

AN ORDINANCE.

No. 24 OF 1920.

Assented to in His Majesty's name this 29th day of December, 1920.

W. K. NOTLEY,
Governor's Deputy.

An Ordinance to provide for the issue of Currency Notes.

WHEREAS the East African Currency Board, hereinafter referred to as "the Board," has been constituted by the Secretary of State to provide for and to control the supply of currency to the Colony and Protectorate of Kenya and other British dependencies in East Africa.

And whereas it is desirous to make provision for an issue of currency notes in this Colony and Protectorate by the Board on behalf of the Government.

Be it enacted therefore by the Governor of the Colony of Kenya, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the **Short title and application.**
Currency Notes Ordinance, 1920.

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance it shall be **Issue of notes.**
lawful for the Board from time to time to issue and re-issue notes herein referred to as "currency notes."

(2) It shall be lawful for the Board to pay to the bearer of a currency note the amount named therein, and the amount required for such payment shall be a charge on the monies and securities in the hands of the Board, and failing them, on the general revenues of the Colony and Protectorate.

3. (1) Currency notes may be for such denominations as may **Value and form of notes.**
be approved from time to time by the Board:

(2) The denomination of currency notes may, at the discretion of the Board, be expressed in terms of florins or of pounds at the rate of 10 florins to the pound, or of both.

(3) Currency notes shall be in such form, and of such design, and printed from such plates, and shall be authenticated in such manner as may be approved by the Secretary of State.

(4) The plates shall be prepared and kept and the notes printed, issued, and cancelled under such regulations as the Secretary of State may make for the purpose of preventing fraud and improper use.

Legal tender.

4. A currency note shall be a legal tender of the amount expressed therein.

Wrongful issue of notes.

5. If any person issues or is a party to issuing any currency note otherwise than in accordance with this Ordinance he shall be guilty of an offence.

Forgery.

6. (1) If any person, with intent to defraud, forges or alters any currency note, or knowing any note purporting to be a currency note to be forged or altered utters the same he shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment of either description for any period not exceeding ten years.

(2) If any person, without lawful authority or excuse, the proof whereof shall lie on him, receives from any other person or has in his possession any forged or altered note purporting to be a currency note knowing the same to be forged or altered, or any unfinished or incomplete note purporting to be a currency note issued by the Board, he shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment of either description for any period not exceeding five years.

Possession of materials for forging notes.

7. (1) If any person, without lawful authority or excuse, the proof whereof shall lie upon him,

(a) Makes, or uses, or sells, or exposes for sale, or knowingly has in his possession

(i) any instrument for the making of paper with any words, device, or distinction peculiar to and appearing in the substance of the paper used for currency notes; or

(ii) any paper with any such words, device, or distinction as aforesaid, or

(b) By any act or contrivance causes any such words, device, or distinction, or any words, device or distinction intended to resemble and pass for the same, to appear visible in the substance of any paper:

he shall on conviction be liable to imprisonment of either description for any period not exceeding five years.

(2) If any person without lawful authority or excuse, the proof whereof shall lie upon him,

(a) Engraves or in any wise makes upon any plate whatsoever, or upon any material, any note purporting to be a currency note or a part of a currency note, or any name, word, number, figure, device, character, or ornament resembling or apparently intended to resemble any signature to a currency note; or

(b) Uses any such plate or material or any other instrument or device for the making or printing of any currency note; or

(c) Knowingly has in his possession any such plate, material, instrument, or device, or

(d) Knowingly utters or has in his possession any paper upon which an impression of any such matter as aforesaid is made or printed;

he shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment of either description for a period not exceeding five years.

Mutilating Currency Notes.

8. Any person who wilfully defaces, or tears, cuts or otherwise mutilates any currency note shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Regulations.

9. Any regulations (whether made before or after the passing of this Ordinance) made by the Secretary of State from time to time for giving effect to the provisions of this Ordinance shall, after they have been published in the Gazette, have the force of law within the Colony and Protectorate.