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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1910.

1. The House met, at ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PAPER.—Mr. Batchelor presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Papua—Despatch from Administrator of Papua relating to Native Labour in the Territory.
Ordered to lie on the Table.
3. SUPPLY [SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1910-11].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1910-11.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Frazer, after debate—That the following further sums be granted to His Majesty to defray the charges for the year 1910-11, for the several services hereunder specified, viz. :—

ii. The Department of External Affairs	...	...	£424,750
iv. The Department of Home Affairs	...	...	40,000
vii. The Department of Defence	...	...	3,200

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1910-11.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Frazer—That there be granted to His Majesty to the service of the year 1910-11, for the purpose of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., a further sum not exceeding £61,175.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

Ordered—That the Resolutions reported from the Committee be considered at once.

Mr. Frazer moved, pursuant to contingent notice given by Mr. Hughes—That the Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow the Reports from the Committee of Supply to be adopted, and the Appropriation Bills to be passed through all their stages without delay.

Question—put and passed.

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Mr. Frazer, adopted by the House.

4. WAYS AND MEANS [SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR WORKS, ETC., 1910-11].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

25th November, 1910.

(In the Committee.)

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES, 1910-11.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Frazer, after debate—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for the services of the year ending 30th June, 1911, a sum not exceeding Four hundred and sixty-seven thousand nine hundred and fifty pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONS, NEW WORKS, BUILDINGS, ETC., 1910-11.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr. Frazer—That towards making good the further Supply granted to His Majesty for Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c., for the year ending 30th June, 1911, a sum not exceeding Sixty-one thousand one hundred and seventy-five pounds be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Resolutions to be reported.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

And the said Resolutions were, on the motion of Mr. Frazer, adopted by the House.

Ordered—That Mr. Frazer and Mr. Hughes do prepare and bring in Bills to carry out the foregoing Resolutions.

5. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION BILL 1910-11.—Mr. Frazer then brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eleven,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Frazer moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Frazer, the House adopted the Report, and the Bill was read a third time.

6. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (WORKS AND BUILDINGS) BILL 1910-11.—Mr. Frazer also brought up a Bill intituled "*A Bill for an Act to grant and apply a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eleven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" and moved, That it be now read a first time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a first time.

Mr. Frazer moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clauses 1, 2, and 3 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble debated and agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Frazer, the House adopted the Report and the Bill was, after debate, read a third time.

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7. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.—ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were presented, and the same were read by Mr. Speaker:—

(*Postal Rates Bill*)—

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 44.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Postal Rates,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
25th November, 1910.

(*Seat of Government (Administration) Bill*)—

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 45.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Provisional Government of the Territory for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
25th November, 1910.

(*Emigration Bill*)—

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 46.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to the Emigration from Australia of Young Persons and Aboriginal Natives,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
25th November, 1910.

(*Post and Telegraph Bill 1910*)—

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 47.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Post and Telegraph Act 1901,'*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
25th November, 1910.

(*Northern Territory (Administration) Bill*)—

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 48.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the Provisional Government of the Northern Territory,*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
25th November, 1910.

(*Australian Industries Preservation Bill 1910*)—

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 49.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Australian Industries Preservation Act 1906-1909'*" as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
25th November, 1910.

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(Naval Defence Bill)—

DUDLEY,

*Governor-General.**Message No. 50.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Naval Defence*," as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
25th November, 1910.

8. PAPERS.—Mr. Thomas presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Postmaster-General's Department—Statement showing Business transacted and details of Receipts and Expenditure in respect of Post Offices in the Commonwealth, 1909.

Mr. O'Malley presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—

Social Insurance—Report by the Commonwealth Statistician.

Severally ordered to lie on the Table, and to be printed.

Mr. Batchelor presented, pursuant to Statute—

Papua.—Ordinance of 1910—No. 9—Customs.

Mr. O'Malley presented, pursuant to Statute—

Census and Statistics Act—

Population and Vital Statistics—Bulletin No. 22—Quarter ended 30th June, 1910.

Shipping and Oversea Migration 1909.

Trade, Shipping, Migration and Finance—Bulletins—

No. 43, July, 1910.

No. 44, August, 1910.

Trade and Customs and Excise Revenue, 1909.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired under, at Bundaberg, Queensland—For Defence purposes.

9. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day, Government Business, be postponed until the next day of sitting.

10. QUEENSLAND—FORMATION OF TWO NEW STATES.—Mr. Higgs moved, pursuant to notice—

Whereas the area of Queensland (668,497 square miles) is twenty-five and a half ($25\frac{1}{2}$) times the size of Tasmania, a State of the Commonwealth; and more than seven times the size of Victoria, also a State of the Commonwealth;

And whereas the said area of Queensland comprises a large and varied quantity of good agricultural, pastoral, and mineral lands well distributed throughout the Northern, Central, and Southern divisions;

And whereas the population of the three said divisions of Queensland is estimated to be—

						Persons.
Northern Division	...	...	...	...	...	122,614
Central Division	...	...	...	...	...	70,859
Southern Division	...	...	...	...	...	364,764

And whereas when Queensland was made a separate colony and granted responsible government on the 10th December, 1859—50 years ago—the population of the whole of Queensland was only 28,000 persons;

And whereas the people of Northern and Central Queensland, numbering nearly 200,000 persons, are as intelligent, well-educated, and law-abiding as their Australian fellow-citizens in other portions of the Commonwealth—

Be it resolved—

(1) That this House is prepared, in accordance with Chapter VI. of the Commonwealth Constitution, to form two new States out of the Territory now known as Northern and Central Queensland.

(2) That this Resolution be forwarded to the Senate with a request for its concurrence therein.

Mr. Mathews moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.

1. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—APPROPRIATION BILL 1910-11.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 50.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eleven and to appropriate the Supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament*," to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th November, 1910.

H. TURLEY,
President.

25th November, 1910.

12. INTOXICATING LIQUORS—SALE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE, OF.—Mr. Finlayson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited within the precincts of this House.
Mr. Chanter moved, That the debate be now adjourned.
Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put and passed.
Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
13. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.
Question—put and passed.
14. POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICES OF MOTION.—Ordered, That Notices of Motion, Nos. 3 and 4, be postponed until to-morrow.
15. WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION.—Mr. Mahon withdrew his Notice of Motion (No. 5), for the appointment of a Select Committee in regard to the Expenditure of the Government on Advertising.
16. WOMAN SUFFRAGE.—Mr. W. Maloney moved, pursuant to notice—
(1) That this House is of opinion that the extension of the suffrage to the women of Australia for State and Commonwealth Parliament, on the same terms as to men, has had the most beneficial results. It has led to the more orderly conduct of elections, and at the last Federal elections the women's vote in a majority of the States showed a greater proportionate increase than that cast by men. It has given a greater prominence to legislation particularly affecting women and children, although the women have not taken up such questions to the exclusion of others of wider significance. In matters of Defence and Imperial concern they are proving themselves as far-seeing and discriminating as men. Though disaster was freely prophesied, the reform has brought nothing but good, our women taking their places in our system of representative government and effectively promoting its development.
(2) That a copy of the foregoing resolution be cabled to the British Prime Minister.
Question—put and passed.
17. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDERS OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Orders of the Day, General Business, be postponed as follows—
Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, to to-morrow.
No. 7, to Wednesday next.
Nos. 8, 9, 10 and 11, to to-morrow.
18. BANKING COMPANIES RESERVE LIABILITIES BILL.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—
Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1 agreed to.
Clause 2 read.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Fenton moved the following amendment, Line 6, omit "and 'company.'"
Debate continued.
Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Poynton reported accordingly.
Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

19. POSTPONEMENT OF ORDER OF THE DAY.—Ordered, That Order of the Day, General Business, No. 13, be postponed until Wednesday next.
20. SUGAR INDUSTRY—ROYAL COMMISSION.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Higgs:—That a Royal Commission, Parliamentary or otherwise, be appointed to inquire into the Sugar Industry of Australia, such Commission to consist, if practicable, of at least one representative of each of the following interests:—1, The General Public; 2, the Wage-earners; 3, the Growers; 4, the Millers; 5, the Refiners—*And on the Amendment moved thereto by Mr. Greene, viz.:*—That the words "such Commission to consist, if practicable, of at least one representative of each of the following interests" be omitted from the motion, and that the words "and that such inquiry shall cover the interests of" be inserted in place thereof, and that the words "and to report prior to 1st July, 1911" be added to the motion—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Carr moved, That the debate be now adjourned.

25th November, 1910.

Question—That the debate be now adjourned—put.

The House divided—

Ayes, 26.		Noes 10.	
Mr. Anstey	Mr. W. Maloney	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Sinclair
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Harper	Mr. Thomson
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Parker Moloney	Mr. Hedges	
Mr. Batchelor	Mr. O'Malley	Mr. Kelly	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Brown	Mr. Ozanne	Mr. Mahon	Mr. W. Elliot Johnson
Mr. Cann	Mr. Poynton	Mr. Sampson	Mr. McWilliams
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Scullin		
Mr. Fenton	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Finlayson	Mr. Thomas		
Mr. Frazer	Mr. West		
Mr. Higgs			
Mr. Howe	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Hughes	Mr. Carr		
Mr. W. J. Johnson	Mr. Watkins		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered—That the resumption of the debate be made an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

21. MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Messages from the Senate:—

(Supply Bill (No. 1) 1911-12)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 51.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th November, 1910.

H. TURLEY,
President.

(Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1908-9)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 52.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th November, 1910.

H. TURLEY,
President.

(Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1908-9)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 53.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.,*" to which it has agreed without amendment.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th November, 1910.

H. TURLEY,
President.

(Customs Tariff Bill 1910)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 54.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs,*" and acquaints the House that the Senate has agreed to the Bill as amended by the House at the request of the Senate.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th November, 1910.

H. TURLEY,
President.

(Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1910-11)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 55.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eleven,*" to which it has agreed without requests.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 25th November, 1910.

H. TURLEY,
President.

(Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1910-11)—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 56.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to grant and apply a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eleven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

H. TURLEY,
 President.

The Senate,
 Melbourne, 25th November, 1910.

22. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Hughes moved, That the House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twelve minutes to nine o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—Mr. Beard, Mr. Catts, Mr. R. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Sir John Forrest, Mr. R. W. Foster, Mr. Fowler, Mr. Greene, Mr. Groom, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hans Irvine, Mr. W. H. Irvine, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Page, Mr. Salmon, Mr. Bruce Smith, and Mr. Wynne.

C. GAVAN DUFFY,
 Clerk of the House of Representatives.

MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

ASSENT TO BILLS.—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor-General were received after the adjournment of the House on the 25th November, 1910 :—

(*Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Bill 1910*)—

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 51.

A Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1906–1909’*”, as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
1st December, 1910.

(*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1908–9*)—

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 52.

A Bill intituled “ *An Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine for purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*”, as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
1st December, 1910.

(*Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Bill 1910–11*)—

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 53.

A Bill intituled “ *An Act to grant and apply a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eleven for the purposes of Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.*”, as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
1st December, 1910.

(*Judiciary Bill 1910*)—

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 54.

A Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘Judiciary Act 1903–1907’*”, as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to His Excellency for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
1st December, 1910.

(*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1910–11*)—

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 55.

A Bill intituled “ *An Act to grant and apply a further sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eleven*”, as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to His Excellency for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
1st December, 1910.

(*Customs Bill 1910*)—

DUDLEY,

Governor-General.

Message No. 56.

A Bill intituled “ *An Act to amend the ‘Customs Act 1901’*”, as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
1st December, 1910.

(*Defence Bill 1910*)—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 57.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Defence Act 1903-1909'*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
1st December, 1910.

(*Supplementary Appropriation Bill 1908-9*)—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 58.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate a further sum for the service of the year ended the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and nine*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
1st December, 1910.

(*Customs Tariff Bill 1910*)—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 59.

A Bill intituled "*An Act relating to Duties of Customs*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
1st December, 1910.

(*Supply Bill (No. 1) 1911-12*)—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 60.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund a sum for the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twelve*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
1st December, 1910.

(*Appropriation Bill 1910-11*)—

DUDLEY,
Governor-General.

Message No. 61.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to grant and apply a sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the service of the year ending the thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and eleven, and to appropriate the supplies granted for such year in this session of the Parliament*", as finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, having been presented to the Governor-General for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, assented to the said Act.

Government House,
1st December, 1910.