

"The Aerial Navigation Ordinance, 1914."

No. 2 of 1914.



I assent,

T. A. V. BEST,

Acting Governor.

8th July, 1914.

ST. CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS.

No. 2 of 1914.

An Ordinance to provide for
the protection of the Public
against dangers arising from
navigation of Air Craft.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governor and Legis-
lative Council of Saint Christopher and Nevis as
follows :—

1. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes
as "The Aerial Navigation Ordinance, 1914."

Short title.

Power to prohibit navigation of air craft over prescribed areas.

2. (1) The Governor may for the purpose of protecting the public from danger from time to time by order prohibit the navigation of air craft over such areas as may be prescribed in the order.

(2) Any such order may apply either generally to all air craft or to air craft of such classes and descriptions only as may be specified in the order, and may prohibit the navigation of air craft over any such prescribed area either at all times or at such times or on such occasions only as may be specified in the order and either absolutely or subject to such exceptions or conditions as may be so specified.

Extension of power to regulate air craft.

3. (1) The Governor may also for the purposes of the defence or safety of the Presidency make orders prohibiting the navigation of air craft over areas to be prescribed in such orders.

(2) The power of the Governor under this Ordinance shall include power by order to prescribe the areas within which air craft coming from any place outside the Presidency are to land and the other conditions to be complied with by such air craft.

Offence.

4. If any person contravenes any of the provisions of any order made under this Ordinance he shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance unless he proves that he was compelled to do so from stress of weather or other circumstances over which he had no control.

Penalties.

5. If any person is guilty of an offence under this Ordinance he shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding two hundred pounds, or to both such imprisonment and fine.

Power to compel compliance when air craft disobeys signals.

6. If an air craft flies or attempts to fly over any area prescribed under this Ordinance for the purposes of the defence or safety of the Presidency or in the case of an air craft coming from any place outside the Presidency fails to comply with any of the conditions as to landing prescribed by an order under section four of this Ordinance it shall be lawful for any officer designated for the purpose by regulations made by the Governor to cause such signal as may be prescribed by those regulations to be given and if after such signal has been given the air craft fails to respond to the signal by complying with such regulation as

may be made by the Governor prescribing the action to be taken on such a signal being given it shall be lawful for the officer to fire at or into such air craft and to use any and every other means necessary to compel compliance and every and any such officer and every other person acting in his aid and by his direction shall be and is hereby indemnified and discharged from any indictment penalty action or other proceeding for so doing.

7. Every order made under this Ordinance shall be published in the *Gazette* and when so published shall have effect as if ordained by this Ordinance.

Orders to be published in Gazette.

T. LAURENCE ROXBURGH,

Administrator,

President of the Council.

Passed the Legislative Council the 11th day of June, 1914.

G. C. JOHNSON,

Clerk of the Council.

Duly published in the Town of Basseterre the 13th day of July, 1914.

D. H. SEMPER,

Provost Marshal.