

PAPUA.



No. X. of 1918.

AN ORDINANCE

To Amend "*The Native Crown Servants Ordinance of 1897.*"

[RESERVED 23RD AUGUST, 1917;

ASSENTED TO 3RD JULY, 1918.] ^(a)

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. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the *Native Crown Servants Ordinance, 1917.* Citation.

(2) *The Native Crown Servants Ordinance of 1897* is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

(3) The Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance may be cited as the *Native Crown Servants Ordinance, 1897-1917.*

2. Section one of the Principal Ordinance is amended— Amendment of Sec. 1 of the Principal Ordinance.

(a) by omitting therefrom the word "Possession" and substituting the word "Territory" therefor.

(b) by omitting therefrom all the words after the words "liable on conviction" to the end of the section and substituting therefor the words "to a penalty not exceeding Five Pounds and in default of payment to imprisonment with or

(a) Date assented to by the Governor-General. Assent notified in *Gazette* No. 9 of 7th August, 1918.

without hard labour for a period not exceeding six months or to such imprisonment without being fined."

Amendment of
Sec. 2 of the
Principal
Ordinance.

3. Section two of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting therefrom the word "Possession" and substituting the word "Territory" therefor.

Amendment of
Secs. 4 and 6 of
the Principal
Ordinance.

4. Sections four and six of the Principal Ordinance are amended by inserting therein respectively after the word "Ordinance" the words "or the Regulations made thereunder."

5. After section five of the Principal Ordinance the following new section is inserted :—

Void Contracts

"5A. No action shall be brought upon any contract express or implied made by a native servant of the Government during the period of his service and all contracts so made shall be absolutely void."

6. Section seven of the Principal Ordinance is repealed and the following section is substituted therefor :—

Regulations.

"7. (1) The Lieutenant-Governor may make regulations for the due and effectual execution of the provisions of this Ordinance and for regulating the duties and obligations of native servants of the Government.

(2) Any native servant of the Government who guilty of a breach of the provisions of any such regulation shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Two pounds and in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding three months or to such imprisonment without being fined.

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

Assented to by His Excellency the Governor-General, with the advice of the Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Australia, on the Third day of July, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.