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A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND BETTER  
MANAGEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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*Officer Administering the Government.*

BE it enacted :—

1. This Law may be cited as the Cyprus Public Library Short title.  
Law, 1936.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires,— Inter-pretation  
“Committee” means the Committee of Management  
of the Library ;

“Library” means the Cyprus Public Library founded  
by His Excellency Sir Ronald Storrs, K.C.M.G., in the  
year 1927 and includes any other library established  
in connection therewith ;

“Municipal Council” means the Council of the  
Municipal Corporation of Nicosia ;

“subscriber” means any person whose name is entered  
in the Register of Subscribers to the Library and includes  
a life subscriber.

3. The Library shall be located at such premises as the Location of  
Library.  
Committee may determine.

4. The expenses of the Library shall be defrayed out of— Income of  
Library.

(a) such moneys as may from time to time be  
appropriated to the Library by the Governor out  
of the Revenue of the Colony ;

(b) such moneys as may from time to time be  
appropriated to the Library by the Municipal  
Council out of the revenue of the Municipal  
Corporation of Nicosia ;

(c) penalties and fines imposed and recovered in  
respect of offences committed against any provision  
of this Law or of any regulation made thereunder ;

(d) legacies and donations ;

(e) moneys received for the use of any of the rooms  
of the Library for any of the purposes authorized  
by this Law ;

(f) such other moneys as may from time to time be  
vested in the Committee and appropriated by them  
to the maintenance of the Library.

Committee  
of manage-  
ment.

5. The Library shall be managed and controlled by a Committee of Management which shall be constituted as follows:—

- (a) The Commissioner of Nicosia.
- (b) The Director of Education.
- (c) The Mayor of Nicosia.
- (d) One Christian and one Moslem Councillor to be appointed once in every two years, or at any time to fill a vacancy, by the Municipal Council.

Chairman of  
Committee.

6. The Committee, at a special meeting in every two years, shall elect a chairman from among their number, who shall continue to hold office as chairman until the election of the chairman for the ensuing two years. In the event of the death, absence from the Colony or incapacity to perform his duties, of the chairman, the Committee shall, as soon as possible, proceed to elect one of their number to act as chairman during his absence. A chairman shall be eligible for re-election at the expiration of any term of office if he is still a member of the Committee.

Incorpor-  
ation of  
Committee.

7.—(1) The Committee shall be a body corporate by the name of "The Committee of Management of the Cyprus Public Library" and by that name shall have perpetual succession and may hold, acquire and dispose of any movable or immovable property for the purposes of this Law.

(2) The Committee may sue and be sued, prosecute and be prosecuted in its corporate name and shall have a common seal to be approved and if necessary altered from time to time by the Committee. Such seal shall be judicially noticed.

Committee  
to have  
control and  
management  
of Library,  
funds and  
property.

8. The Committee shall have the absolute management and control of the Library and of its funds, and may apply any part of such funds to the purchase of such books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers, prints, pamphlets, manuscripts, reports, pictures, maps, engravings, works of art and science, scientific, philosophical, and other instruments, specimens of natural history, science, art, agriculture, mining and industry, and all other articles, furniture, and effects, as they may deem requisite for the purposes of the Library, and may also sell or otherwise dispose of any article purchased or acquired by the Library; and all moneys arising from any such sale or other disposal shall be deemed to be part of the funds of the Library and shall be applied accordingly.

9. The Committee shall, out of the funds of the Library, pay all rents, rates, taxes, insurance premiums on buildings and contents, salaries and wages, costs of additions, repairs, and other outgoings and expenses payable in respect of the management of the Library, and the insurance premiums upon all books and other articles contained in the Library against loss or damage by fire or otherwise, and the expenses incidental to all sales under the last preceding section.

Committee to pay all outgoings, expenses, etc.

10. Any person subscribing to the Library such annual or other sum as may from time to time be prescribed shall be deemed to be a subscriber and shall have his name entered as such in the Register of Subscribers to the Library.

Subscribers.

11. Any person making a donation to the Library, either in money, books, or other publications, works of art or science, or any other articles, of such value as may be prescribed, may, by resolution of the Committee, be elected as a life subscriber and shall thenceforth be entitled to all the privileges of an annual subscriber without any further payment.

Life subscribers.

12. A subscriber shall be entitled to borrow from the Library such a number of books, periodicals, newspapers and magazines and to keep the same for such period as may from time to time be prescribed, and he shall be responsible for the proper care of such books, periodicals, newspapers or magazines and for their due return to the Library.

Rights and liabilities of subscribers.

13. The Committee shall have the power to refuse to accept, and after acceptance shall have the power to return, the whole or part of the subscription of any person whom they may have reason to suspect to be suffering from any communicable disease, or who may be residing in the same house with any person suffering or suspected to be suffering from any such disease; and, upon the return of such subscription, or proportionate part thereof computed for the unexpired portion of the term for which the subscription was paid, such person shall immediately cease to be a subscriber and to enjoy the rights and privileges of a subscriber, and shall be required forthwith to return all books, periodicals and magazines which may be in his possession.

Powers of Committee with respect to persons suffering from communicable disease.

\*14. A general meeting of the subscribers shall be held before the end of February in each year upon a day and at an hour to be fixed by the Committee, of which not less

Annual general meeting of subscribers.

than seven clear days' notice shall be given to such subscribers, and at such general meeting the annual subscribers shall elect members of the Committee for the current year in the prescribed manner.

Sub-Committees.

15. The Committee shall have power to appoint one or more sub-committees, consisting of such one or more members as they may think fit, for the purpose of considering and reporting upon such questions and matters as may be referred to them, and the Committee may grant to any such sub-committee the power to do any of the acts relating to the management of the Library which the Committee themselves might lawfully do.

Appointment of Librarian, officers and servants.

16. The Committee may appoint, upon such terms as they may think fit, a Librarian and such other officers and servants as they may deem requisite for the purpose of managing and carrying on the Library; and may fix the salary and wages to be paid to them, and may at any time remove any such Librarian or officers or servants.

Free reading room.

17. The Committee shall, subject to such regulations as they may deem fit to make, provide and set apart some portion of the Library for use as a free reading-room, to which the general public shall have free access to use the books, magazines, periodicals and newspapers of the Library.

Part of Library may be used for meetings, etc.

18. The Committee may permit any part of any premises in which the Library may from time to time be located to be used, either gratuitously or otherwise, for lectures, meetings or otherwise:

Provided that the use of the premises as and for the purposes of a Library shall not be thereby interfered with.

Regulations.

19.—(1) The Committee shall have power, with the approval of the Governor in Council, to make regulations to be published in the *Gazette* for the management of the Library and may, by such regulations, provide for all or any of the following matters, that is to say,—

- (a) the conduct of Committee meetings;
- (b) the rate of subscription to be paid by subscribers;
- (c) the value of the donation to be required as a qualification for election as a life subscriber;
- (d) the conditions under which, and the days and hours during which, subscribers and the general public may be admitted to the Library, or to any particular part thereof;

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- (e) the method to be employed in obtaining books, periodicals, newspapers, and magazines from the Library and the mode in which such books, periodicals, newspapers or magazines may be issued to subscribers ;
- (f) the duties of the Librarian and of the officers and servants of the Library, and the terms and conditions upon which they are to be appointed, and upon which they may be granted leave ;
- (g) the proper use of the free reading-room by the general public, and the method of issuing books, periodicals, magazines and newspapers to persons using the free reading-room ;
- (h) the charges to be made and the conditions to be observed for the use of any part of the Library for the purpose of lectures, meetings or otherwise ;
- (i) the exclusion or removal from any part of the Library of any person whom the Committee may consider undesirable on sanitary or other grounds, or who may have committed a breach of the regulations, or otherwise misconducted himself in the Library ;
- (j) any other matter or thing which the Committee may consider necessary for the good management and control of the Library and the securing of its peaceful use by subscribers and other persons lawfully resorting thereto.
- (2) The Committee may, in any regulations made by them under this section, prescribe fines, not exceeding two pounds in each case, to be imposed for breaches of such regulations.

**20.** If any subscriber shall fail, neglect, or refuse to return any book, periodical, newspaper or magazine belonging to the Library within such period as may have been prescribed, it shall be lawful for the Librarian to deliver to such subscriber a written notice requiring him to return such book, periodical, newspaper or magazine within seven days from the date of such notice, and to pay any fine which he may have incurred in respect of such failure, neglect or refusal. If any subscriber shall fail to comply with such notice within the time therein specified, he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding two pounds in addition to the value of the book, periodical, newspaper or magazine and to the amount of the fine incurred.

Penalty on  
subscriber  
not return-  
ing book, etc.

Offences in  
Library  
premises.

21. Any person who, in any part of the Library—

- (a) behaves in a disorderly manner ; or
- (b) uses violent, abusive or obscene language ; or
- (c) bets or gambles ; or
- (d) after proper warning, persists in remaining in the Library or reading-room beyond the hour fixed for the closing thereof,

shall be liable to a penalty of two pounds.

Grant from  
General  
Revenue.

22. There shall be paid out of the Revenue of the Colony towards the maintenance of the Library such moneys as may from time to time be appropriated to the Library by the Governor.

Grant from  
funds of  
Municipal  
Corporation  
of Nicosia.

23. There shall be paid out of the revenue of the Municipal Corporation of Nicosia towards the maintenance of the Library such moneys as may from time to time be appropriated to the Library by the Municipal Council.

Committee  
may borrow  
one  
thousand  
pounds.

24. The Committee may, with the consent of the Governor in Council,—

- (a) borrow for the purposes of the Library any sum of money which shall not exceed in the aggregate one thousand pounds ;
- (b) mortgage by way of security for any such loan any lands or buildings vested in them.

Audit of  
accounts.

25. The accounts of the Library shall be audited by the Auditor, and a yearly statement of account, in such form as the Auditor may direct, shall be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary.

Procedure  
for recovery  
of fines and  
penalties.

26. All penalties imposed by this Law and all fines prescribed by regulations made under the provisions of this Law shall be recoverable on summary conviction, and proceedings may be instituted and conducted by the Librarian or by any person authorized by the Committee, either generally or for any particular proceedings.

Appropri-  
ation of  
fines and  
penalties.

27. All penalties and fines recovered under this Law or any regulations made thereunder shall be paid to the Committee.