

Fiji

No. 28 of 1945

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A. G. GRANTHÂM,

Governor.

27th December, 1945.

An Ordinance

TO PROVIDE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIVES OF OCEAN ISLAND ON RABI ISLAND AND FOR PURPOSES CONNECTED THEREWITH,

[27th December, 1945.]

Préamble.

Whereas it is expedient to make provision for the settlement on the Island of Rabi of the Banaban community and generally to make provision for the peace order and good government of the community:

Now therefore be it enacted by the Governor of Fiji with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof:—

Short Title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Banaban (Settlement) Ordinance, 1945.

Definition of "Banaban community." 2. In this Ordinance "Banaban community" means the natives hitherto living on Ocean Island and such other persons as may now or hereafter be accepted as members of the Banaban community in accordance with Banaban custom.

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3.—(1) The Governor in Council may make regulations to provide for the peace order and good government of the Banaban community.

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4.—(1) There is hereby established a native council for the Establishment Island of Rabi to be known as the Rabi Island Council.

(2) Subject to the provisions of any regulations made under section 3 the composition procedure and sessions of the Rabi Island Council shall be in accordance with such directions as may be issued from time to time by the Administrative Officer in charge of Rabi Island.

5.—(1) The Rabi Island Council may make regulations latent to be known as Island Regulations relating to all or any of the following matters-

Island Council.

- (a) the keeping clean of the island and the promotion of public health;
- (b) the maintenance of peace order and public safety;
- (c) the social and economic betterment of the native population;
- (d) the performance of communal works and other communal activities;
- (e) the control of livestock;
- (f) the prevention or removal of public nuisances;
- (g) the care of children and aged persons;
- (h) the conservation of food supplies;
- (i) fishing and fishing rights;
- (j) the island hospitals, prisons and schools; and
- (k) the promotion of the general welfare of the native inhabitants.
- (2) The making of regulations under this section shall be subject to the prior approval of the Governor.
- (3) The penalty imposed under regulations made under this section shall not exceed a fine of ten shillings or a term of imprisonment exceeding one month or a combination of both such fine and imprisonment.
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law for the time being in force Island Regulations made and duly approved under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be published in such manner as is customary in the Banaban community and shall thereupon be of full force and effect.
- 6. Except as may be provided by regulations made under Public Health section 3 the provisions of the Public Health Ordinance 1935 shall not apply to the Island of Rabi.

Ordinance not to apply. No. 29 of 1935.

Passed in Council this twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-five,

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