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[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. , 1915.

A BILL

To amend the law relating to the power and jurisdiction of the Master in Equity; to enable the judges of the Supreme Court to make rules relating thereto; to amend certain Acts; and for purposes incidental thereto or consequent thereon.

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 "Master in Equity's Short title. Jurisdiction Extension Act, 1915."

2. The judges of the Supreme Court, or any three of them, may make rules— Judges may make rules.

- (a) empowering the Master in Equity to do such things and transact such business and to exercise such authority and jurisdiction in the same as by virtue of any statute or custom or by the rules and practice of the court are now done, transacted, or exercised by the Chief Judge in Equity upon summons, motion, or petition, and as may be specified in any such rule ;
- (b) regulating the practice before the Master in the exercise of jurisdiction under such rules ; and
- (c) fixing the scale of costs and the scale of fees in respect of business transacted before the Master under such rules.

3. In any suit or matter commenced before the Supreme Court in its equitable jurisdiction the court may at any stage thereof direct that all subsequent proceedings therein shall be taken before the Master in Equity, who shall exercise in such suit or matter all the powers of the court. Direction that further proceedings be taken by the Master in Equity.

4. All orders of the Master in Equity made in pursuance of the powers authorised by or under this Act shall be subject to appeal in the same manner as other orders of the Master are from time to time subject to appeal. Appeal.

5. The power hereinbefore given to delegate any matter to the Master by rule or order of the Court shall extend to all powers and jurisdictions which may hereafter be given to the Supreme Court in its equitable jurisdiction or the Chief Judge in Equity by statute unless such power of delegation is expressly forbidden by such statute. Power to delegate extended to any powers hereafter conferred on Supreme Court.

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To repeal the Miners' Accident Relief Act, 1900, the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1901, the Miners' Accident Relief (Validating) Act, 1904, the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1910, the Miners' Accident Relief (Amendment) Act, 1912; to amend the Audit Act, 1902; to provide for the application of the moneys in the Miners' Accident Relief Fund; and for other purposes.

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:—