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A Law to prohibit the erection of Dwelling Houses in areas of certain Villages in the Paphos District which are being resited on Geological and administrative grounds.

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[15th March, 1958.]

Whereas the villages of Anadhiou, Malounda and Mamoundali in the Paphos District are being resited on geological and administrative grounds and the owners of dwelling houses in the aforesaid villages have each been given a free grant of a site and a framework house by Government:

An whereas the public interest requires that provision should be made prohibiting the building or re-building of dwelling houses on the former sites of the aforesaid villages:

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

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Building (Paphos Resited Villages) (Prohibition) Law, 1958.

Interpretation.

- 2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—
  "building" includes any structure or erection of whatever material and any part of a building so defined;
  - "Director" means the Director of Lands and Surveys and includes any officer appointed by the Director for all or any of the purposes of this Law;
  - "dwelling house" means a building intended to be used or so adapted as to be used or to be capable of

being used for human habitation, or in respect of which there is a reasonable presumption that some person has his lodging therein;

"erecting" and "erect", respectively, in relation to a building include altering, adding to, repairing or re-erecting:

"resited village" means the villages of Anadhiou, Malounda and Mamoundali in the District of Paphos.

3. (1) Within three months from the date of the coming Definition into operation of this Law, the Director-

of prohibited

- (a) shall cause to be specified and marked on the Government survey plan of each resited village the built up area of that village as on the 1st day of January, 1958 (in this Law referred to as "the prohibited area");
- (b) shall sign and deposit such plans in the offices of the Commissioner of Paphos and the District Lands Officer at Paphos; and
- (c) shall cause a notice of such deposit to be published in the Gazette.
- (2) Any plan prepared and deposited in accordance with the provisions of subsection (1) may be inspected by any person interested during the hours during which the said offices are open to the public and any such person may, on payment of the prescribed fee, obtain a copy of any such survey plan duly certified by the Director.

(3) A copy of any such plan or any part thereof duly certified by the Director as a true copy shall in all proceedings be admissible in evidence in proof of the

contents thereof.

4. (1) No person shall—

(a) erect any dwelling house within the prohibited dwelling area of a resited village or use or allow or suffer houses in any building thereon to be used as a dwelling areas. house;

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(b) save with the approval of the Commissioner, erect any dwelling house within that area of a resited village which is within half a mile of the boundaries of the prohibited area of such resited village or use or allow or suffer any building so situated to be used as a dwelling house:

Provided that nothing in this section contained shall

prevent or restrict the use of the prohibited area or any part thereof for any purposes other than erecting thereon a dwelling house or using any building thereon as such.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine and the Court trying the offence shall order that the dwelling house in respect of which the offence has been committed shall be pulled down or removed within such time as may be specified in the order.

Law to be in addition to the provisions of Cap. 35. 5. The provisions of this Law shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of, the provisions of the Building (Paphos Earthquake) Prohibition Law.