

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

No. 43 of 1932.

(Promulgated 30th September, 1932.)

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the High Commissioner

Regulating the introduction of certain silver coin into the
Bechuanaland Protectorate.

Whereas it is expedient to regulate the introduction of certain silver coin into 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. Any person introducing into the Bechuanaland Protectorate, or any person receiving, after introduction into the Bechuanaland Protectorate, from any country other than the Union of South Africa or the mandated territory of South West Africa, or the territories of Basutoland or Swaziland, any silver coin current in the Bechuanaland Protectorate or in the Union of South Africa which was not struck at the mint of the late South African Republic or at the Pretoria Branch of the Royal Mint, shall pay a tax thereon of a sum equal to the difference between the face value of such coin calculated according to the currency of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and such face value calculated according to the currency of the Union of South Africa at the rate of exchange quoted by the South African Reserve Bank for the telegraphic transfer of money from the Union of South Africa to London on the day of introduction of such coin; provided that any person entering the Bechuanaland Protectorate as a bona fide traveller who has not previously entered the Bechuanaland Protectorate within a period of fourteen days prior to the first-mentioned entry may bring with him into the Bechuanaland Protectorate free from such tax a quantity of such silver coin representing, according to its face value, a sum not exceeding forty shillings.

2. Whenever any person introduces into or receives in the Bechuanaland Protectorate any silver coin on which any tax is due under section *one*, he shall at the earliest possible opportunity report such introduction or receipt and pay the tax due to a proper officer of Customs, or to a European Police Officer, or to any officer who has been authorized to receive such tax, and any such silver coin introduced or received as aforesaid, the introduction or receipt whereof has not been reported or the tax whereon has not been paid as aforesaid, shall be attached by any such officer or by any European Police Officer and shall be forfeited to the Crown.

3. Any person who fails to comply with the requirements of section *two* shall be guilty of an offence and 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 six months.

4. Whenever any question arises in the application of section *two* or *three* as to whether any person who has introduced into or received in the Bechuanaland Protectorate or been found in possession of and suspected on reasonable grounds of having introduced or received in the Bechuanaland Protectorate illegally any silver coin subject to a tax under section *one* has or has not reported or has or has not had an opportunity to report such introduction or has or has not paid or has or has not had any opportunity to pay such tax, in terms of section *two*, he shall be deemed to have failed so to pay or report or to have had such opportunity unless he proves the contrary.

5. Every proper officer of Customs, or any European Police Officer, or any officer who has been authorized to receive the tax referred to in section *one*, may—

- (a) board and search any train or vehicle which has entered or is about to enter the Bechuanaland Protectorate and search it for coin subject to such tax;
- (b) search any article or place where any such coin is suspected on reasonable grounds to be;
- (c) search any person who is suspected on reasonable grounds to have in his possession any such coin: provided that no female may be searched under this section except by a female.

6. This Proclamation may be cited for all purposes as the Silver Coin Currency Control (Bechuanaland Protectorate) Proclamation, 1932, and shall have force and take effect from the date of publication in the *Gazette*.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Pretoria this Twenty-fourth day of September One thousand Nine hundred and Thirty-two.

H. J. STANLEY,
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency the
High Commissioner.

SHIRLEY EALES,
Acting Imperial Secretary.