

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

No. 13 OF 1943.

(Promulgated 11th June, 1943.)

PROCLAMATION

By HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Entitled the Bechuanaland Protectorate Masters and Servants (Amendment) Proclamation, 1943.

Whereas it is expedient to amend certain provisions of the Masters and Servants Acts, 1856 to 1889, of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope (as in force in the Bechuanaland Protectorate) and of other laws relating to masters and servants:

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

1. Paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 6 of section *two*, paragraphs 1 and 2 of section *four*, and paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 of section *seven* of the Masters and Servants Law Amendment Act, 1873, of the Cape of Good Hope, as in force in the Territory, are hereby repealed. Repeal of portions of sections 2, 4 and 7 of Act No. 15 of 1873.

2. (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Masters and Servants Acts, 1856 to 1889, of the Cape of Good Hope or in the Bechuanaland Protectorate Native Labour Proclamation, 1941 (No. 56 of 1941) or in any other law, it shall not be competent to arrest, prosecute or convict any person under the age of eighteen years for any breach of contract under the said Acts, Proclamation or other law. Abolition of penal provisions for breach of contract in case of non-adults.

(2) For the purpose of this section "breach of contract" means—

- (a) any refusal or failure to commence or perform the service stipulated in the contract;
- (b) any neglect of duty or lack of diligence;
- (c) absence without permission or valid reason; and
- (d) desertion.

3. This Proclamation may be cited as the Short title. Bechuanaland Protectorate Masters and Servants (Amendment) Proclamation, 1943.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Pretoria this Seventh day of June, One thousand Nine hundred and Forty-three.

HARLECH,
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency
the High Commissioner.

H. E. PRIESTMAN,
Administrative Secretary.