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THE NATIVE TRADE DEBTS ORDINANCE, 1925.

Western Samoa.

No 1, 1925.



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.

Title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as "The Native Trade Debts Ordinance, 1925."

Definitions.

2. In this Ordinance "Trade Debt" means a debt arising out of a contract to pay for goods sold, or to repay money lent to a Samoan by a person carrying on in Samoa the business of a trader in the ordinary course of such business. "Samoan" has the same meaning as in Section 3 of the "Samoa Act, 1921."

Trade debt not recoverable at law except under certain conditions.

3. No trade debt shall, after the coming into operation of this Ordinance, be recoverable from a Samoan by action at law unless

- (a) Such trade debt was incurred before the coming into operation of this Ordinance, or
- (b) a note or memorandum in writing of the contract is made and signed by the party to be charged and the signature of such party is witnessed by the Secretary of Native Affairs or by the Resident Commissioner for Savai'i.

Exemption.

4. "Trade debt" does not include any debt due by an employee to his employer arising out of a contract made under clauses 45 and 46 of The Police Offences Ordinance, 1922.

Ordinance takes effect.

5. This Ordinance shall come into force on the first day of April, 1925.

Assented to this twelfth day of
March, 1925.

[L.S.] GEO. S. RICHARDSON,
Administrator.