No. 30 of 1930.

A.D. 1930. TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAKING OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN 30 5f 1930. THE GOVERNMENT AND IMPERIAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED.

H. HENNIKER-HEATON.]

[June 5, 1930.

BE it enacted :---

WHEREAS the Governor proposes to enter into an Agreement with the Imperial and International Communications Limited whereby it is agreed (*inter alia*) that Imperial and International Communications Limited shall establish and maintain a public telephone service in the Colony.

Short title.

Interpretation.

tle. 1. This Law may be cited as the Telephone (Agreement) Law, 1930.

2. In this Law,

"The Company" means Imperial and International Communications Limited and includes their successors and assigns permitted under the terms of any agreement entered into between them and the Governor.

"The Colony" means the Colony of Cyprus.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor to enter into an agreement with the Company whereby the Company shall take over the Government telephones and establish and maintain a telephone service in the Colony and for such agreement to provide, (*inter alia*),

(a) That during the continuance of the agreement the Company shall not, nor shall any of their revenues or property in the Colony be subjected to any special and exclusive taxation by the Government of the Colony, and

(b) That notwithstanding anything in the Customs, Excise and Revenue Law, 1899, or any enactment amending such Law, import duties of Customs shall not be charged for a period of eighteen months from the date of the making of such agreement on any machinery or apparatus imported by the Company into the Colony, including masts, poles, lines and their parts and materials certified to be solely required for the construction of the same: Provided such machinery and apparatus is of British origin, and

Governor authorised to enter into an agreement,

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(A) That the Government of the Colony will indemnify the Company against any loss upon the capital invested in the telephone service incurred in the working of such service during a period of ten years after the expiration of twelve months from the making of such agreement : Provided such capital and the loss thereon shall be agreed between the Governor and the Company subject to the concurrence of the Secretary of State for the Colonies: Provided Also that such loss shall not be calculated until the determination of such period : and Provided that the amount to payable by the Government shall not exceed £10,000.

4. It shall be lawful for the Governor to, and the Gover- Allocation of nor shallfallocate from the general revenue of the Colony any sum payable by reason of the provisions of section 3 (c) hereof. + pois time to time (for 15 of 1531)

5. The Governor in Council may make regulations, Power to which shall be binding upon all persons, to provide for lations. the carrying out of any agreement entered into under the provisions of section 3 hereof. In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power such regulations may provide for.

(a) The compulsory acquisition for the use of the Company of sites for telephone and telegraph poles and the rates of compensation to be paid therefor.

(b) The compulsory granting of way leaves to the Company and the rentals to be paid therefor.

(c) The imposition of penalties for any failure to comply therewith or for any breach thereof: Provided that the penalty for any one such failure or breach shall not exceed the sum of ten pounds.

All such regulations shall be published in the Cyprus Gazette.

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