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A LAW TO CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE LAW RELATING TO
THE ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE
AND WORKING OF TELEGRAPHS AND TELEGRAPH LINES
AND TELEPHONES AND TELEPHONE LINES.

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PART I.

PRELIMINARY.

1. This Law may be cited as the Telegraphs Law. Short title.
2. In this Law—Interpreta-
tion.
 - “pole” means a post, standard, stay, strut or other above-ground contrivance for carrying, suspending or supporting a telegraph line and includes a tree used for the like purpose;
 - “street” means any public or private road, square, bridle-path, pathway, blind-alley, footway or open space;
 - “telegram” or “message” means any communication transmitted or intended to be transmitted by telegraph or to be delivered or intended to be delivered as a communication transmitted either wholly or partly by telegraph;
 - “telegraph” includes “telephone” and means an electric or magnetic telegraph, and includes appliances and apparatus for making, transmitting or receiving telegraphic, telephonic or other communications by means of electricity or magnetism, or by any agency of a like nature, with the aid of wires;
 - “telegraph company” means any company, corporation or persons carrying on the business of transmitting telegrams for the public or otherwise under whatever authority or in whatever manner either within or without the Colony such company, corporation or persons may act or be constituted;
 - “telegraph line” means a wire, wires, conductor or other means used for conveying, transmitting or distributing electricity for the purpose of communicating by telegraph, together with any casing, coating, tubing, pipe-covering or insulator enclosing, surrounding or supporting the same, and includes any portion of a telegraph line as herein defined;

“ telegraph officer ” means any person employed either permanently or temporarily by a person or telegraph company licensed by the Governor under the provisions of this Law;

“ transmission ” or “ transmit ” or “ transmitting ” or “ transmitted ” where used in relation to telegrams includes the reception as well as the sending of telegrams.

PART II.

PRIVILEGES AND POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR.

Exclusive privilege of Governor to establish, etc., telegraphs and telegraph lines.
Power to Governor to grant licences.

3. (1) The Governor shall have the exclusive privilege of establishing, constructing, maintaining and working telegraphs and telegraph lines within the Colony.

(2) The Governor may grant a licence, on such terms and conditions and in consideration of such payments as he thinks fit, to any person or telegraph company to establish, construct, maintain or work a telegraph or telegraph line within any part of the Colony and to place, lay, carry and maintain any poles or wires for the purpose of such telegraph or telegraph line in, along, through, across or under any street or immovable property.

Power to Governor to revoke licences.

(3) The Governor may, at any time, revoke any licence granted under this section on the breach of any of the terms or conditions therein contained or in default of payment of any consideration payable thereunder.

Saving.

(4) Every licence to establish, construct, maintain or work a telegraph granted under the provisions of any of the enactments hereby repealed* and subsisting at the time of the coming into operation of this Law, shall be deemed to have been granted under this Law, and every telegraph line or pole placed under, in, upon, over, along or across any street or immovable property for the purposes of such telegraph shall be deemed to have been placed in exercise of the powers conferred by, and after the due observance of all the requirements of, this Law.

Penalty

(5) If any person or telegraph company to whom a licence has been granted under this section breaks any term or condition contained in such licence, such person or telegraph company shall be guilty of an offence and shall be

*The following enactments were repealed by this Law: The Cyprus Telegraphs Order, 1904 and the Cyprus Telegraphs Amendment Order, 1913.

liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds and to a further fine not exceeding fifty pounds for every week during which the breach of the term or condition continues.

4. (1) No person or telegraph company shall establish, construct, maintain, work or use for the purpose of transmitting telegrams any telegraph or telegraph line within the Colony except by virtue of a licence granted under section 3 of this Law.

Telegraphs or telegraph lines not to be established, etc., except by licence.

(2) If any person or telegraph company acts in contravention of sub-section (1) hereof, such person or telegraph company shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds and to a further fine not exceeding fifty pounds for every week during which the telegraph or telegraph line in respect of which the offence has been committed is maintained or worked. Any such telegraph or telegraph line may, in addition to the penalties in this subsection prescribed, be ordered by the Court trying such offence to be forfeited to the use of Her Majesty.

Penalty.

5. (1) The Governor in Council may, from time to time, make Regulations to be published in the Gazette relating to the establishment, construction, conduct, protection, maintenance and working of all or any telegraphs or telegraph lines established, maintained or worked by any person or telegraph company licensed under the provisions of this Law.

Power to Governor in Council to make Regulations relating to establishment, etc., of telegraphs or telegraph lines.

(2) Regulations under this section may provide for all or any of the following, that is to say—

Scope of Regulations.

(a) the rates at which, and the other conditions and restrictions subject to which, telegrams shall be transmitted and delivered:

Provided that no Regulation made hereunder after the grant of a licence under section 3 of this Law shall, during the continuance of such licence, prejudicially affect the licensee thereunder or any rates by such licence fixed or authorized to be charged or taken;

(b) the order of precedence of telegrams, and the method of disposal of unclaimed and undelivered telegrams;