No. 668.

An Act to facilitate the Establishment of the Gawler Plains Irrigation Colony.

[Assented to, December 19th, 1896.]

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

1. This Act may be cited as "The Gawler Plains Irrigation Act, 1896."

2. In this Act—


"Scheme" means the waterworks shown on plans deposited in both Houses of Parliament, and signed by the Engineer-in-Chief and by the promoters, and marked "Plans of The Gawler Plains Irrigation Colony, South Australia," or such modification thereof as the Governor may in writing approve, and includes all incidental works and all lands held by the promoters for the purposes of the scheme.

3. The Treasurer may issue to the promoters a guarantee that should the net revenue of the scheme in any year within seven years after the completion of the head works fall short of Two Pounds per centum on the actual cost of the scheme, such actual cost...
cost not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Pounds, the Government of South Australia will every year, for a period of seven years from the date of such completion, and whilst the same falls short as aforesaid, and while the head works are maintained in good order and repair, pay to the promoters a sum sufficient to make up the said net revenue to an amount equal to Two Pounds per centum on such actual cost: Provided that—

1. No interest shall be debited by the promoters against revenue in ascertaining the net revenue of the scheme:

II. There shall be set off against all sums payable under any guarantee any surplus of net revenue over Two Pounds per centum received by the promoters during any year guaranteed.

4. Any guarantee given by the Treasurer to the promoters shall contain the following conditions:—

1. That the Government of South Australia shall incur no liability thereunder until the head works of the scheme have been completed:

II. That all sums paid under the said guarantee shall be a first charge on the scheme:

III. That the Governor shall have a right to purchase the scheme at any time after fourteen years after the completion of the head works, on giving twelve months' notice to do so, at a valuation by a Judge of the Supreme Court, assisted by two assessors, one appointed by the Treasurer and the other by the promoters, such valuation not to exceed the actual cost of the scheme, to which shall be added three and a half per centum per annum interest from outlay to end of fourteen years:

IV. All work in connection with the scheme shall be done under the eight hours system, and no other than South Australian labor shall be employed without the consent of the Commissioner of Public Works.

5. The price charged for water supplied for irrigation purposes shall not exceed Two Pence per thousand gallons.

6. A deposit of Ten Thousand Pounds shall be paid to the Treasurer within one year from the passing of this Act, such deposit to be returned to the promoters to meet the expenditure on the head works at the rate of Pound for Pound on such expenditure after Twenty Thousand Pounds have been expended on such works: Provided that the receipt by the Treasurer of any such deposit shall not be construed into any liability on the part of the Government of South Australia for the carrying out by the promoters of the said scheme, or to authorise the expenditure by the Government of any public money on account thereof.

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7. All sums of money paid under the guarantee shall be deducted from the purchase-money to be paid to the promoters.

8. Unless at least the sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds shall have been expended on works connected with the scheme before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, this Act shall lapse.

9. It shall be lawful for the Government at any time, and from time to time, to take, at the price to be paid by other consumers, such water as they may think fit from the outlet tunnel, or from any part of the channel of the scheme, for the purpose of supplying the Gawler Water District with such water as the district may require.

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

T. F. BUXTON, Governor.