

# Title 1

## ABORIGINES LAW

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PART I

*The Tribal Jurisdiction*

*Chapter 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS*

§ 1. **Definition of Tribal Jurisdiction.**—The term “Tribal Jurisdiction” means the administrative control exercised by those government officials and agencies appointed or established under the provisions of this Title.

*Cross reference:*

Definitions of Hinterland and County Area, see Local Government L., sec. 1.

*Chapter 2. ADMINISTRATION OF  
THE PROVINCES*

*Cross references:*

Provincial Industrial High Schools, see Education L., sec. 33.

Voting polls in the provinces, see Election L., ch. 10.

§ 10. **Division of the Hinterland into provinces.**—The Hinterland of the Republic of Liberia shall be divided for administrative purposes into three provinces, namely: the Western Province; the Central Province; and the Eastern Province.

*Prior legislation:* Hint. Reg. (app. L. 1949–50, ch. XXXVI), art. 1.

*Cross reference:*

Division of Republic into County Area and Hinterland, see Local Government L., sec. 1.

§ 11. **Provincial boundaries.**—The provincial boundaries are defined as follows:

The Western Province shall extend from the Anglo-Liberian

boundary on the northwest to the St. Paul River, which shall form the southeastern boundary, and from the eastern boundary of the County Area as defined in section 1 of the Local Government Law to the Franco-Liberian boundary on the north.

The Central Province shall extend from the St. Paul River to the Cestos or Nuon River, and from the eastern boundary of the County Area as defined in section 1 of the Local Government Law to the Franco-Liberian boundary on the north.

The Eastern Province shall extend from the Cestos or Nuon River to the Cavalla River and from the eastern boundary of the County Area as defined in section 1 of the Local Government Law to the Franco-Liberian boundary on the north.

*Prior legislation:* Hint. Reg. (app. L. 1949-50, ch. XXXVI), art. 2.

§ 12. **Provincial Headquarters.**—Provincial Headquarters shall be established at such places as may be deemed suitable for central administration, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

*Prior legislation:* Hint. Reg. (app. L. 1949-50, ch. XXXVI), art. 8.

§ 13. **Government of provinces.**—A Provincial Commissioner shall be appointed in each province to be in charge, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, of the general administrative supervision of its affairs. Provincial Commissioners shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and shall serve during the pleasure of the President.

*Prior legislation:* Hint. Reg. (app. L. 1949-50, ch. XXXVI), art. 5.

§ 14. **Provincial and Executive Councils.**—Each Provincial Commissioner shall annually convoke a Provincial Council at such point within the province as may to him appear most appropriate and convenient for attendance. The purpose of such Councils shall be the improvement of the economic, domestic, industrial, and social welfare of the tribes, and the problems shall be investigated with a view to reaching practical solutions. A Provincial Council shall be conducted regularly every year unless waived by the President or the Secretary of the Interior.

The Provincial Commissioner shall also hold an Executive Council at the beginning of every year with the District and Assistant District Commissioners of his province at Provincial Headquarters for the purpose of formulating plans for the conduct and administra-

tion of the province. Before being executed, such plans shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

The members of the Provincial and Executive Councils shall be the District and Assistant District Commissioners, the revenue agents, mining agents, commanding officers of the Frontier Force, and such other agents of government as are residents of the province, together with Paramount and Clan Chiefs. The Provincial Representatives to the National Legislature may also be invited to attend.

*Prior legislation:* Hint. Reg. (app. L. 1949-50, ch. XXXVI), art. 5 (b).

§ 15. **Investigation of charges against officials.**—The Provincial Commissioner shall investigate any complaint or charge brought by any person or group of persons against a District Commissioner for irregular practices, administrative misfeasance, or other improper conduct adversely affecting the public good or infringing upon the private rights of any person. If the investigation shall prove the complaint or charge to be true, prompt and suitable action shall be taken against the official charged and such penalty imposed as provided for by regulations according to the gravity of the offense. The Provincial Commissioner shall also exercise appellate jurisdiction in case of charges brought against a subordinate official and investigated by a District Commissioner of his province.

*Prior legislation:* Hint. Reg. (app. L. 1949-50, ch. XXXVI), art. 5 (c).

*Cross reference:*

District Commissioner to investigate charge against subordinate officials, see sec. 35 (h) of this Title.

§ 16. **Tour of districts.**—The Provincial Commissioner shall visit each district in his province at least once a year in order to inform himself concerning the social and economic welfare of the inhabitants. Two weeks before leaving for such a tour, he shall submit a full itinerary to the Secretary of the Interior for his information, and also a detailed report at the end of the tour covering his general activities and embracing such suggestions and recommendations as he may deem appropriate.

*Prior legislation:* Hint. Reg. (app. L. 1949-50, ch. XXXVI), art. 5 (d).

§ 17. **Other duties of Provincial Commissioners.**—In addition to the duties stated in the foregoing sections, a Provincial Commissioner shall be charged with the following:

(a) He shall review every district budget for public local

development and improvement within the various districts of his province and check the expenditures thereof during the yearly Provincial Council, or at another meeting called for the purpose at a convenient time.

(b) Before adopting any novel procedure affecting policy, he shall refer it to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

*Prior legislation:* Hint. Reg. (app. L. 1949-50, ch. XXXVI), art. 5 (a), (e), and (f).

*Cross references:*

Court of the Provincial Commissioner, see sec. 122 of this Title.

Provincial Commissioners to serve as advisers to trustees of trust fund from mining royalties, see Revenue and Finance L., sec. 70.

§ 18. **Administrative organization of provinces.**—The administrative organization of each province shall consist of the Provincial Commissioner and his staff; the District and Assistant District Commissioner and their staff; mining agents; revenue agents; and all other agents of government operating within the province.

*Prior legislation:* Hint. Reg. (app. L. 1949-50, ch. XXXVI), art. 6.

§ 19. **Provincial Commissioner's staff.**—The staff of a Provincial Commissioner shall consist of one clerk with the rank of an Assistant District Commissioner at the salary for the latter post and such other employees as may be provided by regulation.

*Prior legislation:* Hint. Reg. (app. L. 1949-50, ch. XXXVI), art. 7.

### Chapter 3. ADMINISTRATION OF THE DISTRICTS

§ 30. **Division of provinces into districts.**—Each province shall be subdivided into districts as follows:

*Western Province* shall consist of the following districts:

- (a) District Number One
- (b) District Number Two
- (c) District Number Three
- (d) District Number Four

*Central Province* shall consist of the following districts:

- (a) District Number One

