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A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND BETTER
MANAGEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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BE it enacted :—

1. This Law may be cited as the Cyprus Public Library Short title.
Law, 1936.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires,— Inter-pretation
“Committee” means the Committee of Management
of the Library ;

“Library” means the Cyprus Public Library founded
by His Excellency Sir Ronald Storrs, K.C.M.G., in the
year 1927 and includes any other library established
in connection therewith ;

“Municipal Council” means the Council of the
Municipal Corporation of Nicosia ;

“subscriber” means any person whose name is entered
in the Register of Subscribers to the Library and includes
a life subscriber.

3. The Library shall be located at such premises as the Location of
Library.
Committee may determine.

4. The expenses of the Library shall be defrayed out of— Income of
Library.

(a) such moneys as may from time to time be
appropriated to the Library by the Governor out
of the Revenue of the Colony ;

(b) such moneys as may from time to time be
appropriated to the Library by the Municipal
Council out of the revenue of the Municipal
Corporation of Nicosia ;

(c) penalties and fines imposed and recovered in
respect of offences committed against any provision
of this Law or of any regulation made thereunder ;

(d) legacies and donations ;

(e) moneys received for the use of any of the rooms
of the Library for any of the purposes authorized
by this Law ;

(f) such other moneys as may from time to time be
vested in the Committee and appropriated by them
to the maintenance of the Library.

Committee
of manage-
ment.

5. The Library shall be managed and controlled by a Committee of Management which shall be constituted as follows:—

- (a) The Commissioner of Nicosia.
- (b) The Director of Education.
- (c) The Mayor of Nicosia.
- (d) One Christian and one Moslem Councillor to be appointed once in every two years, or at any time to fill a vacancy, by the Municipal Council.

Chairman of
Committee.

6. The Committee, at a special meeting in every two years, shall elect a chairman from among their number, who shall continue to hold office as chairman until the election of the chairman for the ensuing two years. In the event of the death, absence from the Colony or incapacity to perform his duties, of the chairman, the Committee shall, as soon as possible, proceed to elect one of their number to act as chairman during his absence. A chairman shall be eligible for re-election at the expiration of any term of office if he is still a member of the Committee.

Incorpor-
ation of
Committee.

7.—(1) The Committee shall be a body corporate by the name of "The Committee of Management of the Cyprus Public Library" and by that name shall have perpetual succession and may hold, acquire and dispose of any movable or immovable property for the purposes of this Law.

(2) The Committee may sue and be sued, prosecute and be prosecuted in its corporate name and shall have a common seal to be approved and if necessary altered from time to time by the Committee. Such seal shall be judicially noticed.

Committee
to have
control and
management
of Library,
funds and
property.

8. The Committee shall have the absolute management and control of the Library and of its funds, and may apply any part of such funds to the purchase of such books, magazines, periodicals, newspapers, prints, pamphlets, manuscripts, reports, pictures, maps, engravings, works of art and science, scientific, philosophical, and other instruments, specimens of natural history, science, art, agriculture, mining and industry, and all other articles, furniture, and effects, as they may deem requisite for the purposes of the Library, and may also sell or otherwise dispose of any article purchased or acquired by the Library; and all moneys arising from any such sale or other disposal shall be deemed to be part of the funds of the Library and shall be applied accordingly.

9. The Committee shall, out of the funds of the Library, pay all rents, rates, taxes, insurance premiums on buildings and contents, salaries and wages, costs of additions, repairs, and other outgoings and expenses payable in respect of the management of the Library, and the insurance premiums upon all books and other articles contained in the Library against loss or damage by fire or otherwise, and the expenses incidental to all sales under the last preceding section.

Committee to pay all outgoings, expenses, etc.

10. Any person subscribing to the Library such annual or other sum as may from time to time be prescribed shall be deemed to be a subscriber and shall have his name entered as such in the Register of Subscribers to the Library.

Subscribers.

11. Any person making a donation to the Library, either in money, books, or other publications, works of art or science, or any other articles, of such value as may be prescribed, may, by resolution of the Committee, be elected as a life subscriber and shall thenceforth be entitled to all the privileges of an annual subscriber without any further payment.

Life subscribers.

12. A subscriber shall be entitled to borrow from the Library such a number of books, periodicals, newspapers and magazines and to keep the same for such period as may from time to time be prescribed, and he shall be responsible for the proper care of such books, periodicals, newspapers or magazines and for their due return to the Library.

Rights and liabilities of subscribers.

13. The Committee shall have the power to refuse to accept, and after acceptance shall have the power to return, the whole or part of the subscription of any person whom they may have reason to suspect to be suffering from any communicable disease, or who may be residing in the same house with any person suffering or suspected to be suffering from any such disease; and, upon the return of such subscription, or proportionate part thereof computed for the unexpired portion of the term for which the subscription was paid, such person shall immediately cease to be a subscriber and to enjoy the rights and privileges of a subscriber, and shall be required forthwith to return all books, periodicals and magazines which may be in his possession.

Powers of Committee with respect to persons suffering from communicable disease.

*14. A general meeting of the subscribers shall be held before the end of February in each year upon a day and at an hour to be fixed by the Committee, of which not less

Annual general meeting of subscribers.