



SUPPLEMENT No. 2

TO

THE CYPRUS GAZETTE No. 3885 OF 2ND NOVEMBER, 1955.

LEGISLATION.

THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS

No. 55 OF 1955.

A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF A SPECIAL COURT ;
FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES AND JUSTICES THEREOF AND
FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH AND INCIDENTAL
THERE TO.

G. E. SINCLAIR,]
Governor's Deputy.

[1st November, 1955.

BE it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and Commander-
in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as follows :—

1. This Law may be cited as the Special Court Law, 1955.

Short title.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—

“ Crown Prosecuting Counsel ” means a Crown Prosecuting Counsel appointed under section 14 of this Law and includes an acting Crown Prosecuting Counsel ;

“ Judge ” means a Judge appointed under section 4 of this Law and includes an acting Judge ;

“ Justice ” means a Justice appointed under section 5 of this Law and includes an acting Justice ;

“ Special Court ” or “ the Court ” means the Special Court established under section 3 of this Law ;

“ specified offence ” means any offence against any Law or public instrument made thereunder, or against any Order of Her Majesty in Council or any Regulations made thereunder, for the time being in force—

(a) which the Governor, by Order published in the *Gazette*, prescribes to be a specified offence for the purposes of this Law ; or

(b) any other offence which the Attorney-General or the Solicitor-General certifies in writing to be an offence the commission of which is prejudicial to the internal security of the Colony or to the maintenance of public order in the Colony and that the case, having regard to all the circumstances of any such offence, is a proper case for trial by the Special Court.

Establishment of Special Court.

3.—(1) There shall be established a Special Court in the Colony, consisting of one or more Judges and three or more Justices, for the trial of specified offences.

(2) The disposition and distribution of the duties of the Judges and Justices shall be regulated by the Chief Justice.

Appointment of Judges of the Special Court.

4.—(1) Judges of the Special Court shall be appointed by the Governor by Letters Patent under the Public Seal of the Colony in accordance with such instructions as he may receive from Her Majesty through a Secretary of State, and shall hold office during Her Majesty's pleasure.

(2) Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of a Judge of the Special Court, it shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint another fit and proper person to fill such office until Her Majesty's pleasure be known ; and in case of the temporary illness or absence of any Judge of the Special Court it shall be lawful for the Governor in his discretion to appoint a fit and proper person to act in the office of such Judge until he shall resume the duties thereof :

Provided that any person appointed to act as a Judge of the Special Court under this sub-section may, notwithstanding that the period of his appointment has expired, sit for the purpose of completing the hearing of a case partly heard by him or of giving judgment in relation to any proceedings heard before him.

Appointment of Justices of the Special Court.

5.—(1) Justices of the Special Court shall be appointed by an instrument in writing under the hand of the Governor and shall hold their office during Her Majesty's pleasure.