

No. 1899.

A BILL

To transfer to the Auditor-General certain powers and duties of the Colonial Treasurer in relation to the accounts of the curator of intestate estates and the registrar, official assignees, and trustees in bankruptcy, and other public accountants, and to amend the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898, and the Bankruptcy Act, 1898.

BE it 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. Section one hundred and thirty-one of the Wills, Probate and Administration Act, 1898, and section ninety-eight and subsection seven of section one hundred and two of the Bankruptcy Act, 1898, are hereby amended by substituting for the words "Colonial Treasurer," wherever they occur in those sections and that subsection respectively, the words "Auditor-General"; and subsection three of section ninety-eight of the Bankruptcy Act, 1898, is hereby further amended by omitting from that subsection the words "of the Treasury."

Powers of inspection, &c., in relation to official assignees, trustees, and registrar in bankruptcy, and curator of intestate estates transferred to Auditor-General.

2. Such of the powers and duties of inspecting, auditing, and examining the accounts and of passing the books of account of public accountants, as are vested by any statute in the Colonial Treasurer, are hereby transferred from the Colonial Treasurer to and vested in the Auditor-General; and where by statute any public accountant is required to render to the Colonial Treasurer any duties in connection with the inspection, audit, or examination of accounts, or the passing of books of account, such public accountant is hereby required to render those duties to the Auditor-General, in place of rendering them to the Colonial Treasurer.

Powers of inspection, &c., in relation to public accountants transferred to Auditor-General.

In this section the expression "public accountant" has the meaning given to it in the Audit Act, 1898.

3. This Act may be cited as the "Public Officers' Accounts Act, 1899."

Short title.