

3. Section 37 of the principal Law is hereby amended as follows :—

Amendment
of section 37
of the
principal
Law.

(a) by the substitution for paragraphs (c) and (d) thereof of the following paragraph :—

“(c) has thereon or encloses therein any words, marks, designs or pictures of a seditious, scurrilous, threatening, indecent, obscene, or grossly offensive character.”;

(b) by the substitution for the words “(b), (c) and (d)” (line 22) of the words “(b) and (c)”;

(c) by the insertion immediately after the words “detained in the post office” (line 25) of the words “and dealt with in such manner as the Postmaster-General may deem fit”.

J. FLETCHER-COOKE,

30th December, 1953.

Colonial Secretary.

No. 45 OF 1953.

A LAW TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL CODE LAW.

CAP. 13
27 of 1949
12 of 1951
28 of 1952
4 of 1953.

A. B. WRIGHT,]

[30th December, 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 Criminal Code (Amendment No. 2) Law, 1953, and shall be read as one with the Criminal Code Law (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Law”).

Short title.
Cap. 13
27 of 1949
12 of 1951
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4 of 1953.

Repeal of section 1 of the principal Law and substitution of new section.

2. Section 1 of the principal Law is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor :—

“Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Criminal Code.”.

Amendment of the principal Law by the insertion of new section 58A.

3. The principal Law is hereby amended by the insertion therein, immediately after section 58, of the following new section :—

“Power to examine packages.

58A.—(1) Any of the following officers, that is to say—

- (a) subject to the provisions of section 20 of the Post Office Law, any postmaster in respect of any package transmitted through the post ;
- (b) any Collector or Assistant Collector of Customs ;
- (c) any police officer not below the rank of an Inspector ;
- (d) any other officer authorized in that behalf by the Governor,

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may detain, open and examine any package or article which he suspects to contain any publication or extract therefrom which it is an offence under the provisions of section 57 of this Code to transmit through the post; print, publish, sell, expose for sale or possess, and during such examination may detain any person transmitting through the post, printing, publishing, selling, or exposing for sale such package or article or in whose possession such package or article is found.

(2) If any such publication or extract therefrom is found in such package or article, the whole package or article may be impounded and retained by the officer, and the person transmitting through the post, printing, publishing, selling, exposing for sale, or in whose possession it is found, may forthwith be arrested and proceeded against for the commission of an offence under section 57 of this Code.”.

Amendment of section 110 of the principal Law.

4. Sub-section (2) of section 110 of the principal Law is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “ authorized by the Governor ” (line 2) of the words “ entitled or authorized ”.

5. Section 150 of the principal Law is hereby amended by the deletion from paragraph (a) thereof of the words and commas “, and is not a common prostitute or of known immoral character,” (lines 2 and 3). Amendment of section 150 of the principal Law.

6. Section 152 of the principal Law is hereby amended by the deletion from paragraph (b) thereof of the words and commas “, who is not a common prostitute or of known immoral character,” (lines 1 and 2). Amendment of section 152 of the principal Law.

J. FLETCHER-COOKE,
Colonial Secretary.

30th December, 1953.