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LOAN STOCK AUTHORISATION

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- 1.** This Act may be cited as the Loan Stock Authorisation Act. **short title.**
- 2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires — **Interpretation.**  
"due date" means the date on which the bonds are due to be redeemed in terms of the prospectus.  
"Minister" means the Minister responsible for the subject of finance.
- 3.** Notwithstanding the terms of any other law in force, the Minister may from time to time borrow money in terms of this Act, and any money so borrowed and the **Minister authorised to borrow.**

interest due thereon are hereby charged upon and shall be payable out of the Consolidated Fund.

Purposes to which money borrowed to be applied.

**4.** Any money borrowed in the terms of section 3 shall be applied to the following purposes—

- (i) The repayment of capital expenditure incurred during the financial years 1973, 1974 and 1975;
- (ii) The financing of projects approved in the estimates prepared in accordance with the Development Fund Act;
- (iii) The repayment of public debt incurred for development purposes;
- (iv) The meeting of expenses incurred in raising and administering the loan.

Cap. 134.

Borrowing by Issue of Registered Loan Stock.

**5.** In exercising the power conferred on him in section 3 the Minister shall issue Bonds, to be known as Registered Loan Stock, on such terms and conditions as he may deem appropriate and such terms and conditions shall be set forth in a prospectus inviting applications for the Bonds, and such prospectus shall be published in three consecutive issues of the *Gazette* and a newspaper circulating publicly in Antigua and Barbuda.

Creation of Fund.

**6.** (1) Within one year of the date of issue of the prospectus there shall be established, by appropriation, a sinking fund for the redemption of the loan on the due date and that fund shall be administered by a trustee or trustees appointed by the Minister; such trustee or trustees shall be named in the prospectus.

(2) If the sinking fund created by this section is insufficient to extinguish the debt at the due date, the deficiency shall be made good by appropriation.

Powers of trustees.

**7.** The trustees shall invest, administer and place at interest the sinking fund in such a manner as they think best, acting in accordance with the general directions of the Minister, to redeem the loan and extinguish the debt. Interest and dividends so earned shall be administered in like manner.