



SUPPLEMENT No. 2

TO

THE CYPRUS GAZETTE No. 3721 OF 17TH OCTOBER, 1953.

LEGISLATION.

THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS

No. 37 OF 1953.

A LAW TO MAKE PROVISION FOR AND TO FACILITATE THE RAPID ACQUISITION OF LAND REQUIRED FOR PURPOSES OF RECONSTRUCTION AND OF HOUSING PERSONS RENDERED HOMELESS BY EARTHQUAKE IN THE PAPHOS DISTRICT.

A. B. WRIGHT,]

[17th October, 1953.

Governor.

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 Land Acquisition Short title.
(Paphos Earthquake) Law, 1953.

Interpreta-
tion.

2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—
 “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Paphos ;
 “land” includes—
- (a) land with the grazing rights on or over such land ;
 - (b) land with all water and water rights on, over or under such land ;
 - (c) buildings and other erections ;
 - (d) trees, vines and standing crops ;
 - (e) easements, privileges and liberties appertaining or reputed to appertain to land ;
 - (f) water and water rights, held independently of land, where the acquisition thereof is required for the purposes of any land acquired under the provisions of this Law ;
- “Municipal Corporation” means the Municipal Corporation of Paphos.

Acquisition
of land for
purposes
of housing
and recon-
struction.

- 3.—(1) The Commissioner shall have power, by order published in the *Gazette*, to acquire compulsorily any land which, in his opinion, is required for, or in connection with, any of the following purposes, that is to say :—
- (a) for the purpose of resiting any village, or part thereof, in the Paphos District, which has been totally or partially destroyed by earthquake ;
 - (b) for the purpose of establishing a housing estate in the Town of Ktima in the Paphos District in order to provide houses for persons rendered homeless by earthquake ;
 - (c) for the purpose generally of providing houses for persons rendered homeless by earthquake ;
 - (d) for the purpose of erecting churches, mosques, schools and other buildings, which have been destroyed, or damaged beyond repair, by earthquake and which, in the opinion of the Commissioner, are essential to the wellbeing of the community.
- (2) A certified copy of any order made under this section shall be posted at convenient places on or near the land to be acquired.
- (3) Every order made under this section shall define adequately, with or without reference to a plan, the land to be acquired.

4. The title to land acquired by the Commissioner under this Law shall vest in the Government and the publication in the *Gazette* of an order made under section 3 of this Law shall be sufficient authority to the Director of Land Registration and Surveys to effect the registration of the title to such land in the name of the Government :

Title to
acquired
land.

Provided that any land acquired under the provisions of this Law may be leased, or the title thereto may be transferred, with or without valuable consideration, to any person, body of persons, or to the Municipal Corporation, on condition that such land is used for, or in connection with, any of the purposes set out in sub-section (1) of section 3 of this Law.

5. The provisions of the Land Acquisition Law relating to the determination of the amount of, and payment of, compensation, shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to land acquired under the provisions of this Law as they apply to land acquired under the provisions of the said Law.

Compensa-
tion.
Cap. 233.
26 of 1952.

J. FLETCHER-COOKE,
Colonial Secretary.

17th October, 1953.