



**SUPPLEMENT No. 2**

TO

**THE CYPRUS GAZETTE No. 4178 OF 18TH SEPTEMBER, 1958.  
LEGISLATION.**

**THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS**

**No. 31 OF 1958.**

**A LAW TO AMEND THE COURTS OF JUSTICE LAWS, 1953 TO 1958.** 40 of 1953  
66 of 1955  
22 of 1957  
6 of 1958.

**HUGH FOOT,]** [17th September, 1958.  
*Governor.*

**BE** it enacted by His Excellency the Governor and  
Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as  
follows :—

**1.** This Law may be cited as the Courts of Justice (Amendment) Short title  
(No. 2) Law, 1958, and shall be read as one with the Courts of and construc-  
Justice Laws, 1953 to 1958, (hereinafter referred to as the tion.  
"principal Law") and the principal Law and this Law may 40 of 1953  
together be cited as the Courts of Justice Laws, 1953 to (No. 2) 66 of 1955  
1958. 22 of 1957  
6 of 1958.

Sections 49  
and 50 of  
principal  
Law repealed  
and replaced.

2. Sections 49 and 50 of the principal Law are hereby repealed and the following sections to be numbered "49" and "50" substituted therefor:—

"Contempt  
of Court.

49.—(1) Any person who—

- (a) within the premises in which any judicial proceeding is being had or taken, or within the precincts of the same, shows disrespect, in speech or manner, of or with reference to such proceeding or any person before whom such proceeding is being had or taken ; or
- (b) causes an obstruction or disturbance in the course of a judicial proceeding ; or
- (c) while a judicial proceeding is pending or undetermined, publishes any writing, makes any speech or does any act misrepresenting such proceeding, or capable of prejudicing the fair trial of such proceeding or of interrupting or delaying the course of justice, or calculated to lower the authority of any person before whom such proceeding is being had or taken ; or
- (d) publishes a report of the evidence taken in any judicial proceeding at which, under this Law or any other Law for the time being in force, only the parties and their advocates or other representatives, if any, and the officers of the Court are permitted to be present ; or
- (e) publishes any writing, makes any speech or does any act containing scandalous matter respecting any Court which has adjudicated in any proceeding relating to any judicial proceeding ; or
- (f) attempts wrongfully to interfere with or influence a witness in a judicial proceeding, either before or after he has given evidence, in connexion with such evidence ; or
- (g) dismisses a servant because he has given evidence on behalf of a certain party to a judicial proceeding ; or
- (h) retakes possession of land from any person who has recently obtained possession by a writ of court ; or
- (i) commits any other act of intentional disrespect to any judicial proceeding, or to any person before whom such proceeding is being had or taken,

is guilty of a misdemeanour, and is liable to imprisonment for six months or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

(2) When any offence against paragraphs (a), (b), (c) or (i) of sub-section (1) is committed in view of the Court, the Court may cause the offender to be detained in custody, and at any time before the rising of the Court on the same day may take cognisance of the offence and sentence the offender to a fine of twenty-five pounds or in default of payment to imprisonment for one month.

(3) In this section—

(a) without prejudice to the generality of the definition of the word 'Court' in section 2 of this Law or of section 17 of the Special Court Laws, 1955 to 1957, or any Law amending or substituted for the same, the word 'Court' shall include the Special Court established under the provisions of the aforesaid Special Court Laws, or a Judge or Justice thereof, and shall further include any Coroner holding an inquest under the provisions of the Coroners Law, 1953, or any Law amending or substituted for the same ;

(b) 'judicial proceeding' means any proceeding in any Court, whether such proceeding is in Court or in Chambers.

55 of 1955  
63 of 1955  
2 of 1956  
33 of 1956  
27 of 1957

23 of 1953

50.—(1) Without prejudice to the generality of section 49 of this Law the Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction to exercise all the powers exercised by Her Majesty's High Court of Justice in England to punish for contempt of court whether such contempt is a contempt of such Court or of any other Court.

Further Powers of Supreme Court to punish for contempt.

(2) In this section the word 'Court' shall have the same meaning as in section 49."

A. F. J. REDDAWAY,  
*Administrative Secretary.*

17th September, 1958.