

## PROCLAMATION.

BY

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

No. 3 of 1916.—PROMULGATED 4th FEBRUARY, 1916.

**Providing for the eradication and destruction of noxious weeds and particularly burweed (*Xanthium spinosum*) in certain areas of the Bechuanaland Protectorate.**

WHEREAS it is desirable to provide for the eradication and destruction of noxious weeds and particularly burweed (*Xanthium spinosum*) in certain areas of 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. This Proclamation shall apply to such areas in the Bechuanaland Protectorate as the High Commissioner may from time to time declare by notice in the *Gazette*.<sup>1</sup>

2. Every owner or occupier of land within any area to which this Proclamation applies shall eradicate and destroy any burweed (*Xanthium spinosum*) growing or being upon the land owned or occupied by him.

3. Any person failing to comply with the provisions of section *two* of this Proclamation in respect of land owned or occupied by him, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction for the first offence to a fine not exceeding two pounds or in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding seven days, and for the second or subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding five pounds or in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding fourteen days.

4. Upon the application of this Proclamation to any area the Assistant Commissioner or Magistrate of any district included in whole or in part in such area shall issue a public notice warning all owners or occupiers of land within such portion of the area as is included in his district that it is their duty to comply with the provisions of section *two* of this Proclamation and that if they fail to comply with such provisions they will incur the penalties

<sup>1</sup> Applied to the Baralong Farms, Panyani, Hildavale, Crocodile Pools, Forest Hill, Traquair, Lobatsi Block, Gaberones Block, Gaberones Crown Reserve, Tuli Block, and Tati District by H.C. Notice No. 8 of 1916.