

1913.

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Read 1^o 4th September, 1913.

(Brought in by the Treasurer, the Right Honorable Sir John Forrest.)

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT

To amend the *Audit Act* 1901-1912.

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:—

1.—(1.) This Act may be cited as the *Audit Act* 1913.

Short title and citation.

5 (2.) The *Audit Act* 1901-1912 is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3.) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Audit Act* 1901-1913.

10 2. After section thirty-seven of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in the Part of that Act relating to the payment of moneys:—

15 "37A.—(1.) If before the close of any financial year no supply has been granted or appropriation made to meet the current expenditure of the Commonwealth for the whole or part of the next financial year, the Treasurer may issue from the Commonwealth Public Account such sums as are necessary to meet such expenditure, subject to the following conditions:—

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(b) The authority of the Treasurer under this section shall cease in respect of any financial year if a Supply or Appropriation Act for any part of that year has been passed ;

(c) Before issuing any sums from the Commonwealth Public Account under the authority of this section, a warrant in accordance with section thirty-two of this Act shall be obtained. 5

“(2.) After the enactment of a Supply Act or Appropriation Act in which there is included provision for all sums issued from the Commonwealth Public Account, under the authority of this section, during the financial year in which that Act is passed, a fresh warrant under section thirty-two of this Act may be obtained, and thereupon the warrant obtained in accordance with paragraph (c) of sub-section (1.) of this section shall be deemed to be superseded. 10 15

“(3.) The Auditor-General shall not grant to the Treasurer an acquittance, under section forty-two of this Act, for any payments made from sums issued from the Commonwealth Public Account under the authority of this section, until the enactment of the Supply Act or Appropriation Act referred to in sub-section (2.) of this section.” 20

Amendment of
s. 71.

3. Section seventy-one of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in sub-section (1.) thereof, after paragraph (e), the following paragraph :— 25

“and (f) regulating the purchase, custody, control and issue of public stores”.

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the Appropriation Act for the previous year, and the aggregate amount of expenditure shall not exceed one-twelfth of the total amount of such appropriation for the whole of the previous year ;

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

AUDIT BILL.

The Treasurer :—

Clause 2, page 1, line 20. After "July" insert—

"and the expenditure shall be in accordance with the Appropriation Act for the previous year, and the aggregate amount of expenditure shall not exceed the amount expended in the month of June preceding."

9th September, 1913.

AUDIT BILL 1913.

(Schedule of the Amendment made by the Senate.)

Page 2, clause 3, leave out this clause.

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C. B. BOYDELL,
Clerk of the Senate.

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