

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

No. 29 of 1935.

(Promulgated 29th May, 1935.)

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the High Commissioner

Providing for the establishment of the office of Attorney-General for the High Commission Territories.

Whereas it is desirable to amend in certain respects the Bechuanaland Protectorate Proclamation of the 24th December 1891, hereinafter referred to as the principal law, in order to provide for the establishment of the Office of Attorney-General for the High Commission Territories and to confer upon the said officer the powers hitherto exercised by the Crown Prosecutor for 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. The principal law shall be and is hereby amended by the addition of the following section numbered *two*:—

“ 2. (1) ‘ High Commission Territories ’ shall mean and include Basutoland, the Bechuanaland Protectorate and Swaziland.

“ (2) The Office of Attorney-General for the High Commission Territories shall be and is hereby created for the prosecution of crimes and offences which may have been or may be committed within the Bechuanaland Protectorate, and the rights, functions and duties conferred by any law in force in the Bechuanaland Protectorate upon the Crown Prosecutor for the Bechuanaland Protectorate shall *mutatis mutandis* be conferred upon the said Attorney-General who shall be appointed and be removable by the High Commissioner, and where in any law in force in the Bechuanaland Protectorate the words ‘ Crown Prosecutor ’ appear, the said words shall refer to the said Attorney-General.

“ (3) Any right duty or function legally exercised or performed by the Crown Prosecutor for the Bechuanaland Protectorate from and after the first day of May, 1935, shall be deemed to have been performed or exercised by the said Attorney-General; furthermore it shall be the duty of the latter to exercise or perform any right duty or function necessary in any matter in the same manner as if such proceedings had been instituted by him originally and any indictment signed by the said Crown Prosecutor shall be deemed to have been signed by the said Attorney-General.”

2. This Proclamation shall be read as one with the principal law, and shall be deemed to have had force and to have taken effect from the first day of May, 1935.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Capetown this Twenty-third day of May One thousand Nine hundred and Thirty-five.

W. H. CLARK,
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency the
High Commissioner.

H. E. PRIESTMAN,
Administrative Secretary.