No. , 1921.

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A BILL

To enable the Crown to grant to the Republic of France certain lands at La Perouse, in the State of New South Wales; to provide for the exemption of the said lands from rates, taxes, imposts, and charges; to amend the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, the Local Government Act, 1919, and certain other Acts; and for purposes consequent thereon or incidental thereto.

WHEREAS in the year of our Lord one thousand Preamble. eight hundred and twenty-five His Excellency Sir Thomas Prisbane, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of the Colony 312-00f of New South Wales gave permission to Monsieur le Baron de Bougainville to erect upon certain lands situate on the north shore of Botany Bay, monuments to the memory of the Comte de la Perouse and Pére Le Receveur, and made a promise of a grant to the Republic of France of such lands : And whereas it is desirable that provision should be made to enable the said lands and certain adjoining lands to be vested in the said Republic and its successors for the estate and in manner hereinafter appearing : Be it therefore 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 "La Perouse Short title. Memorial Site Act, 1921."

2. The Governor may issue to the said the Republic of France and its successors a Crown grant in fee simple of the lands more particularly described in the Schedule hereto with all the rights and appurtenances whatsoever thereto belonging, as if the whole of the same were Crown lands within the meaning of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, and the said the Republic of France had at all material times been a person competent to acquire such lands and had done all things required by law to entitle it to a grant of the fee simple thereof.

3. No purchase money or fee of any kind shall be paid by the said the Republic of France in respect of the said grant, nor shall any stamp duty be payable in respect of the transaction.

4. The said grant shall be expressed to be free of all reservations of any kind whatsoever.

5. Upon the issue of the said deed of grant the said lands shall be free from State and municipal taxes, rates, imposts, and charges of any kind whatsoever, and nothing in the Local Government Act, 1919, or the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act of 1880, or any Act amending the same respectively, or any Act now or hereafter to be passed imposing a tax or charge on land, shall apply to the said lands.

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All that piece or parcel of land containing 5 acres and $\frac{1}{4}$ perch or thereabouts situated at La Perouse, Botany Bay, State of New South Wales, Australia : Commencing on the high-water mark of Botany Bay, at the westernmost corner of an area of about 17 acres, dedicated for defence purposes on the 25th day of April, 1894, and bounded thence by the north-eastern and north-western boundaries of that area being lines bearing 123 degrees 48 minutes $872\frac{7}{100}$ links, 29 degrees 57 minutes $285\frac{2}{10}$ links and 61 degrees 59 minutes $586\frac{45}{100}$ links to the south-western side of a road 100 links wide; thence by that road and the south-eastern, the southern, and the south-western sides of a road of variable width being lines bearing 297 degrees 12 minutes $620\frac{13}{100}$ links, 272 degrees 51 minutes $12\frac{7}{10}$ links, 255 degrees 17 minutes $75\frac{9}{10}$ links, 230 degrees 4 minutes $344\frac{13}{100}$ links, 239 degrees 54 minutes $80\frac{3}{100}$ links, 259 degrees 8 minutes $91\frac{7}{100}$ links, 319 degrees 47 minutes $83\frac{3}{100}$ links and 335 degrees 34 minutes $88\frac{58}{100}$ links to the high-water mark of Botany Bay before mentioned, and thence by that high-water mark generally south-westerly to the point of commencement, as shown upon a plan in the Department of Lands, catalogued Miscellaneous 5,309, Sydney. 4 1