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An Act to amend The Northern Territory Land Act, 1876.

[Assented to, 27th October, 1876.]

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend "The Northern Territory Land Act, 1872"—Be it therefore 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. Sections 39 and 74 of "The Northern Territory Land Act, 1872," are hereby repealed. Repeal.

2. The time for making applications for lands in the Northern Territory required for plantations of rice, sugar, coffee, tea, indigo, tobacco, or cotton, or for special purposes, pursuant to clause 81 of "The Northern Territory Land Act, 1872," shall be and the same is hereby extended from the first day of January, 1876, as fixed by clause 82 of the said Act, to the first day of January, 1880. Time for applications for plantation selections extended to 1st January, 1880.

3. The Governor may demise, for any period not exceeding twenty-five years, for grazing and other pastoral purposes, any waste lands in blocks not exceeding four hundred square miles, to the first applicant therefor, without previously offering the same for sale by public auction, and may reserve in any such demise such rent payable in advance, and may insert therein such conditions and clauses of forfeiture and of resumption as shall be prescribed by any regulations hereinafter authorised to be made touching waste lands demised for grazing and other pastoral purposes: Provided that, if any such demise shall terminate, either by effluxion of time Pastoral leases may be granted to the first applicant therefor.

or

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or otherwise, the land comprised therein shall not be relet for pastoral purposes without a lease of the same having been first offered to the person bidding the highest rent for the same at public auction: And provided that such leases shall not be offered at auction at a less rental than Two Shillings and Sixpence per square mile.

Special survey.

4. If any person shall apply in writing to the Commissioner for a special survey of any waste lands of not less area than twenty acres, and shall specify the locality of such waste lands, and shall at the time of making such application deposit with the Commissioner an amount to be fixed by the Commissioner, as the cost of such survey, such person shall be entitled to have the said waste lands surveyed by the said Commissioner, and after the said survey shall have been made, to purchase the same for cash at the price of Seven Shillings and Sixpence per acre, and the actual cost of survey; and the said Commissioner shall thereupon deliver to him a grant of such lands: Provided always, that the said Commissioner may refuse to entertain any such application: And provided also, that notice of every such application shall be given by advertisement in the *Government Gazette*.

Incorporation.

5. This Act and "The Northern Territory Land Act, 1872," shall be incorporated and be read and construed together as forming one Act accordingly.

Short title.

6. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Northern Territory Land Amendment Act, 1876."

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

A. MUSGRAVE, Governor.