

CONSTITUTION.

22° GEO. V., No. XI.

No. 11 of 1931.

AN ACT to make provision for a Temporary Reduction of the Salaries provided for in Schedule IV. of the Constitution Acts Amendment Act, 1899.

[*Reserved 22nd August, 1931.]

WHEREAS at a conference between Ministers of the Commonwealth and Ministers of the States convened in Melbourne on the twenty-fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, to devise measures for meeting the grave financial emergency existing in Australia and thereby averting disastrous consequences, a Plan was agreed upon for re-establishing the financial stability of the Commonwealth and States and restoring industrial and general prosperity by means involving a common sacrifice, including amongst other things certain reductions in the expenditure of the Commonwealth and State Governments, and the conversion of the internal public debts of the Commonwealth and States on the basis of a reduction of the interest payable: And whereas for carrying out a part of the Plan certain legislation by the State of Western Australia is necessary: Be it therefore enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Constitution Acts Amendment Act, 1931*, and shall be read as one with the Constitution Acts Amendment Act, 1899, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

2. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation, but when proclaimed shall have effect as from and including the tenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.†

3. This Act shall apply to the persons for the time being and from time to time respectively holding the several offices

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† Proclaimed to come into operation on the 4th December, 1931: See *Gazette* of that date.

set forth in Schedule IV. of the principal Act, and to the salaries prescribed in the said schedule for such offices respectively.

Salaries subject to reduction.

4. (1.) Until otherwise provided, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the principal Act or Schedule IV. to the principal Act, but subject as hereinafter provided, the amount of salary payable under the said schedule to every person holding any of the offices mentioned in the said schedule shall be subject to reduction at the rates respectively prescribed in the schedule to this Act.

(2.) Subject to subsection three of this section, the amount of the reduction shall be distributed equally over the periodical payments of salary by which the salary is paid during the year in respect whereof it is payable.

(3.) In so far as any periodical payment of salary may have been made to a person to whom this Act applies between the tenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and the date of the commencement of this Act, the amount by which each of such periodical payments would have been reduced if this Act had been in operation on the said first-mentioned date shall be a debt owing by such person to the Crown, and the Treasurer may deduct the amount of such debt, either in one sum or several sums, as he may determine, from the periodical payments of salary payable to such person after the date of the commencement of this Act: Provided that, in computing the amount of such debt, credit shall be given to the officer for the amount of any salary tax paid by him during the period aforesaid under the provisions of the Salaries Tax Act, 1930.

Duration of Act.

5. This Act shall continue in force till the end of the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two and no longer.

THE SCHEDULE.

Rates of Reduction.

| Salary. | Rate of Reduction. |
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| Salary not exceeding £250 per annum ... | Eighteen pounds per centum. |
| Salary exceeding £250 per annum and not exceeding £1,000 per annum | Twenty pounds per centum. |
| Salary exceeding £1,000 per annum ... | Twenty-two pounds ten shillings per centum. |