I Assent,

J. HAYES SADLER,

Governor.

15th December, 1913.

SAINT VINCENT.

AN ORDINANCE to declare the terms and conditions applicable to loans authorised to be raised by the Government of Saint Vincent, and to provide for the creation of Inscribed Stock.

WHEREAS it is expedient to define in one Ordinance the terms and conditions applicable to loans hereafter authorised to be raised in London by the Legislature of the Colony of Saint Vincent:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the creation of inscribed stock, and to enable the Colony to

Enacting clause.

"Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of the Colony of Saint Vincent, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires:

The expression "Governor" means the person for the time being administering the government of Saint Vincent.

The expression "Crown Agents" means the person or persons for the time being acting as Crown Agents for the Colonies in England.

Loans to be raised by debentures or inscribed stock.

2. Whenever by any Ordinance authority shall have been given, or shall hereafter be given, to raise any sum of money for the purposes mentioned in such Ordinance, the Governor, or the Crown Agents acting on his behalf, may, from time to time, as he or they may deem expedient, raise such sum either by debentures or by Saint Vincent inscribed stock, or partly by debentures and partly by inscribed stock.

Loans to be a charge upon general revenue.

3. The principal moneys and interest represented by the debentures or inscribed stock issued under the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby charged upon and shall be payable out of the general revenues and assets of the Colony of Saint Vincent.

Borrowing upon debentures.

4. When the Governor, or the Crown Agents acting on his behalf, shall deem it expedient to raise money by debentures, such debentures shall be issued in London on behalf of the Government of St. Vincent by the Crown Agents, upon the best and most favourable terms that can be obtained, and shall be signed by any one of them on behalf by the Governor or by the Crown Agents acting on his behalf, as determined when issuing the debentures

Amount of each debenture.

5. Every debenture issued under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be for the sum of not less than one hundred pounds sterling, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum.

Debentures may be redeemed by annual drawings or by purchase in the market or on a date fixed.

6. The debentures shall be redeemable at par at the option of the Government by purchase in the market, or by annual drawings, or on a date to be named in that behalf by the Governor or by the Crown Agents acting on his behalf, as determined when issuing the debentures
such date not being later than sixty years from the date of issue, from and after which date all interest on the principal money represented thereby shall cease and determine, whether payment of the principal shall have been demanded or not.

7. There shall be attached to every debenture coupons for the payment of the interest to become due in each half year upon the principal represented by the debenture. The coupons shall be sufficient in number to provide for the payment of the interest, either during the whole period for which the debenture has to run, or for such limited period as the Crown Agents, acting on behalf of the Government of St. Vincent, may determine.

8. The debentures and the coupons thereto shall be in such form as the Governor or the Crown Agents acting on his behalf, may direct or approve.

9. Every debenture and coupon, and the right to receive the principal and interest represented thereby, shall be transferable by delivery.

10. Every debenture shall, before being issued, be registered in a register book to be kept for that purpose at the office in London of the Crown Agents.

11. The interest upon the principal represented by each debenture shall run from the day named in that behalf in the debenture, and shall be paid half-yearly on the days named in that behalf in the debenture, at the office in London of the Crown Agents.

12. So long as any of the debentures remain outstanding, the Governor shall, in each half-year ending with the day on which the interest on the debentures falls due, appropriate out of the general revenues and assets of the Colony of Saint Vincent a sum equal to one half-year's interest on the whole of the debentures issued, including any which may have been redeemed, but exclusive of any which may have been at any time exchanged for inscribed stock, and shall remit that sum to the Crown Agents at such time as will enable them to pay thereout the then current half-year's interest on the day on which it falls due.

13. After the date specified in the Ordinance authorising the loan as that on which the contributions to the sinking fund shall commence, the Governor shall, in each half-year ending as aforesaid, appropriate out of the said
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revenues and assets of the Colony of Saint Vincent an additional sum for the formation of a sinking fund of not less than ten shillings sterling per hundred pounds on the total nominal amount of all the debentures issued, including any which may have been redeemed, but exclusive of any which may have been at any time exchanged for inscribed stock, and shall remit that sum to the Crown Agents with the remittance hereinbefore mentioned.

14. The sinking fund shall be applied in the first place in payment of all expenses of, or incidental to, the redemption of the debentures and the cost and expenses of all notices required by this Ordinance to be given, and in the next place, and subject to the aforesaid payments, in repayment of the principal moneys for the time being represented by the debentures.

15. In the case of debentures redeemable on a date to be named when issuing the debentures, the Crown Agents shall invest so much of the money so remitted to them as aforesaid as shall not be required for the payment of interest for the current half-year in the purchase of such securities as may be approved by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies as a sinking fund for the final extinction of the debt, and the Crown Agents shall also invest the dividends, interest, or produce of such investments in the purchase of like securities and may, from time to time, with the approval of the Secretary of State, change any such investments and shall hold such fund in trust for the repayment of the principal moneys for the time being represented by the debentures.

16. In the case of debentures redeemable by annual drawings, the Crown Agents shall place and keep the moneys so remitted to them, or so much thereof as may not be required for immediate payments, at interest, and shall hold all such moneys and the accumulations thereon in trust, to apply them in the first place to the purchase of the debentures when they can be obtained at a price not exceeding par and, secondly, to the redemption of the debentures by means of annual drawings.

17. After the date specified in the Ordinance authorising a loan as that on which the contributions to the sinking fund shall commence in respect of that loan, and so long thereafter as any of the debentures remain outstanding and unsatisfied, the Crown Agents shall, in every year, unless the whole of the money applicable in that year to
the redemption of debentures has been applied in the pur-
chase thereof, appoint a day in that year for the drawing
by lot of the debentures to be redeemed.

18. If a day is appointed for drawing, the Crown
Agents shall give, by advertisement in the London "Times"
newspaper, not less than fifteen days' previous notice,
specifying the day on which, and the hour and place at
which, the drawing will take place.

19. On the day and at the hour and place so specified
the Crown Agents shall hold a meeting, at which the
holder of any debenture may, if he think fit, be present,
and shall then in the presence of such debenture holders,
if any, as may attend, and of a notary public, draw by lot,
out of the whole number of debentures for the time being
outstanding, debentures of the specified nominal amount.

20. The Crown Agents shall thereupon declare the
distinguishing numbers of the debentures drawn for re-
demption, and shall, as soon as may be, by advertisement in
the London "Times" newspaper, specify those numbers and
appoint a day, not being later as to each debenture than
the day on which the then current half-year's interest
thereon is payable, on which the principal moneys repre-
sented by the debentures so distinguished will be repaid.

21. On the day so appointed the Crown Agents shall,
at their office in London, on demand, pay to the holders of
the debentures drawn for repayment the principal moneys
represented by those debentures, with all interest payable
thereon up to that day.

22. From and after the day appointed for the repay-
ment of any debenture all interest on the principal moneys
represented thereby shall cease and determine, whether
payment of the principal shall have been demanded or not.

23. Upon the repayment of the principal moneys
represented by any debenture, the debenture, with all the
coupons thereunto belonging, shall be delivered up to the
Crown Agents, to be by them cancelled and forwarded to
the Government of Saint Vincent. Any debenture re-
deemed by purchase shall likewise be so cancelled and
forwarded.

24. When the Governor, or the Crown Agents acting
on his behalf, shall deem it expedient to raise money by
the issue of Saint Vincent inscribed stock, then such stock
No. 20 of 1913. shall be issued in England by the Crown Agents under the provisions of the Act of the Imperial Parliament entitled "The Colonial Stock Act, 1877," upon the best and most favourable terms that can be obtained, provided that the interest on such inscribed stock shall not exceed four pounds per centum per annum.

When the principal is to be repaid. 25. All the inscribed stock which may be created under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be redeemable at par on a date to be named in that behalf by the Crown Agents when issuing the stock, such date not being later than sixty years from the date of issue, from and after which date all the interest on the principal moneys represented thereby shall cease and determine, whether payment of the principal shall have been demanded or not.

Mode of providing for the payment of interest on inscribed stock. 26. So long as any of the inscribed stock shall remain unredeemed, the Governor shall, in each half-year ending with the day on which the interest on such inscribed stock falls due, appropriate out of the general revenues and assets of the Colony a sum equal to one half-year's interest on the whole of such inscribed stock, and shall remit that sum to the Crown Agents at such time as will enable them to pay thereout the then current half-year's interest on the day when it falls due.

Mode of providing for payment of principal of inscribed stock. 27. After the date specified in the Ordinance authorising an issue of inscribed stock as that on which the contribution to the sinking fund shall commence, the Governor shall further appropriate out of the said revenues and assets in each half-year ending as aforesaid an additional sum for the formation of a sinking fund of not less than ten shillings per centum on the total nominal amount of such inscribed stock, and shall remit that sum to the Crown Agents with the remittance hereinbefore mentioned.

Creation of sinking fund. 28. The Crown Agents shall, for the purpose of forming such sinking fund, from time to time invest so much of the money so remitted to them as aforesaid as shall not be required for the payment of interest for the current half-year in the purchase of such securities as may from time to time be approved by his Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and shall also invest the dividends, interest, or produce of such investments in the purchase of like securities, and may from time to time, with the approval of the Secretary of State, change any such investments, and shall hold such fund in trust for repayment of the principal moneys for the time being represented by the inscribed stock.
29. In case the sinking funds provided for by this Ordinance shall be insufficient for the payment of all the principal moneys borrowed under the authority of this Ordinance at the time the same shall have become due, the Governor shall make good the deficiency out of the general revenues and assets of the Colony of Saint Vincent.

30. All expenses of or incidental to the management of the sinking fund, or to the payment of the principal moneys borrowed, shall be paid out of the sinking fund.

31. The Governor shall also have, and may from time to time exercise, the following powers and authorities or any of them:

(a) He may authorise the Crown Agents when issuing any loan in the form of debentures to declare that such debentures will be convertible into inscribed stock at such dates and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Crown Agents at the time of the issue of the debentures.

(b) He may declare all or any of the Saint Vincent loans, whether existing in the form of stock or debentures, to be convertible into inscribed stock, to be issued under the provisions of this Ordinance.

(c) He may authorise the creation and issue of such securities held for such loans as may be necessary.

(d) He may authorise the creation and sale of any such inscribed stock or debentures for the purpose of raising money for redeeming any outstanding loans, for paying any expense in the creation of inscribed stock, and otherwise for carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance.

(e) Any conversion so authorised may be effected either by an arrangement with the holders of existing securities or by purchase thereof out of moneys raised by the sale of inscribed stock, or partly in one way and partly in the other.

32. Nothing in this Ordinance contained shall authorise an increase of the capital or of the annual charge on any loan, except:

(a) When securities exchanged for inscribed stock bear a rate of interest not less than the inscribed stock, an additional amount of inscribed stock may be created and issued to make up the
difference in saleable value between the securities and the inscribed stock.

(b) In the case of the conversion of securities into inscribed stock the Crown Agents shall issue such an amount of inscribed stock as may be required to defray the stamp duties and all other expenses incidental to the conversion.

(c) In accordance with such terms and conditions as may be prescribed under section 31 (a) of this Ordinance.

33. The securities exchanged or otherwise converted into inscribed stock under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be forthwith cancelled by the Crown Agents, and the debentures surrendered shall be cancelled and transmitted to the Governor of Saint Vincent.

34. The trustees of the sinking fund appointed under this Ordinance, and acting under any Ordinance authorising the issue of any securities which may be exchanged into inscribed stock or cancelled or purchased under the provisions of this Ordinance, shall determine what amount of the sinking fund held by them and created for repayment of such securities shall be released, and in the determination of such question the trustees shall take into consideration the value of the whole investments held by them on account of such sinking funds, the amount of the debt remaining a charge on such sinking funds, and such matters as the trustees may think fit to take into account.

35. So much of the sinking funds as may be released shall either be transferred unto the trustees of the inscribed stock sinking fund, or be disposed of in such a manner as the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council may direct.

36. The Crown Agents may from time to time, at the request of the Governor, make arrangements for all or any of the following things:

1. For inscribing stock in their books.
2. For managing the creation, inscription, and issue of inscribed stocks.
3. For effecting the conversion of loans into inscribed stock.
4. For paying interest on inscribed stock and managing the transfers thereof.
5. For issuing inscribed stock certificates to bearer, and, as often as occasion shall require, re-inscribing them.
37. This Ordinance shall be applicable only to the raising of loans in England, and nothing in this Ordinance contained shall prevent the raising of loans in the Colony upon such terms and conditions as shall be specified in any Ordinance authorising the raising of such loans.

38. Part II of the Debenture Ordinance 1888 relating to issue of Debentures in London is hereby repealed.

39. Nothing in this Ordinance or in the repeal of sections 13 to 25 inclusive of Ordinance No. 20 of 1888 shall affect the rights of any person who holds stock or bonds under the authority of Ordinance No. 20 of 1888.

40. This Ordinance may be cited as "The General Loan and Inscribed Stock Ordinance, 1913".