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I Assent,

**J.B. Carlisle,**  
*Governor-General.*

11th August, 1994.

**ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA**

**No. 8 of 1994**

AN ACT to amend the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act (Cap. 48).

[ 18th August, 1994 ]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows —

1. This Act may be cited as the Magistrate's Code of Procedure (**Amendment**) Act, 1994 and referred to in this Act as the principal Act. **Short title.**

2. Section 27 is amended as follows —

**Amendment of section 27.**

- (a) by renumbering section 27 as section 27 (1);
- (b) in paragraph (e) by deleting the words "two hundred and forty dollars" and substituting the words "seven thousand five hundred dollars";
- (c) by deleting paragraphs (m), (n) and (o) and substituting the following —

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2 *The Magistrate's Code of Procedure* No. 8 of 1994.  
(Amendment) Act, 1994.

"(m) to exercise jurisdiction over all disputes and differences between party and party touching any breach of covenant or contract or promise, injury to the person or other matter, except that the damage or the sum claimed does not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars;

(n) to adjudicate actions of trespass to land, **wherein** the damages or property claimed does not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars.";

(d) in sections 27 (f) (i) and (f) (ii), **94A**, 147, 148 by deleting the words "fifteen **hundred** dollars" and substituting the words "seven thousand five hundred dollars";

(e) by inserting the following new section —

"(2) Where a defendant disputes the value of any property in dispute before the Magistrate, the Magistrate may before entering into the case, enquire into and determine the value thereof and such valuation shall be conclusive for the purpose of deciding whether the Magistrate has jurisdiction."

Amendment of  
Section 97 (1).

3. Section 97 (1) of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the words "two years" and substituting the words "five years";

(b) by deleting the words "three years" and substituting the words "seven years".

Passed the House of Representatives this  
28th day of June, 1994.

Passed the Senate this 14th day  
of July, 1994.

**S.C. Benjamin,**  
*Deputy Speaker.*

**M. Percival,**  
*President.*

**S. Walker,**  
*Acting Clerk to the House of Representatives.*

**S. Walker,**  
*Acting Clerk to the Senate.*

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