

Obstruction  
of officers of  
Post Office.

44. Any person who wilfully obstructs, or incites any one to obstruct, an officer of the Post Office in the execution of his duty, or who whilst in any post office obstructs the course of business of the Post Office shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding forty shillings.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Island Post-  
master to sue  
and be sued.  
by that  
title, etc.

45. In respect of any matters arising under this Law or under any contract entered into by him under the authority of this Law the Island Postmaster may sue and be sued by that title, and in all indictments and other proceedings the property in any postal packet, money, or other thing under the charge of the Post Office Department shall be laid as vested in the Island Postmaster.

Posting up  
provisions.

46. A copy of sections 15, 19 to 23, and 36 to 44 of this Law shall be posted in a conspicuous place in every post office in Cyprus.

Short title.

47. This Law may be cited as the Post Office Law, 1881.

## PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION.

### 12 OF 1920.

FOR THE BETTER PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION.

MALCOLM STEVENSON.]

[May 4, 1920.

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Prevention of Corruption Law, 1920.

Definitions.

2. In this Law:—

“Public body” includes local and public authorities of all descriptions.

“Consideration” includes valuable consideration of any kind.

“Agent” includes any person employed by or acting for another and any person serving under the Crown or under any public body.

“Principal” includes an employer.

Punishment  
of corrupt  
transactions  
with agents.

3. If any agent corruptly accepts or obtains, or agrees to accept or attempts to obtain, from any person, for himself or for any other person, any gift or consideration as an inducement or reward for doing or forbearing to do, or for having after the passing of this Law done or forborne to do, any act in relation to his principal's

affairs or business, or for showing or forbearing to show favour or disfavour to any person in relation to his principal's affairs or business; or

If any person corruptly gives or agrees to give or offers any gift or consideration to any agent as an inducement or reward for doing or forbearing to do, or for having after the passing of this Law done or forborne to do, any act in relation to his principal's affairs or business, or for showing or forbearing to show favour or disfavour to any person in relation to his principal's affairs or business; or

If any person knowingly gives to any agent, or if any agent knowingly uses with intent to deceive his principal, any receipt, account, or other document in respect of which the principal is interested, and which contains any statement which is false or erroneous or defective in any material particular, and which to his knowledge is intended to mislead the principal; he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding two years, or to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds, or to both such imprisonment and fine.

4. A person convicted of an offence under the preceding section shall, where the matter or transaction in relation to which the offence was committed was a contract or a proposal for a contract with His Majesty or any Government Department or any public body or a sub-contract to execute any work comprised in such a contract, be liable to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding seven years, or to a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds, or to both such imprisonment and fine.

Increase of punishment in special cases.

5. Where in any proceedings against a person for an offence under this Law, it is proved that any money, gift, or other consideration has been paid or given to or received by a person in the employment of His Majesty or any Government Department or a public body by or from a person or agent of a person, holding or seeking to obtain a contract from His Majesty or any Government Department or public body, the money, gift or consideration shall be deemed to have been paid or given and received corruptly as such inducement or reward as is mentioned in this Law unless the contrary is proved.

Presumption of corruption in certain cases.

6. A prosecution for an offence under this Law shall not be instituted without the consent of the King's Advocate.

Prosecutions.

7. Nothing in this Law contained shall be deemed to affect the provisions of any other law at present in force in Cyprus.

Saving.