An Act to amend the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915.

[Assented to, November 16th, 1916.]

Be it enacted by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited alone as the "Returned Soldiers Settlement Act Amendment Act, 1916."

(2) The Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, and this Act may be cited together as the "Returned Soldiers Settlement Acts, 1915 and 1916."

2. This Act is incorporated with the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, and the Acts incorporated therewith, and those Acts and this Act shall be read as one Act.

3. Section 6 of the Returned Soldiers Settlement Act, 1915, is amended so as to read as follows:

6. (1) Any person whose application under section 5 has been granted by the Land Board may apply to the Commissioner for an advance for any or all of the following purposes:

(a) The clearing, fencing, draining, irrigating, and general improvement of any land leased under this Act;

(b) The erection of buildings on any such land; and

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(c) The purchase of implements, stock, seeds, plants, trees, and such other things as may be deemed necessary for the successful occupation and cultivation of any such land.

(2) All applications made under this section to the Commissioner shall be referred to and considered by a committee to be appointed by the Commissioner for that purpose, to be called "The Returned Soldiers Settlement Advisory Committee."

(3) If in the opinion of the said Committee it is desirable that assistance should be given to the settler for any or all of the purposes mentioned in subsection (1) hereof, the Committee shall make a recommendation to that effect to the Commissioner, and shall set out in its recommendation the nature and the extent of the assistance recommended and the grounds of the recommendation. On receipt of any such recommendation the Commissioner may take such action thereon in accordance with the regulations as he thinks fit.

(4) All moneys advanced or expended by the Commissioner under the authority of this section in respect of any land shall bear interest at such rate as is determined by the Commissioner, and shall be secured by a first mortgage over the settler's interest in the said land: Provided that the Commissioner may, if he thinks fit in any case of hardship, dispense, either wholly or in part, with the payment of interest under this section.

4. (1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Advances to Settlers on Crown Lands Act, 1914, or in any Act incorporated herewith, advances may be made under this Act to discharged soldiers who are the holders on lease or agreement under any of the said Acts of any land belonging to the Crown.

(2) Such advances may be made for all or any of the purposes mentioned in subsection (1) of section 6 of the principal Act as amended by this Act.

(3) The provisions of subsections (2) (3) and (4) of the said section 6 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, to an advance under this section as if it were an advance under the said section 6.

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

H. L. GALWAY, Governor.