

## THE NATIVE REGULATIONS (SAMOA) ORDER, 1925.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

## ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 30th day of March,  
1925.

Present :

THE HONOURABLE SIR FRANCIS BELL PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

HIS Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of that Dominion, and in pursuance of the authority to make regulations for the peace, order, and good government of Samoa conferred upon him by the Samoa Act, 1921, and of all other powers and authorities enabling him in that behalf, doth hereby make the following regulations.

## REGULATIONS.

1. THESE regulations may be cited as the Native Regulations (Samoa) Order, 1925, and shall come into force on the 1st day of April, 1925.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates, the word "person" means a person who is a Samoan as defined by section 3 of the Samoa Act, 1921.

## DISTRICT COUNCILS.

3. The Territory of Western Samoa is hereby for the purpose of Native self-government divided into the districts named in the first column of the Schedule hereto. The Administrator may from time to time, by notice in the *Western Samoa Gazette*, define or alter the boundaries of such districts or create any new districts. Subject to any such definition or alteration, the several districts shall respectively comprise the villages set opposite to the names of each district in the second column of the Schedule.

4. There is hereby established for each of the said districts a District Council which shall consist of—

- (a.) The Faipule for the time being representing the district by appointment of the Administrator :
- (b.) Chiefs of that district chosen by the Village Committees of the villages in that district to the number which the said Faipule shall from time to time decide :
- (c.) The Pulenu'us from time to time holding office in the villages in that district by appointment of the Administrator :
- (d.) The Pulefa'atoaga from time to time exercising jurisdiction in that district by appointment of the Administrator :
- (e.) Any Samoan Commissioners appointed by the Administrator under the Samoa Native Land and Titles Commission Order, 1920, usually resident in that district.

5. Each District Council shall meet twice yearly at such times as the Faipule of the district shall, with the approval of the Administrator, appoint, and at such other times as the Administrator may direct, and shall be presided over by the Faipule of the district when he is present.

6. The functions of a District Council as hereby constituted shall be—

- (a.) The more convenient administration of the district for which it is established and the maintenance of law and order therein ; and
- (b.) The making of by-laws for the district more particularly defining the duties of the Samoans resident in that district in regard to the matters set out in the next succeeding clause ; and