

PROCLAMATION

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

No. 60 of 1914.

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WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the establishment of a censorship of postal and telegraphic matter in the Territory of the Bechuanaland Protectorate herein after 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:--

1. (i) The Resident Commissioner may with the approval of the High Commissioner authorize any postmaster in the territory to delay the transmission of any telegraphic communication which purports improperly to disclose or deal with information relating to the defence of the territory or of the Union of South Africa or of any British Territory or Protectorate adjacent thereto.

(ii) Any postmaster in the territory shall refer to the Resident Commissioner any communication transmission of which is delayed by him under this section, and shall if so required by the Resident Commissioner refuse to transmit such communication either in whole or in part.

(iii) For the purpose of this Proclamation the term "postmaster" shall include any official in charge of a post office, postal agency or telegraphic office.

2. (i) In time of war the Resident Commissioner may with the approval of the High Commissioner establish a censorship over all or any description of postal or telegraphic matter passing within into or from the territory and the High Commissioner may make, alter or revoke by notice in the *Gazette* regulations prescribing the conditions under which postal telegraphic or telephonic services may be used during the continuance of war. Regulations so made shall override any provisions of any law or regulations relating to the management of the postal telegraphic and telephonic services of the territory.

(ii) Any person who fails to observe or contravenes any regulations made under this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding one year or to such imprisonment without the option of a fine or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

Proc. 3. No person shall have any claim against the Government
No. 60 of the Bechuanaland Protectorate or any officer thereof by
1914 reason of any act bona fide done for the purpose of giving
effect to the provisions of this Proclamation or any regulations
made thereunder.

4. No person shall have any claim against the Government
of the Bechuanaland Protectorate or any officer thereof by
reason of the delay of or refusal to transmit any telegraphic
communication on or after 1st August, 1914, and prior to the
taking effect of this Proclamation if the Resident Commis-
sioner shall certify in writing that such communication was
delayed or that transmission thereof was refused by his
authority in the public interest.

5. This Proclamation shall have force and take effect from
the date of its publication in the *Gazette*.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Pretoria this Twenty-
fourth day of August One thousand Nine hundred and
Fourteen.

J. WOLFE MURRAY,
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency the
High Commissioner.

C. H. RODWELL,
Imperial Secretary.