

PROCLAMATION 3 OF 1925

LOCUST DESTRUCTION

3 of 1925.
Cap. 80.

To make provision for the destruction of locusts.

[27th February, 1925]

1. This Proclamation may be cited as the Locust Destruction Proclamation. Short title.
2. The provisions of this Proclamation shall be in operation within such areas or districts of Basutoland as the High Commissioner may from time to time by Notice in the *Gazette* prescribe, for such periods as may be specified in any such notice. Extent of operation of Proclamation.
3. In this Proclamation, unless inconsistent with the context— Definitions.
 - “officer” shall mean an officer to whom the Resident Commissioner has assigned duties under this Proclamation;
 - “police officer” shall mean any commissioned or non-commissioned officer of the Basutoland Mounted Police;

“department” shall mean the department to which the work of exterminating locusts shall be assigned by the Resident Commissioner;

“regulation” shall mean a regulation made and in force under this Proclamation.

Notice of appearance of locusts.

4. (1) Whenever locusts deposit their eggs or voetgangers (bookholane) appear on any land, the Chief thereof shall, as soon as the fact is brought to his knowledge, with reasonable speed, give notice thereof in writing or otherwise to the nearest District Officer or police officer or at the nearest police post or police station.

(2) In that notice he shall state as nearly as may be the locality of his land on which the eggs have been deposited or the voetgangers (bookholane) have appeared and such other particulars as may be prescribed by regulation.

Destruction of eggs.

5. (1) On receipt of any such notice the person to whom the notice is given shall transmit the import thereof to the department.

(2) The department may, by its officers, take such steps for the destruction of the eggs deposited or the voetgangers (bookholane) as it may deem advisable or as may be prescribed by regulation.

Destruction of voetgangers.

6. Every Chief of land on which voetgangers (bookholane) appear shall, in addition to carrying out the duty imposed upon him by section four, cause the voetgangers (bookholane) to be immediately destroyed.

Offence to obstruct officers.

7. Any person who obstructs or hinders any officer in the carrying out of his duties under this Proclamation or the regulations or fails to disclose to him any information which he may lawfully require thereunder, shall be guilty of an offence against this Proclamation.

General offences and penalties.

8. (1) Any person who refuses or without reasonable cause fails to comply with any provision of this Proclamation or any regulation with which it is his duty to comply shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) Any person who is guilty of an offence against this Proclamation shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding forty rands, or, in default of payment, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months, and in the case of a third or subsequent conviction for any such offence to such imprisonment without the option of a fine.

9. The High Commissioner in Council may from time to time by Regulations. Notice in the *Gazette* make, alter and revoke regulations prescribing the manner in which the destruction of locusts shall be carried out, the forms of notices, and the powers and duties of officers, and generally for the better carrying out of the objects and purposes of this Proclamation.