

thereby prevented from conducting a sale, such Mukhtar or the Aza appointed by him to perform his duties shall give notice in writing of such illness or absence to the qualified Christian or Moslem Mukhtar, as the case may be, of the nearest village or quarter in the district, who shall then conduct such sale at the time and place originally fixed therefor.

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Repealed by Law 26/1934.

TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE LAW RELATING TO THE PRINTING AND PUBLICATION OF NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF BOOKS AND THE KEEPING OF PRINTING PRESSES. A.D: 1930.
23 of 1930.

H. HENNIKER-HEATON.]

[May 23, 1930.]

BE it enacted:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Newspaper, Books and Printing Presses Law, 1930. Short title.

2. In this Law:—

“Newspaper” means any paper containing public news, intelligence, or occurrences, or any remarks, observations or comments in relation to such news, intelligence or occurrences, printed for sale or free distribution and published in Cyprus periodically, or in parts or numbers. Interpre-
tation.

as amended by Law 32 of 1935

“Permit” means a permit granted by the Colonial Secretary under the provisions of this Law.

“Book” includes every volume, part or division of a volume, and pamphlet in any language, and every sheet of music, map, chart or plan separately printed or lithographed; but does not include any publication which consists merely of a price list, sale catalogue, annual report, trade circular or trade advertisement.

“Printing press” includes every machine and apparatus adapted and apparently intended for reproducing words, pictures or signs on paper, cloth or other similar material, and every part of any such machine or apparatus, but shall not include any apparatus intended and used for reproducing plans only or any purely photographic apparatus intended and used for reproducing photographs only.

“Proprietor” means and includes as well the sole proprietor of any newspaper, as also in the case of a divided proprietorship the persons who, as partners or otherwise, represent and are responsible for any share or interest in the newspaper as between themselves and the persons in like manner representing or responsible for the other shares or interests therein, and no other person.

“the Colony” means the Colony of Cyprus.

“Company” means a company formed and registered under the Companies (Limited Liability) Law, 1922, or any amendment thereof.

“Judge” means a District Judge of a District Court.

PART I.

PRINTING AND PUBLISHING OF NEWSPAPERS.

3. No newspaper shall be printed or published within the Colony unless the proprietor thereof shall have previously obtained a permit under the hand of the Colonial Secretary.

4.—(1) No permit shall be granted unless and until the person or persons respectively applying therefor:—

(a) Satisfies the Colonial Secretary that:—

(i.) He has attained the age of 30 years ;

(ii.) He is of good character ;

(iii.) He is able to speak, write and read the language in which the proposed newspaper is to be published ;

(iv.) He is not an undischarged bankrupt ;

(v.) He has never been convicted of any crime in respect of which he has been punished with imprisonment exceeding six months ;

No newspaper shall be printed or published without permit.

Qualifications of applicant and conditions under which permit shall be granted.

(vi.) He has not been debarred from practising as a legal or medical practitioner by order of any competent authority ;

(vii.) He has not been dismissed from the Government service ;

(viii.) He has resided in the Colony for a period of not less than one year immediately preceding his application and intends to continue residing in the Colony during the time the newspaper is published.

Provided that when application is made on behalf of a company the directors and secretary thereof for the time being shall respectively satisfy the Colonial Secretary that they comply with such requirements.

(b) Gives and executes a bond, or where application is made by two or more persons, not being members of a company, jointly and severally give and execute a bond, in the sum of two hundred pounds with one or more sureties, or otherwise secured, as may be required and approved by the Colonial Secretary conditioned that the applicant or applicants as the proprietor of the newspaper shall pay to His Majesty every penalty which may be imposed upon or adjudged against him or them upon any conviction for printing or publishing or causing to be printed or published any seditious or other libel at any time after the execution of such bond, and all other penalties whatsoever which may be imposed upon or adjudged by a Court against him or them under the provisions of this Law.

(2)—(a) Before any permit under this Part of this Law shall be granted, the person or persons respectively applying therefor shall submit to the Colonial Secretary an application in writing accompanied by a declaration on oath substantiating the facts set out in such application, in the form prescribed in the First Schedule to this Law, to be made and subscribed before a Judge :

Provided that any application on behalf of a company shall be accompanied by such declaration so made upon the prescribed form by each of the directors and secretary thereof respectively.

(b) All proceedings relating to the making of the declaration referred to in this section shall be deemed to be judicial proceedings.

(3) The Colonial Secretary may at his discretion dispense with any of the requirements of sub-section (1) (a) and sub-section (2) (a) hereof in the case of any director or secretary of a Chamber of Commerce.

Power to Colonial Secretary to cancel permit.

5. The Colonial Secretary shall have power at his discretion to cancel any permit granted to any person who at any time after the grant of such permit ceases to fulfil any of the requirements prescribed in section 4 of this Law or who acts in contravention of sections 17 or 18 of this Law :

Provided that where any permit has been granted to any company such permit may be so cancelled if any director or the secretary thereof for the time being respectively fails to fulfil any of such requirements.

Decision of Colonial Secretary subject to revision by Governor in Council.

6. Whenever the Colonial Secretary refuses to grant a permit or having granted a permit subsequently cancels it the proprietor concerned may apply in writing to the Colonial Secretary for revision of such decision by the Governor in Council and the matter shall thereupon be referred to the Governor in Council whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

Permit and declaration to be registered.

7.—(1) Every permit and every declaration granted or made under this Part of this Law shall be entered in a register to be kept for the purpose.

Permit to be exhibited by proprietor.

(2) The proprietor shall exhibit or cause to be exhibited in a conspicuous place in his office or place of business the permit granted to him.

The permit granted to a company shall be exhibited in the registered office of the company.

Declaration on person ceasing to be proprietor of newspaper.

8. If any person who has made and subscribed the declaration prescribed in section 4 of this Law ceases to be the proprietor of the newspaper named in such declaration, he shall make and subscribe before a Judge a declaration in the form prescribed in the Second Schedule to this Law and shall forward such declaration when made to the Colonial Secretary for registration thereof under section 7 of this Law :

Provided that where any company ceases to be the proprietor of a newspaper in respect of which a permit has been granted such declaration shall be so made by two directors and the secretary of the company for the time being.

9. If any change occurs or if any inaccuracy is discovered in any of the specified particulars in a declaration made as prescribed in section 4 of this Law or if the proprietor proposes to leave the Colony either permanently or temporarily, the proprietor shall within three days of any such change, discovery or departure furnish the Colonial Secretary with full particulars of such change or inaccuracy or departure.

Notification of any change in particulars contained in declaration.

If any change occurs in or any inaccuracy is discovered in any of the specified particulars in any declaration made in support of any application on behalf of a company, or if all the directors of a company to which a permit has been granted under this Law shall be absent from the Colony at one time, the secretary of such company shall within three days of such change or of the discovery of such inaccuracy or of such absence furnish the Colonial Secretary with full particulars of such inaccuracy or change or departure.

10.—(1) Every bond required by this Part of this Law shall be executed before a certifying officer duly appointed under the Certifying Officers Law, 1888, who shall certify the signature of the person or persons who sign the bond either as principal debtors or as guarantors in accordance with the provisions of that Law.

Execution and custody of bond and proceedings thereon.

(2) Every bond executed on behalf of a company shall be executed by such company in its registered name and under the hand of any two directors and the secretary of such company and under the common seal thereof.

(3) All bonds entered into in pursuance of this Part of this Law shall, upon execution, be deposited with the Colonial Secretary for safe custody.

(4) Every bond entered into in pursuance of this Part of this Law may be sued on in the name of the Attorney-General after any conviction against the proprietor for printing or publishing or causing to be printed or published any seditious or other libel or for contravention of any of the provisions of this Law.

11. If any surety shall be desirous of withdrawing from such bond and being discharged from his suretyship thereunder, he shall be entitled so to withdraw and be discharged at the expiration of twenty days after service of a notice in writing of such his withdrawal to the Colonial Secretary

Withdrawal of surety.