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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE RECOVERY AND APPREHENSION OF SEAMEN WHO DESERT FROM FOREIGN MERCHANT SHIPS.

1949 Cap. 272.

[*27th June,* 1904.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Foreign Deserters Law.

Application of this Law.

2. (1) Where it appears to the Governor that due facilities are or will be given by the Government of any foreign country for recovering and apprehending seamen who desert from British merchant ships in that country, the Governor may by notification, stating that such facilities are or will be given, declare that this Law shall apply in the case of that country, subject to any limitations, conditions, and qualifications contained in the notification.

(2) The Governor may at any time by notification declare that any notification theretofore made with respect to the application to a foreign country of this Law shall, as and from a date specified, cease to have effect; and this Law shall as and from the said date cease to apply in the case of the country named in that notification.

Apprehension of deserters from merchant ships of foreign countries.

3. Where this Law applies in the case of any foreign country, and a seaman or apprentice, not being a slave, deserts when within Cyprus from a merchant ship belonging to a subject or citizen of that country, any Court, Magistrate, or officer that would have had cognizance of the matter if the seaman or apprentice had deserted from a British ship shall, on the application of a consular officer of the foreign country, aid in apprehending the deserter, and for that purpose may, on information given on oath, issue a warrant

for his apprehension, and, on proof of the desertion, order him to be conveyed on board his ship or delivered to the master or mate of his ship or to the owner of the ship or his agent, to be so conveyed; and any such warrant or order may be executed accordingly.

Penalty for harbouring deserters.

4. Any person who harbours or secretes any deserter liable to be apprehended under this Law, knowing or having reason to believe that he has deserted, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds.