

FEDERAL ORDINANCE No. 14.—AN ORDINANCE TO PREVENT THE LANDING AND REMAINING IN THE COOK AND NORTHERN ISLANDS OF PERSONS OF BAD CHARACTER, OR OF UNSOUND MIND, OR DRUNKEN HABITS.

BE IT ENACTED by the Federal Council of the Cook and Northern Islands as follows :—

1. The Short Title of this Ordinance shall be "The Immigrants and Vagrancy Ordinance, 1904."

2. No person who shall have been convicted at any place outside the Cook and Northern Islands of any indictable offence, and no person of notoriously bad character, or of drunken habits, or of unsound mind, shall be brought to, or land, or remain in the said islands.

3. The master of any vessel arriving at the said islands from places beyond the said islands shall forthwith report in writing to the Collector of Customs, or to the European Resident Agent at the island at which such vessel arrives, the names, and, as far as is known, the occupations of all passengers on board such vessel.

4. The master of such vessel shall, if required in writing by such Collector of Customs or European Resident Agent, give a substantial guarantee to an amount not exceeding fifty pounds for each passenger left at any one of the said islands that such passenger will not within six months from the date of his landing within the said islands become a burden to the Government or people of the said islands.

5. If the master of such vessel shall neglect or refuse to make such report as aforesaid, or to give such guarantee when called upon so to do, he may be forthwith summoned before a European Judge of the High Court of the Cook Islands, or before a Resident Magistrate, and shall be liable to a penalty for each offence not exceeding the sum of fifty pounds. Such penalty shall be recoverable from such master, and failing him, from the owners of such vessel. The Collector of Customs or other officer shall not be bound to give any vessel a clearance until the master thereof shall have paid such penalty, or shall have complied with the provisions of the two preceding sections.

6. If any person shall be brought to, or shall land and remain in the said islands in contravention of section two hereof, or if any person, a passenger by any vessel as aforesaid, shall, within six months after his arrival in the said islands, be convicted of the charge of vagrancy as hereinafter mentioned, or if such person shall within such period become a burden to the Government or people of the said islands (of which latter fact the declaration in writing of the Resident Commissioner shall be conclusive evidence), such person may be ordered by the Resident Commissioner to leave the said islands, and the master or owners of the vessel which brought such person to the said islands shall be bound to take such person away from such islands, or, in default, the Resident Commissioner may deport such person to the place from which he came by any other vessel at the expense of the master or owners of the vessel by which he had been brought to the said islands. The Resident Commissioner may take all steps necessary to secure the deportation of such person, and for that purpose may authorise any constable of police to take such person into custody and to place him on board ship.

7. Any person, other than a Polynesian Native, living in the said islands, and having no visible lawful means of subsistence or support, may be charged as a vagrant, and, on conviction thereof, may be sentenced to hard labour for a period not exceeding three months.

8. All complaints for offences under this Ordinance may be heard before a European Judge of the High Court of the Cook Islands or a Resident Magistrate.

9. "The Immigrants Act, 1896," and section six of "The Offenders Punishment Act, 1899," are hereby repealed.

Passed by the Federal Council, this seventeenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and four.

S. SAVAGE,

Clerk to Council.

W. E. GUDGEON, President.

[Assented to by the Governor on the 5th September, 1905.]

FEDERAL ORDINANCE No. 15.—AN ORDINANCE TO DEAL WITH PUBLIC HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED by the Federal Council of the Cook and Northern Islands as follows :—

1. The Short Title of this Ordinance shall be "The Public Health Ordinance, 1904."

2. The Resident Commissioner may in case of leprosy or any infectious or contagious disease being or appearing in any part of the Cook or Northern Islands make such orders or give such directions as he thinks expedient for the isolation of the persons affected with leprosy or such disease, or for preventing communication between them and other persons as he may think fit, and all such orders and directions shall have the force of law.

3. The Resident Commissioner may appoint any place in which to isolate persons affected with leprosy or infectious or contagious disease, and any place so appointed shall be deemed to be a quarantine-ground, and the provisions of "The Public Health Act, 1900," of New Zealand (including penalties) relating to quarantine-grounds and to persons liable to remain there, and with respect to communicating with or quitting a quarantine-ground or the return to a quarantine-ground of persons quitting the same shall be applicable to such places and persons respectively.