

MEERCROFT HOME (APPLICATION OF MONEYS).

No. 22 of 1963.

AN ACT to pay certain moneys to the board of management of the Meercroft Home for the Aged.
[2 May 1963.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS by his will *Arthur Munnew* late of Devonport in this State, Gentleman, deceased, devised to the council of the municipality of Devonport certain lands therein mentioned (including his property known as "Meercroft") upon certain trusts, including a trust to build and maintain on that property a hospital or convalescent home, and gave, devised, and bequeathed to his trustees all his residuary personal estate to sell, call in, and convert it into money and after payment thereof of certain legacies, expenses, debts, and payments, to hold the net moneys and his ready money and securities to the council in trust for ever for purposes relating to that hospital or convalescent home:

And whereas the council caused a hospital, known as the Meercroft Hospital, to be established and maintained as provided by that will:

And whereas certain lands (including the land described in the schedule to this Act) were found to be unnecessary for the purposes of that hospital and the council was authorized, by the *Meercroft Hospital Act 1939* to sell and alienate all or any of those lands and to apply the proceeds of the sale thereof for the enlargement, extension, rebuilding, and improvement of that hospital:

And whereas, pursuant to the authority so conferred on it, the council entered into an agreement dated the first day of September 1947 with the Minister for Health for the time being whereby it was agreed that in consideration of the council transferring to the Minister certain lands therein mentioned (including the land described in the schedule to this Act) together with the buildings erected thereon and certain furniture and fittings the Minister would cause a modern public hospital to be erected at Devonport West:

And whereas that agreement was approved by the *Meercroft Hospital Agreement Act 1947*:

And whereas the land described in the schedule to this Act, being no longer required for hospital purposes, was on the seventeenth day of February 1960, by notification published in the *Gazette*, set apart for road purposes:

And whereas, in consideration of the setting aside of that land for road purposes, the Minister for Lands and Works caused to be paid into the Treasury the sum of £536 14s. 4d.:

And whereas that sum was placed, and stands, to the credit of a suspense account in the Treasury:

And whereas that sum is no longer required for hospital purposes within the municipality of Devonport but it is desirable that it be applied for similar purposes in that municipality:

And whereas, pursuant to the *Meercroft Home for the Aged Act 1958*, there has been established within that municipality a home for the care and comfort of aged persons and it is desirable that that sum be applied for the purposes of that home:

Be it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:—

1 This Act may be cited as the *Meercroft Home (Application of Moneys) Act 1963*. Short title.

2 In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears— Interpretation.

“Minister” means the Minister for the time being having the administration of the *Public Health Act 1935*;

“the said sum” means the sum referred to in the preamble to this Act, being the sum paid into the Treasury in consideration of the setting apart for road purposes of the land described in the schedule.

3—(1) The Treasurer shall, at the request of the Minister, pay the said sum to the board of management of the Meercroft Home for the Aged for the purposes of the Home. Power to pay moneys to the board of management of the Meercroft Home for the Aged.

(2) The said sum may be so paid either unconditionally or subject to such conditions or directions as to its application as the Minister may impose or give.

THE SCHEDULE.

(Section 2.)

CITY OF LAUNCESTON.

(7 acres and 25 perches.)

Commencing at a point on the River Tamar distant 334 feet 3½ inches or thereabouts north-easterly from the north angle of 1 rood and 7 4/10 perches (acquired for Hospital Purposes) and bounded on the north-west by 278 feet south-westerly along part of 2130 acres granted to W. Barnes on the south-west by 1191 feet 11¼ inches south-easterly in three bearings along the West Tamar Highway on the south-east by 214 feet 5½ inches north-easterly again along part of 2130 acres granted to W. Barnes to the River Tamar aforesaid and thence by that river in a general north-westerly direction to the point of commencement as the same is shown on Survey Diagram Volume 222 Folio 34 filed and registered in the office of the Surveyor-General and Secretary for Lands at Hobart.