

Seamen may be granted leave of absence from ship.

“40B. Notwithstanding anything contained in any law relating to navigation shipping or seamen in force in the Commonwealth or any State or part of the Commonwealth, a person employed upon a sea-going vessel who is liable to be trained in the Citizen Forces and who is allotted to the Naval Forces may for the purpose of undergoing the prescribed training be granted such leave of absence without pay from the vessel upon which he is employed as may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of carrying out the prescribed training.”

Amendment of s. 44B.

6. Section forty-four B of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (1.) after the word “When” the words “in pursuance of an order made by the Governor-General or any person acting under the authority of the Governor-General”.

LOAN.

No. 22 of 1912.

An Act to authorize the raising and expending of the sum of Five hundred and twenty-nine thousand five hundred and twenty-six pounds for the acquisition for Commonwealth purposes of property in Perth, Western Australia, and expenses incidental thereto, and to redeem loans raised by the Government of South Australia on account of the Northern Territory and the Port Augusta Railway.

[Assented to 24th December, 1912.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Loan Act 1912*.

Treasurer may borrow £529,526.

2. The Treasurer may from time to time under the provisions of the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911* borrow moneys not exceeding in the whole the amount of Five hundred and twenty-nine thousand five hundred and twenty-six pounds.

Purposes for which money may be expended.

3. The amount borrowed shall be issued and applied only for the expenses of borrowing and for the purposes set forth in the Schedule to this Act.

SCHEDULE.

1. For the acquisition for Commonwealth purposes of property in Perth, Western Australia and expenses incidental thereto	£153,000
2. To redeem loans raised by the Government of South Australia on account of the Northern Territory	71,945
3. To redeem loans raised by the Government of South Australia on account of the Port Augusta Railway	304,581
	£529,526

BEER EXCISE.

No. 23 of 1912.

An Act to amend the *Beer Excise Act* 1901.

[Assented to 24th December, 1912.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows :—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Beer Excise Act* 1912.

(2.) The *Beer Excise Act* 1901, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Beer Excise Act* 1901-1912.

Short title and citation.

2. Section five of the *Beer Excise Act* 1901 is amended—

(a) by omitting the definition of Quarts and Pints and inserting in its stead the following definition—

“ Quarts, pints, or half-pints ’ means quart, pint, or half-pint bottles, and includes bottles reputed to contain quarts, pints, or half-pints ” ; and

(b) by adding to the definition of the word “ vessels ” the words “ vessels of prescribed sizes, but having a capacity greater than that of hogshead.”

Amendment of s. 5 of Principal Act.