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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

A.D. 1872.

No. 19.

An Act to authorize and regulate the issue of Treasury Bills.

[Assented to, 6th November, 1872.]

BE it Enacted by the Governor of the Province of South Aus-Preamble. tralia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council tralia, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said Province, in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. The Treasurer for the time being of the said Province may Treasurer may raise issue from time to time Bills, to be called "Treasury Bills," for the issue of Treasury purpose of raising any sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Pounds.

2. All such Treasury Bills shall be prepared and made out at the Form of Bills. Treasury in Adelaide, in such method and form, and with coupons for the interest payable from time to time, as shall be prescribed by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council.

3. All such Treasury Bills shall be numbered consecutively, Bills and coupons to beginning with a certain number and progressing arithmetically by units, and the coupons attached to every such Bill shall bear correspending numbers.

4. All the said Treasury Bills shall be prepared and made out Counterfoils of Bills with such counterfoils as shall be directed by the said Treasurer.

to be prepared.

5. Unless otherwise directed by the said Treasurer, two counter- Counterfoils may be in duplicate. foils

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May be cancelled or destroyed.

foils shall be made to every Treasury Bill; and one of such counter-Custody of couterfoils. foils shall remain in the Treasury, and the other shall be lodged with and kept by the Auditor-General, subject to such directions as shall be given by the Governor, with the advice aforesaid, from time to time for keeping, cancelling, or destroying the same.

Bills how to be signed and registered.

Sums for which Bills shall issue.

When payable. Rate of interest.

When interest payable.

6. Every such Treasury Bill shall be signed by the said Treasurer, and shall be registered by the Auditor-General, and shall be issued for sums of Fifty Pounds, One Hundred Pounds, Five Hundred Pounds, or One Thousand Pounds respectively, and shall be payable to the holders thereof, on presentation at the expiration of two years from the date of issue, and shall bear interest at and after the rate of Threepence per diem for every One Hundred Pounds, to be computed from the day on which such Bills shall be respectively issued and bear date, and such interest shall be paid quarterly, on presentation of the coupon by the holder of such coupon; but no interest shall be payable on any such Bills after the expiration of two years from the date of the same respectively.

Principal and interest to be paid out of General Revenue.

7. All the principal moneys mentioned in such Treasury Bills, and intended to be secured and made payable thereby, and all interest thereon, shall be a charge upon, and shall be paid out of, the General Revenue of the said Province.

Bills and coupons to be payable at Treasury.

8. All the said Treasury Bills, when due, and all coupons for interest thereon, shall be payable by the said Treasurer at the Treasury of the said Province.

Bills or coupons detached may be exchanged for new Bills with new coupons attached.

9. In case any Treasury Bill, or the coupons attached thereto, shall by any accident be defaced, the said Treasurer may from time to time, on such Bill and coupons being delivered up to him, cause a new Bill with a sufficient number of coupons attached thereto to represent the unpaid coupons attached to such defaced Bill to be made out and delivered to the holder of such defaced Bill in lieu of the Bill or coupons so defaced, and the Bill or coupons so defaced shall be cancelled by the said Treasurer; and the Bill so to be made out in lieu thereof shall have a like currency, and shall, in all respects, be subject to the same rules, regulations, and provisions as by this Act are declared of and concerning the Bill hereby authorized to be issued, and in substitution for which such new Bill shall be made out as aforesaid, and shall bear the same number or numbers, dates, and amounts, and bear the like interest, and have the same number of coupons as the Bill so cancelled bore respectively.

Provision as to Bills lost or destroyed.

Principal and interest may be paid to alleged last holder.

10. In case proof shall be made to the satisfaction of the said Treasurer, by affidavit or otherwise, that any Treasury Bill has by casualty or mischance been lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, it shall be lawful for the said Treasurer to cause the principal and interest moneys due upon such Bill so lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed to be paid at maturity to the person or persons claiming to

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have been the last holder or holders of the said Bill, in like manner Proviso as to security. as if the original Bill had been brought in to be paid off: Provided that the person or persons so receiving the principal money and interest in respect of such Bill alleged to have been lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, shall give security to the satisfaction of the said Treasurer against any lawful claim which may be made upon the said Treasurer, or the Government of the said Province, in respect of the Bill so alleged to have been lost, burnt or destroyed.

11. Any such Treasury Bills may be negociated, sold, or disposed How Bills to be of by the said Treasurer, who may fix the limit of price below which the said Bills shall not be so negociated, sold, or disposed of.

12. All Treasury Bills issued under this Act, which shall be paid Cancelling of disoff and discharged, shall be cancelled; and after being so cancelled, and the accounts thereof having been audited and allowed, and the counterfoils delivered back into the Treasury, all such Bills, together with such counterfoils, shall be burned or otherwise destroyed under the authority of the said Treasurer.

13. Whosoever shall forge, fabricate, or counterfeit, wholly or in Counterfeiting Bills part, any paper, writing, or instrument purporting to be a Treasury to be forgery, and to be punished. Bill, under or according to this Act, or who shall forge, counterfeit, alter, add to, obliterate, or wilfully mutilate or deface any word, letter, or figure in or upon any such Treasury Bill, or who shall fill up with any word, letter, or figure any blank space in or upon any such Treasury Bill, whether issued or not, and whether wholly or partly made under this Act, or who shall utter, pass, or negociate, or attempt to utter, pass, or negociate, any such forged, fabricated, counterfeited, altered, added to, obliterated, wilfully mutilated, or defaced or filled-up Bill, as aforesaid, knowing the same to be so, shall be guilty of felony, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the discretion of the Court, to be kept in penal servitude for life or for any term not less than three years, or to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding two years with or without hard labor or with or without solitary confinement.

14. All such sums of money as shall be raised by Treasury Bills Moneys raised to under the authority of this Act, shall be carried to and form part of form part of Revenue. the General Revenue of the said Province, and shall be expended by the Treasurer, subject to the warrant of the Governor, issued with the advice of the Executive Council, in and upon the construction of main roads and bridges in the said Province, in the manner specified in the Schedule to this Act annexed.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen, I hereby assent to this Bill.

JAMES FERGUSSON, Governor.

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THE SCHEDULE.

	£	8.	d.
To Central Road Board, for construction of roads	34,000	0	0
Mount Gambier Local Road Board, for construction of roads	8,000		0
Port Augusta Local Road Board, for construction of roads	1,950		
Port Lincoln Local Road Board, for construction of roads	800	0	0
Bridges			
· Port Bridge	7,200	0	0
Onkaparinga Bridge, near Wheatsheaf	1,400	0	0
Bridge at Snake Gully	1,000	0	0
Bridge over the Gilbert, near Hamley Bridge	1,400	0	0
Bridge at Redbanks, as per Mr. Macaulay's estimate£3,636			
Less available amount for Ford £636	3,000	0	0
Bridge at Whitwarta and Crossing over Lake Diamond	1,000	0	0
Diago at White and Orossing over make Diamond Live Live	1,000		
	£59,750	0	0
Amount available for Commissioner of Roads, for construction of road. Amount available for Port Lincoln Crossing (to be expended by Port	s 5,000	0	0
Augusta Local Road Board)	50	0	Q
Amount available for Wangary and Warrow Road (to be expended			
by Port Lincoln Local Road Board)	200	0	0
	£65,000	0	0