

PROCLAMATION.¹

BY

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

No. 31, 1907.—DATED 21st OCTOBER, 1907.

Preamble.

WHEREAS a new Universal Postal Union Convention was concluded at Rome on the 26th May, 1906, and it was provided in such Convention that the

¹ See H.C. Notice No. 137 of 1925.

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same should come into force on the 1st day of October, 1907, and whereas the Bechuanaland Protectorate is a member of the said Union:—

Now, therefore, under and by virtue of the powers in me vested, I do hereby declare, proclaim and make known as follows:—

Applying the provisions of the Principal Convention of the Universal Postal Union.

1. From the date of the taking effect of this Proclamation the provisions of the Principal Convention of the Universal Postal Union concluded at Rome on the 26th May, 1906, shall apply and shall be deemed to have applied to all mail matter other than that sent through the Parcel Post transmitted between the Bechuanaland Protectorate and oversea countries members of the Universal Postal Union.

Regulations in schedule to have effect.

2. From the date of the taking effect of this Proclamation, the regulations contained in the Schedule hereto shall have and shall be deemed to have had effect as regards mail matter admitted for transmission by registered post from any Post Office in the Bechuanaland Protectorate to any country a member of the Universal Postal Union and *vice versa* except countries with which other arrangements may be in force for the time being.

Commencement of Proclamation.

3. This Proclamation shall be deemed to have taken effect on the 1st day of October, 1907.

SCHEDULE.

COMPENSATION FOR LOSS IN THE POST OF REGISTERED MAIL MATTER TRANSMITTED UNDER THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION REGULATIONS.

1. Except in cases beyond control (for example tempest, shipwreck, earthquake or war) the Postmaster-General may upon it being proved to his satisfaction that a packet duly admitted to registration has been entirely lost whilst in the custody of the Post Office, pay an indemnity of £2 or 50 francs in respect of such loss.

2. Under no circumstances shall compensation be paid unless application therefor be made within one year from the date of posting of the missing article.

3. Each application for compensation should comply with the following conditions:—

- (a) It should be made by letter addressed to the Secretary, General Post Office, Capetown.
- (b) It should be accompanied by the registration receipt handed by the Officer of the Post Office to the sender.
- (c) The contents of the missing packet should be fully described and the number, amount, bank by which issued, and date of any bank note enclosed in the packet should, as far as practicable, be furnished, also the number, amount, and Office and date of issue of any Postal Note (Postal Order) or Money Order enclosed therein.

4. In these Regulations the term "packet" means any letter, postcard or other article transmissible by registered post under the Regulations of the Universal Postal Union for the time being in force.