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THE MAINTENANCE OF AUTHORITY IN NATIVE AFFAIRS
ORDINANCE, 1927.

Western Samoa

No. 2, 1927



An Ordinance

made by the Administrator of the Territory of Western Samoa, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of that Territory, and in pursuance of the Samoa Act, 1921.

Title 1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Maintenance of Authority in Native Affairs Ordinance, 1927."

Definition 2. In this Ordinance "native authority" means and includes any recognised Samoan Chief, any Pulenu'u, Fa'amasino, Pule'a'atoaga, or Faipule in the service of the Administration of Samoa, any Village Committee or District Council constituted under the Native Regulations (Samoa) Order, 1925, and the Fono of Faipules constituted under the Samoa Act, 1921.

Penalty 3. Every person is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £100 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year who speaks any words or does any act calculated or likely to undermine the authority of or to excite disaffection against any native authority.

Words or acts calculated to undermine or excite disaffection against native authority, its punishable

4. Every person is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £100 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year who originates, repeats or publishes any false rumour or makes repeats or publishes any false report or misleading statement, if such rumour, report or statement is of a nature calculated or likely

False reports and rumours punishable

(a) to undermine the authority of or to excite disaffection against any native authority or

If calculated to excite disaffection against native authority,

(b) to undermine the authority of or to excite disaffection against the Government of Samoa among the Samoan inhabitants of the Territory of Western Samoa or any section of such inhabitants, if, in either case, such person knew or reasonably might have known that such rumour, report or statement was of such a nature. It shall be no defence to a charge under this clause that the person charged did not know such rumour or report to be false or did not know or intend such statement to be misleading.

or against the Government of Samoa

5. No prosecution under this Ordinance shall be instituted without the previous consent in writing of the Administrator or shall be heard save by a Judge of the High Court.

Conditions of prosecution

Assented to this eighteenth day of
March, 1927.

[L.S.] GEO. S. RICHARDSON,
Administrator.