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TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF LOCUSTS.

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1. The High Commissioner may at any time and from time to time by Order in Council direct that all or any of the provisions of the existing Ottoman Law relative to the destruction of locusts shall be suspended either wholly or in part, and may, by a subsequent like order, from time to time amend, vary or annul any previous order made under the provisions of this section.

Power to High Commissioner to suspend existing Ottoman Law.

Every such order shall take effect from the date of its publication in the *Cyprus Gazette* or from some subsequent date to be specified in the order.

2. The High Commissioner may from time to time issue all such directions as he shall think necessary or expedient for ensuring the destruction of locust eggs and live locusts, and, to ensure the due observance of any such directions made by him, may, from time to time issue all such rules and regulations as he may think proper and, by order notified in such manner as he shall think fit, direct:—

High Commissioner may make rules for destruction of locusts.

- (1.) The persons by whom such rules and regulations shall be carried into effect;
- (2.) The time or times within which the measures prescribed by such rules and regulations shall be in force;
- (3.) The place or places, district or districts within which such rules and regulations shall be in force;

and may by the like order vary, alter, suspend or annul all or any of such rules, regulations or orders.

All rules, regulations or orders made under the powers given by this section which may at any time be in force shall be of the same force and effect as if they were embodied in this Law.

Power to enter on lands and execute works.

3. The High Commissioner and any person authorized by him may, with or without any animals or beasts of burthen, carts, tools, implements or other things, enter upon any land and there dig, search for, get and carry away locust eggs, and erect huts and tents, and also erect screens, dig pits, make and prepare traps and hunt catch, burn and otherwise destroy locusts, and for all or any of the purposes aforesaid may cut or otherwise remove any standing crops which he or they may deem necessary to remove, and do all such other acts and things as may be expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of any regulation to be made under this Law.

Power to regulate storage of locust eggs.

4. The High Commissioner may from time to time make orders for regulating and controlling the storage of locust eggs; and any person who shall make or keep any store, except such as are by any such order allowed, or except under the special permission of the High Commissioner, which the High Commissioner is hereby empowered to grant subject to such terms and conditions as he shall think fit, shall be liable for the first offence to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds with or without imprisonment for any term not exceeding one month; for a second offence to a penalty not exceeding seventy-five pounds, but which (subject to this limit as to maximum amount) shall not be less than treble the amount of the fine imposed for the first offence; and for a third or any subsequent offence to a penalty of one hundred pounds and to imprisonment for a term of six months; and all locust eggs stored, except as aforesaid, shall be forfeited.

Power to High Commissioner to delegate authority.

5. The High Commissioner may from time to time and at all times by writing under his hand, depute to any person or persons designated in the writing all or any one or more of the powers and authorities vested in him by sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Law.

High Commissioner may appoint penalties for offences.

6. The High Commissioner may by Order in Council impose on offenders against the provisions of any part of the existing Ottoman Law which may be for the time being in force or against the provisions of any rule, regulation or order made by him under this Law such reasonable penalties as he may think fit, not exceeding the sum of five pounds for each offence; but every Order in Council under this section shall be so framed as to allow of the recovery of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty.

Power to search premises for locust eggs.

7. The Commissioner of any District on receipt of information that there is reasonable cause to suspect that locust eggs are stored on any premises within his district contrary to the provisions of any of the rules or regulations as to storage made by the High Commissioner under section 4 hereof or contrary to the terms and conditions of any