

government of Northern Nigeria, and of all persons therein, including the prohibition and punishment of acts tending to disturb the public peace.

The High Commissioner, in issuing such Proclamations, shall respect any native laws by which the civil relations of any native Chiefs, tribes, or populations under Her Majesty's protection are now regulated, except so far as the same may be incompatible with the due exercise of Her Majesty's power and jurisdiction, or clearly injurious to the welfare of the said natives.

VII. Every Proclamation of the High Commissioner shall be published in the Gazette, and shall, from and after a date to be mentioned in such Proclamation, and thereafter until disallowed by Her Majesty or repealed or modified by any subsequent Proclamation, have effect as if contained in this Order, and the High Commissioner shall take such measures as he thinks proper for giving due publicity thereto within Northern Nigeria.

VIII. Her Majesty may disallow any such Proclamation wholly or in part, and may signify such disallowance by Order in Council or through a Secretary of State, and upon such disallowance being publicly notified in the Gazette, the provisions so disallowed shall, from and after a date to be mentioned in such notification, cease to have effect, but without prejudice to anything theretofore lawfully done thereunder. Due notification shall be publicly made by the High Commissioner within Northern Nigeria of the disallowance of any such Proclamation.

IX. There shall be a Public Seal of and for Northern Nigeria which the High Commissioner shall keep and use for sealing all things whatsoever that shall pass the said seal; provided that until a Public Seal shall be provided, the private seal of the High Commissioner may be used as the Public Seal of Northern Nigeria.

X. The High Commissioner may, upon sufficient cause to him appearing, suspend from the exercise of his office any person holding or exercising any office within Northern Nigeria, whether appointed by the High Commissioner or under or by virtue of any Commission or Warrant granted, or which may be granted, by Her Majesty in Her Majesty's name or under Her Majesty's authority, which suspension shall continue and have effect only until Her Majesty's pleasure therein shall be signified to the High Commissioner by a Secretary of State. The High Commissioner, in proceeding to any such suspension, shall observe the directions in that behalf given to him by any instructions from Her Majesty or signified through a Secretary of State.

XI. The High Commissioner may, as he shall see occasion, when any crime has been committed within Northern Nigeria, or for which the offender may be tried therein, grant a pardon in Her Majesty's name to any accomplice, not being the actual perpetrator of such crime, who shall give such information and evidence as shall lead to the apprehension and conviction of the principal offender; and further, may grant to any offender convicted of any crime in any court, or before any judge, justice, magistrate, or other officer within Northern Nigeria, a pardon, either free or subject to lawful conditions, or any respite of the execution of the sentence of any such offender, for such period as to the High Commissioner may seem fit, and may remit any fines, penalties, or forfeitures, which may become due and payable.

XII. Subject to the provisions of this Order or of any Proclamation made under this Order, all Statutes, Orders in Council, Rules, Regulations, or Treaties, together with any jurisdiction exercisable

thereunder, whether exercisable by Her Majesty or by any person on Her behalf, or by any Court within Northern Nigeria, or under any Commission, or under any Charter granted by Her Majesty, which at the commencement of this Order are in force within the limits of this Order or any part of such limits, shall remain in full force, and every suit, action, complaint, matter or thing, civil or criminal, which shall be depending in any court within Northern Nigeria at the commencement of this Order, shall and may be proceeded with in such court in like manner as if this Order had not been passed.

XIII. In the event of the death, incapacity, absence, or removal of the High Commissioner from Northern Nigeria, all and every the powers and authorities herein granted to him shall, until Her Majesty's further pleasure is signified therein, be vested in such person or persons as may be appointed by Her Majesty; and in case there shall be no person or persons so appointed by Her Majesty, then in the Senior Officer for the time being in command of the West African Frontier Force within Northern Nigeria.

XIV. From and after the coming into operation of this Order, the provisions of the Africa Order in Council, 1889, shall cease to apply to Northern Nigeria, without prejudice to anything lawfully done thereunder.

XV. This Order shall be published in the Gazette, and shall come into operation on the first day of January one thousand nine hundred, and the High Commissioner shall give directions for the publication of this Order at such places, and in such manner, and for such time or times as he thinks proper for giving due publicity thereto within Northern Nigeria.

XVI. Her Majesty may from time to time revoke, alter, add to, or amend this Order.

The Right Honourable Joseph Chamberlain, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, is to give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

*A. W. FitzRoy.*

AT the Court at Windsor, the 27th day of December, 1899.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn.

Mr. Balfour.

Mr. Ritchie.

WHEREAS the territories of West Africa situate within the limits of this Order, as hereinafter described, are under the protection of Her Majesty the Queen:

And whereas by Treaty, grant, usage, sufferance, and other lawful means, Her Majesty has power and jurisdiction in the said territories:

And whereas certain of the said territories were formerly known as the Oil Rivers Protectorate:

And whereas on the thirteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three the name of the said "Oil Rivers Protectorate" was changed to that of the "Niger Coast Protectorate":

And whereas by Her Majesty's Royal Charter dated the tenth day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six the National African Company, Limited (in the said Charter and hereinafter referred to as "the Company"), were authorized and empowered to hold and retain the full benefit of the several cessions of territories in the basin of the River Niger in Africa therein recited to have been made to the Company by the