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BICKHAM ESCOTT,
High Commissioner.



No. IX., 1913.

KING'S REGULATION

TO GOVERN THE ACQUISITION OF TIMBER RIGHTS IN
THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.

Made by His Britannic Majesty's 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 Solomons Short title.
Timber Regulation, 1913.

2. Reference in this Regulation to "the Resident Commissioner," Interpretation.
"the Protectorate," "Native or Natives," and the like expressions
are applicable only to the British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

3. Any native who desires to grant license to any non-native Grant of license to
acquire timber rights
by non-natives.
to cut and fell and remove any timber tree growing on his land
shall lodge with the Resident Commissioner for exhibition in his
office a notice of that desire, setting forth the name and approximate
area of the locality over which he desires his license to extend and
the nature, and, as nearly as may be, the number of the trees growing
thereon other than trees the fruit of which is ordinarily used for
food, which he desires his license to include.

4. The Resident Commissioner, upon the receipt of the notice Terms and conditions
of license.
in the last preceding section mentioned, shall add thereto or insert
therein such fixed sum by way of premium for the license aforesaid,
such conditions as to the rate at which, and the time or times when,
the rents, whether by royalty or otherwise shall be paid in respect
of the said license and the term of the license, and such other coven-
ants, stipulations, and conditions, as he may with the consent

of the intending grantor of the license, deem it necessary and expedient to prescribe and shall exhibit the notice at his office for such a time as stated therein to be that within which applications for the license aforesaid will be received at the office of the Resident Commissioner or such other officer of the Protectorate as he shall name.

License.

5.—(1) The applicant to whom the license aforesaid is granted shall sign the notice in the last two preceding sections mentioned, which shall then constitute a grant of leave and license from the native owner of the trees in the notice specified to the applicant who signs the same to cut and fell and remove the said trees subject to the covenants, stipulations, and conditions therein set forth.

(2) The grantee of the license shall pay to the Resident Commissioner, or other offices aforesaid, in addition to the premium in the last preceding section mentioned, a sum representing ten pounds per centum thereof, for the use of the Protectorate Government, at such time and in such manner as the Resident Commissioner shall prescribe.

Contravention of Regulation.

6.—(1) Any non-native who makes or enters into any agreement or contract to acquire, or who by any means acquires, the right to cut or fell or remove any timber or the wood of any tree, and any native who grants the right to do so to a non-native save as in this Regulation provided shall be liable on conviction, if he is not a native, to a penalty of fifty pounds and, in default of payment, to be imprisoned with hard labour for a term not exceeding six months and if he is a native to the said term of imprisonment, and the agreement or contract (if any) shall be null and void.

Penalty.

False representation of ownership of trees.

(2) Any native who, knowing the same to be false, represents himself to be the owner of any trees to which any agreement or contract or a notice under the provisions of the fourth section hereof, relates shall be liable on conviction, to imprisonment with hard labour for a term not exceeding six months.

Penalty.

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By Command,

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for the Western Pacific.

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