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A LAW TO VALIDATE THE ELECTION, APPOINTMENT AND ACTS OF CERTAIN BODIES OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH IN THE COLONY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROPERTIES AND FUNDS OF THAT CHURCH FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD.

H. R. PALMER,
Governor.

[14th May, 1937.]

BE it enacted:—

1. This Law may be cited as the Councils and Boards of the Armenian Church in Cyprus (Validation and Regulation) Law, 1937. Short title.

2. In this Law the expression—

“acts done” includes powers exercised, duties performed, resolutions passed, moneys received and paid, expenses incurred and appointments made;

“the Administrative Council” means the Administrative Council of the Church composed of the members appointed thereto on the eighteenth day of March, 1932, by the District Council;

“the Archbishop” means the Archbishop of the Church for the time being;

“the Church” means the Armenian Church in the Colony;

“the Church Board” means the board of the Church composed of the members appointed thereto on the 25th day of March, 1932, by the Administrative Council;

“the District Council” means the District Council of the Church composed—

(a) of the members who were elected thereto by the Armenian Community in the Colony at elections held on the seventh and the fourteenth days of February, 1932, and

(b) of the members appointed thereto by the Archbishop;

“the Ottoman Enactment” means the Ottoman law or regulations or instructions relating to the election of the Armenian Patriarch of Constantinople and other matters concerning the Armenian Church and Community, contained on pages 938 to 961, both inclusive, of the second volume of the Destour;

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tion.

“the Poor Board” means the Poor Board of the Church composed of the members appointed thereto on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1932, by the Administrative Council.

Validation of District Council and its acts.

3.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Ottoman Enactment, the District Council—

(a) shall be deemed—

- (i) to have been lawfully constituted ; and
- (ii) to have lawfully come into office as from the fourteenth day of February, 1932 ; and
- (iii) to have lawfully remained in office up to the date of the commencement of this Law ; and

(b) shall, notwithstanding any vacancies which may have occurred thereon, remain in office for a period of five years from the date of the commencement of this Law, and no longer.

(2) Notwithstanding any vacancies which may have occurred on the District Council, all acts done by the District Council as from the 14th day of February, 1932, to the date of the commencement of this Law in the exercise of the powers and the performance of the duties and functions for which it was elected and appointed, are hereby made and declared to be lawful and are confirmed as on and from the time of the performance of such acts, and the District Council and every member thereof are hereby freed, discharged and indemnified against all and every person and persons whatever from all actions or other civil proceedings whatever in respect of any such acts done as aforesaid.

Validation of Administrative Council, Poor Board and Church Board, and their respective acts.

4.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Ottoman Enactment—

- (a) the Administrative Council ; and
- (b) the Poor Board ; and
- (c) the Church Board,

shall be deemed—

- (i) to have been lawfully constituted ; and
- (ii) to have lawfully come into office as from the dates upon which they were respectively appointed ; and
- (iii) to have lawfully remained in office up to the date of the commencement of this Law.