No. 341.


[Assented to, September 30th, 1885.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend the "Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery Act, 1883-4," and to make further provisions for the management of the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery, urban, suburban, and country institutes, and other educational, literary, and scientific bodies, and for the exemption of such institutes from local rating—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. This Act may be cited as "The Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery Act, 1885," and shall be incorporated and read with the "Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery Act, 1883-4," hereinafter called "the principal Act."

2. The Board shall have, and, from the coming into operation of the principal Act, shall be deemed to have had the following powers:

   From time to time to appoint officers and employ servants, to suspend and dismiss them, and to pay their salaries;

   To affiliate the South Australian Society of Arts, the Royal Society of South Australia, urban, suburban and country institutes, and, on terms to be agreed upon, any other educational, literary, or scientific bodies which shall desire to be affiliated,
To receive and dispose of moneys voted for affiliated bodies, &c.

3. Section 12 of the principal Act shall be read as if the words, "the South Australian Society of Arts," were inserted after the words, "the University of Adelaide," in the first line of that section.

4. If any Governor shall, without permission of the Board of Governors, absent himself, for the space of three calendar months, from the meetings of the Board held during that period, he shall cease to hold office as a member of the Board, and the casual vacancy so caused shall be filled according to the provisions of clause 11, No. 296 of 1883-4.

5. Subject to this and the principal Act, urban, suburban, and country institutes shall have, and, from the coming into operation of the principal Act, shall be deemed to have had power, from time to time, to make, alter, rescind, and amend rules for their government; but so that no alteration, rescission, or amendment shall be made except with the consent of two-thirds of the members present at a general meeting, and except every proposal for such alteration, rescission, or amendment shall have been signed by at least two members of not less than six months standing, and posted in the institute building immediately below the notice convening the meeting, and for the space of one week.

6. For the purpose of exempting urban, suburban, and country institutes from payment of rates to any Corporations or District Councils, section 5 of "The District Councils Act, 1876" (No. 43), and section 6 of "The Municipal Corporations Act, 1880" (No. 190), shall be read and construed as if, at the end of the paragraphs in such sections respectively beginning "Ratable property," the following words were added: "Lands and buildings belonging to and used and occupied by any urban, suburban, or country institute; but so, nevertheless, that any land or building, or part of any land or building, belonging to any urban, suburban, or country institute, which shall be let and cease to be in the occupation of any such institute, shall, whilst so let and ceasing to be in the occupation of such institute, not be included in this exception."

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

WM. C. F. ROBINSON, Governor.