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No. 10.

An Act to amend the Laws relating to the leasing of the Waste Lands of the Crown within the Province of South Australia, for Mineral purposes.

[Assented to, 16th March, 1866.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to authorize the Governor to demise Preamble. the Waste Lands of the Crown for the purpose of Mining for Gold—Be it therefore Enacted, by the Governor-in-Chief of the Province of South Australia, by and 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. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Waste Lands Act Governor may demise lands for the purpose No. 5 of 1857, or the "Mineral Leases Act of 1862," it shall be of mining for gold. lawful for the Governor to demise, for the purpose of mining for gold, to any person applying for the same, any portion of the Waste Lands of the Crown within the said Province, not exceeding twenty acres, for any period not exceeding fourteen years, upon payment of such rent and entering into such covenants for the due working the mines of gold, or of gold-bearing minerals on the said lands, as may be described by any regulations to be made in pursuance of this Act.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice and Governor and Executive Council consent of the Executive Council, from time to time to make, vary, and may make regulations. alter any regulations respecting the terms and conditions upon which leases of land shall be granted for the purpose of mining for gold, respecting the form of applications for, and defining the position of, the lands proposed to be leased, and respecting all matters and things

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things necessary to give effect to the same, and every such regulation, when published in the South Australian Government Gazette, shall have force of law.

Regulations to be laid before Parliament.

3. A copy of all regulations made under the authority of this Act shall be laid before the Parliament within fourteen days from the publication thereof, if the Parliament be then sitting; and if the Parliament shall not be then sitting, then within fourteen days from its next sitting for the dispatch of business.

Regulations in Gazette of 11th January, 1866, to be as valid as if made under this Act. 4. The regulations published in the Government Gazette of the eleventh day of January, 1866, shall have the same force and effect, for all purposes, as if this Act had been passed previous to such publication, and such regulations had been made in pursuance of and under the authority hereof; and the said regulations may be varied and altered from time to time, as hereinbefore provided; and all persons who have heretofore made claims under and complied with such regulations, shall be entitled to have leases granted to them under the provisions hereof, according to such claims.

Short title.

5. This Act may be cited as "Mineral Leases Act, 1865-6."

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

D. DALY, Governor.