PLANT DISEASES.

No. 81 of 1955.

AN ACT to amend the *Plant Diseases Act* 1930, and to authorize the appropriation and application of the sum of one thousand five hundred pounds for the purpose of meeting expenses incurred by the Potato Shipping Committee.

[22 December, 1955.]

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:—

Short title and citation.

- 1—(1) This Act may be cited as the Plant Diseases Act 1955.
- (2) The *Plant Diseases Act* 1930, as subsequently amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

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- 2 Section ten of the Principal Act is amended—
 - (a) by omitting subsection (4) and substituting therefor the following subsections:—
 - "(4) The Minister may, during the financial years ending the thirtieth day of June 1956 and the thirtieth day of June 1957, authorize the payment, out of the account in the Treasury called the Potato Diseases Fund Account—
 - I To the Potato Marketing Board, of-
 - (a) One half-penny per bag or threebushel case for all potatoes of the respective classes: and
 - (b) An amount calculated at the prescribed rate or rates per bag or three-bushel case for all tomatoes, carrots, parsnips, and turnips: and
 - II To the Potato Shipping Committee, of an amount not exceeding one penny and four-fifths of a penny per bag or three-bushel case for all potatoes of the respective classes,

in respect of which inspection fees are received by the Department of Agriculture during those financial years.

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- "(4A) Upon receipt of an authorization under subsection (4) of this section—
 - I The Treasurer shall issue and apply out of the account referred to in that subsection such amount as the Minister certifies to be payable to the Potato Marketing Board and the Potato Shipping Committee respectively: and
 - II The Board shall apply all moneys received by it under this section for the purposes of dealing with the problem of marketing potatoes produced in this State and in furtherance of the objects for which the Board was elected and the Committee shall apply all moneys received by it under this section in furtherance of the objects for which it was established and in defraying the expenses incurred by the Committee in the performance of its functions and duties."; and
- (b) by adding at the end thereof the following subsection:-
 - "(6) In this section—
 - "'Potato Marketing Board' means the Potato Marketing Board constituted under the Potato Marketing Board Act 1952:
 - "'Potato Shipping Committee' means the committee established by that name by order of the Governor on the sixth day of April 1955.".

3 For the purpose of meeting the expenses incurred or to Appropriabe incurred by the Potato Shipping Committee in the exercise and performance of its powers and functions, the Treasurer, on the recommendation of the Minister, may, during the financial year ending on the thirtieth day of June 1956, issue and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue (which, to the necessary extent, is appropriated accordingly) any sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of £1,500.