

Restrictive Regulations, &c., as regards natives.

41. No conditions, disabilities, or restrictions which do not equally apply to persons of European descent shall, without the previous consent of the High Commissioner, be imposed upon natives (save in respect of the supply of arms, ammunition and liquor), by any Proclamation, Regulation or other instrument issued under the provisions of any Law, unless such conditions, disabilities, or restrictions shall have been explicitly prescribed, defined and limited in such Law.

Native Reserves.

42.—(1) The Southern Rhodesia Order in Council, 1920, whereby the lands known as the Native Reserves were vested in the High Commissioner and set apart for the sole and exclusive use of the native inhabitants of Southern Rhodesia, shall continue in full force and effect as if it formed part of these Our Letters Patent, and no portion of the land comprised within the said Reserves shall be alienated except for the purposes authorized by the said Order, and then only in exchange for other suitable land.

(2) The power reserved to the High Commissioner by the Water Ordinance, 1913, Further Amendment Ordinance, 1921, shall remain of full force and effect.

Acquisition of land by natives.

43. A native may acquire, hold, encumber, and dispose of land on the same conditions as a person who is not a native, but no contract for encumbering or alienating land the property of a native shall be valid unless the contract is made in the presence of a Magistrate, is attested by him, and bears a certificate signed by him stating that the consideration for the contract is fair and reasonable, and that he has satisfied himself that the native understands the transaction.

Information as to native affairs to be given to High Commissioner.

44. The Governor shall furnish to the High Commissioner any information relating to native affairs which the High Commissioner may request.

Reference of questions relating to natives to a Judge.

45. The Governor in Council shall, if so requested by the High Commissioner, refer any question

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