

the Island of Aitutaki, which appears to possess a fairly good harbour, and where it is intended that the annexation previously carried out shall be maintained. In this island no explanation will be necessary.

9. As Mr. Moss will naturally from time to time visit the different islands of the protectorate, he will be able, without inconvenience, to make such explanation on this subject as may be necessary.

I have, &c.,
KNUTSFORD.

Governor the Right Hon. the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., &c.

Enclosures.

No. 1.

AN ORDINANCE (ENACTED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF BRITISH NEW GUINEA, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL THEREOF) TO PROHIBIT SUPPLYING TO NATIVES ANY FIREARM, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVE, INTOXICATING LIQUOR, OR OPIUM.

(L.S.) WM. MACGREGOR. (17th September, 1888.)

BE it enacted by the Administrator of British New Guinea, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

I. In this ordinance the following words within inverted commas shall have the meanings hereinafter assigned to them, unless such meaning is inconsistent with the context:—

- “Native” shall mean and include in its reference every person in the possession not of European descent:
- “Firearm” shall mean and include every kind and variety of gun or pistol used or intended for the discharge of projectiles of any kind, and also any part of any such gun or pistol:
- “Ammunition” shall include all varieties of gunpowder, and any other explosive agent used or that could be used with firearms, and all shot or other projectile, and any other articles ordinarily used with firearms, as well as all materials that could be used in the preparation of ammunition:
- “Explosive” shall include all varieties of gunpowder, blasting-powder, nitro-glycerine, dynamite, and all compounds and modifications of these, as also any other article that can be exploded with such violence as to cause danger to human life, and also all materials that could be used in preparing such an explosive:
- “Intoxicating liquor” shall include all spirituous compounds and all fermented liquors, and any mixture part whereof is spirituous or which contains fermented liquors, and any mixture or preparation containing any drug capable of producing intoxication:
- “Opium” shall include every preparation of opium and every article containing any of the active ingredients of opium.

II. No person shall, except as hereinafter permitted, supply to any native, by sale, gift, or in any other way, either directly or indirectly, any firearm, ammunition, explosive, intoxicating liquor, or opium; and any person offending against any provision of this section shall, on conviction in a summary manner, be liable to a fine of not less than twenty pounds and not exceeding two hundred pounds, and to imprisonment for any term not less than one month and not exceeding two years.

III. No suit for the recovery of any debt or for the enforcement of any agreement or obligation contracted or entered into in respect of any firearm, ammunition, explosive, intoxicating liquor, or opium supplied to any native shall be maintained in any Court of the possession.

IV. It shall not be lawful, save as hereinafter provided, for any native to have in his possession any firearm, ammunition, explosive, intoxicating liquor, or opium, and any such article found in the possession of any native contrary to the provisions of this ordinance may be seized by any officer in the service of the Government, or by any native placed in authority by the Government, and be brought before any officer exercising judicial functions, who shall in a summary way direct that any such article be confiscated, and that it be destroyed or otherwise disposed of according to his discretion.

V. Nothing in this ordinance shall be held to prevent the Administrator from supplying any native with any firearm and ammunition should the Administrator be of opinion that such a course can be adopted with safety to the Queen's loyal subjects, and that any native, as aforesaid, has urgent need for firearms and ammunition for the purposes of self-defence; and any firearm or ammunition given to any native as herein permitted may be retained by such native until withdrawn by the order of the Administrator.

VI. It shall be lawful for the Administrator, on the application of any native for permission to have in his possession and to use firearms, to cause a permit to be issued to such native accordingly, should the Administrator, after inquiry, deem it expedient to do so. Such permit shall be in the form that may be directed by the Administrator from time to time, and shall describe the native to whom issued, and set forth his place of residence, the arms and ammunition he may have and use, and the dates of commencement and expiration of the permit. A copy of every such permit shall be filed for record in the office of the Government Secretary, and any such permit may be cancelled at any time by order of the Administrator; but, so long as it remains in force, the native to whom it was issued may have in his possession and may use such firearms and ammunition as are thereby permitted.