

PAPUA.



No. 7 of 1925.

AN ORDINANCE.

To Amend the Laws Relating to the Central Court and for other Purposes.

J. H. P. MURRAY.

[L.S.]

31st August, 1925.

BE it enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Territory of Papua with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Central Court Ordinance, 1925.* Citation.

2. The *Deputy Judges (Appointment) Ordinance, 1910-1919,* Repeal. is repealed.

3. In this Ordinance the term “Central Court” Interpretation. means the Central Court established by *The Courts and Laws Adopting Ordinance of 1888* (No. 4 of 1888) and *An Ordinance to Amend “The Courts and Laws Adopting Ordinance of 1888”* (No. 1 of 1889).

References to the Chief Magistrate, etc., deemed references to Judge of Central Court.

4. Whenever by any Ordinance or law of the Territory the Chief Magistrate of the Possession or the Chief Magistrate or the Chief Judicial Officer or the Deputy Chief Judicial Officer is referred to or whenever by any such Ordinance or law any jurisdiction power or authority is conferred upon the Chief Magistrate of the Possession or the Chief Magistrate or the Chief Judicial Officer or Deputy Chief Judicial Officer such reference shall be deemed to be to and such jurisdiction power or authority shall be deemed to be conferred upon and shall be exercisable by a Judge of the Central Court.

Appointment of Judges of the Central Court.

5. (1) There shall be so many Judges of the Central Court as the Lieutenant-Governor in the name of the Governor-General in accordance with the provisions of Section Seventeen of the *Papua Act, 1905-1924*, may appoint.

(2) The Chief Judicial Officer and the Deputy Chief Judicial Officer holding office at the commencement of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have been duly appointed as and shall be Judges of the Central Court and each of them shall be designated Judge of the Central Court and shall cease to be designated Chief Judicial Officer and Deputy Chief Judicial Officer respectively.

Constitution of Central Court.

6. The Central Court shall be constituted by a Judge or an Acting Judge of the Central Court sitting as such Central Court.

Appointment of Acting Judge, Cf. Deputy Judges (Appointment) Ordinance, 1910-1913, s. 4.

7. (1) The Lieutenant-Governor may by commission under the Seal of the Territory appoint a person to be Acting Judge of the Central Court for any period or for any purposes or for any period and any purposes as may be specified in the commission.

(2) Every person so appointed an Acting Judge of the Central Court shall for the period or purposes or for the period and purposes (as the case may be) specified in the commission have and may exercise all the jurisdiction power and authority of a Judge of the Central Court.

Oaths or affirmations taken by Acting Judge.

8. Every person so appointed as an Acting Judge of the Central Court shall before entering on the duties of his office take the oath of allegiance and judicial oath

prescribed by Section Eight of the *Oaths Ordinance, 1912*, or the affirmations in lieu thereof as prescribed by Section Twenty of the said Ordinance.

Passed in Council this thirty-first day of August, in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five.