

PROCLAMATION.¹

BY

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

No. 18, 1912.—DATED 8th MARCH, 1912.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is desirable to make provision for the regulation and control of cinematograph and similar exhibitions in 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:—

¹ As to the taking of films of natives, see Proclamation No. 36 of 1920.

PROCLAMATIONS.

Cinematograph and similar displays not to be given without permission.

1. (1) It shall not be lawful without the written permission of the Resident Commissioner for any person to conduct or allow to be presented or given by means of a cinematograph or other similar apparatus, any exhibition of pictures or other optical effects in the Bechuanaland Protectorate on premises to which the public generally or any section thereof are admitted.

Resident Commissioner may refuse permission or attach conditions.

(2) The Resident Commissioner may in his discretion grant or refuse any such permission, and in the grant thereof may attach such conditions as in his opinion are necessary for securing the safety of the public, and for prohibiting and preventing the exhibition of offensive or indecent or obscene pictures or optical effects.

Penalty for contravening the Proclamation.

2. Any person who contravenes the provisions of section *one* of this Proclamation or any condition of a permission granted thereunder shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds or in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding one month.

Onus of proof in case of prosecutions.

3. (1) In any prosecution for any such offence the accused shall be deemed not to have the permission mentioned in section *one* unless he produce the same or give other satisfactory proof of his possession thereof.

(2) Where proof is required in any such prosecution of the terms of any such permission or of any condition attached thereto a copy thereof certified by the Government Secretary to be a true copy shall be accepted in evidence and shall be of like value and effect as the original.

Commencement of Proclamation.

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