

## BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

No. 14 of 1931.

[Promulgated 29th May, 1931.]

### PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency The High Commissioner

Prohibiting the performance of rites of circumcision or initiation, including the rites known respectively as Bogwera and Boyali, upon any land in the Bechuanaland Protectorate in the possession or occupation of any European person.

Whereas it is expedient to prohibit the performance of rites of circumcision or initiation including the rites known respectively as Bogwera and Boyali upon any land in the Bechuanaland Protectorate in the possession or occupation of any European person;

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

1. The performance of rites of circumcision or initiation including the rites known respectively as Bogwera and Boyali by any native on any land in the Bechuanaland Protectorate in the possession or occupation of any European person is hereby prohibited.

2. Any native who contravenes the provisions of section *one* and any person who causes or procures or aids or attempts to cause or procure any native to undergo or take part in any rite of circumcision or initiation including the rites known respectively as Bogwera and Boyali on any land in the Bechuanaland Protectorate in the possession or occupation of any European person shall be guilty of an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding one year.

3. This Proclamation 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 Capetown this Twenty-third day of May, One thousand Nine hundred and Thirty-one.

H. J. STANLEY,  
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency the  
High Commissioner.

B. E. H. CLIFFORD,  
Imperial Secretary.