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AN ACT to authorise the Payment by the Public Trustee to Hazel Frances Nisbet of certain Moneys standing to the credit of the Estate of Frank Saunders deceased.

[21 *December*, 1926.]

W HEREAS Frank Saunders, late of Deddington in Tasmania, PREAMBLE. hotelkeeper, deceased, died on the seventh day of February, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, intestate, leaving him surviving no known next of kin:

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And whereas the said Frank Saunders, at the time of his death, was possessed of certain estate, administration of which was committed to the Public Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Trust Office Act, 1912, and there are now in the possession or control of the Public Trustee funds or investments belonging to such estate to the value of Nine thousand three hundred and four Pounds, Four Shillings, and Five Pence:

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And whereas the said *Hazel Frances Nisbet*, who, prior to her marriage with *Russell Robert Nisbet*, was known as *Hazel Frances Saunders*, was virtually and to all intents and purposes the adopted daughter of the said *Frank Saunders* deceased, and was at all times maintained, educated, and brought up by the said *Frank Saunders*:

And whereas there is reason to believe that the said Frank Saunders intended to leave to the said Hazel Frances Nisbet, by will, a substantial portion of his said estate, but died before giving effect to such intention:

And whereas under the provisions of the Adoption of Children Act, 1920, if the same had been in operation during the lifetime of the said Frank Saunders, and had been observed and carried out in relation to such adoption as aforesaid, the said Hazel Frances Nisbet would have been entitled to the said estate:

And whereas the said *Hazel Frances Nisbet* has no legal claim to to any portion of the said estate, but it is considered that she is morally entitled to a share thereof, and it is desirable that provision should be made for her thereout:

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

Power to Publi Trustee to pay certain moneys. 1 Upon the passing of this Act the Public Trustee shall pay to the said Hazel Frances Nisbet for her own use and benefit absolutely out of the moneys then in his possession or control standing to the credit of the estate of Frank Saunders, late of Deddington in Tasmania, hotelkeeper, deceased, the sum of Four thousand five hundred Pounds.

Receipt of payee to be valid discharge. 2 The receipt of the said *Hazel Frances Nisbet* shall be a valid and sufficient discharge to the Public Trustee for all purposes in respect of all moneys paid by him as aforesaid, and no person shall thereafter have any right, title, interest, claim, or demand as against the Public Trustee in respect of any moneys so paid