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EYRE HUTSON,
Acting High Commissioner.



No. VIII. of 1915.

KING'S REGULATION

TO AMEND THE SOLOMONS LABOUR REGULATION 1910
AND THE SOLOMONS (LABOUR AMENDMENT) REGU-
LATION 1912.

Made by His Britannic Majesty's Acting High Commissioner for the
Western Pacific in accordance with 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. The Solomons Labour Regulation 1910 hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulation, and all Regulations amending the same shall be read and construed as if for the words "a magistrate," wherever they appear in the said Regulations, the words "A Deputy Commissioner or an Inspector of Labourers" were substituted. Amendment of words "a magistrate" in Regulation No. III of 1910.

2. Section thirteen of the principal Regulation is hereby amended, and shall be read as if the words "not under the age of sixteen years" were inserted after the word "labourer" in the first line thereof. Amendment of section 13 of Regulation No. III of 1910.

3. Section fourteen of the principal Regulation is hereby amended, and shall be read as if the provisos following were substituted for the proviso appearing therein :— Amendment of section 14 of Regulation No. III of 1910.

" Provided that boys over fourteen and under sixteen years of age may be engaged for domestic service. Provided also that a married man engaged under the provisions of this Regulation shall be accompanied by his wife and family (if any), and the employer of the husband shall provide suitable accommodation for the wife and family to the satisfaction of the Resident Commissioner or his deputy, and a married woman so desiring may be employed in work from day to day but not in work under contract."

Amendment of
section 24 of Regula-
tion No. III of 1910.

4. Section twenty-four of the principal Regulation, as enacted by the Solomons (Labour Amendment) Regulation 1912, is hereby amended, and shall be read as if the following subsection were substituted for subsection (5) of the said section :—

“(5) Any labourer who shall, except on account of illness or other lawful excuse, absent himself from the service of his employer when he ought lawfully to be engaged in such service, or fail to show ordinary diligence in the performance of any work assigned to him, or neglect or refuse to perform or complete any work allotted to him, or to amend any work previously assigned to him which shall have been carelessly or improperly performed, shall, on conviction of such offence before a Deputy Commissioner or an Inspector of Labourers, be liable to a penalty at a rate not exceeding three shillings per diem for such time as the Deputy Commissioner or Inspector of Labourers may think the labourer's time has been lost to the employer by reason of the labourer's absence failure neglect or refusal as aforesaid. Provided that, on the conviction of any labourer for any offence against the provisions of this subsection, it shall be lawful for the Deputy Commissioner or Inspector of Labourers before whom such conviction shall be obtained, instead of imposing the penalty above mentioned, to order such labourer to be returned to the plantation in respect of which he shall be indentured. Any penalty imposed under this provision may be recovered by deduction from the labourer's wages in such manner as the Deputy Commissioner or Inspector of Labourers orders. The Deputy Commissioner or Inspector of Labourers may, if he thinks fit, order that the whole or part of the penalty shall be paid to the employer. Any labourer who shall have been three times convicted of the offence of unlawfully absenting himself from the service of his employer shall, upon every subsequent conviction of such offence, forfeit and pay any sum not exceeding two pounds, and, in default of payment, be imprisoned for any term not exceeding three months.”

In sections 41-52 and 63-65 of Regulation No. III of 1910, word “labourer” to include wife and family of labourer.

5. Sections forty-one to fifty-two inclusive and sections sixty-three to sixty-five inclusive of the principal Regulation shall be read and construed as if the word “labourer” appearing there denoted and included also the wife and family (if any) of the labourer.

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By Command,

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