

His Majesty with one or two sureties to be approved by the Court in a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds conditioned for due obedience to the maintenance order.

(3.) When such security has been required, the Court may commit the defendant to prison until the order requiring security has been complied with, but no person shall be so detained in custody for a longer period than six months.

(4.) All moneys so paid into Court or recovered by suit or otherwise under any such bond shall be available, under the direction of the Court, for the satisfaction of all claims under the maintenance order.

(5.) The Court may, on being satisfied that the security is no longer required, order any amount so paid into Court to be repaid to the defendant, or cancel any bond so given.

25. No agreement shall be effective so as to take away or restrict any liability imposed on any person by this Order to contribute to the maintenance of any other person, or effect the operation of any maintenance order or the right of the High Court to make any such order.

26. (1.) Every maintenance order shall be an order for the periodical payment, at such times and in such manner as the Court thinks fit, of such sum of money as the Court thinks reasonable.

(2.) No such payment shall, except where otherwise expressly provided, exceed the sum of twenty shillings per week, and the intervals between the successive payments shall not exceed twenty-eight days.

(3.) When any such order is made in respect of the maintenance of a child the order shall cease to be in force so soon as that child attains the age of twelve years.

27. Any maintenance order may require the defendant, in addition to making such periodical payments as aforesaid, to pay such sum as the Court thinks reasonable, not exceeding fifty pounds, on account of the past maintenance, previous to the making of the order of the person in respect of whose maintenance the order is made.

Offences.

28. (1.) Every person against whom a maintenance order has been made and who, while any moneys payable under the order are in arrear and unpaid, leaves or attempts to leave Samoa without the permission in writing of a Judge of the High Court shall be guilty of an offence punishable by imprisonment for any term not exceeding two years.

(2.) In any prosecution under this clause the burden of proving that the permission of a Judge was so given shall be upon the accused.

29. (1.) Every person against whom an affiliation order is made prior to the birth of the child, and who leaves or attempts to leave Samoa without the permission in writing of a Judge of the High Court at any time within twelve months after the making of the order, shall be guilty of an offence punishable by imprisonment for any term not exceeding two years.

(2.) In any prosecution under this clause the burden of proving that the permission of a Judge was so given shall be upon the accused.

30. Every person against whom a maintenance order has been made, and who at any time thereafter leaves or attempts to leave Samoa with intent to make default in obeying that order, shall be guilty of an offence punishable by imprisonment for any term not exceeding two years.

31. (1.) Every person who without reasonable cause fails to provide his wife with adequate maintenance, and who at any time while failing so to do leaves or attempts to leave Samoa without the permission in writing of a Judge of the High Court, shall be guilty of an offence punishable by imprisonment for any term not exceeding two years.

(2.) In any prosecution under this clause the burden of proving that the permission of a Judge was so obtained shall be upon the accused.