

NATIONAL LIBRARY ACT.

Act No. 65, 1924.

George V, **An Act** to sanction the completion of the National
No. 65. Library ; to amend the National Library Act,
1905 ; and for purposes connected therewith.
[Assented to, 23rd December, 1924.]

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty,
by and with the advice and consent of the Legis-
lative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South
Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of
the same, as follows :—

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the “National Library
Act, 1924.”

Work sanctioned. **2.** (1) The work described in the Schedule to this
Act is hereby sanctioned, and the Secretary for Public
Works is empowered to carry out the same.

(2)

(2) The provisions of sections thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six, and thirty-seven of the Public Works Act, 1912, shall not apply to the said work, but subject as aforesaid the work shall be carried out under the provisions of that Act. George V,
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3. (1) The plans of the said work are the plans marked "Completion of National Library," numbers one to six respectively, signed by the Secretary for Public Works and countersigned by the Acting Government Architect, and deposited in the public office of the said Secretary. Plans.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the National Library Act, 1905, the work shall be carried out in accordance with the plans referred to in this section subject to such minor alterations and modifications as to the said Secretary shall seem expedient and proper.

4. The cost of carrying out the said work (exclusive of land resumptions) is estimated at four hundred and ninety-five thousand five hundred pounds, and such estimated cost shall not, under any circumstances, be exceeded by more than ten per centum, and shall be defrayed out of funds provided by Parliament. Cost.

SCHEDULE.

THE site of the proposed building is that to the north of the present garden attached to Parliament House with flank frontage to Macquarie-street and extending northward and eastward over land now partly occupied by the Mitchell Library and the excavated ground adjacent thereto, Richmond Terrace and the Outer Domain, as is indicated upon the plans. It is intended that the main facade of the building shall face north, overlooking the Palace Garden grounds, requiring some deviation and rearrangement of the Domain and Botanic Gardens entrances, roads, and fencing in its immediate vicinity. A deviation of the lane to the north of the Parliament House grounds will also be required; while the area of land to the south of the proposed National Library, occupied at present partly by portion of Richmond Terrace and partly by the Outer Domain, will be available for addition to Parliament House grounds.

The building is, generally speaking, rectangular in plan with four inner light areas, the general disposition being a main front entrance to the north leading direct into a central reading-room flanked on the western side partly by the existing Mitchell Library and partly by the portion to be devoted to the Dixson Collection and to book stacks, and on the eastern side by book stacks only. The portion to the eastern side of the main entrance will be devoted to accommodation generally required

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George V, required for the State Library. The basement floor (although somewhat
No. 65. under the general level of the ground) will have its windows above the ground level.

The portion at present devoted to the Mitchell Library consists of three floors, namely, basement, ground and first floors, with one portion of the latter having special top lighting for picture gallery purposes.

The portion accommodating the Dixon Collection will also consist of basement, ground and first floors, but the whole of the first floor will be top lighted for picture gallery purposes.

The remainder of the State Library will also contain basement, ground and first floors, with galleries round the central reading room and a dome above it. There will be six floors of book stacks to the east of the main reading-room and four floors in the portion accommodating the Dixon Collection.

The whole of the building is designed to accommodate metal and other fittings requisite for library and research purposes. The construction of the building throughout will be of a fireproof character.

The ventilation will be provided by mechanical means with distribution throughout all the book stacks.

The design generally is in the Italian Renaissance style in conformity with the existing Mitchell Library portion, the external faces being in stone and the internal light areas in brick and stone.
