

PROCLAMATION

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

No. 44 of 1914.

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WHEREAS it is desirable to prohibit with certain exceptions the sale in and the exportation from the Territory of the Bechuanaland Protectorate (herein after referred to as the Territory) of the plumage and skins of wild birds;

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

1. In this Proclamation "plumage" shall include the skin or body of a bird with the plumage on it.

2. No person shall sell or offer or expose for sale in the Territory or export or cause or procure to be exported from the Territory any plumage of any wild birds and no person shall have in his possession in the Territory any such plumage for the purpose of sale or export; provided however that this prohibition shall not apply to—

- (a) the plumage of wild birds for the time being excluded from the operation of this Proclamation by notice in the *Gazette*.
- (b) the plumage of wild birds in respect of which a permit has been granted under this Proclamation;
- (c) the plumage of wild birds ordinarily used as articles of diet.

3. Any person contravening the provisions of the preceding section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds or in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding three months.

4. Where the Resident Commissioner is satisfied that the plumage of any wild bird is to be sold or exported for scientific or educational purposes he may grant a permit in writing authorizing such sale or export.

5. The High Commissioner may from time to time by notice in the *Gazette* exclude any wild bird from the operation of this Proclamation for such period or periods as he may prescribe or until further notice.

6. This Proclamation may be cited for all purposes as the "Plumage Birds Protection and Preservation (Bechuanaland Protectorate) Proclamation 1914" and shall have force and take effect from the date of its publication in the *Gazette*.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Proc. Given under my Hand and Seal at Pretoria this Twentieth
No. 44 day of July One thousand Nine hundred and Fourteen.
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J. WOLFE MURRAY,
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency
the High Commissioner.

C. H. RODWELL,
Imperial Secretary.