

SUGAR INDUSTRY COMMISSION.

No. 16 of 1919.

An Act to facilitate the proceedings of the Royal Commission appointed to hold an Inquiry into the Sugar Industry in Australia.

[Assented to 28th October, 1919.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS Commissions have been issued by the Governor-General by Letters Patent in the name of the King, whereby Arthur Bathurst Piddington, Esquire, one of His Majesty's Counsellors Learned in the Law, Chief Inter-State Commissioner, Nicholas Colston Lockyer, Esquire, Inter-State Commissioner, and Stephen Mills, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, have been authorized and directed to inquire into and report upon the Sugar Industry in Australia and the other matters more particularly specified in the said Letters Patent:

And whereas doubts have arisen as to the powers of the Commission:

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

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Sugar Industry Commission Act* 1919.

Powers, &c., of Commission.

2.—(1.) The Commissioners appointed by the Governor-General, by Letters Patent in the name of the King, to inquire into and report upon the sugar industry in Australia and the other matters more particularly specified in the said Letters Patent, shall have all the powers, rights and privileges which are by the *Royal Commissions Act* 1902-1912 conferred upon the members of a Royal Commission, and the Chairman of the Commission shall have, in addition, all the powers, rights and privileges which are by that Act conferred upon the President or Chairman of a Royal Commission, and that Act shall have effect in relation to the said Commission as if it were herein re-enacted and in terms made applicable to the said Commission.

(2.) The powers, rights and privileges referred to in the preceding sub-section shall, without limiting their generality, extend to the power of compelling answers to questions and the production of books and documents by persons engaged in the sugar industry or in any industry for the utilization of by-products of sugar, and to the power of compelling answers to questions and the production of books and documents by such persons relating to the financial, manufacturing and chemical results obtained by them in their manufacturing or trading operations.