

LOCUST DESTRUCTION.

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TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF LOCUSTS.

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1. The High Commissioner may at any time and from time to time by Order in Council direct that all or any of the provisions of the existing Ottoman Law relative to the destruction of locusts shall be suspended either wholly or in part, and may, by a subsequent like order, from time to time amend, vary or annul any previous order made under the provisions of this section.

Power to High Commissioner to suspend existing Ottoman Law.

Every such order shall take effect from the date of its publication in the *Cyprus Gazette* or from some subsequent date to be specified in the order.

2. The High Commissioner may from time to time issue all such directions as he shall think necessary or expedient for ensuring the destruction of locust eggs and live locusts, and, to ensure the due observance of any such directions made by him, may, from time to time issue all such rules and regulations as he may think proper and, by order notified in such manner as he shall think fit, direct:—

High Commissioner may make rules for destruction of locusts.

- (1.) The persons by whom such rules and regulations shall be carried into effect;
- (2.) The time or times within which the measures prescribed by such rules and regulations shall be in force;
- (3.) The place or places, district or districts within which such rules and regulations shall be in force;

and may by the like order vary, alter, suspend or annul all or any of such rules, regulations or orders.

All rules, regulations or orders made under the powers given by this section which may at any time be in force shall be of the same force and effect as if they were embodied in this Law.

Power to enter on lands and execute works.

3. The High Commissioner and any person authorized by him may, with or without any animals or beasts of burthen, carts, tools, implements or other things, enter upon any land and there dig, search for, get and carry away locust eggs, and erect huts and tents, and also erect screens, dig pits, make and prepare traps and hunt catch, burn and otherwise destroy locusts, and for all or any of the purposes aforesaid may cut or otherwise remove any standing crops which he or they may deem necessary to remove, and do all such other acts and things as may be expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of any regulation to be made under this Law.

Power to regulate storage of locust eggs.

4. The High Commissioner may from time to time make orders for regulating and controlling the storage of locust eggs; and any person who shall make or keep any store, except such as are by any such order allowed, or except under the special permission of the High Commissioner, which the High Commissioner is hereby empowered to grant subject to such terms and conditions as he shall think fit, shall be liable for the first offence to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds with or without imprisonment for any term not exceeding one month; for a second offence to a penalty not exceeding seventy-five pounds, but which (subject to this limit as to maximum amount) shall not be less than treble the amount of the fine imposed for the first offence; and for a third or any subsequent offence to a penalty of one hundred pounds and to imprisonment for a term of six months; and all locust eggs stored, except as aforesaid, shall be forfeited.

Power to High Commissioner to delegate authority.

5. The High Commissioner may from time to time and at all times by writing under his hand, depute to any person or persons designated in the writing all or any one or more of the powers and authorities vested in him by sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Law.

High Commissioner may appoint penalties for offences.

6. The High Commissioner may by Order in Council impose on offenders against the provisions of any part of the existing Ottoman Law which may be for the time being in force or against the provisions of any rule, regulation or order made by him under this Law such reasonable penalties as he may think fit, not exceeding the sum of five pounds for each offence; but every Order in Council under this section shall be so framed as to allow of the recovery of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty.

Power to search premises for locust eggs.

7. The Commissioner of any District on receipt of information that there is reasonable cause to suspect that locust eggs are stored on any premises within his district contrary to the provisions of any of the rules or regulations as to storage made by the High Commissioner under section 4 hereof or contrary to the terms and conditions of any

permission to store, may, by order under his hand, authorize any person to enter upon and search such premises; and it shall be the duty of every person being on or upon or in charge of the premises or any part thereof to give all facilities to any person so authorized, and to answer all questions and give all such information as may be required from him; and in case of neglect or refusal to give the facilities required, or in case there shall be no such person present as aforesaid, the person so authorized may break open all doors, chests, trunks, boxes or other packages and things; and no action shall lie against any such person for anything done under the powers herein conferred upon him; and if any person omits to give any such facilities or any information as aforesaid he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds; and all locust eggs found on the premises shall be forfeited; and if any locust eggs be found stored in any premises otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of the rules and regulations as to storage or the terms and conditions or any permission to store locust eggs, the owner of the premises shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds, and all locust eggs found therein shall be forfeited

8. The importation of locust eggs into the Island is forbidden, and all locust eggs coming from ports beyond the seas shall be and be deemed to be "prohibited goods" within the meaning of the Laws relating to Customs and Excise.

Importation
of locusts
eggs
forbidden.

9. Every person who shall be concerned in importing or bringing into the Island any locust eggs, or shall unship or assist, or be otherwise concerned in the unshipping of any imported locust eggs, or shall assist or be otherwise concerned in such importation, or shall knowingly harbour, keep or conceal, or shall knowingly permit or suffer, or cause or procure to be harboured, kept or concealed any locust eggs which may have been imported into the Island, or to whose hands or possession any locust eggs known by him to be imported shall come or who shall be in any way knowingly concerned in importing, concealing or unlawfully dealing with any imported locust eggs, shall be liable to a fine of not less than twenty pounds nor more than one hundred pounds, with or without imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months, and all ships, boats, carriages, and other means of conveyance, together with all horses or other animals made use of in the importation, removal, carriage or conveyance of any such imported locust eggs shall be forfeited.

Penalty on
persons
importing
locust eggs.

10. Every person who shall obstruct any one employed by the Government of the Island in or about the destruction of locusts, or

Penalty for
obstructing
persons.

engaged in
locust
destruction.

in carrying into effect any of the provisions of this Law so as in any manner to delay, hinder or impede him in the discharge of his duties, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds, with or without imprisonment not exceeding one month, in addition to any other penalty he may under any other Law render himself liable to by reason of such offence.

Penalty for
inciting to
offences.

11. Every person who shall aid, abet, instigate or incite any other person or persons to commit any offence against the provisions of this Law or of any rules, regulations or orders made under the authority of this Law shall, for every such aiding, abetting, instigating or inciting be liable to the same penalty as though the offence had actually been committed by him.

Rewards to
informers.

12. The High Commissioner may grant such rewards as he sees fit out of any pecuniary penalty to any person by whose means it is recovered, and may order to be paid to any person through whose acts or information any property is ordered to be forfeited, such reward as the High Commissioner thinks fit, not exceeding the value of the property forfeited.

Application
of fines, etc.

13. Subject to the provisions of section 12, all pecuniary penalties recovered and the value of all property forfeited under this Law shall be applied in aid of the expenses incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of this Law.

Short title.
Formerly s. 15.

14. This Law may be cited as the Locust Destruction Law, 1881.

12 OF 1881.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES TO BE INCURRED IN THE DESTRUCTION
OF LOCUSTS.

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[August 10, 1881.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the costs of carrying out such measures as may be taken for the destruction of locusts under the authority of the Locust Destruction Law, 1881;

And whereas it is expedient that the money requisite for defraying such costs should be raised by taxation in manner hereinafter specified;