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UNION ISLANDS.

No. 1 of 1931.



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S. S. ALLEN,

Administrator,

18th February, 1931.

AN ORDINANCE

TO REGULATE MARRIAGES IN THE UNION ISLANDS.

BE IT ENACTED—

1. The Administrator may by warrant under his hand appoint fit and proper persons to be marriage officers within the Union Islands.

2. Every District Officer and Faamasino having jurisdiction in any part of the Union Islands and every marriage officer duly licensed in Western Samoa shall ex officio be marriage officers within the meaning of this Ordinance.

3. (1) No marriage shall be performed in the Union Islands except by a marriage officer.

(2) If any person solemnises a marriage or otherwise acts as a marriage officer without being duly appointed under this Ordinance he shall be guilty of an offence punishable by imprisonment for three years.

4. Every marriage shall at the time of the solemnisation thereof be recorded in writing by the marriage officer in such form as the Administrator may prescribe.

5. Every marriage solemnised by a District Officer Faamasino or a marriage officer duly licensed in Samoa since the 8th day of March 1926 is hereby validated.