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TO MAKE FURTHER PROVISION TO PREVENT INFRACTION OF
THE QUARANTINE AND CUSTOMS LAWS BY PERSONS IN
VESSELS ARRIVING FROM ABROAD.

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Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Quarantine and Customs Law.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Law—

“public officer” means and includes any officer of customs, and any officer appointed for the enforcement of quarantine regulations, and any officer of police, and any other person appointed by the Governor for carrying out the purposes of this Law;

“vessel” means and includes every kind of vessel and every kind of boat.

Use of force
to prevent
persons
landing
contrary to
Law or
Regulations.

3. Whenever any person attempts to land in the Colony in contravention of any Law or Regulation relating to customs or quarantine, any public officer and all persons acting under his orders and directions may use such force as may be necessary to prevent him from so landing; and if after warn-

ing he persists in attempting to land, or if any vessel is used to aid him in so attempting to land, such public officer and persons aforesaid may fire at or upon the persons so attempting to land or at or upon the vessel so used; and any public officer so firing and every person acting in his aid or by his direction, on proving that the requirements of this section have been complied with, is hereby indemnified and discharged from any penalty, action or other proceeding for so doing.

4. Every vessel, being within the territorial waters of the Colony, shall bring to upon signal made by any vessel in the service of the Government of Cyprus, such signal to be made by discharging a firearm or gun and also, if in the day-time, by hoisting the blue ensign; and the master of every such vessel failing to bring to on such signal being made shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Duty of vessels to bring to on signal from vessel in service of Government.

5. Every vessel, being within the territorial waters of the Colony, shall bring to upon signal made by any vessel of Her Majesty's Navy, such signal to be made by firing a firearm or gun; and the master of every vessel failing to bring to on such signal being made shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Duty of vessels to bring to on signal from vessel of Her Majesty's Navy.

6. Where any vessel does not bring to on a signal being given as aforesaid, the master or person in charge of any vessel in the service of the Government of Cyprus, or the Captain or officer in charge of any vessel of Her Majesty's Navy, in either case first causing two guns or firearms to be fired as a signal, may fire at or into the vessel refusing or failing to bring to, if it is within the territorial waters of Cyprus; and the Captain or other person and every person acting in his aid or by his direction, on proving that the requirements of this section have been complied with, is hereby indemnified and discharged from any penalty, action or other proceeding for so doing.

Vessels neglecting to obey signal may be fired on.

7. Any public officer or any officer of Her Majesty's Navy may board and search any vessel arriving at or anchoring or lying to within the territorial waters of Cyprus or departing from the Colony, or brought to after signal as aforesaid, the vessel in each case being within such territorial waters; and if, on search being made, the master is unable to produce on demand a clean bill of health from his last port of call, or if there is found on board any person whose landing in the

Vessels within territorial waters may be searched.