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An Act to authorize the appointment of an Emigration Agent and to encourage and regulate Immigration into the Province of South Australia.

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WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the appointment of an Agent in the United Kingdom, for the selection of emigrants there, and the management and conduct of emigration therefrom to this Province, and also to afford encouragement and assistance to voluntary immigration to this Province—Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor-in-Chief of the Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said Province, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:

Preamble.

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, to appoint a person to be Emigration Agent in England, at a reasonable salary, and from time to time, with the like advice and consent, to remove such person and appoint another in his place.

Governor may appoint Emigration Agent.

2. Such Emigration Agent shall give security to the satisfaction of the Governor, for the due performance of the duties of his office, and for the due expending and accounting for all moneys which may be intrusted to him or which he may receive by virtue of his office.

Agent to give security.

3. It shall be lawful for such Emigration Agent, subject to the approval and confirmation of the Governor, to appoint such clerks and sub-agents as may be necessary for the performance of the duties intrusted to him.

Agent may appoint clerks.

4. In the selection of emigrants, and in the conduct of emigration, the said Emigration Agent shall be guided by and obey all instructions

Agent to obey instructions from Governor.

tions which he may receive from the Governor, transmitted through the Commissioner of Crown Lands and Immigration: Provided that the persons to be selected as emigrants or to be assisted by the issue of embarkation orders, shall be of the laboring class, and shall consist of persons natives of England, Scotland, and Ireland, as nearly as may be in proportion to their respective populations, and of both sexes in equal numbers.

Governor may frame regulations for issue of embarkation orders and remission certificates.

5. It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, from time to time, to frame, annul, alter, and vary regulations for the issue of embarkation orders, defining the terms upon which, and the class and sexes of persons to whom, the same may be granted, and also for the issue of remission certificates to be taken in payment for land to persons who shall have introduced immigrants of the laboring class into the said Province: Provided that no such remission certificate shall be granted unless the person in respect of whom the same is granted would have been eligible to have been selected as an emigrant under any such regulation as aforesaid in force at the time when such immigrant shall have been so introduced, nor unless such person shall have resided as a laborer for at least two years in the said Province.

Regulations and instructions to be published and laid before Parliament.

6. All regulations framed under the authority hereof, and all instructions which may, from time to time, be transmitted to the Emigration Agent shall be forthwith published in the *South Australian Government Gazette* for general information, and shall be, within one week from their publication, if Parliament be then sitting, or if not, then within one week from the next meeting of Parliament, laid upon the table of each House of Parliament.

Treasurer to receive remission certificates in payment for land.

7. It shall be lawful for the Treasurer to accept any remission certificates which may be granted in conformity with the regulations so hereby authorized to be made in payment for land to the extent of the sum therein mentioned to be remitted.