MINISTERS OF STATE.

No. 18 of 1915.

An Act to increase the maximum number of Ministers of State from seven to eight, and to increase the amount appropriated for their salaries from Twelve thousand pounds to Thirteen thousand six hundred and fifty pounds a year.

Assented to 10th July, 1915.

HEREAS by section sixty-five of the Constitution it is Preamble. provided that, until the Parliament otherwise provides, the Ministers of State shall not exceed seven in number:

And whereas by section sixty-six of the Constitution it is provided that there shall be payable to the King, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Commonwealth, for the salaries of the Ministers of State, an annual sum which, until the Parliament otherwise provides, shall not exceed Twelve thousand pounds a

Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth

of Australia, as follows :-

1. This Act may be cited as the Ministers of State Act 1915.

Short title.

2. The number of Ministers of State may exceed seven, but Number of Ministers. shall not exceed eight.

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Salaries of Ministers. 3. There shall be payable to the King, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Commonwealth, which is hereby appropriated accordingly, for the salaries of the Ministers of State, an annual sum up to but not exceeding Thirteen thousand six hundred and fifty pounds a year.