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BICKHAM ESCOTT.

High Commissioner.

16th March, 1918.

KING'S REGULATION

TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES FOR FISHING IN THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE.

Made by His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific under the provisions of the Pacific Order in Council, 1893.

In the name of His Majesty, George the Fifth, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

[16th March, 1918.]

- 1. This Regulation may be cited as "The Solomons short title. Fisheries (Explosives) Regulation 1918."
 - 2. In this Regulation—

INTERPRETATION

- "The Protectorate" means the British Solomon Islands Protectorate.
- "The Resident Commissioner" means the Resident Commissioner in the Protectorate and includes any person duly acting as such.
- "Explosives" means and includes dynamite, guncotton, nitro-glycerine, gunpowder, fulminate of mercury and every adaptation and preparation thereof as an explosive.

PROHIBITION OF USE OF EXPLOSIVES. 3. On and after the coming into operation of this Regulation it shall be unlawful for any person not holding a licence issued under this Regulation to use explosives for the purpose of catching or destroying fish within the limits of the Protectorate.

ISSUE OF LICENCES.

- **4.**—(1) It shall be lawful for the Resident Commissioner to grant licences for such time and on such conditions and with such limitations as he may deem fit to any person or persons to use explosives for the purpose of catching or destroying fish.
- (2) The time conditions and limitations subject to which the licence is issued shall be indorsed thereon.
- (3) If any licensee acts in contravention of the conditions and limitations of his licence the licence shall become void and the licensee may be proceeded against as if he had no licence.

PENALTY.

5. Every person committing a breach of this Regulation shall be liable on conviction to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five pounds or at the discretion of the Court to a term of imprisonment with hard labour not exceeding six weeks.

REPEAL OF KING'S RECULA-TIONS 5 OF 1905 AND 3 OF 1911. 6. The Solomon Islands Fisheries (Explosives) Regulation 1905 and the Solomons Fisheries (Explosives Amendment) Regulation 1911 are hereby repealed, but any offence against the said Regulations committed before the coming into force of this Regulation may be dealt with and shall be punishable as if such Regulations were still in force.

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By Command,

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