

“(2.) The Board may, if it thinks fit, defer the making of a report under the last preceding sub-section in respect of any grower until the proceeds of the sale of the dried fruits produced by that grower during the years One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six and One thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven are ascertained.

“10L. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act the Minister may, upon receipt of a report from the Board appointed under this Act, release any grower either wholly or in part from his indebtedness in respect of an advance made to him under this Act.”

Release by
Minister.

4. Section fourteen of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section inserted in its stead :—

“14. A return setting forth the total amount of advances respectively paid under this Act in the case of dried currants, dried sultanas and dried lexias, shall be laid before both Houses of the Parliament within thirty days after the commencement of this section.”

Return to be
laid before
Parliament.

OIL AGREEMENT.

No. 14 of 1926.

An Act to approve an Agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company Limited and for other purposes.

[Assented to 2nd June, 1926.]

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. This Act may be cited as the *Oil Agreement Act 1926*.

Short title.

2. The Agreement made between His Majesty's Government of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company Limited (a copy of which Agreement is set forth in the Schedule to this Act) is approved.

Approval of
Agreement.

Authority to borrow moneys to pay Commonwealth's share of increased capital.

3.—(1.) The Treasurer may, from time to time, under the provisions of the *Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Act 1911-1918*, or under the provisions of any Act authorizing the issue of Treasury Bills, borrow moneys not exceeding in the whole the amount which it is necessary to borrow in order to enable the Commonwealth to subscribe and pay for the shares for which it is required by the Agreement set forth in the Schedule to this Act to subscribe and pay.

(2.) The amount borrowed shall be issued and applied only for the expenses of borrowing and for the purposes of the appropriation made by the next succeeding sub-section.

(3.) There may be issued and applied out of the proceeds of any loan raised under the authority of this section such sum as is necessary to enable the Commonwealth to subscribe and pay for the shares for which it is required by the Agreement set forth in the Schedule to this Act to subscribe and pay.

Payments by Commonwealth towards cost of Commonwealth Oil Refineries.

4.—(1.) Subject to this section the Commonwealth shall pay to the Company known as the Commonwealth Oil Refineries Limited (in this section referred to as "the Company") towards the cost of the establishment and development of the Company an amount not exceeding that representing twelve shillings and three pence per ton of the crude oil treated by the Company up to and including the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and seven shillings and sixpence per ton of crude oil treated by the Company during the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

(2.) Payments by the Commonwealth under this section shall be made only in the event of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company Limited making payments to the Company of amounts equal to those paid or to be paid by the Commonwealth under this section.

(3.) There shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is hereby appropriated accordingly, such sums as are from time to time necessary to meet payments made by the Commonwealth under this section.

THE SCHEDULE.

AGREEMENT made this twenty-second day of March One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six between the Commonwealth of Australia of the one part and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company Limited of London England of the other part WHEREAS on the fourteenth day of May One thousand nine hundred and twenty an agreement (hereinafter referred to as "the said Agreement") was made between the Commonwealth of Australia (therein and hereinafter called "the Commonwealth") of the one

THE SCHEDULE—*continued.*

part and the Anglo-Persian Oil Company Limited of London England (therein and hereinafter called "the Oil Company") of the other part whereby it was among other things agreed—

- (a) that the Oil Company should take all necessary steps to form and register a Refinery Company with limited liability and subject to the conditions set forth in the said Agreement;
- (b) that the Refinery Company should have a capital of Five hundred thousand pounds (£500,000) in shares of one pound each; and
- (c) that the Commonwealth should subscribe for and be allotted Two hundred and fifty thousand and one (250,001) shares and that the Oil Company should subscribe for and be allotted Two hundred and forty-nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-six (249,996) shares;

AND WHEREAS in pursuance of the said Agreement a Refinery Company with limited liability known as the Commonwealth Oil Refineries Limited was formed and registered subject to the condition set forth in the said Agreement:

AND WHEREAS on the sixth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-four a further Agreement was made between the Commonwealth of the one part and the Oil Company of the other part whereby it was among other things agreed that the capital of the Refinery Company should be increased by Two hundred and fifty thousand pounds (£250,000) in shares of One pound (£1) each:

AND WHEREAS it is necessary and desirable that for the purposes of carrying out the objects of the Refinery Company as set forth in the said Agreement the capital of the Refinery Company be further increased by One hundred thousand pounds (£100,000):

NOW THEREFORE it is hereby agreed as follows:—

- (1) This Agreement shall have no force or effect and shall not be binding on either party unless and until it is approved by the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia.
- (2) This Agreement shall commence and come into full force and effect upon the date upon which it is so approved by the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia.
- (3) The capital of the Refinery Company shall be increased by One hundred thousand pounds (£100,000) in shares of One pound (£1) each, and the parties to this Agreement will take the necessary steps to increase the capital accordingly.
- (4) The Commonwealth shall subscribe pay for and take up out of the increased capital Fifty thousand (50,000) shares and the Oil Company shall subscribe pay for and take up out of the increased capital Fifty thousand (50,000) shares.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed these presents the day and year first above-mentioned.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by STANLEY
MELBOURNE BRUCE the Prime Minister
of the Commonwealth of Australia for
and on behalf of the said Commonwealth
in the presence of—

S. M. BRUCE. (L.S.)

GEO. S. KNOWLES.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by WALTER
LORAIN WILBERFORCE BIRD the Attorney
under Power of the Anglo-Persian
Oil Company Limited for and on behalf
of the said Company in the presence of—

W. L. W. BIRD. (L.S.)

F. L. BUCHANAN.