TERMINATION OF THE PRESENT WAR (DEFINITION).

No. 26 of 1919.

An Act to make provision for determining the Date of the Termination of the Present War and for purposes connected therewith.

[Assented to 28th October, 1919.]

BE it enacted by the King'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 Termination of the Present War (Definition) Act 1919.

2. (1.) The Governor-General may, by proclamation, declare what date shall be deemed to be the date of the termination of the present war.

(2.) The date declared by the Governor-General in pursuance of this section shall be as nearly as may be the date of the exchange or deposit of ratifications of the treaty or treaties of peace.

3. For the purposes of any provision in any Act, Order in Council, Proclamation or Regulation referring expressly or impliedly and in whatever form of words to the present war or the present hostilities, the present war shall, unless the context otherwise indicates, be deemed to have continued to, and to have ended on, the date declared by the Governor-General in pursuance of the last preceding section.

4. Where by any Act, Order in Council, Proclamation or Regulation powers are conferred on any officer and are exercisable by that officer during the continuance of the present war, the Governor-General may, if he thinks fit, and notwithstanding the issue of a proclamation in pursuance of section two of this Act, fix, as the date of the termination of those powers, an earlier date than that declared in the proclamation.

5. The Governor-General may, by proclamation, declare what date shall be deemed to be the date of the termination of the war between His Majesty the King and any particular State.