

(c) a certificate under the hand of the chairman or secretary that a document annexed to the certificate is a true copy of any order or notice made, given, or served under or for the purposes of this Act is evidence, and, in the absence of evidence in rebuttal, is conclusive evidence, of the matters to which it relates.

(2) In determining whether or not a publication alleged in a prosecution in respect of an offence against this Act to be the subject of an order under section eight is the publication to which that order applies, the court shall disregard any reconstruction (whether by way of alteration in title, change of subject, characters, story, or other features, or otherwise) of that publication made on or after the date when the order became effective and while that order remains in force, and evidence proving or tending to prove any such reconstruction is admissible.

18 Any prosecution in respect of an offence against this Act shall be heard and determined by a police magistrate sitting alone. Prosecutions to be heard by police magistrates.

19 The Governor may make regulations under this Act. Regulations. Q'd., s. 22.

DERWENT BRIDGE HOTEL LOAN.

No. 81 of 1954.

AN ACT to authorize the making of a loan by the Treasurer for the purpose of facilitating the erection of a hotel at Derwent Bridge, and to provide for matters incidental thereto. [21 December, 1954.]

BE it 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 *Derwent Bridge Hotel Loan Act* 1954. Short title.

Power of
Treasurer
to make a
loan of
£15,000 for
certain
purposes.

2—(1) Subject to this section, the Treasurer may lend to an approved person a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand pounds for the purpose of assisting that person to erect a hotel at or near Derwent Bridge in this State.

(2) The loan authorized by this section shall be made upon and subject to the following terms and conditions, and to such other terms and conditions (if any) as the Governor may determine, namely:—

- (a) Before the loan is made, the person to whom it is proposed to make it shall execute such mortgages, charges, assurances, and other documents for securing the repayment of the loan as the Treasurer may require or direct;
- (b) The loan shall be secured upon the land upon which the hotel is proposed to be erected and upon the hotel and all other buildings erected or proposed to be erected thereon;
- (c) The loan shall be made by way of progress payments during the erection of the hotel;
- (d) The progress payments shall be made subject to such conditions as may be agreed upon between the Treasurer and the person to whom the loan is made and approved by the Governor, but so that no progress payment shall be made except upon the certificate of the Director of Public Works;
- (e) No payment forming part of the loan shall be made by the Treasurer unless and until the plans and specifications of the hotel have been approved by the Licensing Court constituted under the *Licensing Act* 1932 and a provisional licence has been granted by that Court in respect of the hotel;
- (f) Subject to paragraph (g) of this subsection, the principal moneys shall be made repayable, by equal annual instalments, during such period, not exceeding fifteen years, as the Governor may determine; and
- (g) The person to whom the loan is made shall not, without the written consent of the Treasurer, mortgage, lease, sell, or otherwise charge or dispose of the land and buildings, or any of them, upon which the loan is secured, or transfer to any other person any hotel licence granted to him under the *Licensing Act* 1932 in respect of the hotel to which the loan relates, and, if the firstmentioned person contravenes any of

the provisions of this paragraph, the principal moneys or so much thereof as has not then been repaid by him shall forthwith be repaid by him to the Treasurer, in default whereof the Treasurer may, without prejudice to the enforcement of any security given in respect of the loan, sue for and recover those moneys as a debt due to the Crown.

(3) The loan authorized to be made by this section may be made free of interest.

(4) In this section "approved person" means a person (being a person who is the owner in fee simple in possession free from encumbrances of land at or near Derwent Bridge) who is approved by the Governor for the purposes of this section.

3 The Treasurer may borrow any sums of money, not exceeding fifteen thousand pounds, and apply the sums so borrowed for the purposes of this Act. Borrowing powers.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE (No. 2).

No. 82 of 1954.

AN ACT to amend the *Public Works Committee Act* 1914. [21 December, 1954.]

BE it 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—(1) This Act may be cited as the *Public Works Committee Act (No. 2) 1954*. Short title, citation, and commencement.

(2) The *Public Works Committee Act* 1914, as subsequently amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3) This Act shall be deemed to have commenced on the first day of July 1954.

2 Section thirty-two of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:—

"32 The members of the Committee shall each receive, by way of remuneration for their services as members thereof, a fee for each day on which they attend at a summoned Fees to be paid to members of Committee.