

SUPPLEMENT No. 2

TO

THE CYPRUS GAZETTE No. 3898 OF 15TH DECEMBER, 1955.
LEGISLATION.

THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS

No. 63 of 1955.

A LAW TO AMEND THE SPECIAL COURT LAW, 1955.

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John Harding,]

[14th December, 1955.

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 Special Court (Amendment) Short title. Law, 1955, and shall be read as one with the Special Court Law, 55 of 1955. 1955 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Law"), and the principal Law and this Law may together be cited as the Special Court Laws, 1955.

Repeal of section 9 of the principal Law and substitution of new section. 2. Section 9 of the principal Law is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

"Jurisdiction of a Justice of the Special Court.

9.—(1) A Justice of the Special Court shall have jurisdiction to try summarily all specified offences committed within the Colony before or after the coming into operation of this Law which are punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding seven years or with a fine not exceeding five hundred pounds or with both such imprisonment and fine.

(2) A Justice of the Special Court in the exercise of his criminal jurisdiction shall have all the powers conferred on a Court or Judge under the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Law or of any Law amending or substituted for the same.

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(3) If, before or during the course of a summary trial, it appears to a Justice of the Special Court that the case is one which ought to be tried by a Judge of the Special Court, the Justice of the Special Court shall stop further proceedings and—

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(a) if no evidence has been heard by him in the case, the Justice of the Special Court may either himself proceed to hold a preliminary inquiry under the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Law or direct that such an inquiry be held:

(b) if evidence has already been heard by him in the case, the Justice of the Special Court may proceed with the case as a preliminary inquiry and may commit the accused person for trial upon information before a Judge of the Special Court, and, in any such case, the whole of the proceedings before the Justice of the Special Court shall be deemed to be a preliminary inquiry held by him under the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Law.".

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J. W. Sykes,

Administrative Secretary.