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FEEJEE REGULATIONS.

COMMERCIAL regulations, made by the principal chiefs of the Feejee group of islands, after full consideration in council, on the 14th day of May, 1840.

1st. All foreign consuls duly appointed and received on the Feejee group of islands shall be protected and respected, both in their persons and property, and all foreigners obtaining the consent of the government, and conforming to the laws, shall receive the protection of the king and chiefs.

2d. All foreign vessels shall be received into the ports and harbours of the Feejees, for the purpose of obtaining supplies, and for commerce; and, with their officers and crews, so long as they shall comply with these regulations, and behave themselves peaceably, shall receive the protection of the king and chiefs.

3d. The fullest protection shall be given to all foreign ships and vessels which may be wrecked, and any property saved shall be taken possession of by the master of the vessel, who will allow a salvage, or portion of the property so saved, to those who may aid in saving and protecting the same; and no embezzlement will be permitted under any circumstances whatever. The effects of all persons deceased shall be given up to the consul of the nation to which they may have belonged.

4th. Any person guilty of the crime of murder upon any foreigner, shall be given up without delay to the commander of any public vessel of the nation to which the deceased may belong, upon his demanding the same, or be punished on shore.

5th. Every vessel shall pay a port-charge of three dollars for anchorage, to the king, before she will be allowed to receive refreshments on board, and shall pay for pilotage in and out the sum of seven dollars, before she leaves the harbour; and pilots shall be appointed, subject to the approval of the consuls.

6th. All trading in spirituous liquors, or landing the same, is strictly forbidden. Any person offending shall pay a fine of twenty-five dollars, and the vessel to which he belongs shall receive no more refreshments. Any spirituous liquors found on shore shall be seized and destroyed.

7th. All deserters from vessels will be apprehended, and a reward paid of eight dollars, viz., five dollars to the person who apprehended