

No. XI.

An Act to amend the "Crown Lands Act of 1884" in certain respects. [13th July, 1887.]

CROWN LANDS ACT
AMENDMENT.

WHEREAS it is expedient that the payment of arrears of rent and license fees under Part IV of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884" (hereafter termed the "Principal Act") should be facilitated in manner hereafter provided and that provisional rentals should be fixed in the case of certain conditional leases. 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. This Act may be cited as the "Crown Lands Act Amendment Act of 1887" and shall be read with and as part of the Principal Act. Short title. Incorporation with Principal Act.

2. The arrears of rent on pastoral homestead or conditional leases where the amount exceeds ten pounds and license fees payable under the provisions of Part IV of the Principal Act may when the notification of the determination by the Minister of such rent and license fees shall have been published be paid either as provided by the said Act or by deferred payments made half yearly and to extend over a period of two years from the respective dates notified for the payment of such arrears and bearing interest at the rate of five pounds per centum per annum—the first of such payments with interest to be made not later than six months after the date specified in such notification as being the date upon which the amount is payable under the Principal Act. Provided that in all cases in which the arrears of rent and license fees have been paid the lessees and licensees may before the date of payment apply for and the Minister may allow credit for the rent and license fee for the first year following the passing of this Act on the same terms and conditions as herein provided for the payment of arrears of rent and license fees now accrued and unpaid. Provided further that any default in making such payments shall render the lease or license in respect of which such default shall be made or both liable to forfeiture and to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

3. It shall be deemed to be and to have been competent for the Minister to fix a provisional rent for any land applied for as a conditional lease such rent being not less than the minimum prescribed by the Principal Act. Provided that the Minister shall after the receipt of a report by the Local Land Board upon the agricultural or grazing capabilities of the land finally determine the rent to be paid in respect of such land and if the rent so determined shall be higher than the provisional rent the difference shall be paid by the lessee and if the rent determined is less than the provisional rent the necessary abatement shall be made by the Minister—and a refund of any over payments shall be made to such lessee.

4. The Governor may suspend or remove the Chairman of any Local Land Board and appoint some other person in his place or in the event of any Chairman being suspended or being unable to act from any cause whatever the Governor may appoint some other person as Acting Chairman who while so acting shall have and exercise all the powers and authority and be subject to all the obligations applicable

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to the office of Chairman and the power herein lastly conferred for the appointment of or appointing an Acting Chairman shall be deemed to have been possessed by the Governor for the purpose of appointing an Acting Chairman in any case in which the Chairman of any Local Land Board was incapable through illness or other cause of performing his duties.
