

PROCLAMATION.

BY

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Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to declare certain Bank Notes to be legal tender within the Bechuanaland Protectorate, and to prevent the writing or imprinting of certain matters or things on the said Bank Notes and their mutilation and defacement:

Now, therefore, under and by virtue of the powers in me vested, I do hereby proclaim, declare, and make known as follows:—

Notes issued under the Bank Act, 1891, to be a legal tender.

1. Bank Notes which shall have been delivered to any Bank in the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope by the Treasurer-General of the said Colony under the provisions of the "Bank Act, 1891," of the said Colony, and notes of the South African Reserve Bank,¹ shall be regarded as money, and the same shall be received at par throughout the Bechuanaland Protectorate in discharge of all debts and obligations whatsoever.

Advertisements, &c., not to be printed on bank notes.

Penalty.

2. It shall not be lawful to write, print, or otherwise impress upon any such Bank Note as aforesaid any business or professional card, notice or advertisement, or any notice or advertisement of any matter or thing whatever, and every person who violates this clause shall be liable to be fined by any Court of competent jurisdiction an amount not exceeding five pounds sterling, and in default of payment of such fine, to be imprisoned with or without hard labour for any period not exceeding one month unless such fine be sooner paid.

Mutilation of bank notes forbidden.

3. Every person who mutilates, cuts, defaces, disfigures or perforates with holes, or does any other thing to any such Bank Note as aforesaid, or who causes or procures the same to be done with intent to render such Bank Note unfit to be re-issued, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five pounds, recoverable by the Bank issuing such Bank Note in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

¹Printed as amended by Proclamation No. 30 of 1930.

Payment of half notes.

Indemnity.

4. Every such Bank in the said Protectorate shall pay to the legal holder of the half of any such Note as aforesaid or of any such Note which shall be mutilated, on presentation thereof, the full value of such Note, provided satisfactory proof be given that such holder was the lawful holder of the entire Note, and that it was so mutilated, or that the other half was lost after the entire Note came into his possession; provided further, that such holder, before being paid the full value of such Note, shall give satisfactory security to refund the amount, should it be subsequently found that he was not entitled to receive it.
