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TO FACILITATE THE SUPPRESSION OF SEDITIONOUS
PUBLICATIONS.

[13th April, 1921.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Seditious Publications Law.

Interpre-
tation.

2. In this Law—

“periodical publication” includes every publication issued periodically, or in parts or numbers at intervals, whether regular or irregular ;

“publication” includes all written or printed matter and every thing, whether of a nature similar to written or printed matter or not, containing any visible representation, or by its form, shape, or in any manner capable of suggesting words or ideas, and every copy and reproduction of or extract from any publication ;

“seditious publication” includes every publication, whether periodical or otherwise, having a seditious intention.

Meaning
of seditious
intention.

3. For the purposes of this Law a seditious intention is an intention—

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(a) to bring into hatred or contempt or to excite disaffection against the person of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors or the Government of the Colony as by law established ; or

- (b) to bring about a change in the sovereignty of the Colony ; or
- (c) to excite Her Majesty's subjects or inhabitants of the Colony to attempt to procure the alteration, otherwise than by lawful means, of any other matter in the Colony as by law established ; or
- (d) to bring into hatred or contempt or to excite disaffection against the administration of justice in the Colony ; or
- (e) to raise discontent or disaffection amongst Her Majesty's subjects or inhabitants of the Colony ; or
- (f) to promote feelings of ill will and hostility between different classes of the population of the Colony :

Provided that it shall be lawful for any person—

(i) to endeavour in good faith to show that Her Majesty has been misled or mistaken in any of her measures ; or

(ii) to point out in good faith errors or defects in the government or constitution of the Colony as by law established or in legislation or in the administration of justice, with a view to the reformation of such errors or defects ; or

(iii) to persuade in good faith Her Majesty's subjects, or inhabitants of the Colony to attempt to procure by lawful means the alteration of any matter in the Colony as by law established other than that referred to in paragraph (b) of this section ; or

(iv) to point out in good faith, with a view to their removal, any matters which are producing or have a tendency to produce feelings of ill will and enmity between different classes of the population of the Colony.

4. (1) Whenever the Governor in Council is of opinion that any publication is seditious, the Governor in Council may, if he thinks fit, by proclamation published in the *Gazette*, prohibit the importation into Cyprus of that publication and also, in the case of a periodical publication, of any past or future issue of that publication.

Power to prohibit importation of seditious publications.