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A LAW TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE PROVISIONS
RELATING TO FEES AND CHARGES LEVIED AND TAKEN
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEYS.

[17th February, 1954.]

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Short title. 1. This Law may be cited as the Department of Lands
and Surveys (Fees and Charges) Law.

Interpreta- 2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—
tion. “Director” means the Director of Lands and
Surveys and includes any officer appointed by him
for any of the purposes of this Law.

Fees and 3. The several fees and charges set out in the Schedule
charges in shall be levied and taken in respect of the several matters
the Schedule therein set out in such manner as may be directed from
to be levied time to time by the Director, and the same shall, when
and taken. levied and taken form part of the revenue of the Colony:
Schedule.

Provided that the Governor in Council may by Order
published in the Gazette—

(a) delete or reduce any such fee or charge, or increase
the same by an amount not exceeding one-half
thereof;

- (b) exempt from the payment of any such fee or charge the government of any foreign power with which Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom has made arrangements for reciprocal exemption from such fees or charges:

Provided further that the Director may, at his discretion, waive or reduce any such fee or charge in respect of any matter relating to a case promoting or tending to promote the consolidation of immovable property or of separate interests in immovable property or the elimination of dual ownership of immovable property.

4. (1) Before performing any service for which a fee or charge is leviable under the provisions of this Law, the Director may require any person who applies for such service to deposit at the District Lands Office such sum as shall, in the opinion of the Director, be sufficient to cover the fee or charge that may be required for the performance thereof.

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deposit
of fees.

(2) When a sum has been deposited for the performance of any service, as in subsection (1) provided—

- (a) upon performance of such service, any part of the sum so deposited in excess of the fee or charge leviable for such service under the provisions of this Law shall, if not less than one hundred and fifty mils, be refunded;
- (b) any balance of the fee or charge leviable for such service under the provisions of this Law which remains unpaid shall, if less than one hundred and fifty mils, be waived ;
- (c) subject to the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection where the person who applies for such service withdraws his application or the Director is unable to perform such service, there may be refunded the whole or such part of the sum so deposited as the Director may, at his discretion, determine having regard to the time spent in preparatory work relating to that service.

5. Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of section 4, where any service in a matter relating to immovable property has been performed by the Director on the application or at the request of the owner of such immovable property or of the person entitled to be registered as the owner thereof, any balance of the fee or charge leviable for

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such service under the provisions of this Law which remains unpaid shall be a charge on such immovable property and shall have priority over all other charges and incumbrances whatsoever, whether accruing before or after such service has been performed, and no transfer or mortgage of such property shall be registered except upon payment of such balance; and where the property is to be sold for the satisfaction of any other charge or incumbrance, the sale shall be subject to a reserve price which shall not be less than the balance hereinbefore mentioned.

No fee for transactions with the Government.

6. Notwithstanding anything in this Law contained, no fee or charge shall be levied or taken in respect of any transaction to which the Government is a party.

No fee or annual charge upon registration of immovable property acquired by inheritance.

7. No fee or annual charge shall be levied or taken upon the registration of a title to immovable property acquired by inheritance.

SCHEDULE.

(Section 3.)

TABLE OF FEES AND CHARGES TO BE LEVIED AND TAKEN IN THE LANDS AND SURVEYS DEPARTMENT, IN MATTERS RELATING TO IMMOVABLE PROPERTY.

1. Local Enquiries—

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| (i) for each application | ... | ... | ... | ... | 500 mils. |
| (ii) plus, for each parcel of property involved | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50 mils. |
| (iii) plus, for survey work done, such fee as the Governor may, by a notice in the Gazette, from time to time approve, having regard to the time spent, salaries, allowances and any incidental expenses incurred: | | | | | |

Provided that—

- (a) no fee shall be levied for survey work done for correcting or adding to the plan of an existing registration unit;
- (b) no fee other than the fee for survey work shall be levied for the demarcation of the boundaries of a registered property or for special surveys unconnected with Land Registration;
- (c) an additional fee of 150 mils. shall be levied for each parcel of property involved in an application for partition by the Director of immovable property held in undivided shares;
- (d) the Director may, at his discretion, allow a refund of any fee paid for a local enquiry for transferring or writing off an assessment, if it is established that the property to which the assessment relates either belonged to a person other than the person assessed at the time the assessment was made or that it does not exist at the date of the local enquiry;
- (e) where, at the Director's discretion, an enquiry is treated as an accelerated one, the Director may increase the fee by an