

This PUBLIC BILL originated in the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, and, having this day passed as now printed, is transmitted to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

House of Representatives,

26th September, 1902.

Mr. Collins.

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL EMPOWERING.

[LOCAL BILL.]

ANALYSIS.

Title.  
Preamble.  
1. Short Title.

2. Power to Council to pay to Francis Thomas Haskins £500, and to Henry Murray £350.

A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to enable the Christchurch City Council to pay each of them, the Late Town Clerk and the Late Assistant Town Clerk, a Sum of Money by Way of Retiring-allowance. Title.

5 WHEREAS Francis Thomas Haskins, who served the Christchurch City Council for many years as Town Clerk, and Henry Murray, who served the said Council for many years as Assistant Town Clerk, were lately retired from office: And whereas the said Francis Thomas Haskins claimed that under the terms of his engagement with the Council, also under resolutions of the Council passed during his term of office, and also under a document bearing the seal of the Council, dated the eleventh day of September, one thousand nine hundred, he was and is entitled to be paid by the said Council a sum equal to one month's pay for each year's service, amounting in the whole to the sum of nine hundred and ninety-one pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence: And whereas and upon the like grounds the said Henry Murray claimed that he was entitled to be paid by the said Council a sum of money amounting in the whole to the sum of five hundred and twenty pounds sixteen shillings and eightpence: And whereas, by resolution passed at a meeting of the said City Council held on the fifth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and two, a special committee was appointed to investigate the said claims and to report to the said Council, with power also to make what the committee might consider just recommendations: And whereas, by its report submitted to the said Council at a meeting held on the sixteenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and two, the said committee recommended, *inter alia*, that the said Francis Thomas Haskins should be paid the sum of five hundred pounds, and that the said Preamble.

Henry Murray should be paid the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds; also that, if the Auditor should decline to authorise such payments, the said City Council should endeavour to get a Bill passed through Parliament authorising the same: And whereas the said Council at its said last-mentioned meeting adopted the said report and recommendations of the said special committee: And 5  
 whereas the said Francis Thomas Haskins and Henry Murray have signified their willingness to accept the said several sums of money so recommended to be paid to them respectively in full discharge of their said several claims against the said Council: And whereas the 10  
 said Auditor has declined to authorise such payments, and doubts exist as to the power of the Council to make such payments: And whereas it is desirable to remove such doubts and to enable the said Council to make such payments:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, 15  
 as follows:—

Short Title.

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be “The Christchurch City Council Empowering Act, 1902.”

Power to Council to pay to Francis Thomas Haskins £500, and to Henry Murray £350.

2. It shall be lawful for the Christchurch City Council and it is 20  
 hereby authorised to give effect to the recommendations of the said special committee, and to pay out of the district fund of the said Council and city to the said Francis Thomas Haskins the said sum of five hundred pounds, and to the said Henry Murray the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds. 25