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SCHEDULE.**CHAPTER 58.****PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.****An Ordinance to Make Provision for Public Holidays.**

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Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Public Holidays Ordinance and shall apply to the Colony and Protectorate.

Certain days
to be public
holidays.

2. The days mentioned in the Schedule shall be kept as public holidays in all public offices and banks in Sierra Leone:

Provided that if any such day shall fall on a Sunday, the day next following, not being itself a public holiday, shall be kept as a public holiday in lieu thereof.

Power to
appoint
special days
to be public
holidays.

3. The Governor in Council may, by public notice, appoint a special day to be kept as a public holiday either throughout Sierra Leone or in any part thereof, and any day so appointed shall be kept as a public holiday accordingly.

Power to
cancel day
appointed to
be public
holiday.

4. The Governor in Council may, in like manner, when it appears to him in any special case that in any year it is inexpedient that a day appointed by this Ordinance to be kept as a public holiday should be kept as a public holiday, declare that such day shall not be kept as a public holiday.

5. Whenever a public holiday falls on any day on which, according to law, a sitting of any Court would begin, such sitting shall not begin on that day, but on the day next following, not being itself a public holiday.

Sitting of Court not to begin on a public holiday.

6. No person shall be compellable to do any act on a day appointed by or under the provisions of this Ordinance to be kept as a public holiday which he would not be compellable to do on a Sunday, and the obligation to do such act shall apply to the day next following, not being itself a Sunday or a public holiday; and the doing of such act on such following day shall be equivalent to the performance of the act on such public holiday:

Provision as to acts on public holidays.

Provided that nothing in this section shall affect the operation of section 14 (1) (a) of the Bills of Exchange Ordinance.

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7. Anything in this Ordinance or any other law to the contrary notwithstanding the head of any Government or Municipal Department may, unless otherwise ordered by the Governor, if the interests of the public service or the convenience of the public demand it, require all or any of the persons serving in his department to perform on a Sunday or public holiday such of their duties as he may deem necessary.

Provision as to Government Department working on public holidays.

SCHEDULE.

New Year's Day.

Good Friday.

Easter Monday.

Whit-Monday.

Moulid-un-Nabi.

The Anniversary of the Birthday of the Sovereign appointed to be observed as the anniversary of the Birthday of the Sovereign.

The first Monday in the month of August.

The Day of the Eid-ul-Fitri.

The Day of Eid-ul-Adha.

Christmas Day.

Boxing Day.