

The Samoa Vagrancy Order, 1931.

BLEDISLOE, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government House at Wellington, this 27th day of April, 1931.

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL 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. THIS Order may be cited as "The Samoa Vagrancy Order, 1931."

VAGRANT DEFINED.

2. Every person in Samoa (other than a Samoan born in Samoa) who has no lawful means of support or has insufficient lawful means of support shall be deemed a vagrant, and shall be liable to imprisonment for six months.

APPREHENSION OF VAGRANTS.

3. Where any constable has reasonable cause to believe that any person is a vagrant he may arrest such person, either with or without warrant, and bring him before the High Court as soon as possible thereafter.

ONUS OF PROOF.

4. (1) If any person arrested under the last preceding clause fails to prove to the satisfaction of the High Court that he has sufficient lawful means of support or that such means of support are lawful, he shall be deemed to be a vagrant within the meaning of this Order, and liable accordingly.

(2) The fact that any person charged under this Order can produce or prove that he possesses money or property shall not be taken into account in deciding such charge unless he shows by his own or other evidence that he honestly obtained such money or property.

DISORDERLY PERSONS.

5. (1) Every person shall be deemed a disorderly person and liable to imprisonment for one year who is found armed with any offensive or dangerous weapon, instrument, or thing, unless such person can prove to the satisfaction of the High Court that he was so armed for a lawful purpose.

(2) Every such weapon, instrument, or thing, shall by the conviction of the offender, become forfeited to His Majesty.

MISCELLANEOUS.

6. Notwithstanding the revocation of "The Samoa Immigration Consolidation Order, 1924," clause fourteen thereof shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect from the date of the said repeal until the coming into force of this Order, but no longer.

F. D. THOMSON,
Clerk of the Executive Council.