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TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF
LOCUSTS.

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Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Locust Destruction Law.

Power to
Governor to
suspend
existing
Ottoman
Law.

2. The Governor may at any time and from time to time by Order in Council direct that all or any of the provisions of the existing Ottoman Law relative to the destruction of locusts shall be suspended either wholly or in part, and may, by a subsequent like Order, from time to time amend, vary or annul any previous Order made under the provisions of this section.

Every such Order shall take effect from the date of its publication in the Gazette or from some subsequent date to be specified in the Order.

Governor
may make
rules for
destruction
of locusts.

3. The Governor may from time to time issue all such directions as he shall think necessary or expedient for ensuring the destruction of locust eggs and live locusts, and, to ensure the due observance of any such directions made by him, may, from time to time issue all such rules and regulations as he may think proper and, by order notified in such manner as he shall think fit, direct:—

(a) the persons by whom such rules and regulations shall be carried into effect;

- (b) the time or times within which the measures prescribed by such rules and regulations shall be in force;
- (c) the place or places, district or districts within which such rules and regulations shall be in force,

and may by the like order vary, alter, suspend or annul all or any of such rules, regulations or orders.

All rules, regulations or orders made under the powers given by this section which may at any time be in force shall be of the same force and effect as if they were embodied in this Law.

4. The Governor and any person authorised by him may, with or without any animals or beasts of burthen, carts, tools, implements or other things, enter upon any land and there dig, search for, get and carry away locust eggs, and erect huts and tents, and also erect screens, dig pits, make and prepare traps and hunt, catch, burn and otherwise destroy locusts, and for all or any of the purposes aforesaid may cut or otherwise remove any standing crops which he or they may deem necessary to remove, and do all such other acts and things as may be expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of any regulation to be made under this Law.

Power to enter on lands and execute works.

5. The Governor may from time to time make orders for regulating and controlling the storage of locust eggs; and any person who shall make or keep any store, except such as are by any such order allowed, or except under the special permission of the Governor, which the Governor is hereby empowered to grant subject to such terms and conditions as he shall think fit, shall be liable for the first offence to a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds with or without imprisonment for any term not exceeding one month; for the second offence to a penalty not exceeding seventy-five pounds, but which (subject to this limit as to maximum amount) shall not be less than treble the amount of the fine imposed for the first offence; and for a third or any subsequent offence to a penalty of one hundred pounds and to imprisonment for a term of six months; and all locust eggs stored, except as aforesaid, shall be forfeited.

Power to regulate storage of locust eggs.

6. The Governor may from time to time and at all times by writing under his hand, depute to any person or persons

Power to Governor to delegate authority.

designated in the writing all or any one or more of the powers and authorities vested in him by sections 3, 4 and 5 of this Law.

Governor
may appoint
penalties for
offences.

7. The Governor may by Order in Council impose on offenders against the provisions of any part of the existing Ottoman Law which may be for the time being in force or against the provisions of any rule, regulation or order made by him under this Law such reasonable penalties as he may think fit, not exceeding the sum of five pounds for each offence; but every Order in Council under this section shall be so framed as to allow of the recovery of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty.

Power to
search
premises for
locust eggs.

8. The Commissioner of any district on receipt of information that there is reasonable cause to suspect that locust eggs are stored on any premises within his district contrary to the provisions of any of the rules or regulations as to storage made by the Governor under section 5 hereof or contrary to the terms and conditions of any permission to store, may, by order under his hand, authorise any person to enter upon and search such premises; and it shall be the duty of every person being on or upon or in charge of the premises or any part thereof to give all facilities to any person so authorised, and to answer all questions and give all such information as may be required from him; and in case of neglect or refusal to give the facilities required, or in case there shall be no such person present as aforesaid, the person so authorised may break open all doors, chests, trunks, boxes or other packages and things; and no action shall lie against any such person for anything done under the powers herein conferred upon him; and if any person omits to give any such facilities or any information as aforesaid he shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds; and all locust eggs found on the premises shall be forfeited; and if any locust eggs be found stored in any premises otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of the rules and regulations as to storage or the terms and conditions or any permission to store locust eggs, the owner of the premises shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred pounds, and all locust eggs found therein shall be forfeited.

Importation
of locust eggs
forbidden.

9. The importation of locust eggs into the Colony is forbidden, and all locust eggs coming from ports beyond the

seas shall be and be deemed to be "prohibited goods" within the meaning of the Laws relating to Customs and Excise.

10. Every person who shall be concerned in importing or bringing into the Colony any locust eggs, or shall unship or assist, or be otherwise concerned in the unshipping of any imported locust eggs, or shall assist or be otherwise concerned in such importation, or shall knowingly harbour, keep or conceal, or shall knowingly permit or suffer, or cause or procure to be harboured, kept or concealed any locust eggs which may have been imported into the Colony, or to whose hands or possession any locust eggs known by him to be imported shall come or who shall be in any way knowingly concerned in importing, concealing or unlawfully dealing with any imported locust eggs, shall be liable to a fine of not less than twenty pounds nor more than one hundred pounds, with or without imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months, and all ships, boats, carriages and other means of conveyance, together with all horses or other animals made use of in the importation, removal, carriage or conveyance of any such imported locust eggs shall be forfeited.

Penalty on persons importing locust eggs.

11. Every person who shall obstruct any one employed by the Government of the Colony in or about the destruction of locusts, or carrying into effect any of the provisions of this Law so as in any manner to delay, hinder or impede him in the discharge of his duties, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds, with or without imprisonment not exceeding one month, in addition to any other penalty he may under any other Law render himself liable to by reason of such offence.

Penalty for obstructing persons engaged in locust destruction.

12. Every person who shall aid, abet, instigate or incite any other person or persons to commit any offence against the provisions of this Law or of any rules, regulations or orders made under the authority of this Law shall, for every such aiding, abetting, instigating or inciting be liable to the same penalty as though the offence had actually been committed by him.

Penalty for inciting to offences.

13. The Governor may grant such rewards as he sees fit out of any pecuniary penalty to any person by whose means it is recovered, and may order to be paid to any person

Rewards to informers.

through whose acts or information any property is ordered to be forfeited, such reward as the Governor thinks fit, not exceeding the value of the property forfeited.

Application
of fines, etc.

14. Subject to the provisions of section 13, all pecuniary penalties recovered and the value of all property forfeited under this Law shall be applied in aid of the expenses incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of this Law.