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# CHAPTER 289.

# COMMUNICATION WITH VESSELS.

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Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Communication with Vessels Law.

Power to make Regulations.

- 2. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other Law, the Governor in Council may, with the sanction of the Secretary of State, from time to time, make Regulations for the better control in Cyprus of—
  - (a) persons landing, or desirous of landing from any vessel, and
  - (b) communication between vessels and the shore or any other vessel.

Every such Regulation when made shall be published in the Gazette:

Provided that until varied or revoked by any such Regulations the Regulations contained in the Schedule to this Law shall be in force.

Schedule.

Offences.

- 3. (1) Any person who—
  - (a) acts in contravention of, or
  - (b) aids or abets any person in acting in contravention of, or
  - (c) knowingly harbours any person whom he knows or has reasonable ground for believing to have acted in contravention of,

any Regulation made under the provisions of this Law or of any order or direction given under and in accordance with any such Regulation, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(2) Where any person lands in Cyprus in contravention of any Regulation made under the provisions of this Law or of any order or direction given under and in accordance with any such Regulation the master of the vessel from which such person lands, shall, unless he proves to the contrary, be deemed to have aided and abetted the offence.

## SCHEDULE.

(Section 2.)

- 1. The Principal Officer of Customs and Excise may in his discretion curtail or prohibit for such time as he thinks necessary any communication with the shore or any other vessel by a vessel landing passengers at any port in Cyprus.
- 2. The Principal Officer of Customs and Excise may in his discretion prohibit any members of the crew of any vessel from disembarking with a view to landing.
- 3. The Principal Officer of Customs and Excise may in his discretion prohibit any persons save the ship's agent or chandler from boarding any vessel which is in any port in Cyprus.
- 4. The master of any vessel carrying passengers to whom permission to land has been refused shall take such steps as may be required by the Principal Officer of Customs and Excise for the safe custody of such passengers.
- 5. The master of any vessel shall, if so required, produce for the scrutiny of the Principal Officer of Customs and Excise any of the official documents of the vessel, and submit a written declaration stating that there are no persons on board other than those mentioned in the passengers list or the crew.
- 6. In the absence of the Principal Officer of Customs and Excise any officer authorised by him in that behalf may exercise all or any of the powers conferred upon the Principal Officer of Customs and Excise provided that such officer shall immediately report any action taken by him to the Principal Officer of Customs and Excise who shall thereupon confirm, modify or countermand such action.