

existing license shall be cancelled, and such order shall take effect according to its tenor as from the date of such order, or any later date specified therein." Section 3 goes on to point out how any person must not trade without a store license. That is affecting these three persons, particularly in connection with section 2. "Any new licenses" covers all licenses, and in that case the objection I take to the alleged cancellation in the case of these three persons who appear here is that the objective fails in respect of any license, because it may be a case where a license is held by a person who owns and runs his own store, and is therefore not an employee and coming under the saving proviso of clause 42 of the principal Ordinance.

HENRY HUNKIN sworn and examined.

*Mr. Slipper.*] You are a Samoan half-caste?—Yes.

You are a British subject?—Yes.

You are living at Sapunaoa?—Correct.

You are in charge of a trading-station there?—Yes.

Who owns that trading-station?—Messrs. O. F. Nelson and Co., Ltd.

You received a notice in respect to the matter of holding a license, did you not?—I received a notice from the Collector of Customs.

What was the effect of that notice?—My license was cancelled.

Did you get a notice about the matter beforehand?—Yes.

What was the effect of that notice?

*Judge MacCormick.*] What does the notice say?—That I was causing a disturbance against the good government of Samoa.

*Mr. Slipper.*] Have you that notice with you?—Yes, I have it here with other papers. [Notices and letter put in: Exhibit No. 14.]

Did you reply to that?—Yes.

Did you get anything further in the way of a reply to that letter?—No.

What is the next thing that you knew of the matter?—I received a reply from my head office in July that my license was cancelled from the 20th August.

And as a matter of fact a cancellation order was made?—Yes.

The notice was not sent to you?—No, to my head office.

*The Chairman.*] Did you ever hold a license?—I have never seen one.

You know what a trading-license is?—Yes.

*Mr. Slipper.*] Did you ever hold a license?—I have never seen one.

*The Chairman.* : He probably would never have a license: he would not require one.

*Mr. Slipper.*] You got no reply to that letter?—No.

Have you paid any money for a license?—Never.

And you said to His Honour that you never had a license at all?—Yes.

Do you know of any reason why that order, for what it is worth, was sent to you?—I have not the slightest idea why it was sent to me.

And what was the result of that order?—I obeyed the order and left when my successor arrived on the 20th August.

Did anybody else have anything to say about it besides yourself?—The firm wrote to me that they had got notice from the Administration that I must get out on the 20th August.

Did your firm tell you what to do?—They told me to come to Apia to the head office.

And you obeyed them?—Yes.

Are you married?—Yes.

How many children have you?—One, seventeen years of age.

Where is he?—At St. Joseph's College, in Sydney.

*The Chairman.* : You must give us credit for some intelligence. We know he is a married man with one child.

*Mr. Slipper.* : My aim is to bring forward that the cost of living enters into it.

*The Chairman.* : Certainly not. We are not down here to investigate that.

*Mr. Slipper.* : It is my humble suggestion that in Samoa some people are living *fa'a-Samoa*, some half *fa'a-Samoa*, and some full European.

*The Chairman.* : We are not here to investigate that. According to your opinion an injustice has been done.

*Mr. Slipper.*] What were your wages when you were at the trading-station?—£25 per month.

And what about a house?—I had a free house.

What are your wages since you were taken from the trading-station?—£2 per week, £8 per month—one-third of what they were.

Have you a free house now?—I pay £3 per month.

Is your boy still being educated in Sydney?—Yes.

What wage is the man getting who took your place?—£25 per month.

Do you know of any other traders who have lost their licenses?—Yes, Kruse and Ale Lui.

Who are they employed by?—Messrs. O. F. Nelson and Co.

Do you know of any others?—No, only these three.

Regarding Mr. Kruse—

*The Chairman.*] Are you calling Mr. Kruse?—Yes.

Then why not ask him? In your opening speech you quoted a section of the Ordinance which exempts any employee from the necessity of holding a trader's license. What section is that?

*Mr. Slipper.* : Section 42 of the original Ordinance.