with or without hard labour and with or without a fine not exceeding ten pounds; or,
- (2) A fine alone not exceeding ten pounds without any imprisonment.

4. It shall not be an offence under this Regulation for any person to give to any native for any urgent cause or necessity and without recompense or remuneration any intoxicating liquor when such intoxicating liquor is given solely and purely for medicinal purposes but it shall rest with the person giving such intoxicating liquor to prove to the satisfaction of the Court the existence of such urgent necessity and failing such proof such person shall be liable to the punishment provided in section 2 hereof.

5. This Regulation shall come into force on the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

By Command,

JOHN R. FAREWELL,
Acting Secretary to the High Commissioner.

SUVA

Printed and Published by EDWARD JOHN MARCH, Government Printer.—1888.

[Price, 1s.]