

No. XII.

An Act for the appropriation of certain Un-claimed Balances to the credit of deceased Prisoners in the Savings Bank. [29th March, 1871.]

CERTAIN UNCLAIMED
BALANCES
APPROPRIATION.

WHEREAS there is in the New South Wales Savings Bank a sum of Ten thousand two hundred and forty-nine pounds three shillings and three-pence being money together with the accrued interest thereon which has been deposited by the Government in the said Bank on account of or to the credit of certain prisoners transported from the United Kingdom or from other British Dominions to be repaid to them upon their regaining their liberty And whereas it is not likely that any claims upon the said sums so deposited will be made And whereas it is expedient to provide for the appropriation thereof to the public uses of the Colony subject to proper provision in favour of claimants who may thereafter establish their claim thereto Be it therefore enacted by the Queen'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 follows :—

1. The Trustees of the Savings Bank of New South Wales shall pay all sums of money deposited in the said Savings Bank by the Government on account of or to the credit of prisoners transported from

Amount to be paid
to the Treasurer.

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from the United Kingdom or from any other British Dominion which are in the said bank at the time of the passing of this Act together with all interest that shall have accrued thereon to the Colonial Treasurer for the purposes of the Consolidated Revenue of the said Colony.

Provision in favour
of claimants.

2. If at any time within six years after the payment of such money to the Colonial Treasurer as hereinbefore provided any person to whose credit or on whose account any portion of the moneys originally deposited as aforesaid was so deposited or the representative of such person shall make application to the Colonial Treasurer for payment to him of the amount of such deposit with the interest accrued thereon such application shall be referred to the Inspector General or other Chief Officer of Police for inquiry thereon and the report of that officer together with all proofs in support of the claim shall be submitted to the Attorney General for the time being for consideration. And if the Attorney General shall advise that the claim has been established to his satisfaction the amount of such deposit together with all interest accrued thereon in the Savings Bank shall be forthwith paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the claimant under a warrant of His Excellency the Governor. Provided that in considering any such claim it shall not be necessary for the Attorney General to require strict legal proof of all the facts necessary to establish the claim but it shall be sufficient that such claim is supported by any evidence which the Attorney General shall deem reasonably sufficient.
