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A LAW TO EMPOWER THE GOVERNOR TO MAKE GRANTS AND DISPOSITIONS OF CERTAIN LANDS IN THE COLONY AND TO VALIDATE GRANTS AND DISPOSITIONS MADE OF CERTAIN LANDS.

1949.
Cap 227.

[23rd April, 1941.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Government Lands Law.

Power to Governor to make grants and dispositions of certain lands, and validation of certain grants and dispositions.

2. Notwithstanding anything in any other Law contained, the Governor may make grants and dispositions, and shall be deemed always to have had the right to make grants and dispositions, of any vacant or unoccupied lands in the Colony not being privately owned and of any Government owned lands, whether registered in the name of Government or not, subject to such terms and conditions as to him may seem fit, and all grants and dispositions of any such lands heretofore made and executed by the Governor or purporting to have been made and executed by any person or officer for and on behalf of the Governor or of the Government shall be deemed to have been lawfully and validly made and executed and shall remain in full force and effect.

No valid title to be acquired in certain lands save under a grant or disposition by the Governor.

3. Notwithstanding anything in any other Law contained, from and after the commencement of this Law no valid title shall be acquired in any vacant or unoccupied lands in the Colony not being privately owned or in any Government owned lands, whether registered in the name of the Government or not, except under a grant or disposition made by the Governor under the provisions of section 2.

4. Any person who occupies, or who ploughs, sows or otherwise cultivates any land to which this Law applies save under the authority of a grant or disposition made by the Governor under the provisions of section 2 shall—

(a) if the land is registered in the name of the Government, be liable to be prosecuted under section 281 of the Criminal Code, and shall on conviction be punishable in accordance with the provisions of that section, or

(b) if the land is not registered in the name of the Government, be guilty of an offence under this Law and, subject to the provisions of section 8 of the Criminal Code, shall on conviction be liable to a fine of fifty pounds.

