

MEMORANDUM BY THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

Land Acquisition (Public Purposes) Ordinance (Cap. 136)

The attached Declaration by His Excellency the Governor-General refers to the compulsory acquisition of "Princess Garage" and the overlying three storey block of lands known as "Princess Flats" in Birkirkara Road, St. Julians.

Since these premises are permanently required by the Government, it is proposed to acquire them by absolute purchase.

The reasons for the present acquisition are the following: there is a law suit pending before Her Majesty's Superior Courts of First Instance between the owner and the architect and contractor in charge of the building of the said premises in view of certain damage (such as cracks) recently suffered by the premises in question. In view of these damages, work on the Sliema Regional Road had to be stopped as the blast of explosives necessary for the cutting of rocks will cause further damage to the premises, unless adequate extra support is given to the ceiling of the Garage - works which cannot be carried out before the said law-suit is ended (which will not be in the near future as both parties seem to intend going to the Court of Appeal after judgment is given by the Court of First Instance if such judgment is against them), unless the premises in question become the ownership of the Government. As this has a direct bearing on the continuation of the works on the Sliema Regional Road, it is safe to say that these premises are required for

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a public purpose in accordance with provisions of the Land Acquisition (Public Purposes) Ordinance (Chapter 136).

From the report by the Land engineer it transpires that the total freehold value of the above premises amounts to £18,500.

Honourable Ministers are invited to recommend.

5th February, 1969.

(Land 25/69)

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DECLARATION BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

I hereby declare that the undermentioned land is required by the competent authority for a public purpose in accordance with the provisions of the Land Acquisitions (Public Purposes) Ordinance (Chapter 136) and that the acquisition thereof is to be by absolute purchase.

Description of the land

The following land at Saint Julians:

"Princess" garage and the overlying three storey block of flats known as "Princess Flats" in Birkirkara Road, bounded on the South by Birkirkara Road, on the West by property of Mr. Francis Formosa, and on the East by property of Mr. Frank Borg; they are the property of Mr. Frank Borg.

The abovementioned land is shown on a plan marked L.D. 23/69 which may be seen on demand at the Land Office, 29, South Street, Valletta.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL

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