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No. 365.

An Act to regulate Grants-in-Aid to Corporate Bodies.

[Assented to, December 11th, 1885.]

BE it Enacted by the Governor 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 : Preamble.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "Grants-in-Aid Regulation Act, 1885." Short title.

2. In the interpretation of this Act, "corporate bodies" shall mean all Municipal Corporations, District Councils, and Drainage Boards, which for the time being shall be duly constituted. Interpretation.

3. Grants of money may be made to corporate bodies out of the general revenue of the province, as hereinafter provided. Grants to be made.

4. Such grants shall first be made out of the revenue for the financial year ending the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and shall be made in every subsequent financial year so long as requisite, according to the provisions of this Act. Period of grants.

5. Every such grant shall be in aid of rates not exceeding one shilling in the pound declared on the assessment and actually collected by the corporate body claiming such grant, and shall be expended by such corporate body in the construction or repair of roads, streets, wells, dams, reservoirs, bridges, or drainage works Purposes of Grant.

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as may be approved by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and every such grant shall be similarly expended.

Amount of grants.

6. Every grant to a corporate body shall, for the first financial year, commencing July 1st, 1885, be of an amount equal to Fifteen Shillings in the Pound on the rates in aid of which such grant shall be made, collected and expended as aforesaid during such financial year, and for the financial year commencing the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, at the rate of Ten Shillings in the Pound: Provided that it shall be competent for the Commissioner of Crown Lands to withhold any grant from any corporate body until he shall be satisfied that the payments in support of such grant have been properly made; and in case an examination of the accounts of any corporate body may be deemed necessary before paying any grant, to deduct from future grants the cost of such examination, and any overpayments that may have been made.

Regulations.

7. The Commissioner of Crown Lands may make all such regulations as he shall think fit for giving effect to the provisions and carrying out the purposes of this Act, and all such regulations shall be published in the *Gazette*, and thereafter shall have the force of law.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

WILLIAM C. F. ROBINSON, Governor.