

New South Wales.



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GEORGI V REGIS.

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By Authority :

WILLIAM APPLGATE GULLICK, Government Printer, Sydney, 1914.

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RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
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*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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*In the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King
I assent to this Act.*

G. STRICKLAND,
State Government House, Governor.
Sydney, 23rd July, 1914.

THE STATE OF NEW YORK
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BOORABIL COMMISSION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 22nd July, 1914.

Page 5, clause 12, line 10. *Omit* "hereinafter".
Page 5, clause 12, line 11. *After* "Seal" *insert* "within two years after the passing
"of this Act."

BEYOND THE COMMISSION

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8. A witness before the Commissioner shall not be excused from answering any question put to him on the ground of any privilege, or on the ground that the answer thereto may criminate or tend to criminate him, or upon any other ground: Provided that no evidence taken before the Commissioner shall be admissible against any person in any civil or criminal proceeding except in the case of a person accused of having given false evidence before the Commissioner, or of having procured or caused or attempted or conspired to procure or cause the giving of such evidence.

9. (1) Any witness before the Commissioner who, in the opinion of the Commissioner, makes a full and true disclosure touching all matters in respect of which he is examined, may, in the discretion of the Commissioner, be granted a certificate signed by the Commissioner, stating that the witness has on his examination made a full and true disclosure as aforesaid.

(2) If any civil or criminal proceeding is at any time thereafter instituted against any such witness in respect of any matter touching which he has been so examined, the Court having cognizance of the case shall, on proof of the certificate, stay the proceedings, and may, in its discretion, award to the witness such costs as he may be put to in, or by reason of, the proceedings: Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to the case of a person accused of having given false evidence before the Commissioner or of having procured or caused or attempted or conspired to procure or cause the giving of such evidence.

10. Every person who wilfully gives false evidence before the Commissioner shall be guilty of perjury and shall be punishable accordingly: Provided that no prosecution for perjury charged to have been committed before the Commissioner shall be instituted without the direction

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10 **11.** In any Letters Patent hereinafter issued under the Great Seal within two years after the passing of this Act appointing any Judge of the Supreme Court a Commissioner to make any inquiry, it shall be lawful for the Governor to declare that
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25 Commissioner under the Royal Commissioner's Evidence Act 1901. Saving clause.

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This PUBLIC BILL originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

RICHD. A. ARNOLD,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22 July, 1914.*

New South Wales.



ANNO QUINTO

GEORGII V REGIS.

Act No. , 1914.

An Act to extend the powers of the Commissioner appointed to make inquiries relating to the resumption of the Boorabil Leases, and to other matters, and to further provide for the procedure before such Commissioner, and for other purposes, and to further prescribe the duties and immunities of witnesses examined before such Commissioner, and to amend and extend the provisions of the Royal Commissioner's Evidence Act, 1901; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

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WHEREAS by Letters Patent issued under the Great Preamble.
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nine hundred and fourteen, the Honourable Mr. Justice
Pring was authorised and appointed Sole Commissioner
5 to make inquiry relating to the matter of the purchase
by the Government of the Boorabil Estate and the
adjoining improvement leases, and the administration of
the Department of Lands in connection with the said
purchase, and other matters connected therewith: And
10 whereas it is desirable to extend the powers of the
said Commissioner, and to make further provision for
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the duties and immunities of witnesses examined before
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the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the
advice and consent of the Legislative Council and
Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament
assembled, and by the authority of the same, as
20 follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Boorabil Com- Short title.
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2. The Commissioner shall for the purposes of the Powers of the
inquiry under the said Letters Patent, or any extension Commissioner.
25 of the terms of the same, have in addition to the special
powers hereinafter provided all such powers, rights, and
privileges as are vested in the Supreme Court, or in any
Judge thereof, on the occasion of any action or trial in
respect of the following matters:—

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declaration;
- (b) The compelling the production of books, docu-
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- 35 (c) The compelling witnesses to answer questions
which the said Commissioner deems to be rele-
vant to the inquiry;
- (d) The punishing persons guilty of contempt or of
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40 issued by the Commissioner;
- (e) The directing witnesses to be prosecuted for
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3. A summons signed by the Commissioner may be issued for enforcing the attendance of witnesses or compelling the production of books documents and writings. If any person having been served with such summons fails to appear the Commissioner may issue a warrant authorising such person to be apprehended and brought before him.

Attendance
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4. Any person summoned to attend before the Commissioner who refuses or neglects or fails to attend in pursuance of any summons shall notwithstanding the dissolution or other determination of the Commission be liable to punishment for contempt of the Supreme Court on the motion of the Attorney-General.

Neglect to
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