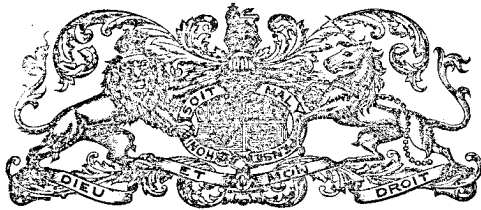


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EYRE HUTSON,
Acting High Commissioner.



No. XIV. of 1915.

KING'S REGULATION

TO PROHIBIT THE NON-POSTAL TRANSMISSION OF
LETTERS.

Made by His Britannic Majesty's Acting High Commissioner for the
Western Pacific under the provisions of the Pacific Order in
Council, 1893.

In the name of His Majesty, George the Fifth, by the Grace of
God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and
of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of
the Faith, Emperor of India.

1. This Regulation may be cited for all purposes as the Solomon Short title.
and Gilbert and Ellice Islands (Letters Prohibition) Regulation 1915.

2. In this Regulation—

Interpretation.

“the Protectorate” means the “Solomon Islands Protectorate”
or the “Gilbert and Ellice Islands Protectorate”;

“Commissioner” means the Resident Commissioner of the
Solomon Islands Protectorate or of the Gilbert and Ellice
Islands Protectorate.

3. Whoever, without the permission of the Commissioner or other Prohibition against
non-postal com-
munications.
lawful authority, transmits (otherwise than through the post) or
conveys to or from the Protectorate, or receives or has in his pos-
session for such transmission or conveyance any letter or written
message or any newspaper or other printed matter for any other
person, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds
or to imprisonment with hard labour for any term not exceeding
twelve months or to both such fine and imprisonment. Nothing
in this section shall be deemed to apply to bona fide consignee's
letters.

Powers of search,
&c.

4. It shall be lawful for any officer of customs or of the Post Office or for any officer of the Constabulary or any other person duly authorised in writing by the Commissioner to require any person landing or embarking at any place in the Protectorate:—

- (a) To make a declaration as to whether or not he is carrying or conveying any letters or written messages or any newspapers or other printed matter intended to be transmitted by post or otherwise delivered contrary to the provisions of this Regulation ;
- (b) To produce any letters or written messages or any newspapers or other printed matter which such person may have in his possession ;
- (c) To search any such person and any baggage or other article with a view to ascertaining whether such person or the person to whom the baggage or other article belongs is carrying or conveying any letter or written message or newspaper or other printed matter intended to be transmitted by post or otherwise delivered contrary to the provisions of this Regulation ;
- (d) To arrest without warrant any person found to be carrying or conveying any letter or written message or any newspaper or other printed matter intended to be transmitted by post or otherwise delivered contrary to the provisions of this Regulation ;
- (e) To seize and retain any letter or other document, including printed matter, found in contravention of the provisions of this Regulation.

Penalty for using
invisible ink, &c

5. Whoever sends from the Protectorate, whether by post or otherwise, any letter or other document containing any matter written in any medium which is not visible unless subject to heat or some other treatment, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months.

Custody of documents produced
after conviction.

6. All letters and other documents including printed matter produced in court at the hearing of any proceedings under this Regulation shall on conviction of the party charged be handed over to the Commissioner to be dealt with by him as he shall think fit.

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By Command,

A. L. AYTON,
Acting Secretary to His Majesty's High Commissioner
for the Western Pacific.

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