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PART V.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY.

The following Bill, together with the Statement of Objects and Reasons accompanying it, is published in accordance with Rule 15 of the Rules for the conduct of Business at Meetings of the Council of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay for making Laws and Regulations :—

Bill No. 1 of 1884.

A Bill to legalize the payment by the Trustees of the Port of Bombay of certain arrears of interest due to the Government.

Whereas certain deficits of interest which accrued due in the years 1873 to 1877, both inclusive, aggregating Rs. 2,36,013-11-9, were paid, on the 25th day of January 1884, by the Trustees of the Port of Bombay to the Secretary of State for India in Council out of the surplus revenue to the credit of the General Account of the Trust for the year 1882-83, and the said amount was held in hand by the said Trustees, pending settlement and payment of the amount due as

aforesaid in lieu of being applied as directed in Section 51 of the Bombay Port Trust Act, 1879;

and whereas it is expedient to legalize the payment so made by the Trustees;

It is hereby enacted that, notwithstanding anything contained in the Bombay Port Trust Act, 1879, the said sum of Rs. 2,36,013-11-9 shall be deemed to have been lawfully paid by the said Trustees to the said Secretary of State.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The Government having a claim upon the Bombay Port Trust for certain deficits of interest which accrued due before the Port Trust Act of 1879 became law and for the payment of which no special provision was made in that Act, the Trustees recently represented to Government their desire to pay off the sum due out of the surplus revenue remaining to the credit of their General Account at the close of the year 1882-83.

Section 49 of the above Act does not authorize the payment of any such sum out of the monies credited to the General Account of the Trust, nor, under Section 51 of the Act, could the surplus of the year 1882-83 be applied to this purpose. But as the money was available and was lying idle in the Bank, the Trustees, with the approval of Government, paid over the amount on the 24th January 1884 to Government on the understanding that means would afterwards be taken to obtain legislative sanction to their proceeding. This Bill has accordingly been prepared for the purpose of legalizing the payment so made,

(Signed) M. MELVILL.

8th April 1884.

By order of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

C. G. W. MACPHERSON,
Under Secretary to Government.

Bombay Castle, 10th April 1884.