No. 231.

An Act to amend the "Civil Service Act of 1874."

[Assented to, November 18th, 1881.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the "Civil Service Act of 1874," in manner hereinafter provided—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. Clauses Nos. 15, 29, 30, 32 of Act No. 3, 1874, are hereby Repeal. repealed.

2. The Responsible Minister of any Department may, at such times as he may deem convenient, grant to any officer leave of absence for recreation not exceeding in the whole two weeks in each year; and in cases of illness or other pressing necessity, such extended leave not exceeding two months, and on such terms as he may think fit.

3. The Governor may grant to any officer in the Civil Service, of at least ten years' continuous service, not exceeding eight months' leave of absence on half salary, or, at his option, four months' leave of absence on full salary, or if of twenty years' continuous service, eight months' leave of absence on full salary; and in cases of illness or other pressing necessity, such extended leave, on such terms as he may think fit: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the Governor, in case of pressing necessity, from granting leave of absence to any officer of lesser period of service for any time not exceeding six months.

Allowance
Allowance on retirement or death:

4. The legal personal representative of every officer in the Civil Service at the time of the passing of this Act who may hereafter die while in such Service, although his death may have occurred or may occur during the absence of such officer on leave, and every officer in the Civil Service on being removed from, or on being permitted to resign, his office on account of illness, infirmity, age, abolition of office, or any other cause whatever, except misconduct or pecuniary embarrassment, shall, with the consent of the Governor, be entitled to and shall be paid by the Treasurer a sum equal to one month's salary for every year, and a proportionate sum for any period less than a year, that any such officer may have served in the Civil Service until the thirty-first December, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, together with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum on the total amount so payable from the said thirty-first December until such death, removal, or resignation; and the average salary received by any such officer during the three years next preceding such date aforesaid shall be taken as the salary of such officer for the purpose of calculating the amount to be paid by the said Treasurer as aforesaid: Provided that this clause shall not apply to any officer who shall be permitted to resign his office, except upon a medical certificate of illness or infirmity, before he shall have attained the age of sixty years, or have been twenty years in the Civil Service: Provided also that the amount payable under this clause shall in no case exceed the amount that would have been payable had this Act not been passed.

5. Any officer in the Civil Service at the time of the passing of this Act being desirous of resigning his appointment, may, within six months of the date of this Act coming into operation, retire from the Civil Service; and shall, with the consent of the Governor, be entitled to, and be paid by the Treasurer, notwithstanding any provisions contained in the preceding clause of this Act as regards length of service, a sum equal to one month's salary for each year, and a proportionate sum for any period less than a year, that any such officer may have served in the Civil Service: Provided that no officer so resigning shall be afterwards eligible for appointment in any office in the Civil Service, unless he shall have first repaid to the Treasurer the amount received by him under this clause.

6. This Act may be cited as the "Civil Service Amendment Act, 1881."

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

WM. F. DRUMMOND JERVOIS, Governor.