

PROCLAMATION.¹

BY

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

No. 7, 1909.—DATED 9th FEBRUARY, 1909.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make further provisions relative to the recruitment of native labourers within the territory of the Bechuanaland Protectorate (hereinafter referred to as "the Territory"):

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

Labour agents shall take natives before Government official to sign contract before leaving the Protectorate.

1. Every labour agent who engages or procures any native labourer for employment beyond the borders of the Territory shall, before such labourer leaves the Territory, bring him before an Assistant Commissioner, Magistrate, Assistant Resident Magistrate, Police Officer or other Official appointed for the purpose by the Resident Commissioner, in order that he may sign in the presence of such official a form of contract containing such particulars as to the terms of his employment, as the Resident Commissioner may from time to time prescribe. It shall be the duty of any such official to satisfy himself before any such contract is signed in his presence by a native labourer that the terms thereof have been fully understood by such labourer.

Labour agents shall prepare and sign a pass for every native recruited.

2. Every labour agent shall prepare, fill in, and sign a pass in such form as the Resident Commissioner may from time to time prescribe in respect of every native labourer engaged or procured by him for employment beyond the borders of the Territory and shall produce such pass to the official before whom the labourer signs the form of contract mentioned in the preceding section, and such official after countersigning such pass shall cause the same to be handed to the labourer.

Penalty.

3. Any labour agent neglecting or refusing to comply with any of the provisions of this Proclamation shall be liable to have his license cancelled subject to the provisions of section *eleven* of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Native Labour Proclamation, 1907.

Commencement of Proclamation.

4. This Proclamation shall be read as one with the Bechuanaland Protectorate Native Labour Proclamation, 1907, and shall take effect from the date of publication in the *Gazette*.

¹ See Proclamation No. 10 of 1912.