

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

No. 4 OF 1943.

Promulgated 19th February, 1943.)

PROCLAMATION

By His EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Entitled the Bechuanaland Protectorate Concealment of Childbirth Proclamation, 1943.

Whereas it is expedient to amend the law relating to the concealment of the birth of a child:

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

1. (1) Any person who disposes of the body of any child with intent to conceal the fact of its birth, whether the child died before, during or after birth, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years.

(2) Whenever a person disposes of the body of any such child which was recently born, otherwise than under a lawful burial order, he shall be deemed to have disposed of such body with intent to conceal the fact of the child's birth, unless it is proved that he had no such intent.

(3) A person may be convicted under subsection (1) although it has not been proved that the child in question died before its body was disposed of.

2. Ordinance No. 10 of 1845 of the Cape of Good Hope, as in force in the Bechuanaland Protectorate, is hereby repealed.

3. This Proclamation may be cited as the Bechuanaland Protectorate Concealment of Childbirth Proclamation, 1943.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Cape Town this Tenth day of February, One thousand Nine hundred and Forty-three.

HARLECH,
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency
the High Commissioner.

H. E. PRIESTMAN,
Administrative Secretary.