

PROCLAMATION.

BY

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

No. 35, 1910.—DATED 6th JULY, 1910.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide that sentence of death shall not be pronounced in the Bechuanaland Protectorate on any person convicted of an offence punishable with death if in the opinion of the Court such person was at the time of the commission of the offence under the age of sixteen years;

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

No sentence of death to be passed on persons under 16 years of age.

1. It shall not be lawful in the Bechuanaland Protectorate for sentence of death to be pronounced on or recorded against a person convicted of an offence punishable with death if in the opinion of the Court such person was at the time of the commission of the offence under the age of sixteen years but in lieu thereof, the Court shall sentence such person to be detained during the High Commissioner's pleasure, and if so sentenced he shall be liable to be detained in such place and under such conditions as the High Commissioner may direct, and whilst so detained shall be deemed to be in legal custody.

Commencement of Proclamation.

2. This Proclamation shall have force and take effect from the date of its publication in the *Gazette*.