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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

IN the Name of Her Majesty VICTORIA, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir J. WEST RIDGEWAY, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Ceylon, with the Dependencies thereof.

WEST RIDGEWAY.

WHEREAS in the course of the war now being prosecuted by Her Majesty's Forces in South Africa numbers of the enemy have been captured and made prisoners, and it has been deemed expedient for the better custody and safe-keeping of the said prisoners that certain of them should be sent to this Island to be there held and detained for such period as may hereafter be determined :

And whereas a large number of the said prisoners have arrived in this Island and are now kept and confined in the Camp situated in the village of Diyatalawa, in the Mahapalata korale of the Udukinda division of the Province of Uva :

And whereas by reason of the presence and confinement in the said camp of so large a number of such prisoners there is cause to apprehend public danger should an outbreak of the said prisoners occur, for the prompt and effective suppression of which the officers of police and peace officers and the tribunals of civil and criminal justice ordinarily in use in this Island will be insufficient and ineffective, and it is also otherwise expedient and necessary in the interests of the public peace that martial law should be proclaimed within the limits of the said Camp as hereinafter defined :

Now We, the said Governor, by virtue of the powers in Us vested, do hereby proclaim and declare that, from this day forth and until We shall further order in this behalf, martial law shall prevail and be administered to all persons within the said Camp, the limits whereof are hereby declared to be—

North.—The patana ridge between Rodikele and Talawawatta as far westwards as the water fall on the stream Ellekandura draining the Diyatalawa swamps, and as far eastwards as the

bo-tree named Rodikelepatana Bomaluwa near Rodikanda, and onwards to the path from Ambagoda to Talawa.

East.—The ridge followed by the path from Ambagoda to Talawa; the field Welibissa; thence a straight line to the house on the Bandarawela Gansabhawa road recently occupied by Kirinelis; thence the shortest line to the field Hapurodakumbura; the northern, western, and southern limits of the said field; the western limits of the gardens in the hamlet Kosgahakumbura; thence a contour line along the hill on which the military hospital is built to the point in the ravine where the lower of the two paths crosses it; thence up the ridge past the Wesleyan Mission burial ground to the main road leading from the Diyatalawa railway station to the Camp.

South.—Commencing at a point 15 chains distant from the railway on the main road from the railway station to the Camp, the patana ridge running westwards to the site of the former Haputale Club ground, and thence onward and outside the course of the path to Alutwela.

West.—The patana ridge encircling the whole tract of the swamp to the west and north of the former Haputale Club ground, and following the course of the outlet stream Ellakandura from that swamp as far as the waterfall on that stream.

Given at Colombo, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Ninth day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred.

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

MILITARY APPOINTMENT.

SUB-CONDUCTOR J. A. ROWLANDS, of the Bombay Unattached List, is granted the local and honorary rank of Lieutenant whilst serving as Quartermaster in the Camp at Diyatalawa for Boer prisoners of war.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, August 9, 1900.

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

MARTIAL Law having been proclaimed by His Excellency the Governor, all persons are prohibited from entering within the limits of the proclaimed area as defined on the ground by a trench and by barriers across the roads and paths.

2. Persons entering without permits will be treated as trespassers, and will be liable to arrest and to summary punishment.

3. Persons employed in the service of the Camp, or who wish to enter the Camp on business, are only entitled to do so if provided with permits. Such permits must be obtained from the Camp Commandant's office, and may be procured by application in writing, stating clearly the business which necessitates the applicant's presence in Camp.

4. Applications for permits should be made by post, but in the event of any one resident outside the proclaimed area having urgent business inside the outer boundary, the application should be left with the Sergeant of Police at the Civil Police Station at the entrance of the main road from the Railway Station to the Camp, who will forward such application to the Commandant's office.

5. No permit referred to in this notice will authorize entrance within the prisoners' enclosure.

6. The following persons will be permitted to pass through the outer boundary of the proclaimed area without passes, namely, Officers and other Camp Officials resident on duty in Camp, and Soldiers in uniform.

Camp, Diyatalawa,
August 9, 1900.

A. C. F. VINCENT, Lieut.-Colonel,
Camp Commandant.