

STATUTORY RULES.

No. 8 of 1921.

REGULATIONS

Made under *The Native Regulation Ordinance of 1908*

(No. 25 of 1909).

DESERTED WIVES AND CHILDREN.

1. The Regulations dealing with native matters made under *The Native Regulation Ordinance of 1908*, on the fifteenth day of March, 1911, and published in *Gazette* dated the twenty-fourth day of April, 1911, are further amended by inserting therein after Regulation 120, the following new regulation :—

121. In any case where—

(a) a husband has deserted his wife; or

(b) a father has deserted his child, whether legitimate or illegitimate,

a magistrate may, upon the complaint of—

(i) the wife or her next of kin; or

(ii) the child, the child's mother, the child's next of kin, or the mother's next of kin,

order that the husband or father pay for the use and support of the wife or the child such amount of money, or of food, or of food and money combined, at such intervals and for such a period as he may think just.

The penalty for disobedience of such order shall be a fine, recoverable summarily before any magistrate, and not exceeding £2; or in the alternative, imprisonment with hard labour for a period not exceeding four months. Such fine or imprisonment shall not operate as a discharge of the order but the order shall remain in full force and effect.

The order may be revoked at any time by a magistrate and shall cease to have effect, in the case of a wife, if she marries again either legally or according to the customs of the natives, and, in the case of a child, when the age of the child in the opinion of a magistrate exceeds sixteen years.

“Magistrate” means a Magistrate for Native Matters who is also a Resident or Assistant Resident Magistrate.

“Wife” includes any woman that by the customs of the natives is regarded as or reputed to be the wife of a man.

“Next of kin” includes the nearest adult male relative according to the customs of the natives.

“Child” includes any child, of either sex who in the opinion of the magistrate is under fourteen years of age.

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