An Act to amend the Waste Lands Amendment Act, 1868-9.

[Assented to, 9th February, 1870.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend "The Waste Lands Amendment Act, 1868-9"—Be it therefore Enacted by the Governor 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:

1. The term of credit upon which the waste lands of the Crown may be sold by virtue of the said Act shall be five years instead of four years as therein provided, and the said Act, and the Schedules thereto, shall be read and construed as if the words "Five years" had been therein inserted throughout in place of the words "Four years:" Provided that, at the expiration of the five years, it may be optional on the part of the occupier to pay the purchase money, or have a renewal for not more than three years on payment, in advance, of interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum.

2. In the fourth condition contained in the Form of Agreement set out in the Fifth Schedule to the said Act, the extent of the substantial and permanent improvements to be made by the purchaser during the said term to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council shall be amended, and shall be and read as follows:

During the first two years Five Shillings per acre:
Before the end of the third year a total of Seven Shillings and Sixpence per acre:
Before the end of the fourth year a total of Ten Shillings per acre:
And the following words shall also be added to such condition—

"But
"But, during the first year of the term, proof shall be given to the satisfaction of the Governor in Council that the purchaser is bona fide occupying the said land:" Provided that every agreement for sale and purchase on credit already made under the authority of the said Act, and entered into in the form in the said Fifth Schedule there-to contained, shall be and remain in as full force and virtue as if this Act had not been passed; but it shall, nevertheless, be lawful within two calendar months after this Act shall have come into operation, for any purchaser holding any such agreement as last aforesaid, to surrender the same upon his entering into a fresh agreement under this Act, such fresh agreement to bear even date with the agreement so surrendered.

3. If any purchaser on credit shall have completed all the improvements required by his agreement, and to the value of at least Ten Shillings an acre, he shall, at any time after three years bona fide residence, be entitled to pay the amount of the purchase money and receive a grant for the land.

4. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by the Governor by proclamation in the South Australian Government Gazette, such day not being less than seven days nor more than twenty-eight days after this Act shall have been assented to by the Governor on behalf of Her Majesty.

5. This Act and "The Waste Lands Amendment Act, 1868-9," (save in so far as the same is altered by this Act, or is inconsistent therewith) shall be read together and be construed as one Act.

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

JAMES FERGUSSON, Governor.