

Commissioner, retain the same until the commencement of the next summer season in the following year, when such unexpended moneys shall be handed over to the Chairman of the Board.

Borrowing  
powers of  
Board.

7. The Board may obtain loans from the Government or the Loan Commissioners on such terms as to interest or otherwise as may be agreed upon, and the Government or the Loan Commissioners may grant such loans accordingly.

Annual  
audit.

8. The accounts of the administration of the Troödos Public Health Fund shall be audited annually on or before the 1st day of December in each year by any two competent persons appointed in that behalf by the Chief Secretary.

Regulations  
made by  
Board.

9. The Board with the approval of the High Commissioner may make regulations for the carrying out of all or any of the provisions of this Law. Such regulations shall be published in the *Cyprus Gazette* and shall have the force of law from the date of such publication.

Board to sue  
and be sued  
in the name  
of Board.  
Penalty.

10. The Board may sue and be sued in the name of the Troödos Public Health Board.

11. Any person committing a breach of the provisions of this Law or any regulation made thereunder shall be liable for a first offence to a fine not exceeding one pound, and for a second or any subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding five pounds or to imprisonment not exceeding one month or to both such fine and imprisonment.

All fines shall be paid to the Troödos Public Health Fund.

## PUBLIC LANDS LEASES.

11 OF 1882.

FOR FACILITATING THE LEASING OF UNOCCUPIED AND PUBLIC LANDS  
BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR BUILDING PURPOSES.

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Power to  
High Com-  
missioner to  
grant leases.

1. The High Commissioner may by writing under his hand and the Public Seal of this Island, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, grant leases for building purposes of any unoccupied land within the Island or any other lands to which no person shall

have a title or claim of title at the time of the making of the lease, for any term of years not exceeding five hundred years, to take effect upon the making of the lease, and for such rent, either nominal or beneficial, and under and subject to such covenants on the part of the lessee, conditions and stipulations as to the High Commissioner in Council may seem fit. Every such lease shall contain a covenant by the lessee that he will pay any rent reserved by the lease, and a proviso for re-entry by the High Commissioner or his duly authorized agent on non-payment of rent or non-performance of the covenants contained in the lease. Provided that nothing herein contained shall authorize the leasing of any lands except for the purpose of providing a site for the erection of a dwelling house or dwelling houses, with such usual and necessary buildings, outhouses, and offices as are commonly appurtenant thereto, and with a reasonable extent of land to be devoted to the use and enjoyment of the persons inhabiting the same.

2. Every lease granted under this Law shall be binding upon the lessee and his successors by inheritance or by assignment (voluntary or otherwise); and no assignment shall release the lessee from his liability under the lease, except with the consent of the High Commissioner.

Lessee and successors bound by lease.

3. When any application is made for a lease under this Law the Chief Secretary shall cause to be inserted in the *Cyprus Gazette* a notice containing a description of the land for a lease of which application has been made, and stating that the same is claimed to be the property of the Government, free from all rights of every nature whatsoever, and calling on all persons having or claiming any interest in or right over the land to notify their claims in writing to the Commissioner of the District within three months from the date of the notice. A copy of the notice in English, Turkish and Greek shall be served on the Mukhtar of every village and on the President or Superior of every monastery within a distance of three English miles, or if there be no village or monastery within that distance then upon such of the villages and monasteries, if any, in the neighbourhood as the High Commissioner shall direct. Such copies shall be posted and served not later than fourteen days after the publication of the original notice.

Notice of application for lease to be published.

4. Every claim to possession notified in pursuance of and within the time specified in the notice required by section 3 shall be submitted to the High Commissioner, who shall have power to

Claims to possession of land.

admit or reject it as he shall think fit; and if he shall reject any claim it shall be forthwith heard and finally adjudicated upon in the Queen's High Court of Justice by the Judicial Commissioner sitting with at least two assessors.

Rights of forest, etc., extinguished on compensation.

5. Every claim to any right of forest, right of pasture, or other right of a like nature notified in pursuance of and within the time limited by the notice required by section 3, may without further proceedings be put an end to on compensation being made for the same in manner hereinafter provided, unless the person or a majority of the persons claiming the right shall object to it being put an end to notwithstanding that compensation is to be made therefore.

Proceedings where rights of forest, etc. not admitted or determination objected to.

6. In case any claim to any right of forest, right of pasture or other right of a like nature notified in pursuance of and within the time limited by the notice required by section 3, shall not be admitted by the High Commissioner, or in case the person or a majority of the persons claiming any such right shall object to it being put an end to notwithstanding that compensation is to be made for it, every such claim which shall not be admitted by the High Commissioner and every such objection shall be heard and finally adjudicated upon in the Queen's High Court of Justice by the Judicial Commissioner sitting with at least two assessors, and on hearing and adjudicating upon any such objection the Court shall consider whether, having regard to the extent and nature of the rights claimed and the circumstances of the case, it is possible without causing injustice to the persons claiming such rights to put an end thereto on making due compensation therefor; and the Court shall not direct that the rights are to be extinguished unless it shall appear to the Court that they can, without causing injustice to the persons claiming them, be put an end to on due compensation being made therefor, in which case the Court may direct that the rights may be put an end to.

Valuation of rights for compensation.

7. The value of all rights of forest, rights of pasture or other rights of a like nature which may be admitted or decided to be valid and which may under the provisions of this Law be commuted shall with all convenient speed be valued by the Mejlis Idaré of the Qaza in which the land, for a lease of which application is made, is situate.

Every Mejlis Idaré in making an assessment under the provisions of this section shall decide to what persons and for what purpose