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CYPRUS SPONGE FISHERY.

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1. This Law may be cited as the Sponge Fishery Law.

PART I.

GRANTS OF EXCLUSIVE LICENCES.

Governor
may grant
exclusive
right.

2. The Governor, whenever he shall deem it expedient in the interest of the public revenue, may grant to any person or body of persons (hereinafter called the grantee) the exclusive licence to use vessels or boats in fishing for sponge on the coasts of Cyprus or on any specified part thereof, subject to such conditions as the Governor shall approve.

3. Every grant made under this Law shall be made in writing under the hand of the Governor and the official seal of the Colony, and may be made for any term not exceeding ten years.

Manner of making grants.

4. Every such grant shall provide for the payment by the grantee of an annual sum in respect of the licence, and shall specify the term for which and the part of the coast in respect of which the licence is granted, and the conditions upon which it is held.

Grant to specify rent, term, and conditions.

5. Before the making of any such grant the proposed grantee shall give such security as the Governor shall approve for the punctual payment of the annual sum reserved by the grant.

Security to be given by the grantee.

6. Every person who during the continuance of such grant shall use any vessel or boat for the purpose of fishing for sponge on any part of the coast in respect of which the grant has been made, without the permission of the grantee, shall be guilty of an offence ; and for every such offence shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds ; and all vessels and boats so used shall be liable to seizure and may be forfeited at the discretion of the Court before which the offence is tried.

Penalty for sponge fishing without permission.

One-half of every fine imposed and actually recovered under this section shall be paid to the grantee within the limits of whose grant the offence was committed.

PART II.

GENERAL LICENCES AND PENAL PROVISIONS.

7. It shall be unlawful for any person—

Illegal fishing for sponge.

- (a) to fish for sponge within the territorial waters of Cyprus unless he is duly licensed in that behalf under the provisions of this Law ; or
- (b) to use any trawling or scratching apparatus or appliance of the like nature in fishing for sponge within the said waters, unless specially licensed so to do as hereinafter provided.

8. The Governor may grant permission by special licence under his hand to any person to use any appliance specified in the licence for the taking of sponges within any part of the territorial waters of Cyprus, and may

Special licences.