

No. 3 OF 1937.

A LAW TO REMOVE DOUBTS AS TO THE VALIDITY OF CERTAIN MARRIAGES, AND TO INDEMNIFY CERTAIN REGISTERED MINISTERS AND FURTHER TO AMEND THE MARRIAGE LAWS.

H. R. PALMER,] Governor.

[4th March, 1937.

BE it enacted:—

Short title.
37 of 1922-
19 of 1925.

1. This Law may be cited as the Marriage (Validation and Amendment) Law, 1937, and shall be read as one with the Marriage Laws, 1922 and 1925, (hereinafter called "the Principal Law"), and the Principal Law and this Law may together be cited as the Marriage Laws, 1922 to 1937.

Certain mixed marriages declared not invalid.

2. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of the Principal Law no marriage of persons not being members of the same Church celebrated after the 24th day of December, 1925, and before the commencement of this Law shall be deemed to be invalid by reason only that such marriage was celebrated without certificates duly issued under the Marriage Laws, 1922 to 1926.

Certain registered ministers to be indemnified

3. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of the Principal Law no registered Minister who before the commencement of this Law has celebrated a marriage of persons who were not members of the same Church shall be liable to any punishment or penalty by reason—

- (a) that such marriage was celebrated by him contrary to any of the provisions of the Marriage Laws, 1922 to 1926, or
(b) that he failed to transmit a certificate thereof to the Colonial Secretary.

Certain mixed marriages performed by non-Orthodox minister validated.

4. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of the Principal Law any marriage of persons not being members of the same Church, one of whom is a member of the Greek-Orthodox Church celebrated before the commencement of this Law by a minister of religion in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of marriage observed by the Church, denomination or body to which such minister and the non-Greek-Orthodox party belongs and which has been registered with a Marriage Officer in accordance with the provisions of section 19 of the Principal Law, shall not be invalid by reason only that such marriage was not celebrated by a minister of the Greek-Orthodox Church or by a registered Minister.

5. The Principal Law is hereby amended as follows:— Amendment
of Principal
Law.

(a) *Section 2.*—There shall be added to the definition of registered Minister the following words:—

“ Provided that any minister of the Greek-Orthodox Church shall, when celebrating any marriage the parties to which are not both members of the Greek-Orthodox Church, be deemed to be a registered Minister for the purposes of this Law.”

(b) In the proviso to section 22 there shall be inserted between the words “ mortis ” and “ according ” (line 2) the following words:—

“ or in any other circumstances in which it is desirable or necessary according to the Canon Law of the Church to which he belongs that a marriage should be celebrated and it does not appear reasonably possible to comply with the requirements of this Law ”.

(c) In the proviso to section 24 there shall be inserted between the words “ Church ” and “ shall ” (line 2) the following words:—

“ under and in accordance with the provisions of the proviso to section 22 of this Law ”.

(d) The following sub-section shall be added to section 25 as sub-section (2):—

“(2) Any minister of religion who after celebrating a marriage in accordance with the provisions of the proviso to section 22 of this Law, fails, without reasonable excuse, to send a certificate thereof together with a declaration to the Colonial Secretary as by such proviso required shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.”

(e) The following section shall be inserted immediately after section 35:—

“ Solemniza-
tion of
Greek-
Orthodox
marriages
outside
Cyprus.

35A. Where a marriage has been or shall be solemnized outside Cyprus (whether before or after the commencement of this Law) by a minister of the Greek-Orthodox Church in accordance with the rites and ceremonies of that Church between persons both of whom are members of the Greek-Orthodox Church such marriage shall be valid in Cyprus for all intents and purposes and no decree of any

ecclesiastical authority or tribunal shall affect the validity of such marriage except a decree of the competent ecclesiastical authority or tribunal of the place or country in which such marriage has been solemnized.”

(f) The following section shall be substituted for section 36 :—

“Application of Law to Greek-Orthodox Church.

36. Subject to the provisions of section 35A, the provisions of this Law shall not apply to any marriage the parties to which are both members of the Greek-Orthodox Church.”

Repeals.

6. Section 19 of the Principal Law (as substituted by section 3 of the Marriage (Amendment) Law, 1925), and the Marriage (Amendment) Law, 1926, are hereby repealed.

No. 4 OF 1937.

A LAW TO AMEND THE SHEPHERDS' LICENSING LAW, 1935.

H. R. PALMER,
Governor.

[25th March, 1937.]

BE it enacted :—

Short title.

20 of 1935.

Amendment of section 2 of Law 20 of 1935.

Repeal of sub-section (2) of section 4 of Law 20 of 1935 and substitution of new sub-section.

1. This Law may be cited as the Shepherds' Licensing (Amendment) Law, 1937, and shall be read as one with the Shepherds' Licensing Law, 1935, (hereinafter called “the Principal Law”), and the Principal Law and this Law may together be cited as the Shepherds' Licensing Laws, 1935 and 1937.

2. The definition of “flock” contained in section 2 of the Principal Law is hereby repealed and the following definition substituted therefor :—

“‘flock’, except where by an order made under section 17 the Governor otherwise declares, means a flock consisting of not less than six animals excluding their unweaned offspring.”

3. Sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Principal Law is hereby repealed and the following sub-section substituted therefor :—

“(2) On receipt of such application the Commissioner may, in his discretion, issue a licence in the Form A in the Schedule specifying the number of animals, not exceeding eighty, in respect of which the licence is granted :