

**CHIEFTAINCY (RESTORATION OF STATUS OF CHIEFS)
LAW, 1983**

WHEREAS by virtue of section 3 (1) of the Chieftaincy (Amendment) Decree, 1966 (N.L.C.D. 112) the then Government of the National Liberation Council withdrew recognition of the persons named in Part I of the Schedule to this Law as chiefs in the places specified respectively in relation to them;

AND WHEREAS by virtue of section 3 (2) of the said Decree the said persons were prohibited from purporting to exercise the functions of chiefs;

AND WHEREAS by virtue of section 4 of the said Decree the persons named in Part II of the Schedule to this Law were accorded recognition as chiefs by the then Government of the National Liberation Council and restored as chiefs of the places specified respectively in relation to them in place of the persons named in Part I of the said Schedule;

AND WHEREAS the Provisional National Defence Council having considered the circumstances of the withdrawal of recognition by the then Government of the National Liberation Council of the persons named in Part I of the Schedule to this Law as chiefs is satisfied that the said persons having been lawfully enstooled or enskinned as chiefs should be restored to their original status as chiefs of the places specified respectively in relation to them;

NOW THEREFORE In pursuance of the Provisional National Defence Council (Establishment) Proclamation, 1981 this Law is hereby made:

1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the persons named in Column I of Part I of the Schedule to this Law whose recognition as chiefs of the places specified respectively in relation to them in Column II was withdrawn by virtue of section 3 of the Chieftaincy (Amendment) Decree, 1966 (N.L.C.D. 112) shall, at the commencement of this Law, be deemed to have been restored to their original status as chiefs of their respective places. Restoration of previous Chiefs.

2. Any person specified in Part II of the Schedule to this Law who before the commencement of this Law is performing the functions of a chief by virtue of section 4 of the Chieftaincy (Amendment) Decree, 1966 (N.L.C.D. 112) in any place specified in column II of Part I of that Schedule is hereby prohibited from purporting to exercise such functions and it shall be unlawful for any person to treat such person as a chief. Persons prohibited from acting as chiefs, etc

3. (1) Any person referred to in section 2 of this Law who has in his possession or custody any property belonging to the stool or skin of any of the places specified in column II of Part I of the Schedule to this Law shall with the commencement of this Law surrender Surrender of stool or skin property and vacation of palace.

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such property to the person named in column I of Part I of that Schedule and restored under section 1 of this Law as chief in the place specified in relation to him in column II of that Part.

(2) Any person referred to in section 2 of this Law who occupied any palace belonging to the stool or skin of any of the places specified in column II of Part I of the Schedule to this Law shall immediately on the commencement of this Law vacate such palace and surrender possession thereof to the person named in column I of Part I of that Schedule and restored under section 1 of this Law as chief in the place specified in relation to him in column II of that Part.

Offences.

4. Any person who—

- (a) wilfully obstructs the person authorised to take possession of any stool or skin property;
- (b) refuses to vacate any palace;
- (c) wilfully obstructs the restoration of any stool or skin property; or
- (d) contravenes any provision of this Law,

shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than three years without the option of a fine.

SCHEDULE

PART I—NAMES OF PREVIOUS CHIEFS BEING RESTORED

<i>Names of Persons to whom recognition is restored as Chiefs</i>	<i>Places at which they should act as Chiefs</i>
1. Ayamba Abugare	Tempane
2. Atu Ayebo	Kusanaba
3. Pujiga	Tanga
4. Ayubeogo	Gagbiri
5. Adugubilla Asa	Zebilla
6. Abugri Apuzeeda	Binduri
7. Akaganne	Kugri
8. Abugbabilla Awini	Zongoiri
9. Abariche Kusasi	Sinebaga
10. Abugri Agbango I	Binaba
11. Dinko Dunt	Worikambo
12. Azenab Ayeabo	Teshie
13. Anenna Akazusa	Pusiga
14. Awini Adoleba	Kulungungu
15. Awini Atule	Bugri
16. Abugrago Azoka	Bawku

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PART II—NAMES OF PERSONS PROHIBITED AS CHIEFS

<i>Names of Chiefs from whom recognition is withdrawn</i>	<i>Places at which they acted as Chiefs</i>
1. Abugbilla Apillu	Tempane
2. Akolbuni Ndeego	Kusanaba
3. Debora Wuni	Tanga
4. Mangotibo Atibila	Gagbiri
5. S. A. Akparibilla	Zebilla
6. Agumah Nichema	Binduri
7. Abdulai Asaman	Kugri
8. Abanga Amoaba	Zongoiri
9. A. Ali	Sinebaga
10. Ayadago Apiiga	Binaba
11. Alhassan Mahamadu II	Worikambo
12. Ibrahim Abugre	Teshie
13. Mbugri Aguuri	Pusiga
14. Abugre Afobre	Kulungungu
15. M. A. Agatoni	Bugri
16. Alhaji A. Zangbeo	Bawku

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