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Make better provision for furthering British settle- A.D. 1922. ment in His Majesty's Oversea Dominions.

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, 5 as follows:-

1.—(1) It shall be lawful for the Secretary of State, Power of in association with the government of any part of His Secretary of State to co-Majesty's Dominions, or with approved private organisa- operate in tions either in the United Kingdom or in any part of schemes. 10 such Dominions, to formulate and co-operate in carrying out agreed schemes for affording joint assistance to suitable persons in the United Kingdom who intend to settle in any part of His Majesty's Oversea Dominions.

- (2) An agreed scheme under this Act may be 15 either :-
  - (a) a development or a land settlement scheme; or
  - (b) a scheme for facilitating settlement in or migration to any part of His Majesty's Oversea Dominions by assistance with passages, initial allowances, special training or otherwise;

and shall make provision with respect to the contributions to be made, either by way of grant or by way of loan or otherwise, by the parties to the agreed scheme towards the expenses of the scheme.

(3) The Secretary of State shall have all such powers 25 as may be necessary for carrying out his obligations under any scheme made in pursuance of this Act:

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## Provided that-

- (a) the Secretary of State shall not agree to any scheme without the consent of the Treasury, who shall be satisfied that the contributions of the government or organisation with whom 5 the scheme is agreed towards the expenses of the scheme bear a proper relation to the contribution of the Secretary of State; and
- (b) the contribution of the Secretary of State shall not in any case exceed half the expenses of 10 the scheme; and
- (c) the liability of the Secretary of State to make contributions under the scheme shall not extend beyond a period of fifteen years after the passing of this Act.

(4) Any expenses of the Secretary of State under this Act shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament:

Provided that the aggregate amount expended by the Secretary of State under any scheme or schemes 20 under this Act shall not exceed one million five hundred thousand pounds in the financial year current at the date of the passing of this Act, or three million pounds in any subsequent financial year.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Empire Settlement 25 Act, 1922.