

ROYAL COMMISSION.

No. 2 of 1954.

An Act to provide for the appointment of a certain Royal Commission, and for purposes connected therewith.

[Assented to 15th April, 1954.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Royal Commission Act 1954*. Short title.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent. Commencement.

- 3.—(1.) The Governor-General is, by force of this section, empowered to issue, by Letters Patent in the name of the Queen, a Commission, directed to such person as he thinks fit, requiring or authorizing that person to make inquiry into and report upon subjects specified in the Letters Patent, being—
 - (a) the commission of acts of espionage in Australia ;
 - (b) the commission in Australia of other acts prejudicial to the security or defence of Australia ; or
 - (c) subjects related to any matter referred to in either of the last two preceding paragraphs.Appointment and powers of a certain Royal Commission.

- (2.) The Commissioner so appointed has all the powers, rights and privileges which are specified in the *Royal Commissions Act 1902-1933* as appertaining to a Royal Commission and the provisions of that Act have effect as if they were enacted in this Act and in terms made applicable to the Commissioner.