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To PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF HARBOURING AND FORWARDING SHIPWRECKED PASSENGERS.

[2nd April, 1889.]

1. This Law may be cited as the Shipwrecked Passengers Law.

2. In this Law—

"passenger ship" means every description of sea-going vessel carrying one or more passenger or passengers on any voyage from any place in Her Majesty's dominions to any place whatever.

3. If any passengers of any passenger ship shall be rescued from shipwreck either by being taken off the ship or by being picked up at sea from any boat, raft, or otherwise, and the port or place to which they are conveyed is in Cyprus, the Governor or any person authorized by him for the purpose may defray all or any part of the expenses thereby incurred.

4. If any passenger on any passenger ship shall without any neglect or default of his own find himself in any port or place in Cyprus other than that for which the ship was originally bound, or at which he or any other person on his behalf may have contracted that he should land, the Governor or any person authorized by him for such purpose may forward him to his intended destination, unless the master of the ship shall within forty-eight hours of the
arrival of the passenger give to the Governor a written
undertaking to forward him or carry him on within six
weeks thereafter to his original destination, and unless the
master shall accordingly forward or carry him on within
that period.

5. All expenses incurred under this Law by or by the
authority of the Governor, including the cost of maintain-
ing passengers until forwarded to their destination, and of
all necessary bedding, provisions and stores, shall become a
debt to the Government of Cyprus from the owner,
charterer and master of the ship, and shall be recoverable
from them or from any one or more of them at the suit of
the Attorney-General, for the use of the said Government in
like manner as in the case of other debts to the said Govern-
ment.

6. A certificate in the form in the Schedule, or as near
thereto as the circumstances of the case will admit, pur-
porting to be under the hand of the Governor, stating the
total amount of such expenses shall in any action or other
proceeding for the recovery of such debt be received in
evidence without proof of the handwriting of the Governor,
and shall be deemed sufficient evidence of the amount of
such expenses and that they were duly incurred, nor shall
it be necessary to adduce on behalf of the Government of
Cyprus any other evidence in support of the claim, but
judgment shall thereupon be given in favour of the
Government with costs of suit, unless the defendant shall
specially plead and duly prove that the certificate is false
or fraudulent, or shall specially plead and prove any facts
showing that the expenses were not duly incurred under
this Law.

7. In no case shall any larger sum be recovered on account
of such expenses than a sum equal to twice the total
amount of passage money received or due to and recoverable
by or on account of the owner, charterer or master of the
ship or any of them in respect of the whole number of
passengers who may have embarked in the ship, which total
amount of passage money shall be proved by the defendant,
if he will have advantage of this limitation to his debt.

8. If any passengers are forwarded to their destination
under the provisions of section 4, they shall not be entitled
to the return of their passage money or to any compensation
for loss of passage.

[SCHEDULE.]
(a) Alter the certificate to suit the facts of the case.
(b) State generally the nature of the disaster and where it occurred. But if the passengers were only left behind without any fault of their own, state the fact accordingly.

SCHEDULE.

(Section 6.)

I hereby certify that, acting under and in conformity with the provisions of the Shipwrecked Passengers Law, Cap. 297, I have defrayed the expenses incurred in rescuing, maintaining, supplying with necessary bedding, provisions and stores (a), and in forwarding to their destination passengers who were proceeding from in the passenger ship which was wrecked at sea, etc. (b).

And I further certify, for the purposes of the sixth section of the said Shipwrecked Passengers Law, that the total amount of such expenses is pounds, and that such expenses were duly incurred by me under the said Law.

Given under my hand this day of 19 .

Governor of Cyprus.