

FISH AND FISHERIES.

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2 OF 1886.

TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF DYNAMITE OR OTHER EXPLOSIVES FOR THE
PURPOSE OF CATCHING OR DESTROYING FISH.

HENRY BULWER.]

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Prohibition
of use of
dynamite
in fishing.

1. Any person who uses any dynamite or other explosive substance to catch or destroy fish in any water public or private, within the Island of Cyprus or in the sea within three miles of the coast thereof, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable for each such offence to a fine not exceeding two pounds, or to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding one month.

Offences
committed
at sea,
where tried.

2. Any offence against this Law committed at sea shall be deemed to have been committed on the land adjoining the sea, or to have been committed in any place where the offender is found, and may be tried and punished accordingly.

Short title.

3. This Law may be cited as the Fisheries (Dynamite) Law, 1886.

6 OF 1890.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE BETTER REGULATION OF THE CYPRUS SPONGE
FISHERY.

HENRY BULWER.]

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PART I.

Grants of Exclusive Licences.

High Com-
missioner
may grant
exclusive
right.

1. The High Commissioner, whenever he shall deem it expedient in the interest of the public revenue, may grant to any person or body of persons (hereinafter called the grantee) the exclusive licence to use vessels or boats in fishing for sponge on the coasts of Cyprus or on any specified part thereof, subject to such conditions as the High Commissioner shall approve.

2. Every grant made under this Law shall be made in writing under the hand of the High Commissioner and the official seal of the Island, and may be made for any term not exceeding ten years. Manner of making grants.
3. Every such grant shall provide for the payment by the grantee of an annual sum in respect of the licence, and shall specify the term for which and the part of the coast in respect of which the licence is granted, and the conditions upon which it is held. Grant to specify rent, term, and conditions.
4. Before the making of any such grant the proposed grantee shall give such security as the High Commissioner shall approve for the punctual payment of the annual sum reserved by the grant. Security to be given by the grantee.
5. Every person who during the continuance of such grant shall use any vessel or boat for the purpose of fishing for sponge on any part of the coast in respect of which the grant has been made, without the permission of the grantee, shall be guilty of an offence; and for every such offence shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds; and all vessels and boats so used shall be liable to seizure and may be forfeited at the discretion of the Court before which the offence is tried. Penalty for sponge fishing without permission.
- One-half of every fine imposed and actually recovered under this section shall be paid to the grantee within the limits of whose grant the offence was committed.

PART 2.

General Licences and Penal Provisions.

6. It shall be unlawful for any person :—

- (a.) To fish for sponge within the territorial waters of Cyprus unless he is duly licensed in that behalf under the provisions of this Law; or
- (b.) To use any trawling or scratching apparatus or appliance of the like nature in fishing for sponge within the said waters, unless specially licensed so to do as hereinafter provided.

Illegal fishing for sponge.

7. The High Commissioner may grant permission by special licence under his hand to any person to use any appliance specified in the licence for the taking of sponges within any part of the territorial waters of Cyprus, and may annex to the licence any conditions he may consider expedient. Special licences.

Every person who within the territorial waters of Cyprus acts contrary to any condition stated in such special licence or uses any appliance not specified therein shall be guilty of an offence against this Law.