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No. , 1919.

A BILL

To sanction the construction of an embankment to close the southern channel of the Hunter River at Hexham; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

[MR. BALL;— , 1919.]

BE it enacted by the King'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 "Hunter River Southern Channel Closing Act, 1919." Short title.

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2.

Work
sanctioned.

2. The carrying out of the work more particularly described in the Schedule is hereby sanctioned, and the Minister for Public Works, or the member of the Executive Council for the time being performing the duties of the said Minister, is hereby authorised to undertake and carry out the said work subject to the provisions of this Act, and for that purpose shall be and shall have the power of a Constructing Authority within the meaning of the Public Works Act, 1912. 5

The plan.

3. The plan of the said work is the plan marked "Newcastle Harbour Improvements, Proposed South Arm Channel showing Barrier Bank," signed by the Minister for Public Works and countersigned by the Chief Engineer for Harbours and Drainage, and deposited in the public office of the said Minister. 10 15

Cost, and
how to be
defrayed.

4. The cost of carrying out the said work, estimated at five thousand seven hundred pounds, may be defrayed from such Loan Votes as are now or may hereafter be applicable to the purpose, or from appropriations of the Public Works Fund, or partly from such votes and partly from such appropriations, and shall not under any circumstances exceed the estimated cost by more than ten per centum. 20

SCHEDULE.

THE construction of a barrier bank to close the southern channel of the Hunter River at its upper end, near Hexham, extending from the western bank of the river to Ash Island for the purpose of improving the ebb tide scour in the northern or main channel of the river and the diversion of flood waters from the southern channel. 25