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THE LAND SURVEYS REGULATION ORDINANCE, 1922.

Western Samoa.

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An Ordinance

made by the Administrator of the Territory of Western Samoa with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of that Territory, and in pursuance of the Samoa Act, 1921.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Land Surveys Regulation Ordinance 1922."
2. For the purpose of providing for the accuracy of plans and surveys of land in the Territory of Western Samoa the Chief Surveyor may from time to time with the approval of the Administrator make regulations
 - (a) For the guidance of surveyors generally in the survey of land in Samoa.
 - (b) Fixing the charges to be made for surveys and for plans and other documents issued under the authority of the Chief Surveyor.
3. All such regulations shall be signed by the Chief Surveyor and upon being approved by the Administrator shall forthwith take effect.
4. All surveys of land in the Territory of Western Samoa shall be conducted under the direction of the Chief Surveyor and in accordance with the aforesaid regulations.

5. (1) The Chief Surveyor, or any person authorised, either specially or generally by him—
 - (a) May enter from time to time, during the day time, upon any land whatever, with such assistance as he thinks fit, for the purpose of making any survey which he is authorised to make, and may affix or set up thereon trigonometrical stations, survey pegs, marks or poles; or for the purpose of inspecting any such survey or station, or of altering, repairing, moving or removing any trigonometrical station, survey peg, mark or pole; and
 - (b) May do all things necessary for such survey in accordance with the then existing regulations, or for any such inspection, repair, alteration or removal.
- (2) Before the entry, the Chief Surveyor, or person authorised as aforesaid, shall, when practicable, give reasonable notice to the owner or occupier of the land of the intention to enter thereon, and such person authorised as aforesaid shall, if required by such owner or occupier, produce and show the authority under which he claims to enter, or has entered on such land.
6. The land on which any trigonometrical station is situated, together with a right of way to and from the same, shall, for the purposes of survey, and notwithstanding any alienation thereof, be deemed and taken to be Crown land and to have been and to be excepted out of such alienation.
7. Every person not duly authorised who takes away or is found in possession of or removes, destroys or displaces, or alters the position of any ranging peg, post, block or stone which is fixed, placed or set up for the purpose of any survey conducted under the direction of the Chief Surveyor or who wilfully obliterates, mutilates, breaks or destroys any such station, mark, peg, post, block or stone, is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of £50, or to imprisonment for 6 months.
8. Every person who wilfully obstructs or hinders the Chief Surveyor or any person authorised by him, in the execution of his duty in or about ascertaining or marking out any boundary or survey lines, or in or about the fixing, placing, restoring, repairing or setting up of any trigonometrical station, boundary or survey mark, ranging-peg, post, block or stone, or in any way resists the Chief Surveyor or such other person in the performance of his duty, is guilty of an offence, and liable to a fine of £25, or to imprisonment for 3 months.
9. The Chief Surveyor means the person for the time being holding the office of Chief Surveyor in the Administration of Western Samoa.

Assented to this 1st day of
August, 1922.

[L.S.] R. W. TATE,
Administrator.