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TO REMOVE DOUBTS AS TO THE LEGAL ABOLITION OF  
INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE IN CYPRUS, AND TO DECLARE  
THE LAW IN RESPECT THERETO.

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[27th December, 1879.]

Whereas doubts have been expressed whether involuntary servitude in this island has been abolished in due form of Law, and it is expedient that these doubts should be removed:

Be it therefore enacted:—

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Involuntary Servitude Declaration Law.

Involuntary  
servitude  
unlawful.

2. Involuntary servitude, except for any crime or offence whereof a person shall have been duly convicted, is hereby declared to be unlawful.

No rights  
arising out of  
involuntary  
servitude to  
be enforced.

3. No rights arising out of an alleged property in the person and services of another as a slave shall be enforced by any Civil or Criminal Court, or other authority whatsoever within the Colony.

Right of  
property not  
to be affected  
by alleged  
slavery of  
owner.

4. No person who may have acquired property by his own industry, or by the exercise of any art, calling, or profession, or by inheritance, assignment, gift, or bequest, shall be

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dispossessed of it or prevented from taking possession of it on the ground that he or the person from whom the property may have been derived was a slave.

5. No one shall be excused from the consequences of doing any act amounting to a penal offence on the ground that the person to, upon or against whom the act was done, was, or was believed to be in a state of slavery.

Penal  
offences.  
against  
alleged  
slaves not  
excused.

