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A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORMATION OF A VOLUNTEER FORCE IN CYPRUS.

[14th June, 1940.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Cyprus Volunteer Force Law.

Interpre-
tation.

2. In this Law—

“ Army Act ” means the Army Act, 1881 (44 and 45 Vict., c. 58), of the United Kingdom, and includes all Acts amending or substituted for the same and all articles of war thereunder in force;

“ Commanding Officer ” used in relation to the Force means the Commanding Officer of the Force appointed under section 9 or in his absence the next senior officer actually present and doing duty with the Force;

" Force " means the Cyprus Volunteer Force formed under this Law;

" officer " means a person holding the Governor's commission as an officer of the Force;

" other rank " means warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the Force;

" recruiting officer " means a person appointed under section 6 to enlist other ranks.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor whenever it appears advisable to do so by reason of the existence of a state of war or of the apprehension of war or by reason of any internal emergency threatening the security of life or property to form a Force to be called " the Cyprus Volunteer Force " with a view to assisting the regular forces in the Colony or the Cyprus police force or both in all measures required for resisting invasion or ensuring internal security.

Power of Governor to form Force.

4. (1) It shall be lawful for the Governor on behalf of Her Majesty to accept the service of any persons being British subjects desiring to join the Force and offering their services to Her Majesty.

Persons eligible for enlistment.

(2) Nothing in this section contained shall be deemed to render it obligatory upon the Governor to accept the services of any person.

5. The Governor shall have power from time to time to determine the strength of the Force and its establishment of officers and other ranks.

Governor to fix the strength of Force.

6. The Governor may by writing under his hand appoint any person to enlist suitable persons to serve in the Force.

Recruiting officer.

7. Every other rank shall, upon enlistment, sign an engagement for three years or the duration of the present war, whichever may be the longer period, in the form set out in the First Schedule to this Law.

Term and form of engagement.
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First Schedule.

8. Every other rank shall, upon enlistment, take the oath or make the declaration in the form set out in the Second Schedule to this Law to be administered by the President or a Judge of a District Court or by an officer of the Force or by a recruiting officer.

Oath or declaration.
Second Schedule.

9. The Governor may appoint a Commanding Officer, an Adjutant and such officers of the Force as he may deem necessary.

Power of Governor to appoint officers.

Uniforms,
arms, etc.

10. (1) Officers and other ranks shall wear such uniform and shall carry and use such arms, ammunition and equipment as the Governor may direct to be supplied to the officers and other ranks by the Government.

(2) The uniform and any arms, ammunition and equipment supplied to any officer or other rank shall remain the property of the Government.

Commanding
Officer to be
responsible
for
discipline,
etc., of the
Force.

11. The Commanding Officer shall be responsible to the Governor for—

- (a) all arms, ammunition, equipment and stores issued to the Force;
- (b) all moneys and funds which may be entrusted to him from time to time for the use of the Force;
- (c) the maintenance of the strength of the Force;
- (d) the discipline and good order of the Force;
- (e) generally for the proper carrying out of such lawful orders as may be issued to him from time to time by the Governor or any person duly deputed by the Governor in that behalf.

Calling
out and
mobilization
of the Force.
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12. The Governor may, by Proclamation, call out and mobilize the Force or any part thereof for actual service whenever it appears advisable to do so by reason of the existence of a state of war or of the apprehension of war or by reason of any internal emergency threatening the security of life or property.

Application
of Army Act.

13. The provisions of the Army Act shall apply with respect to the discipline of officers and other ranks subject to the following modifications—

- (a) the words "Force" may be read therein for the words "regular forces";
- (b) the words "other rank" may be read therein for the word "soldier";
- (c) the words "the Governor" may be read therein for the words "Her Majesty" or "Secretary of State."

Discharge of
Officers and
other ranks.

14. (1) The Governor may discharge any officer and the Commanding Officer may discharge any other rank who has been guilty of misconduct, disobedience or neglect of duty or who, in his opinion, is unsuitable to be a member of the Force, without payment to such officer or other rank of any compensation whatsoever.