

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

No. 30 of 1927.

[Promulgated 29th July, 1927.]

PROCLAMATION

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Amending the law in force in the Bechuanaland Protectorate relating to the registration of Medical Practitioners.

Whereas it is desirable to amend the law in force in the Bechuanaland Protectorate (herein after referred to as the Territory) relating to the registration of medical practitioners.

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

1. (1) Whenever the Principal Medical Officer is satisfied that in the interest of the public the privileges of persons licensed under Ordinance No. 82 of 1830 of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope as of force in the Bechuanaland Protectorate (herein after referred to as the principal law) should be conferred upon any person who—

(a) is in the service of the Administration as a dispenser or hospital assistant or

(b) having performed meritorious service under the Administration as a dispenser or hospital assistant has retired from the Service, and is otherwise suitable,

he may notwithstanding anything contained in the principal law, license such person as a medical practitioner in the Territory. Every licence issued under this sub-section may at any time be withdrawn by the Principal Medical Officer and shall, in the case of persons in the service of the Administration, immediately expire on the person to whom it shall have been granted ceasing to be in that service.

(2) The issue and cancellation of any licence under this section shall be notified in the *Gazette*.

2. (1) Whenever the Principal Medical Officer is satisfied that there is not in the Territory a sufficient number of persons licensed under the principal law or under this Proclamation as medical practitioners to satisfy the needs of the Territory or of any part thereof he may notwithstanding anything contained in the principal law license such persons as he may consider suitable as medical practitioners in the Territory, subject to the following conditions:—

(a) No licence shall remain in force for longer than one year from the date thereof, but any licence may be renewed;

(b) no fee or reward for medical services may be taken by a person licensed under this Proclamation from any native in any circumstances, or from any person other than a native unless the licensee shall have been called to attend such person in case of urgent necessity, as to which the decision of the Principal Medical Officer shall be final.

(2) "Native" in this section means any aboriginal native belonging to any native tribe, and includes half-castes and all persons of mixed race living as members of any native community, tribe, kraal or location.

(3) Nothing in this section shall be taken to prevent or restrict the practice of medicine, surgery or midwifery without fee or reward by a person licensed hereunder as a medical practitioner or the receipt by any such person of any regular salary or emoluments paid by a person in whose service the licensee is regularly employed for the purpose of giving medical attention to others.

(4) A licence granted under this section may at any time be revoked by the Principal Medical Officer without assigning any reason for the revocation thereof, and there shall be no appeal from such decision.

(5) The issue or revocation of every licence under this section shall be notified in the *Gazette*.

3. Any licence issued under this Proclamation shall subject to the conditions contained therein be deemed to be a licence issued under the principal law.

4. This Proclamation shall be read as one with the principal law and shall have force and take effect from the date of its publication in the *Gazette*.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Durban this Nineteenth day of July One thousand Nine hundred and Twenty-seven.

ATHLONE,

High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency
the High Commissioner.

B. E. H. CLIFFORD,

Imperial Secretary.