

Fiji Islands

COMMERCE, CONSULAR RIGHTS, SHIPPING

*Regulations signed June 10, 1840*¹

*Obsolete*²

4 Miller 275

FEEJEE REGULATIONS

Commercial Regulations made by the Kings and Principal Chiefs of the Feejee group of Islands, after full consideration in Council on the Tenth day of June, 1840.

ARTICLE 1

All foreign Consuls duly appointed and received in the Feejee group of Islands shall be protected and respected both in their persons and property; and all foreigners obtaining the consent of the Government, and conforming to the laws, shall receive the protection of the King and Chiefs.

ARTICLE 2

All foreign vessels shall be received into the ports and harbours of the Feejees for the purpose of obtaining supplies and for commerce, and with their officers and crews, so long as they shall comply with these regulations, and behave themselves peaceably, shall receive the protection of the King and Chiefs.

¹ These regulations, though perhaps not technically constituting an international agreement, are included because of their historical interest and because "they treat of matters which are frequently the subject of conventions, . . . they undoubtedly were regarded by the native chiefs who signed them as being of a promissory nature; and, indeed, they contain clauses reading somewhat like mutual promises" (4 Miller 279). See 4 Miller 275 for an explanation of various places and dates of signature and for other notes on this document.

² Fiji came under British rule in 1874.