

mittee thereof shall not be entitled to vote at any such meeting.

15. The Administrator shall take the advice of the Council upon all matters of importance affecting the administration of affairs within the limits of this Order, except in cases which are too urgent to admit of their advice being taken. In all such urgent cases he shall as soon as possible summon the Council and acquaint them with the action taken, and the reasons therefor.

16. The Administrator may act contrary to the advice of the Council, but in every such case he shall report the matter forthwith to the Company, with the reasons for his action. In every such case any Member of the Council who dissents may require that the reasons for his dissent be recorded and transmitted to the Company. The Company may reverse any action of the Administrator, whether taken with or without or against the advice of the Council.

17. It shall be lawful for the High Commissioner, after consulting the Administrator, to make, alter, and repeal Proclamations for the administration of justice, the raising of revenue, and generally for the peace, order, and good government of all persons within the limits of this Order.

Provided that

(1) The High Commissioner before issuing any such Proclamations shall wherever possible have regard to any suggestions or requests made to him in respect thereof by the British South Africa Company.

(2) No proclamation concerning the raising of revenue shall be made unless the assent of the Company has previously been given thereto. Such assent may be signified by telegraph.

Every Proclamation shall be published in the "Gazette" and shall from and after the date of such publication or from and after such other date as may be mentioned in such Proclamation and thereafter until disallowed or repealed or modified by any subsequent Proclamation have effect as if contained in this Order.

The production of a copy of the "Gazette" in which a Proclamation is published as above provided shall be evidence of promulgation.

The High Commissioner shall sign every Proclamation issued by him, and shall, at the first convenient opportunity, transmit an authenticated copy of every such Proclamation to the Secretary of State, and every such Proclamation may be disallowed within one year from the taking effect thereof by a Secretary of State, either of his own motion or at the request of the Company, and every Proclamation so disallowed shall become null and void so soon as the disallowance thereof shall be published in the "Gazette," but without prejudice to anything theretofore lawfully done thereunder.

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

19. No customs duties levied on any articles

produced or manufactured in any part of His Majesty's dominions or in any British Protectorate and imported into Northern Rhodesia shall exceed in amount the duties levied on such articles according to the Tariff in force in the South African Customs Union at the date of the coming into operation of "The Southern Rhodesia Order in Council, 1898," or the Tariff contained in the Customs Union Convention concluded between the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, the Orange Free State and the Colony of Natal in May, 1898, whichever shall be the higher. Provided that in fixing the customs duties regard shall be had to any treaty obligations affecting the territory within the limits of this Order or any portion of it.

20. The military police forces shall be and remain under the direct control and authority of the High Commissioner and all officers and members of the said forces shall conform to and obey such orders and instructions as they may from time to time receive from the High Commissioner or from any person appointed by him to act on his behalf. The foregoing provisions of this section shall not apply to any civil police force raised and constituted as such by Proclamation. Nothing in the nature of a military operation shall be undertaken by any police or volunteer force or any part thereof until such force or part thereof shall have been declared by the High Commissioner to be employed on active service.

The High Commissioner may declare when and for what period any police or volunteer force or any part thereof shall be employed on active service, and such force or such part thereof shall, while so employed, be subject to such terms and regulations as the High Commissioner shall determine. Any police force shall be liable for service in any place within the limits of this Order or within the limits of the Southern Rhodesia Order in Council, 1898.

The Resident Commissioner for the time being shall be Commandant General of the police and volunteer forces, and shall exercise

(a) the chief command of any police and volunteer force while such force is employed on active service, or of any part of such force while so employed;

(b) such powers as may be conferred on the Commandant General by Proclamation;

(c) the right of inspecting at all times any police and volunteer force.

The appointment, promotion, and dismissal of officers of the volunteer and police forces, save as may be otherwise by Proclamation provided, shall be subject to the approval of the High Commissioner.

21.—(1.) There shall be a court of record, styled the High Court of Northern Rhodesia, with full jurisdiction, civil and criminal, over all persons and over all matters within Northern Rhodesia, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained with regard to native law and custom.

(2) Such civil and criminal jurisdiction shall, as far as circumstances admit, be exercised upon the principles of and in conformity with the substance of the law for the time being in force in and for England, and with the powers vested in and according to the course of procedure and practice observed by