

CHAPTER 160

BETTER SECURITY

1920-6

This Act came into operation on 17th September, 1920.

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1950-8

Guide to symbols in historical notes:

- indicates an amendment made by an Act

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**BARBADOS****BETTER SECURITY
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An Act for better securing an uninterrupted supply of water and light for the use of the community, and for preventing certain avoidable dangers to human life and valuable property.

[Commencement: 17th September, 1920]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Better Security Act.

Interpretation

2. The expression “maliciously” used in reference to any offence under this Act shall be construed in the same manner as it is required by section 43 of the *Malicious Injury to Property Act*, Cap. 140, to be construed in reference to any offence committed against that Act.

**Breach of contract by persons employed in supply or light or water,
punishable**

- 3.(1) Any person employed in the Waterworks or by any person upon whom is imposed by statute the duty or who has assumed the duty of supplying any

town or place or any part thereof or any human habitation with gas or electricity for lighting who wilfully and maliciously breaks a contract of service with the Waterworks or that person, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the probable consequences of his so doing, either alone or in combination with others, will be to deprive the inhabitants of any part of the Island wholly or to a great extent of their supply of water, or the inhabitants of that town, place or part or of that habitation wholly or to a great extent of their supply of gas or electricity, shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of ninety-six dollars or to be imprisoned for three months.

(2) The Chief Engineer shall cause to be posted up at the premises of the Waterworks, and the person upon whom lies the duty of supplying gas or electricity, as aforesaid shall cause to be posted up at the gas or electric works, as the case may be, belonging to such person, a printed copy of this section in some conspicuous place where the same may be conveniently read by the persons employed and, as often as such copy becomes defaced, obliterated or destroyed, shall cause it to be renewed with all reasonable despatch.

(3) If the Chief Engineer or any such person defaults in complying with subsection (2), he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of twenty-four dollars for every day during which such default continues.

(4) Any person who unlawfully injures, defaces or covers up any notice so posted up in pursuance of subsection (2) shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of ten dollars.

Breach of contract involving injury to persons or property, punishable

4. Any person who wilfully and maliciously breaks a contract of service or of hiring, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that the probable consequences of his so doing, either alone or in combination with others, will be to endanger human life or to cause serious bodily injury or to expose valuable property, whether real or personal, to destruction or serious injury shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of ninety-six dollars or to be imprisoned for three months.