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Chief Secretary's Office,
Brisbane, 18th January, 1893.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the publication, for general information, of the following Despatches received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
S. W. GRIFFITH.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to THE GOVERNOR OF QUEENSLAND.
Queensland.
No. 83.

Downing street, 21st November, 1892.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the Act No. 11 of 1892, of the Legislature of Queensland—

“An Act to make provision for the Construction of Railways by Joint-Stock Companies, and to authorise Grants of Crown Lands in aid of such Construction,”
a transcript of which accompanied your despatch, No. 163, of the 30th of September.

I have, &c.,

RIPON.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to THE GOVERNOR OF QUEENSLAND.
Queensland.
No. 84.

Downing street, 21st November, 1892.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the Act No. 12 of 1892, of the Legislature of Queensland, entitled

“An Act to make provision for the Establishment of Courts of Conciliation,”
a transcript of which accompanied your despatch, No. 172, of the 6th ultimo.

I have, &c.,

RIPON.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES to THE GOVERNOR OF QUEENSLAND.
Queensland.
No. 85.

Downing street, 30th November, 1892.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that Her Majesty will not be advised to exercise her power of disallowance with respect to the Act No. 16 of 1892, of the Legislature of Queensland, entitled

“An Act to further amend ‘The Crown Lands Acts, 1884 to 1891,’”
a transcript of which accompanied your despatch, No. 181, of the 14th ultimo.

I have, &c.,

RIPON.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Brisbane, 18th January, 1893.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct the publication, for general information, of the following Despatch and Enclosure received from the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific.

S. W. GRIFFITH.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC to THE GOVERNOR OF QUEENSLAND.

High Commissioner's Office,
Western Pacific,
Suva, Fiji, 29th December, 1892.

SIR,—Herewith I have the honour to enclose copies of a Regulation which I have passed for the preservation of peace and good order in Samoa.

At present, under the Western Pacific Orders in Council, an attempt to create disorder can only be dealt with by an order of prohibition forbidding the person prohibited from residing within certain limits, or an order to find sureties for good behaviour, and in default an order of deportation.

As sureties can seldom be found, the Court is obliged to either dismiss the case with a caution or order the defendant to be deported, a course which would be justifiable only in a very grave case.

At present there are, I believe, many Europeans in Samoa who are inciting the natives not to pay their taxes, and to offer at least a passive resistance to the Government constituted by the Final Act of the Berlin Convention on Samoan Affairs. It is therefore likely that a mere warning may not be a sufficient deterrent, and I have therefore passed the enclosed Regulation, which will enable the Court to deal with persons seeking to create disturbance by a small fine or imprisonment, so that it will be unnecessary to issue any order of deportation, except, as indicated above, in a case of special gravity and danger.

I have, &c.,

JOHN B. THURSTON.

[Enclosure.]

No. 1 of 1892.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland Queen, Empress of India, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

A REGULATION

(Made in the name of and on behalf of Her Britannic Majesty by Her Majesty's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, under the provisions of the Western Pacific Order in Council of 1879)

FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND GOOD ORDER IN SAMOA.

[L.S.] JOHN B. THURSTON.

1. ANY British subject who shall be guilty of sedition towards the Government of Samoa shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds, or to imprisonment without hard labour for not more than three months, with or without a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

2. The expression "Government of Samoa" shall mean the Government recognised as such in Samoa by the principal British Consular Officer for the time being in Samoa.

3. The expression "Sedition towards the Government of Samoa" shall embrace all practices, whether by word, deed, or writing, having for their object to bring about in Samoa discontent or dissatisfaction, public disturbance, civil war, hatred or contempt towards the King or Government of Samoa or the laws or constitution of the country, and generally to promote public disorder in Samoa.

4. If at the trial of any person under this Regulation it shall appear that the offence charged is one which would, if this Regulation had not been made, be punishable as criminal libel, or otherwise, by English law or under any Order in Council issued by Her Majesty and being in force in Samoa, or by any other Regulation made in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty by Her Majesty's High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, the Court may either proceed with the trial under this Regulation, or may order that the charge under this Regulation be dismissed and that the accused be put on his trial for criminal libel, or otherwise as the case may be.

5. This Regulation shall come into operation on the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and may be cited as "The Sedition (Samoa) Regulation, 1892."

Given this twenty-ninth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

By Command,

WILFRED COLLET,
Secretary to the High Commissioner.

Department of Public Lands,
Brisbane, 20th January, 1893.

HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint

ANDREW LANG PETRIE
to be a Trustee of the Reserve for Cemetery, Toowong, in the parish of Enoggera, in the room of John Petrie, deceased.
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A. S. COWLEY.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Brisbane, 17th January, 1893.

HIS Excellency the Governor directs it to be notified that he has been pleased to appoint

MICHAEL YOUNG
to be, provisionally, a Lieutenant in the Queensland Defence Force (Land).

S. W. GRIFFITH.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Brisbane, 11th January, 1893.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct that the acceptance of the resignation tendered by

ALFRED GEORGE BAILEY
of his appointment as a Lieutenant in the Queensland Defence Force (Land), notification whereof appeared in the *Government Gazette* of the 10th December, 1892, be cancelled.

S. W. GRIFFITH.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Brisbane, 11th January, 1893.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct that

Lieutenant ALFRED GEORGE BAILEY
be placed on the Unattached List (Defence Force Division) of the Queensland Defence Force (Land).

S. W. GRIFFITH.