

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

No. 47 of 1919.

[Promulgated 20th December, 1919.]

PROCLAMATION

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Entitled the Bechuanaland Protectorate Native Fund
Proclamation, 1919.

Whereas it is desirable in the interests of the native inhabitants of the Bechuanaland Protectorate to create a special fund for the purposes herein after mentioned and for that purpose to impose a tax the proceeds of which shall be paid into such fund;

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

1. (1) On the first day of July in each year commencing with the year 1920 there shall be paid to the Bechuanaland Protectorate Administration by every adult male native residing in the Bechuanaland Protectorate a tax in the form of an addition to the hut tax payable by each native on that date at the rate of three shillings for every pound of hut tax.

(2) The provisions of Proclamation No. 9 of 1909 shall *mutatis mutandis* apply in the collection of the tax as if the tax were portion of the hut tax imposed by that Proclamation but the receipts prescribed by that Proclamation shall show separately and distinctly amounts collected in respect of hut tax and amounts collected in respect of the tax imposed by this Proclamation.

2. The Resident Commissioner shall cause the proceeds of the tax to be paid into a special fund to be known as the Bechuanaland Protectorate Native Fund and shall also pay into the said fund all sums voluntarily tendered to him for that purpose.

3. (1) All moneys from time to time standing to the credit of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Native Fund may at the discretion of the High Commissioner be used for any one or more of the following purposes that is to say education of natives in the Bechuanaland Protectorate, the abatement of contagious diseases, the eradication of cattle diseases (including the payment of compensation for cattle destroyed), the improvement of stock belonging to natives, the fencing of native areas and for such other purposes as are in the opinion of the High Commissioner for the benefit of the native inhabitants of the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this section the fund shall be under the absolute control of the High Commissioner who may from time to time make regulations dealing with the keeping and auditing of accounts, the authorization of issues from the fund, the investment of balances and other matters connected therewith.

4. For the purposes of this Proclamation the term "native" shall mean any aboriginal native belonging to any tribe south of the Equator and shall also include half-castes and all persons of mixed race living as members of any native community, tribe, kraal or location.

5. This Proclamation may be cited as the Bechuanaland Protectorate Native Fund Proclamation 1919, and 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 Thirteenth day of December One thousand Nine hundred and Nineteen.

BUXTON,
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency the
High Commissioner.

C. L. O'B. DUTTON,
for Imperial Secretary.