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VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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No. 11.

An Act for the better Examination and Audit of the Public Accounts.

[Assented to, 21st October, 1862.]

WHEREAS it is necessary for the security of the public interests Preamble.
that regulations should be framed, fixing the mode of account-
ing for receipts, issues, and expenditure of public moneys and stores,
and of examining, auditing, and preventing, as far as practicable,
all delays, frauds, and abuses in rendering and passing the public
accounts—Be it therefore Enacted, by the Governor-in-Chief of the
Province of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Council and House of Assembly of the said Province,
in this present Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1. In order to provide for and secure the economical administra- Appointment of
Auditor-General.
tion of the public moneys, the effectual examination of the public
accounts, and the discharge of such other duties as are herein
directed, the Auditor-General shall, immediately after the passing
of this Act, receive a Commission, under the hand of the Govern-
or-in-Chief and the public seal of the said Province.

2. In case of the death, resignation, or removal of the present or any In case of death, &c.,
power to appoint.
future Auditor-General, it shall be lawful for the Governor, with the
advice and consent of the Executive Council, to appoint some other
fit person in his stead to perform the duties prescribed by this Act.

3. The Auditor-General shall not hold any other office under Not to hold other
office.
Government, or under any officer appointed by Government, and
shall not be a Member of either House of Parliament, or of the
Executive Council.

4. In

Power to appoint
Deputy.

4. In the event of the illness or absence of the Auditor-General, all the duties, powers, and authorities imposed on or vested in him, may be transferred for the time being to a Deputy, to be duly appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council.

Governor, with ad-
vice, &c., may make
rules.

5. It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, from time to time to make rules and regulations for the preparation and auditing of public accounts, and a copy of such rules shall be laid before Parliament, if in session, within twenty-one days after approval in Executive Council; and if Parliament be not in session at the time of such approval, within seven days after the meeting of Parliament.

To be laid before
Parliament.

Auditor-General may
demand information.

6. It shall be lawful for the Auditor-General, and he is hereby empowered to require all officers of Government, and others whose duty it is to prepare and render public accounts, to act in strict accordance with the said rules and regulations; and to furnish him with such explanations as he may require, to support or elucidate their several accounts; and in failure of compliance he shall report such dereliction to the Responsible Minister under whose control the officer so failing is placed.

Approval by com-
mand.

7. In all cases where the expenditure exceeds the vote, or where any other departure from the regulations is involved, the signature of the Chief Secretary, "By command," shall be requisite as an approval of the account, in addition to that of the Responsible Minister in whose department the expenditure arises; and every such departure from the regulations shall be promptly communicated by the Auditor-General, through the Chief Secretary, to the Governor, for his sanction in Executive Council.

In the name and on behalf of the Queen I hereby assent to
this Act.

D. DALY, Governor.