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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 to cut and fell and remove any timber tree growing on his land acquire timber rights 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 in the last preceding section mentioned, shall add thereto or insert of license 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 covenants, 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.

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 Com-
mmissioner, 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 Govern-
ment, at such time and in such manner as the Resident Commissioner
shall prescribe.

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 agree-
ment or contract (if any) shall be null and void.

(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.

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By Command,

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