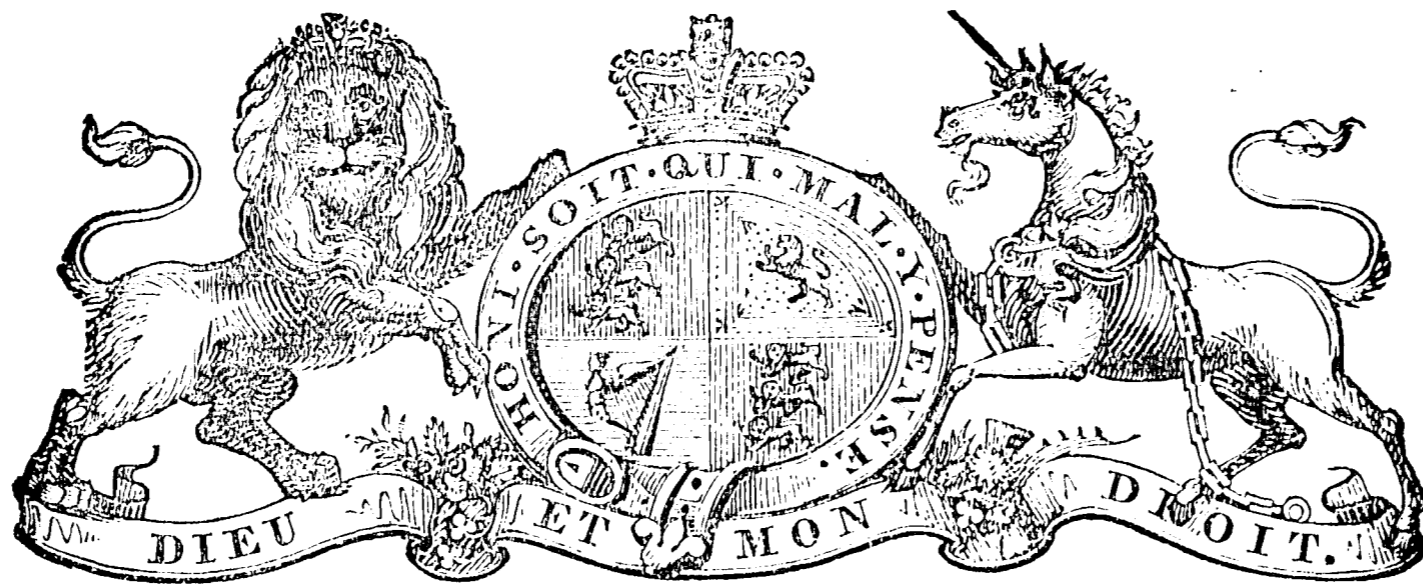


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No. DCCCXXV.

An Act to provide for the establishment of Colleges of Agriculture and for other purposes.

[12th December 1884.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):—

1. This Act may for all purposes be cited as "*The Agricultural Colleges Act 1884.*" Short title.

2. In this Act, unless inconsistent with the subject-matter or context, the following words shall have the meanings hereinafter respectively assigned to them (that is to say):— Interpretation.

"Council" shall mean the council of agricultural education by this Act constituted :

"Governing bodies of agricultural societies" shall mean the persons constituting the committee council or other body to whom the management of the affairs of any agricultural society is entrusted :

"Minister" shall mean the responsible Minister of the Crown for the time being administering this Act :

"Trustees" shall mean the trustees to be appointed under the authority of this Act.

3. Within twelve months after the passing of this Act, the Governor in Council may permanently reserve from sale any Crown lands not exceeding in the whole an area of one hundred and fifty thousand acres. Such lands when so reserved shall vest in trustees to be appointed as hereinafter provided, and such trustees shall subject to the provisions of this Act hold such lands in trust for the benefit of and by Land to be reserved as an endowment for agricultural State colleges.

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by way of an endowment for State agricultural colleges and experimental farms. Such lands may be dealt with as hereinafter provided and shall not be alienated for an estate in fee simple.

Lands in Schedule vested in trustees. Schedule.

4. The lands described in the Schedule hereto shall on the appointment of trustees as hereinafter provided vest in such trustees for the purposes of this Act, and may be dealt with as hereinafter provided.

Appointment and removal of trustees.

5. For the purposes of this Act, there shall be three trustees. Such trustees shall be appointed by the Governor in Council, and any trustee so appointed may from time to time by him be removed and another trustee appointed in his place.

Meetings of the trustees.

6. The Minister shall appoint a time and place for the first meeting of the trustees, and thereafter they shall meet when and so often as they think fit.

Power to demise lands for term of years.

7. The trustees may subject to regulations to be made by the council and approved by the Governor in Council demise for such rents reserved as may be approved by the Governor in Council and for any term not exceeding fourteen years the whole or any portion of the lands vested in them. Provided that any of such lands may be demised by the trustees on a building lease for any term of years not exceeding thirty-three years.

Trustees' account.

8. All moneys received by the trustees as rents for any of the lands demised by them under the authority of this Act shall be paid into a bank to the account of the trustees, and such moneys may be by them from time to time paid over to the council for the agricultural college fund, or be invested in the purchase of freehold lands or of Victorian Government debentures Victorian Government inscribed stock or Victorian Government stock or the debentures of any municipality in Victoria, or may be placed on deposit in any bank incorporated by Act of Parliament or Royal charter or registered as a trading company.

Establishment of agricultural colleges and experimental farms.

9. The trustees shall upon a requisition of the council and with the consent of the Governor in Council from time to time dedicate as sites for agricultural colleges and as experimental farms any lands purchased by such trustees or any of the lands described in the Schedule hereto; and any moneys voted by Parliament for the erection of buildings for agricultural colleges and experimental farm buildings and of stables outhouses sheds, and for the erection construction and making of any necessary buildings erections works and conveniences in connexion with such agricultural colleges and experimental farms and for the maintenance thereof, shall be paid to the trustees and by them expended as directed by Parliament.

Council of agricultural education.

10. There shall for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act be constituted a council of agricultural education consisting of eleven members, five of whom shall form a quorum, and three of such members shall be the trustees for the time being, one of such members shall be the secretary of agriculture for the time being,
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five of such members shall be persons to be elected annually by the governing bodies of agricultural societies in Victoria as hereinafter provided, and two of such members shall be appointed by the Governor in Council, who may at any time remove any person so appointed by him and who may fill any vacancy caused by the resignation insolvency removal failure to attend or death of any person who has been appointed by him.

11. Victoria shall be divided into five parts for the purpose of the election of members of the council. Each of such parts shall elect one of the members of the council, and the persons forming the governing bodies of agricultural societies and resident within each of such parts shall be the persons to elect such member. In each and every year a roll of the persons forming the governing bodies of agricultural societies within each of such parts shall be made out under the direction of the Minister by some person in that behalf appointed by the Governor in Council. The members of the council to be so elected shall in the year One thousand eight hundred and eighty-five be elected at a time to be fixed by the Governor in Council and shall hold office until the first day of July One thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, and in the said last-mentioned year and in every year thereafter shall be elected in the month of June for a period of one year commencing from the first day of July next following their election, and shall be eligible for re-election. The election of such members and of members to fill any casual vacancies shall be conducted under regulations to be made by the Governor in Council at such times and in such manner as may be by such regulations specified.

Election of members of council by governing bodies of agricultural societies.

12. The council shall at its first meeting elect one of its members to be chairman, who shall hold office until the month of July following; and at its first meeting after the first day of the month of July in every year the council shall elect one of its members to be chairman, and every person so elected to be chairman shall hold office until the month of July next following. The council may at any meeting at which the chairman is not present appoint any person to act as chairman in his stead during his absence. If any vacancy occur in the office of chairman in any year by resignation insolvency removal failure to attend or death, the council may elect one of its members to fill such vacancy in the office of chairman until the month of July next following.

Chairman of the council.

13. The Governor in Council may at any time accept the resignation of any trustee or of any member of the council, and his place shall thereupon become vacant. Any member of the council becoming insolvent and any member of the council (not being a trustee) failing to attend three consecutive meetings thereof unless leave of absence have been granted by the council shall be deemed to have ceased to be a member of the council, and his place shall thereupon become vacant.

Resignation of or vacation of seat by trustee or of member of council.

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Meetings of the council.

14. As soon as conveniently may be after all the members of the council have been elected and appointed as by this Act directed, they shall hold their first meeting at some time and place to be appointed by the Minister, and thereafter when and so often and at such places as the council may subject to regulations to be made by the Governor in Council determine. Provided that the Minister may at any time if requested in writing signed by a majority of the members of the council convene a meeting of the council to be held within fourteen days of the receipt by him of such requisition. The proceedings at every meeting of the council shall be conducted subject to regulations made as aforesaid.

Agricultural college fund.

15. All moneys received by the council from the sale of stock or farm produce or as fees from students at any agricultural college or experimental farm, and all other moneys whatsoever coming to the council as such, shall form a fund to be called the "Agricultural College Fund."

Students.

16. Students may be received at any agricultural college or experimental farm established under this Act on such terms and conditions as may be specified in regulations to be made by the council and approved by the Governor in Council.

Application of fund

17. All moneys forming part of the agricultural college fund shall be paid into an account in a bank to be called the "Agricultural College Fund Account;" and any such moneys may be expended in providing instruction for students or in purchasing stock seed agricultural implements and all things necessary for the education of the students at the agricultural colleges and experimental farms and for the proper working of the said farms and generally for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

Clerical assistance.

18. Such clerical assistance as may be required by the council shall be supplied by the Department of Agriculture with the approval of the Minister; and the secretary of agriculture for the time being shall be treasurer of the council.

Payment out of agricultural college fund account.

19. The signature of the chairman or the acting chairman of any meeting of the council countersigned by another member of the council and by the treasurer of the council shall be sufficient authority to the bank for the payment of any moneys out of the agricultural college fund account.

Travelling expenses.

20. The members of the council shall be entitled to be paid out of the agricultural college fund their just and reasonable expenses in travelling to and from any meeting of the council. Provided that the Governor in Council may regulate and limit the amount of such allowances and the mode of their computation, and may fix an amount to be paid for each day of attendance or for each year.

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21. The council may from time to time subject to the approval of the Minister appoint a principal to have the chief control of each agricultural college and such professors lecturers teachers officers and servants for each such college and experimental farm as the council think fit, and subject to such approval as aforesaid may pay such persons such salaries as they think fit and may at any time remove persons so appointed.

Appointment of officers and servants in agricultural colleges and experimental farms.

22. All improvements and purchases made for any agricultural college or experimental farm shall be conducted by, and the management and discipline of each agricultural college and experimental farm shall be under the control of such officers thereof as the council from time to time directs.

Management &c. of agricultural colleges and experimental farms.

23. The accounts of the trustees and of the council shall once in every six months at least, and oftener if the Governor in Council so direct, and at such time as the Minister appoints, be audited by two persons, one of whom shall be appointed by the Governor in Council and one by the council, who shall be paid such fees out of the agricultural college fund as the Governor in Council may direct. A balance-sheet showing the revenue and expenditure certified to by such auditors shall be forwarded to the Governor in Council every six months, who shall cause the same to be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Audit of trustees' and council's accounts.

24. The Governor in Council may from time to time make alter and repeal regulations for all or any of the following purposes:—

Regulations to be made by Governor in Council.

For regulating the election by the governing bodies of agricultural societies of members of the council :

For regulating the times and places of and the proceedings at meetings of the council :

For regulating computing and limiting the amounts to be paid to members of the council as travelling expenses.

25. The council may from time to time with the approval of the Governor in Council make alter and repeal regulations for all or any of the following purposes—

Regulations to be made by council.

For regulating subject to the provisions hereinbefore contained the manner in which any of the lands vested in the trustees may be demised by them, and the forms of the leases and the terms covenants and conditions to be therein contained:

For prescribing the terms and conditions on which students will be received at agricultural colleges and experimental farms :

And generally for the better carrying out of the purposes and provisions of this Act whether hereinbefore specifically authorized or not.

SCHEDULE.

Section 4.

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SITE FOR AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE AND EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

Two thousand eight hundred acres more or less, county of Polwarth, parish of Olangolah : Commencing at the south-east angle of James Hayes' 19th section licensed holding ; bounded thence by that holding and a line bearing west two hundred and twenty chains ; thence south one hundred and sixty chains ; thence east one hundred and sixty-five chains or thereabouts to the road from Krambruk to Mount Sabine ; thence north-westerly and north-easterly by said road to the point of commencement.

SITE FOR AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

GUNYAH GUNYAH AND JUMBUK.

Two thousand five hundred acres more or less, county of Buln Buln, parishes of Gonyah Gonyah and Jumbuk : Commencing at a point on the eastern side of the road from Yinnar to Toora where the road to Yarram Yarram diverges therefrom ; bounded thence by lines bearing respectively east about twenty chains, north one hundred and sixty chains, west one hundred and sixty chains, south one hundred and sixty chains, and east about one hundred and forty chains to the point of commencement.

SITE FOR EXPERIMENTAL FARM AND FOR PRESERVATION AND GROWTH OF TIMBER.

JUNG JUNG AND LONGERENONG.

Two thousand three hundred and eighty-six acres seventeen perches, county of Borung, parishes of Jung Jung and Longerenong, in the three separate portions hereinafter described, viz. :—

Six hundred and seventy-seven acres two roods thirty-four perches, being allotments 94 and 95, parish of Jung Jung : Commencing at the south-west angle of allotment 97 ; bounded thence by that allotment and allotment 96 bearing N. $89^{\circ} 42' E.$ one hundred and fifteen chains seventy-four links ; and thence by roads bearing respectively S. $0^{\circ} 20' W.$ fifty-eight chains seventy-one links, S. $89^{\circ} 41' W.$ one hundred and fifteen chains seven links, and N. $0^{\circ} 19' W.$ fifty eight chains seventy-four links to the point of commencement.

Forty acres thirty-six perches, being part of allotment 86, parish of Jung Jung : Commencing at a point bearing N. $89^{\circ} 41' E.$ one chain from the south-east angle of allotment 87 ; bounded thence by a road bearing N. $0^{\circ} 20' E.$ twenty-two chains thirty-six links and N. $89^{\circ} 58' E.$ nineteen chains twenty-four links ; thence by a road and a line bearing S. $0^{\circ} 2' E.$ fifteen chains twenty-five links ; and thence by roads bearing respectively S. $80^{\circ} 2' W.$ four chains forty links and S. $0^{\circ} 19' E.$ six chains twenty-seven links and S. $89^{\circ} 41' W.$ fifteen chains eight links to the point of commencement.

And one thousand six hundred and sixty-eight acres twenty-seven perches, parish of Longerenong : Commencing at a point bearing S. $0^{\circ} 26' E.$ one chain from the south-west angle of allotment 95, parish of Jung Jung ; bounded thence by roads bearing respectively N. $89^{\circ} 34' E.$ one hundred and eighty-six chains seventy-one links, and S. $0^{\circ} 26' E.$ one hundred and twenty-six chains seventeen links ; thence by the road from Glenorchy to Horsham bearing S. $89^{\circ} 44' W.$ twenty-six chains fifty-six links and N. $62^{\circ} 17' W.$ one hundred and eighty-one chains sixty-three links ; and thence by a road bearing N. $0^{\circ} 26' W.$ forty chains forty links to the point of commencement.

The bearings are from the true meridian.

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EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

DOOKIE, ETC.

Four thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine acres one rood thirty-four perches, county of Moira, towns of Cashel and Nalinga and parishes of Currawa and Dookie, in the two separate portions hereinafter described, viz. :—Four thousand three hundred and seventy-eight acres three roods twenty-six perches : Commencing at the south-west angle of allotment 159 A², parish of Dookie, ; bounded thence by that allotment bearing east twenty chains and north ten chains ; thence by allotment 159 B¹ and a line bearing east twenty-one chains ; thence by allotment 160 A bearing south twelve links and east eighteen chains ; thence by allotment 160 B bearing south ten chains and east twenty chains ; thence by a road bearing south thirty chains nineteen links ; thence by a line bearing east seventeen chains five links ; thence by allotment 164 B bearing south fifty chains ; thence by roads bearing respectively west sixteen chains ten links and south forty chains fifty links ; thence by a line and allotment 168 bearing east nine chains fifty links, and by the last-mentioned allotment and a line bearing south nine chains fifty links ; thence by roads bearing respectively east seventy chains fifty links and south two hundred chains sixty-six links ; thence by the road from Benalla to Shepparton bearing west seventy-four links and S. 29° 50' W. seventy-seven chains sixty-nine links ; thence by roads bearing respectively north sixty-seven chains sixty-two links and west eighty chains ; thence by a line and allotments 61 and 60 A, parish of Currawa, bearing south eighty-nine chains sixty-seven links ; thence again by the road from Benalla to Shepparton bearing S. 86° 28' W. forty chains seven links ; thence by a road bearing north two hundred and sixty-two chains seventy-nine links ; thence by allotment 59 B¹ bearing east thirty-three chains thirty-three links, and by that allotment and allotment 53 A¹ bearing north thirty chains ; thence by a road bearing east thirty-seven chains ninety-six links ; thence by a line, allotment 166 B², and a line bearing north fifty-one chains ; and thence by roads bearing respectively west seventy-two chains twenty-four links and north eighty chains thirty-one links to the point of commencement, excepting the roads between allotments 165 and 166 and between allotments 166 B and 167 A, parish of Dookie, the road between the parishes of Dookie and Currawa, and the road between allotments 48 A and 62 A and 49 B and 56 B, parish of Currawa.

And five hundred and ten acres two roods eight perches : Commencing at a point on the right bank of the Broken River distant three chains easterly from the east boundary of allotment 59 A, parish of Currawa ; bounded thence by a line and the road from Shepparton to Benalla bearing north twenty chains three links, and by the said road bearing N. 29° 50' E. seventy-seven chains eighteen links, east thirteen chains ninety-seven links, S. 29° 40' E. twenty-three chains fifty-nine links, and S. 88° 37' E. three chains ten links ; thence by a line bearing S. 60° E. about thirty-seventy chains to the Broken River aforesaid ; and thence by that river downwards to the point of commencement.

SITE FOR AN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

BULLARTO.

Eight hundred and seventeen acres one rood thirteen perches, county of Talbot, parish of Bullarto : Commencing at the north-west angle of allotment A 26 ; bounded thence by that allotment bearing N. 88° 24' E. thirty-three chains ; thence by the Loddon River northerly about ten chains to a point in line with the north boundary of allotment H 1 ; thence by a line and the last-mentioned allotment bearing S. 89° 59' E. about eleven chains to the north-western side of the Carlisle and Daylesford Railway reserve ; thence by that reserve bearing north-easterly about seventeen chains ; thence by the railway station reserve and a line bearing N. 11° 43' W. five chains ; thence by roads bearing respectively N. 78° 17' E. six chains fifty-six links and N. 0° 14' W. twenty-six chains

chains five links; thence by a line, allotment 1A of section 1, Lyonville, a line, allotments 1, 2, 3, and 4, a line, and allotment 5 bearing N. $89^{\circ} 46'$ E. twenty-three chains one link; thence by a road bearing N. $46^{\circ} 30'$ E. eight chains ninety-one links; thence by a line bearing N. $0^{\circ} 9'$ W. fifty-nine chains ten links; thence by a road bearing N. $65^{\circ} 32'$ W. seven chains ten links; thence by a line bearing S. $89^{\circ} 51'$ W. eighty-seven chains thirty-eight links; and thence by a road bearing S. $1^{\circ} 56'$ E. three chains eighty-eight links, S. $26^{\circ} 49'$ W. two chains ninety-three links, S. $29^{\circ} 23'$ E. twelve chains eighty-six links, S. $46^{\circ} 12'$ E. ten chains nineteen links, S. $13^{\circ} 28'$ E. seven chains eighty-eight links, S. $3^{\circ} 12'$ W. forty chains sixty-two links, S. $16^{\circ} 57'$ W. twenty-seven chains thirty-eight links, S. $35^{\circ} 56'$ W. eight chains sixty-one links, S. $10^{\circ} 29'$ W. eleven chains, and S. $9^{\circ} 53'$ E. three chains ninety-three links to the point of commencement.

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