

PROCLAMATIONS.

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BY

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

No. 40, 1911.—DATED 18th NOVEMBER, 1911.

**Preamble.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the protection of Bushman relics and ancient ruins within the Bechuanaland Protectorate;

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

**Definition of terms.**

1. In this Proclamation:

“Bushman relic” shall mean any drawing or painting on stone or petroglyph of the kind commonly known or believed to have been executed by the South African Bushmen or other aboriginals, and shall include any of the anthropological contents of the graves, caves, rock shelters, middens or shell mounds of such Bushmen or other aboriginals.

“Ancient ruin” shall mean any building or remains of a building constructed either of stones packed loosely or otherwise which is known or is believed to have been erected by the people who preceded the Bechuana tribes in occupation of the country, or any material which has been used in the construction of such a building.

**Removal without permission of Bushman relics or ancient ruins prohibited.**

2. (1) No person shall remove, cause or allow to be removed from the Bechuanaland Protectorate, any Bushman relic or any ancient ruin or portion thereof without first having obtained from the Resident Commissioner a written permit so to do.

**Applications for permits to be made to Resident Commissioner.**

(2) Any person desiring to remove from the Bechuanaland Protectorate any Bushman relic or any ancient ruin or portion thereof may make application to the Resident Commissioner for such a permit.

**Applications to be accompanied by drawings, etc.**

(3) Every such application shall be accompanied by a drawing, photograph, or tracing of the relic, or ancient ruin or portion thereof to be removed and shall state the exact locality in which the relic or ancient ruin is situated and the place or purposes for which the relic or ancient ruin or portion thereof is destined when removed.

**Penalty for contravening provisions of Proclamation.**

3. Any person who contravenes the provisions of the last preceding section or who makes any false statement, or transmits any fictitious drawing, on an application for a permit thereunder, or who knowingly injures, defaces or destroys any Bushman relic or ancient ruin situated in the Bechuanaland Protectorate shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds, or in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding three months.

**High Commissioner may make regulations.**

4. The High Commissioner may make regulations for the better carrying out of the objects and purposes of this Proclamation.

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**Short title.**

**Commencement of Proclamation.**

5. This Proclamation may be cited for all purposes as: The Bushman Relics and Ancient Ruins Protection (Bechuanaland Protectorate) Proclamation, 1911, and shall take effect from the date of its publication in the *Gazette*.

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