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An Ordinance to make Provision for the taking of a Census from time to time as may be necessary.

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Short title and application.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Census Ordinance, and shall apply to the Colony and Protectorate.

Interpretation.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

" appointed day " in relation to a census directed to be taken under section 3 means the day fixed under the said section for the commencement of the taking of such census;

" the Census Commissioner " in relation to a census directed to be taken under section 3 means the Census Commissioner appointed under section 5 for the purposes of such census;

" census district " in relation to a census directed to be taken under section 3 means one of the areas into which Sierra Leone is divided under paragraph (*b*) of section 6 for the purposes of such census;

" persons employed in the execution of this Ordinance " in relation to a census directed to be taken under section 3 includes census officers, supervisors and enumerators appointed, and officers and servants employed, under sections 6 and 7 for the purposes of such census;

" premises " includes any vessel or train, any plantation, mine or other place where persons are employed, any part of a house occupied separately, and any hut.

3. (1) The Governor in Council may from time to time, as he considers necessary, by order direct a census to be taken of the inhabitants of Sierra Leone or of any part thereof or of any class of such inhabitants.

Governor may order taking of census.

(2) The taking of a census directed to be taken by order under sub-section (1) of this section shall be commenced on such day as shall be fixed in such order.

4. When a census is directed to be taken under section 3, the provisions set out in sections 5 to 19 inclusive shall apply.

Sections 5 to 19 to apply in respect of any census ordered.

5. The Governor may appoint a Census Commissioner for the purposes of the census.

Appointment of Census Commissioner.

6. Subject to the control of the Governor, the Census Commissioner—

Duties and functions of Census Commissioner.

(*a*) shall have the general supervision and management of the census;

(*b*) shall for the purposes of the census divide Sierra Leone into such areas, to be called census districts, as he may determine;

(*c*) shall appoint for each census district a census officer;

(*d*) may employ such number of officers and servants as he shall consider necessary for the purposes of the census;

(*e*) may issue such directions as he shall consider necessary for the better carrying into effect of the census;

(*f*) shall cause to be prepared and printed, for the use of the persons employed in the execution of this Ordinance, such forms and instructions as he may deem necessary, and in particular forms of schedule to be filled up with such particulars as the Governor may consider necessary in order to

ensure as far as possible the completeness and accuracy of the census returns.

Duties of
census
officers.

7. Every census officer—

(*a*) shall act under the supervision and control of the Census Commissioner;

(*b*) shall divide his census district into enumeration areas and shall appoint an enumerator for each such area;

(*c*) may appoint and employ such number of supervisors and other officers and servants as shall be necessary for the taking of the census in his census district.

Control of
supervisors
and other
officers and
servants.

8. Without prejudice to the powers of the Census Commissioner, every supervisor and every other officer and servant appointed by a census officer under this Ordinance shall be subject to the immediate supervision and control of the census officer for the census district for which he is appointed.

Distribution,
collection and
completion of
form of
schedule.

9. (1) Subject to the directions of the census officer, every enumerator shall not later than the appointed day deliver to every occupier or person in charge of premises within his area an appropriate form of schedule to be completed as provided in sub-section (2) of this section and shall collect the same, when so completed, from such occupier or person without delay.

(2) Every occupier or person in charge of any premises to whom a form of schedule has been delivered under sub-section (1) of this section shall on the appointed day or within a reasonable time thereafter complete the said form of schedule, or cause the same to be completed, by entering thereon particulars to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, of all matters as to which information is required by such form of schedule, and shall sign his name thereto and shall deliver the same so completed to the enumerator when required by him so to do:

Provided always that when any person required to complete such form of schedule is illiterate, such form of schedule may be completed and signed by the enumerator.

(3) The provisions of sub-sections (1) and (2) of this section shall not apply to the Protectorate:

Provided that—

(*a*) the Governor may, by Order, apply the said provisions—

(i) to the Protectorate or to such area, district or place therein as may be specified in the Order;