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TO MAKE FURTHER PROVISION TO PREVENT INFRACTION OF THE  
QUARANTINE AND CUSTOMS LAWS BY PERSONS IN VESSELS  
ARRIVING FROM ABROAD.

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1. This Law may be cited as the Quarantine and Customs Law. Short title  
1901.

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

Definitions.

“ Vessel ” means and includes every kind of vessel and every  
kind of boat;

“ Public Officer ” means and includes any officer of customs,  
and any officer appointed for the enforcement of quarantine  
regulations, and any officer of police, and any other person  
appointed by the High Commissioner for carrying out the  
purposes of this Law.

3. Whenever any person attempts to land in the Island in contra-  
vention of any Law or regulation relating to Customs or Quarantine,  
any public officer and all persons acting under his orders and direc-  
tions may use such force as may be necessary to prevent him from so  
landing; and if after warning he persists in attempting to land, or  
if any vessel is used to aid him in so attempting to land, such public  
officer and persons aforesaid may fire at or upon the persons so  
attempting to land or at or upon the vessel so used; and any public  
officer so firing and every person acting in his aid or by his direction,  
on proving that the requirements of this section have been complied  
with, is hereby indemnified and discharged from any penalty, action  
or other proceeding for so doing.

Use of force  
to prevent  
persons  
landing  
contrary to  
law or  
regulations.

4. Every vessel, being within the territorial waters of the Island,  
shall bring to upon signal made by any vessel in the service of the  
Government of Cyprus, such signal to be made by discharging a  
firearm or gun and also, if in the day-time, by hoisting the blue  
ensign; and the master of every such vessel failing to bring to on  
such signal being made shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding  
twenty pounds.

Duty of  
vessels to  
bring to  
on signal  
from vessel  
in service of  
Government.

5. Every vessel, being within the territorial waters of the Island,  
shall bring to upon signal made by any vessel of His Majesty's Navy,  
such signal to be made by firing a firearm or gun; and the master of  
every vessel failing to bring to on such signal being made shall be  
liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Duty of  
vessels to  
bring to on  
signal from  
vessel of His  
Majesty's  
Navy.

Vessels neglecting to obey signal may be fired on.

6. Where any vessel does not bring to on a signal being given as aforesaid, the master or person in charge of any vessel in the service of the Government of Cyprus, or the Captain or officer in charge of any vessel of His Majesty's Navy, in either case first causing two guns or firearms to be fired as a signal, may fire at or into the vessel refusing or failing to bring to, if it is within the territorial waters of Cyprus; and the Captain or other person and every person acting in his aid or by his direction, on proving that the requirements of this section have been complied with, is hereby indemnified and discharged from any penalty, action or other proceeding for so doing.

Vessels within territorial waters may be searched.

7. Any public officer or any officer of His Majesty's Navy may board and search any vessel arriving at or anchoring or lying to within the territorial waters of Cyprus or departing from the Island, or brought to after signal as aforesaid, the vessel in each case being within such territorial waters; and if, on search being made, the master is unable to produce on demand a clean bill of health from his last port of call, or if there is found on board any person whose landing in the Island would be prohibited by any regulation relating to quarantine, the master may be required forthwith to depart beyond the limits of the territorial waters of the Island. If the master refuses or neglects to depart as so required with all reasonable despatch, or if the vessel is afterwards found within the limits of the territorial waters of the Island not having on board any such person whose landing is prohibited as aforesaid, and the master is unable to give a satisfactory account of such person, then the vessel may be seized and forfeited and the master shall be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month, or to pay a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, or to both such penalties.

Master of boarded vessel to produce clearance and bill of health.

8. The master of any vessel within the territorial waters of the Island shall, when called upon so to do by any public officer, produce the bill of health of his vessel and answer such questions as may be put to him relating to the crew or passengers on board of the vessel; and if the master refuses or neglects so to do, or if the bill of health or the assurances given as required concerning the crew and the passengers are not true and accurate, the master shall be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month, or to pay a fine not exceeding fifty pounds, or to both such penalties.

Provided that the master of any vessel shall not be liable to any penalty for non-production of a bill of health if he shows that he was unable to obtain one.

Admissibility of shipping documents in evidence.

9. Any manifest, list of cargo, bill of health or other shipping document shall, if signed or certified by any person purporting to