

CHAPTER 10

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

AN ACT RELATING TO DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE IN CERTAIN CASES

*15 of 1956
LN 46A of 1978**[17th December 1956]*

1. This Act may be cited as the Documentary Evidence Act.

Short title

2. In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—

“Gazette” includes the London Gazette, the Edinburgh Gazette, the Dublin Gazette and the Solomon Islands Gazette;

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“Government Printer” means the printer to Her Majesty and any printer purporting to be the printer authorised to print the Acts of Solomon Islands, or otherwise to be the Government Printer of Solomon Islands.

3.—(1) Prima facie evidence of any proclamation, order, or regulation issued before or after the enactment of this Act by Her Majesty, or by the Privy Council, may be given in all courts in and in all legal proceedings whatsoever, in all or any of the modes hereinafter mentioned; that is to say;

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(a) by the production of a copy of the Gazette purporting to contain such proclamation, order or regulation;

(b) by the production of a copy of such proclamation, order or regulation purporting to be printed by the Government Printer, or under the superintendence or authority of Her Majesty’s Stationery Office;

(c) by the production, in the case of any proclamation, order, or regulation issued by Her Majesty or by the Privy Council, of a copy or extract purporting to be certified to be true by the clerk of the Privy Council, or by anyone of the lords or others of the Privy Council.

(2) Any copy or extract made in pursuance of this Act may be in print or in writing, or partly in print and partly in writing.

(3) No proof shall be required of the handwriting or official position of any person certifying, in pursuance of this Act, to the truth of any copy of or extract from any proclamation, order, or regulation.

(No Subsidiary Legislation)