

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 JULY, 1867.

1. Opening of the Session :—The House met at Twelve o'clock, at noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the 24th day of April, 1867; the Speaker took the Chair. The Clerk then, by direction of the Speaker, read a copy of the said Proclamation, as follows :—

“ PROCLAMATION.

“ *By His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR JOHN YOUNG, Baronet, Knight
“ Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross
“ of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Captain
“ General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales, and
“ Vice-Admiral of the same.*

“ Whereas the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to
“ Tuesday, the fourteenth day of May next: Now I, SIR JOHN YOUNG, in pur-
“ suance of the power and authority in me vested, as Governor of the said Colony,
“ do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the second day of
“ July next ensuing; and I do hereby further announce and proclaim, that the
“ said Parliament shall assemble for the despatch of business on the aforesaid
“ second day of July next, at Twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as
“ the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney; and
“ the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively,
“ are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place
“ accordingly.

“ Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this
“ twenty-fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand
“ eight hundred and sixty-seven, and in the thirtieth year of Her
“ Majesty's Reign.

“ (L.S.) JOHN YOUNG.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ HENRY PARKES.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN ! ”

2. Return of Writ on Vacancy declared :—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him before the close of the last Session, for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Bathurst, in the room of James Ruthven Kemp, Esquire, whose seat had been declared vacant in consequence of his resignation thereof, had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of William Henry Suttor, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
3. Writs issued during the Recess :—The Speaker reported as follows :—
- (1.) That, in pursuance of the direction of the Electoral Act of 1858, he had issued Writs for the Election of Members to serve in this present Parliament, in the room of Members who had respectively resigned their Seats by letters addressed to him, viz. :—
 - (1.) For Gold Fields West, in room of Stephen Augustin Donnelly, Esquire.
 - (2.) For East Sydney, in room of Charles Cowper, Esquire.
 - (3.) For Central Cumberland, in room of John Hay, Esquire.
 - (4.) For Orange, in room of William Forlonge, Esquire.
 - (2.) That the Writ above-mentioned for Gold Fields West had been duly returned to him, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the Election of George Thornton, Esquire.
- (3.)

- (3.) That the Writ above mentioned for the Election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of East Sydney was issued returnable on 25th March last; that such Writ, certifying to the Election of Marshall Burdekin, Esquire, had been returned, but had not reached him until the 3rd June, when it came to hand unaccompanied by letter or explanation; that he had acquainted the Government with the circumstances of the case, and that His Excellency the Governor had declared, by a Proclamation for that purpose published in the *Government Gazette*, under the provisions of the Electoral Act of 1858, the Election of "the said Marshall Burdekin Esquire," to be valid, notwithstanding the said delay in the return of the Writ.
4. Member Sworn:—Marshall Burdekin, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.
5. Message from His Excellency the Governor:—The Usher of the Black Rod, being admitted, delivered a Message, "That it is the pleasure of the Governor that this "Honorable House do attend His Excellency immediately in the Legislative "Council Chamber."
The House went, and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at half-past Twelve o'clock, until Three o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

6. Ordnance Land Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Martin moved for leave to introduce a Bill for confirming the Transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales, and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council 1840.
Question put and passed.
7. Member Sworn:—George Thornton, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields West.
8. Ordnance Land Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Martin having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill for confirming the Transfer to the Secretary at War in England "from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South "Wales and for amending the Ordnance Land Act of Council 1840,*" read a first time.
9. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—The Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant, appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

"LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

"*By the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
"of New South Wales.*

"Pursuant to the power in that behalf vested in me, as Speaker of the Legislative
"Assembly of New South Wales, by the Electoral Act of 1858, I do hereby appoint

"William Macleay, Esquire,
"Thomas Garrett, Esquire,
"James Hart, Esquire,
"William Richman Piddington, Esquire,
"Hugh Gordon, Esquire,
"Stephen Campbell Brown, Esquire, and
"James White, Esquire,

"being Members of the said Assembly, to be Members of the Committee of Elections
"and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the
"Assembly aforesaid.

"Given under my Hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber,
"Macquarie-street, Sydney, this second day of July, in the year
"of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

"W. M. ARNOLD,
"Speaker."

10. The Governor's Opening Speech:—The Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a Copy, which he read to the House as follows:—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

1. The completion of the business of last Session, including the passing of the Appropriation Act, before the close of the year, has enabled me to call you together at a time when it is thought that it will be most convenient for you to attend to your Legislative duties.

2. During the recess, the attention of the Government has been directed to carrying into effect some of the Acts which you lately passed, and negotiating with the neighbouring Colonies in reference to matters the settlement of which had become imperatively necessary.

3. The Industrial Schools Act has been brought into operation, by the purchase and fitting out of a Vessel, on board of which a number of boys rescued from a life of vice and misery have been already placed under a course of training such as will enable them to become useful members of society; and steps are in progress to establish other Schools under the provisions of the Act, including one for female children.

4. Under the Public Schools Act the Council of Education has been appointed, and all the Schools in the Colony entitled to ask for assistance under that Act have now been brought within its operation; and twenty-six new Public Schools have been established on the application of residents in the localities in which such Schools are situate.

5. Immediately after the prorogation, two Members of the Government proceeded to Melbourne, to confer with the Government of Victoria upon the best means of terminating the inconveniences which had been caused to large numbers of residents in both Colonies by the collection of Duties on Goods carried across, or by way of, the River Murray. These negotiations resulted in an arrangement which since the first of February last has been acted upon, and has given satisfaction to the people on the Borders, but which will require the sanction of Parliament to give it full legal effect. A Bill for that purpose will shortly be laid before you.

6. In March last, Members of the Governments of the Colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, New Zealand, South Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania, assembled in Melbourne for the purpose of determining upon some plan which, at a moderate expense, fairly contributed by each Colony, would enable them all to have frequent and rapid communication with the rest of the World, and more especially with Europe and America. An agreement for that purpose received the unanimous assent of the Conference, the particulars of which will be submitted to you without delay.

7. During the past year, the various Railway Works, for which contracts had been made, were somewhat retarded, from causes beyond the control of the Government. Those works have since been prosecuted with greater vigour, and every effort will be made to complete, at the earliest possible period, the lines which have already been sanctioned; and Parliament will be asked to supply the necessary funds for further extensions.

8. The large additions to the Gaols at Darlinghurst and Maitland, authorized during the last Session, are drawing towards completion, and the means for the discipline and employment of criminals undergoing punishment are now considerably improved.

9. The calamitous floods with which during the last fortnight the Colony has been afflicted, have been productive of a distress greater and more widely spread than the distress caused by any similar visitation. The liberality of the public will no doubt be such as greatly to relieve those who have suffered by this calamity, but the assistance of the Government was felt to be necessary, and aid from the public funds has been afforded. You will be invited to sanction this expenditure.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

10. The Estimates of Expenditure for the ensuing year will shortly be laid before you. The Revenue derived from Customs' Duties has not, during the past six months, reached the estimated amount, and this circumstance, together with the expiry of the Package Duty Act at the end of the year, may render it necessary to submit to you measures to sustain the Public Income. By the sale of Debentures to the extent of £832,000, in May last, the Government will be enabled, without stopping any necessary public works, to meet all its engagements for the current year, including the payment of the Treasury Bills for £343,700, which will fall due on the 1st day of January next.

11. The damage done by floods to Roads and Bridges in different parts of the Country will involve some additional expenditure upon works of that character beyond the amount provided during the last Session, but an outlay of that kind I doubt not will be readily acquiesced in.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

12. A number of Bills will shortly be submitted to you for consideration, amongst which will be Bills for establishing Municipalities throughout the Country, for amending the Land Laws, for increasing the efficiency of the Volunteer Forces, and for the better management of Lunatics. These Bills will be introduced without delay.

13. It is with much satisfaction that I have to announce to you the termination of the lawlessness and insecurity which so long prevailed in the District of Braidwood. There is reason to hope that the crime of bushranging in the Colony is at length effectually checked.

14. Notwithstanding the distress and danger arising from the floods to which I have referred, there are grounds left for congratulation. From all parts of the Colony reports have reached the Government of a nature such as to lead to the expectation of a season of great abundance, and consequent prosperity. I sincerely hope that, under Divine Providence, your labours will be so guided as to render this abundance as widely beneficial as possible. Mr.

Mr. Lee then moved, and Mr. Walker seconded the motion :—

(1) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an address in reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief on opening this Session of the Parliament of New South Wales.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. John Stewart, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Nowlan, Dr. Lang, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Roberts, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

And Mr. Lee having brought up the Address prepared by the Committee, the same was read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows :—

“ To His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR JOHN YOUNG, *Baronet, Knight
“ Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross
“ of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Captain
“ General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales, and
“ Vice-Admiral of the same.*

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

“ We, Her Majesty’s loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the
“ Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to
“ express to Your Excellency our loyalty and attachment to Her Most Gracious
“ Majesty’s person and Government, and to offer our respectful thanks for Your
“ Excellency’s Speech.

“ 1. It is satisfactory to us to be informed that steps have already been
“ adopted to bring into operation the Acts of last Session which were passed for
“ the benefit of the neglected and destitute classes of society.

“ 2. The agreements entered into with the neighbouring Colonies for
“ affording facilities for commercial intercourse on the River Murray, and for
“ establishing more satisfactory means of communication with Europe, America,
“ and other parts of the world, will receive our anxious attention.

“ 3. We shall be glad to concur in any plans of Railway Extension calcu-
“ lated to open the Interior, and render the resources of the Colony more available.

“ 4. In common with Your Excellency we deeply sympathize with the
“ sufferers from the late calamitous floods, and shall give our best consideration to
“ any measures submitted for their relief.

“ 5. We shall be animated by a strict regard for the public welfare, in
“ giving our attention to the financial circumstances of the Colony, and the other
“ important measures about to be submitted to us ; and, under Divine Providence,
“ we hope with Your Excellency that our labours will tend to advance the public
“ credit, and to increase the prosperity of all classes of Her Majesty’s subjects.”

Mr. Lee then moved, and Mr. J. Stewart seconded the Motion,—That the Address, in reply to the Governor-in-Chief’s Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. Adjournment :—Mr. Martin,—intimating that he had it in command from the Governor to state, that His Excellency would be pleased to receive the Address of the Assembly in reply to his opening Speech, at half-past Three o’clock to-morrow, moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at three o’clock, for the purpose of proceeding to Government House, there, at half-past Three o’clock, to present to the Governor their Address, in reply to His Excellency’s Opening Speech.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty minutes before Seven o’clock, until To-morrow, at Three o’clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3.

MEMO :—*The House meet at Three o’clock this day, and proceed to Government House, there, at half-past Three o’clock, to present to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency’s Opening Speech.*

NOTICES

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for Dispatch of Business at Three o'clock P.M., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week.
2. MR. MARTIN to move, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of all other business.
3. MR. MARTIN to move, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Private Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that, on Fridays, Private Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
4. MR. MARTIN to move, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session:—
 - (1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill, to which on the Question being put from the Chair—"Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal' Motion or Order of the Day?"—no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
 - (2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, the Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions, and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member, otherwise entitled to move it, to have the above question put with reference thereto; and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
 - (3.) That no debate shall be allowed upon any of such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders, but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
 - (4.) That in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper, so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions, or the reception of Notices of Motions.
5. MR. MARTIN to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, the Resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
6. MR. MARTIN to move, That, unless otherwise ordered, the Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
7. MR. MARTIN to move, That the Order respecting the transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
8. MR. MARTIN to move, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session:—
 - (1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the Officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
 - (2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper, shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper, and the Clerk shall place such list, so initialed, on record, with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
9. MR. MARTIN to move, that the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the minutes of the Votes and Proceedings, the Questions, of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the answers returned to the same.
10. MR. MARTIN to move, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and, in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second or casting vote.
11. MR. MARTIN to move, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz:—The Speaker, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Cunneen, Dr. Lang, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Windeyer, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment.
12. MR. MARTIN to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz:—The Speaker, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Hart, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Smart, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses in any matter or thing referred to, or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.

13. MR. MARTIN to move, That a Refreshment Room Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Macleay, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Egan, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. S. Brown, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
14. MR. MARTIN to move, That Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House, during the present Session.
15. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to constitute robbery with arms, a capital offence.
16. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5000.
17. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
18. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the table of this House a return shewing :—
 - (1.) The number of Criminals convicted in New South Wales, in the Courts of Petty Sessions and Supreme Criminal Court during the last ten years.
 - (2.) The Crime with which every such criminal was charged and convicted.
 - (3.) The sentence passed by the Court on conviction.
 - (4.) The Religious Denomination every criminal so convicted professed to belong to.
19. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday, July 12, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.

THURSDAY, JULY 4.

Questions :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) The number of deaths that have taken place among the Children in the Randwick Asylum during the last six months, specifying the number for each month?
 - (2.) Had the Children any extra nurse attendance during the above period?
2. MR. BUCHANAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is the Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta supported in whole or in part from the public funds?
 - (2.) Is it true that, on a visit to that Institution by the Colonial Secretary on a late occasion, he found the School transformed into a Nunnery, the lady at the head of the establishment being styled the Reverend Mother?
 - (3.) If such is the case, has the Government adopted any means to put a stop to this mal-appropriation of the public money?
 - (4.) Has the Government considered the propriety of abolishing both the Protestant and Catholic Orphan Schools with a view to the establishment of one unsectarian school for the reception of "pauper" orphans, simply on the ground of their being paupers, and altogether irrespective of sect, creed, or colour?
3. MR. JOSEPHSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Whether since the late Prorogation of Parliament a Commission was issued by the Government "to inquire into the state of crime and bushranging in the Braidwood district"?
 - (2.) What is the date of such Commission?
 - (3.) Who were the Commissioners named therein?
 - (4.) Has any inquiry been made and evidence taken under such Commission?
 - (5.) Has any Report of such inquiry and evidence been returned to the Government?
 - (6.) Will the Government lay such Report upon the Table of the House?
4. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to provide, during the present Session of Parliament, for the expenditure of a sum of money for carrying out a Telegraphic Line to Port Stephens?
5. MR. MACPHERSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether he has any objection to state the name or names of the Member or Members of the Assembly referred to in certain words made use of by the Colonial Secretary in his speech at the dinner given to the late Denominational School Board on the 26th of January last, which words are reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, of the 26th January, to have been as follows:—"But he had been surprised that gentlemen—members of both Houses—not only members of the democratic lower branch, but also members of that House which was so lofty that hardly any improper feeling could be supposed to actuate it—had applied to him to get their friends appointed under the Council of Education—(laughter)—and he had been surprised to find that this had been the case in regard to hon. gentlemen who had been most loud in denouncing the system. (Laughter.)"?

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, JULY 9.

Question :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government call for tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst?

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the table of this House the following returns :—
 - (1.) Of all persons committed for trial at the Court of Petty Sessions at Bourke since the appointment of the present Police Magistrate.
 - (2.) Of all persons there dealt with summarily, and ordered to be imprisoned for any period beyond seven days.
 - (3.) In what place or places of confinement prisoners there convicted and sentenced beyond seven days, or awaiting trial are confined; and what distances such places of confinement are from Bourke.
 - (4.) The expenses incurred in each year since such appointment of Police Magistrate, for removing prisoners awaiting trial to the place or places where they have been tried.
 - (5.) The amounts paid in each year to witnesses attending such trials.
 - (6.) Whether there is a secure and healthy place at Bourke for detaining convicted prisoners and prisoners awaiting escort to be forwarded for trial.
3. DR. LANG to move, That the Select Committee of last Session of Parliament, on the Echuca and Deniliquin Railway, be re-appointed.
4. DR. LANG to move, That this House will, on Friday week, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the propriety of renewing and continuing for three years, from the 1st of May next, the bonus on the growth of Cotton in this Colony, established by the resolution of 21st October, 1862.
5. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Notes of Evidence taken by Judge M'Farland upon the trial of Joseph Abrahams, together with Copies of all Reports and Minutes thereon made at the instance of the Government, since the conviction of the said Joseph Abrahams.

TUESDAY, JULY 16.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. NEALE to move,—
 - (1.) That this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an enquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY, 1867.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Return of Writ :—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him during the recess for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland, in room of John Hay, Esquire, had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the election of John Lackey, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
- 2. Member Sworn :—John Lackey, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.
- 3. Address in reply to the Governor-in-Chief's Opening Speech :—On motion of Mr. Martin (*at twenty-five minutes after Three o'clock*), the Assembly proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Governor-in-Chief their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech :—
And, being returned, the Speaker reported that the Assembly had proceeded to Government House, and there presented to the Governor-in-Chief their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following answer thereto :—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I have the honour to thank you for your loyal and dutiful Address. I rely with confidence on your knowledge of the circumstances of the Colony, and on your determination to maintain the public credit, and wish you all success in the performance of your arduous duties.

*Government House,
Sydney 3rd July, 1867.*

JOHN YOUNG.

- 4. Papers :—
 - (1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
 - (1.) Regulations adopted by the Council of Education on 27 February, 1867, and published in the *Government Gazette*, on 1st March, 1867, in accordance with Section 7 of the Public Schools Act of 1866.
 - (2.) Postal Conference of Governments of Australian Colonies. (Minutes of Proceedings and Copy of Memorial to Her Majesty.)
 - (3.) Martial Law. (Regulations after Proclamation of—Despatch from Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 26 January, 1867, respecting.)
 - (4.) University of Sydney. (Report for 1866.)
 - (5.) St. John's College. (By-laws, dated 3 December, 1866.)
 - (6.) Destitute Children's Society. (List of Office-bearers and Directors, dated May 13, 1867.)
 - (7.) Sewerage and Water Supply. (Tenth Yearly Report of Sydney Municipal Council, 1866.)
 - (8.) Blue Book for the Year 1866.
 - (9.) Papers relating to the Management and Educational State of the Government Orphan Schools at Parramatta.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
- (1.) Memorandum of Agreement, dated 12 January, 1867, between the Governments of Victoria and New South Wales, relative to the operation of the Customs Laws on the River Murray.
 - (2.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account, from 1st April, 1866, to 31st March, 1867.
 - (3.) Abstracts of Bank Liabilities and Assets :—
 - (1.) Quarter ended 30 September, 1866.
 - (2.) Ditto 31 December, 1866.
 - (3.) Ditto 31 March, 1867.
 - (4.) Stamp Duties Act—Suspension of Third Schedule in certain respects.
 - (5.) Despatch from Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 26 October, 1866, with copy of Treaty of Friendship, Commerce, and Navigation between Her Majesty and United States of Colombia.
 - (6.) Despatch from same, dated 21 January, 1867, with copy of Order in Council extending to United States of Colombia provisions of Foreign Deserters Act, 1852.
 - (7.) Despatch from same, dated 10th December, 1866, with copy of Report on Sydney Mint Returns.
 - (8.) Despatch from same, dated 24 November, 1866, with copy of Order in Council, extending to the Subjects of the Kings of Siam the provisions of the Foreign Deserters Act, 1852.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Business Days (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for Dispatch of Business at Three o'clock P.M., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week.
Question put and passed.
6. Days for precedence of Government Business (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of all other business.
Question put and passed.
7. Days for precedence of Private Business, and relative precedence of Private Orders (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Private Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that, on Fridays, Private Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
Question put and passed.
8. Formal Motions and Orders of the Day (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session :—
- (1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill, to which on the Question being put from the Chair—"Whether there is any objection to its being a 'Formal' Motion or Order of the Day?"—no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a "Formal" Motion or Order of the Day.
 - (2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, the Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions, and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member, otherwise entitled to move it, to have the above question put with reference thereto; and such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
 - (3.) That no debate shall be allowed upon any of such "Formal" Motions or Orders of the Day or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders, but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
 - (4.) That in consequence of any such "Formal" Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper, so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions, or the reception of Notices of Motions.
Question put and passed.
9. Resumption of Committee of Supply (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the Resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
10. Resumption of Committee of Ways and Means (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
11. Transmission of Message between the two Houses (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order respecting the Transmission of Messages, agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7, shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
Question put and passed.

12. **Balloting for Select Committees (*Sessional Order*):**—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a *Sessional Order* of this House for the present Session :—
 (1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the Officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
 (2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House, and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper, shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper, and the Clerk shall place such list, so initialed, on record, with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
 Question put and passed.
13. **Entry of Questions and Answers on Votes (*Sessional Order*):**—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the minutes of the Votes and Proceedings, the Questions, of which formal notice shall have been given, put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the answers returned to the same.
 Question put and passed.
14. **Vote of Chairman of Select Committee on Private Bill (*Sessional Order*):**—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and, in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second or casting vote.
 Question put and passed.
15. **Library Committee (*Sessional Order*):**—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz:—The Speaker, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Cunneen, Dr. Lang, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Windeyer, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment.
 Debate ensued.
 And Mr. Forster requiring that the said Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
 Question (*as amended with the concurrence of the House*),—That a Library Committee, consisting of ten Members, be appointed for the present Session, with leave to sit during any adjournment,—put and passed.
 Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed :—Mr. Martin, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Hart, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Windeyer, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Isaacs, and Mr. Cunneen.
16. **Standing Orders Committee (*Sessional Order*):**—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of the following Members, viz:—The Speaker, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Hart, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Smart, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Piddington, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses in any matter or thing referred to, or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
 Debate ensued.
 And Mr. Robertson requiring that the said Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
 Question (*as amended with the concurrence of the House*),—That a Standing Orders Committee, consisting of ten Members, be appointed for the present Session, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses in any matter or thing referred to, or pending before the said Committee, and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council,—put and passed.
 Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot,—and the Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed :—Mr. Martin, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Smart, Mr. Hart, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Wisdom, and Mr. Isaacs.
17. **Refreshment Room Committee (*Sessional Order*):**—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Refreshment Room Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of the following Members, viz:—Mr. Macleay, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Egan, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. S. Brown, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
18. **Motion withdrawn:**—Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 19 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
19. **Chairman of Committees of the Whole House:**—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That “Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe,” Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House, during the present Session.
 Mr. Robertson moved, That the question be amended by omitting the words “Atkinson Alfred Patrick Tighe,” with a view to inserting in their place the words “Thomas Garrett.”

And

And Mr. Robertson proceeding with his address, was interrupted by the Honorable Member for Windsor, Mr. Walker, by the use of certain words, which, at the instance of Mr. Forster, were taken down by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker as follows:—"I deny it; it is false; it is not the first falsehood you "have uttered."

The Speaker ruling that the words excepted to were highly unparliamentary and disorderly, and ought to be withdrawn,—

Mr. Walker withdrew the words.

Debate ensued.

Motion made by Mr. Nowlan, and Question put, that this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. White,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Oatley,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Walker.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Cooper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. J. Stewart.

The numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his vote with the noes, and declared the Question to have been negatived.

Main Question stated.

Motion made by Mr. Walker, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight;—

THURSDAY, 4 JULY, 1867, A.M. :—

Question put, That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Oatley,	
Mr. Roberts,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. White,	
Mr. Dodds,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Burdekin,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. J. Stewart,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Thornton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Macleay,	

Main Question stated.

Motion made by Mr. Buchanan, and Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. R. Stewart,	
Mr. Walker,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Lord,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Samuel,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. J. Stewart,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Macpherson,	

Main Question stated.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Dignum,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Oatley,	
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Lord,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Samuel,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Dignum,
Mr. J. Stewart,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Macleay,	

Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted, in the place of the words omitted, be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Hurley,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Pemell,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Dodds,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. J. Stewart.
Mr. Cooper,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Dignum,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Walker,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Tunks.
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Roberts,	

Question then put, That Thomas Garrett, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House, during the present Session.

The Houses divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Hurley,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Thornton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Pemell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. J. Stewart.
Mr. Sutherland,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Dignum,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Nowlan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Windeyer.
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Roberts,	

Whereupon Mr. Garrett and Mr. Tighe respectively made their acknowledgments to the House.

The House adjourned, on the motion of Mr. Martin, at eighteen minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Three o'clock P.M., this day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS.

THURSDAY, JULY 4.

Questions :—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) The number of deaths that have taken place among the Children in the Randwick Asylum during the last six months, specifying the number for each month?
 - (2.) Had the Children any extra nurse attendance during the above period?
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is the Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta supported in whole or in part from the public funds?
 - (2.) Is it true that, on a visit to that Institution by the Colonial Secretary on a late occasion, he found the School transformed into a Nunnery, the lady at the head of the establishment being styled the Reverend Mother?
 - (3.) If such is the case, has the Government adopted any means to put a stop to this mal-appropriation of the public money?
 - (4.) Has the Government considered the propriety of abolishing both the Protestant and Catholic Orphan Schools with a view to the establishment of one unsectarian school for the reception of "pauper" orphans, simply on the ground of their being paupers, and altogether irrespective of sect, creed, or colour?
3. MR. JOSEPHSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Whether since the late Prorogation of Parliament a Commission was issued by the Government "to inquire into the state of crime and bushraiding in the Braidwood district"?
 - (2.) What is the date of such Commission?
 - (3.) Who were the Commissioners named therein?
 - (4.) Has any inquiry been made and evidence taken under such Commission?
 - (5.) Has any Report of such inquiry and evidence been returned to the Government?
 - (6.) Will the Government lay such Report upon the Table of the House?
4. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to provide, during the present Session of Parliament, for the expenditure of a sum of money for carrying out a Telegraphic Line to Port Stephens?
5. MR. MACPHERSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether he has any objection to state the name or names of the Member or Members of the Assembly referred to in certain words made use of by the Colonial Secretary in his speech at the dinner given to the late Denominational School Board on the 26th of January last, which words are reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, of the 26th January, to have been as follows:—"But he had been surprised that gentlemen—members of both Houses—not only members of the democratic lower branch, but also members of that House which was so lofty that hardly any improper feeling could be supposed to actuate it—had applied to him to get their friends appointed under the Council of Education—(laughter)—and he had been surprised to find that this had been the case in regard to hon. gentlemen who had been most loud in denouncing the system. (Laughter.)"?
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place before the House at an early date any papers relating to the employment of any person or persons, other than the ordinary police, in the pursuit or apprehension of the bushrangers Clarke, or any other bushrangers in the Southern Districts?
 - (2.) If so, will such papers include copies of all Executive or Ministerial Minutes and Telegrams, or any Account of the expenditure caused by the employment of such person or persons?
6. MR. S. BROWN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Do the Government intend to lay upon the table of the House, the Report of the Commission appointed to enquire into the working of the Customs Department?
7. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place before the House at an early date, any papers relating to the alleged irregularities and defalcations of C. Eastwood in the Railway Department?
 - (2.) If so, will such papers include copies of all letters or statements of the late accountant, Mr. Walker, in his own defence; and of any Ministerial minute or minutes relating to any proposed method of checking the railway accounts.
8. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place before the House, at an early date, any papers relating to the alleged irregularities and defalcations of C. Eastwood in the Railway Department?
 - (2.) If so, will such papers include copies of all letters or statements of the late accountant, Mr. Walker, in his own defence; and of any Ministerial minute or minutes relating to any proposed method of checking the railway accounts.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That this House shall, on Friday, July 12, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
2. MR. BUCHANAN *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to constitute robbery with arms, a capital offence.

3. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5000.
4. MR. BUCHANAN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
5. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the table of this House a return shewing :—
 - (1.) The number of Criminals convicted in New South Wales, in the Courts of Petty Sessions and Supreme Criminal Court during the last ten years.
 - (2.) The Crime with which every such criminal was charged and convicted.
 - (3.) The sentence passed by the Court on conviction.
 - (4.) The Religious Denomination every criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

TUESDAY, JULY 9.

Question :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government call for tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the table of this House the following returns :—
 - (1.) Of all persons committed for trial at the Court of Petty Sessions at Bourke since the appointment of the present Police Magistrate.
 - (2.) Of all persons there dealt with summarily, and ordered to be imprisoned for any period beyond seven days.
 - (3.) In what place or places of confinement prisoners there convicted and sentenced beyond seven days, or awaiting trial, are confined; and what distances such places of confinement are from Bourke.
 - (4.) The expenses incurred in each year since such appointment of Police Magistrate, for removing prisoners awaiting trial to the place or places where they have been tried.
 - (5.) The amounts paid in each year to witnesses attending such trials.
 - (6.) Whether there is a secure and healthy place at Bourke for detaining convicted prisoners and prisoners awaiting escort to be forwarded for trial.
2. DR. LANG to move, That the Select Committee of last Session of Parliament, on the Echuca and Deniliquin Railway, be re-appointed.
3. DR. LANG to move, That this House will, on Friday week, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the propriety of renewing and continuing for three years, from the 1st of May next, the bonus on the growth of Cotton in this Colony, established by the resolution of 21st October, 1862.
4. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Notes of Evidence taken by Judge M'Farland upon the trial of Joseph Abrahams, together with Copies of all Reports and Minutes thereon made at the instance of the Government, since the conviction of the said Joseph Abrahams.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons—also, of any Ministerial or Executive Minutes and Telegrams—also, of any Correspondence between the Commissioners for the Parisian Exhibition and any person or persons—having reference to the appointment, and subsequent removal, of Mr. Charles Moore, Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, from the office of Commissioner for the said Exhibition.
 - (2.) Copies of similar documents having reference to the leave of absence granted to the said Mr. Charles Moore.
6. MR. DRIVER to move for leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to make further Police Regulations for the City Port and Hamlets of Sydney and other towns and places in the Colony of New South Wales."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That this House approves of the agreement entered into by the Representatives of the Australasian Colonies at the Postal Conference held at Melbourne, as embodied in the Eleven Resolutions moved by Mr. Parkes, and adopted on the 12th March, and the Memorial to Her Majesty, adopted on the 18th March?
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor?
2. MR. PARKES to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, JULY 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 2. MR. NEALIE to move,—
 - (1.) That this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an enquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
 3. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.
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New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Children in Randwick Asylum:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) The number of deaths that have taken place among the Children in the Randwick Asylum during the last six months, specifying the number for each month?

(2.) Had the Children any extra nurse attendance during the above period?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Rev. A. H. Stephen, the honorary secretary to the Randwick Asylum, writes as follows:—

“ There was at Randwick Asylum in the Month of January, 1867... 1 death	
“ ” February, ... 1 ”	
“ ” March, ... 27 deaths	
“ ” April ... 35 ”	
“ ” May ... 6 ”	
“ ” June ... 5 ”	
	—
	Total ... 75 ”
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“ Extra nurse attendance was afforded the children during that period. There were 400 children lying ill at one time with the prevailing epidemic—*measles*. The attendants (female), as well as the persons engaged in teaching, were all relieved from their ordinary duties during this visitation, and their services were rendered available as *nurses*, so that the work of attending to the sick, ordinarily performed by one person, was shared by *twenty*. The kind and untiring attention of those persons, who seemed to vie with each other in their endeavours to alleviate the sufferings and to meet the wants of the sick children, was such as to elicit the most cordial approval of the Board of Management. When the epidemic had so far subsided that it was necessary for the servants to return to their usual duties—when, that is to say, out of 500 children under treatment, 400 were convalescent, *then* an extra nurse was engaged, who remained until matters in the hospital had returned to their normal condition.”

- (2.) Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2.

(1.) Is the Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta supported in whole or in part from the Public funds?

(2.) Is it true that, on a visit to that Institution by the Colonial Secretary on a late occasion, he found the School transformed into a Nunnery, the lady at the head of the establishment being styled the Reverend Mother?

(3.) If such is the case, has the Government adopted any means to put a stop to this mal-appropriation of the public money?

(4.) Has the Government considered the propriety of abolishing both the Protestant and Catholic Orphan Schools with a view to the establishment of one unsectarian school for the reception of “pauper” orphans, simply on the ground of their being paupers, and altogether irrespective of sect, creed, or colour?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Papers were laid upon the table yesterday, which will afford the honorable member the information he asks for.

(3.)

- (3.) Commission of Inquiry into state of Crime in Braidwood District :—
Mr. Josephson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) Whether, since the late Prorogation of Parliament, a Commission was issued by the Government “to inquire into the state of crime and bushranging in the Braidwood district”?
 - (2.) What is the date of such Commission?
 - (3.) Who were the Commissioners named therein?
 - (4.) Has any inquiry been made and evidence taken under such Commission?
 - (5.) Has any Report of such inquiry and evidence been returned to the Government?
 - (6.) Will the Government lay such Report upon the Table of the House?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—
- (1.) During the recess a Commission was appointed by His Excellency the Governor, to inquire into the state of crime in the District of Braidwood.
 - (2.) The Commissioners appointed were David Henry Campbell, Peter Lawrence Cloete, John Soames Richardson, Joseph Leary, and Edmund Fosbery, Esquires.
 - (3.) The Commissioners took evidence, and reported to the Government.
 - (4.) The Report will be laid on the table of the House.
- (4.) Telegraph line to Port Stephens :—*Mr. Hart*, on behalf of Mr. Robertson, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to provide, during the present Session of Parliament, for the expenditure of a sum of money for carrying out a Telegraphic Line to Port Stephens?
- Mr. Byrnes answered,—A sum of £1,700 will be placed on the Estimates for 1868, for an extension of the Telegraph Line from Morpeth to Port Stephens.
- (5.) Alleged Speech at Dinner given to late Denominational School Board :—*Mr. Macpherson* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Whether he has any objection to state the name or names of the Member or Members of the Assembly referred to in certain words made use of by the Colonial Secretary in his speech at the dinner given to the late Denominational School Board on the 26th of January last, which words are reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, of the 26th January, to have been as follows :—“But he had been surprised that gentlemen—members of both Houses—not only members of the democratic lower branch, but also members of that House which was so lofty that hardly any improper feeling could be supposed to actuate it—had applied to him to get their friends appointed under the Council of Education—(laughter)—and he had been surprised to find that this had been the case in regard to hon. gentlemen who had been most loud in denouncing the system. (Laughter.)”?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—I hope I shall not be considered disrespectful if I decline to answer the question of the honorable member. I cannot admit that I am responsible, more than other honorable members, for what newspapers make me say on public occasions out of doors.
- (6.) Commission of Inquiry into Working of Customs Department :—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Do the Government intend to lay upon the table of the House, the Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the working of the Customs Department?
- Mr. Eagar answered,—I beg to state, for the information of the honorable member, that the Government intend to lay upon the Table of the House the Report referred to, and will do so at an early date.
- (7.) Detectives for apprehension of Bushrangers in Southern Districts :—*Mr. Forster* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place before the House, at an early date, any papers relating to the employment of any person or persons, other than the ordinary police, in the pursuit or apprehension of the bushrangers Clarke, or any other bushrangers in the Southern Districts?
 - (2.) If so, will such papers include copies of all Executive or Ministerial Minutes and Telegrams, or any Account of the expenditure caused by the employment of such person or persons?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—
- (1.) The papers relating to the employment of special constables in pursuit of the bushranger Thomas Clarke and his associates will be laid on the Table at an early date.
 - (2.) The papers will afford full information respecting the employment of those persons.
- (8.) Irregularities and Defalcations in Railway Department :—*Mr. Forster* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 8.—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place before the House, at an early date, any papers relating to the alleged irregularities and defalcations of C. Eastwood in the Railway Department?
 - (2.) If so, will such papers include copies of all letters or statements of the late Accountant, Mr. Walker, in his own defence; and of any Ministerial Minute or Minutes relating to any proposed method of checking the Railway accounts?
- Mr. Byrnes answered,—
- (1.) It is the intention of the Government to lay the papers referred to on the Table of the House on an early day.
 - (2.) Such papers will include the letters and statements of the late Accountant, Mr. Walker, and of all Ministerial Minutes relating to the proposed method of checking the Railway accounts.

2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Macpherson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. Papers:—
(1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table—Return to Address, in reference to “Sydney University,” adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Lucas, on 18th December, 1866.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, 1866, under Civil Service Superannuation Fund (27 Vic. No. 11.)
Ordered to be printed.
4. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. Mr. N. L. Kentish:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from Nathaniel Lipscomb Kentish, referring to a Petition from him presented during the last Session, relative to his dismissal from the Civil Service of the Crown, and praying that that Petition may be now read and taken into consideration.
Petition received.
6. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
7. Robbery with Arms Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to constitute robbery with arms a capital offence.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Buchanan having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled “*A Bill to constitute robbery with arms a capital offence,*”—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
8. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5000.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Buchanan having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, “*A Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors of this Colony to £5,000,*”—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Nowlan,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Dodds,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Matc,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Farnell.

Noes, 7.

Mr. White,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Alexander,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Hart.

10. Deputy Speaker's Commission to Administer the Oath:—The Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 4th July, 1867, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, Sir John Young, empowering Thomas Garrett, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance, required by Law,—of which the following is a copy:—

“*By His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR JOHN YOUNG, Baronet, Knight
“ Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross
“ of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Captain
“ General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales, and
“ Vice-Admiral of the same.*”

To all to whom these presents shall come,—

“*Greeting:*”

“*In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir John
“ Young, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize
“ Thomas Garrett, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly
“ of the said Colony, in the absence of the Honorable the Speaker of the said
“ Assembly, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any
“ Member*”

" Member of the said Assembly, to whom the same shall not have been previously administered, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen, required by law to be taken or made and subscribed by every such Member before he shall be permitted to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly.

" Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony, at Government House, Sydney, this fourth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, and in the thirty-first year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

" JOHN YOUNG.

" *By His Excellency's Command,*
" HENRY PARKES."

11. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill :—

(1.) Mr. Buchanan having presented this Bill, moved, that this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes,*" be now read a first time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Garrett,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Buchanan.
Mr. Dodds,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Alexander,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Hart.

Bill thereupon read a first time.

(2.) Mr. Buchanan then moved, That the Bill be printed, and that the second reading thereof stand an Order of the Day for "to-morrow."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hart moved, That the question be amended by adding after the word "to-morrow" the word "month."

Debate continued.

Question, *by consent amended*, That the Bill be printed, and that the second reading thereof stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow month,—put and passed.

12. Criminals convicted in certain Courts during the last ten years :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing :—

(1.) The number of Criminals convicted in New South Wales, in the Courts of Petty Sessions and Supreme Criminal Court, during the last ten years.

(2.) The Crime with which every such Criminal was charged and convicted.

(3.) The sentence passed by the Court on conviction.

(4.) The Religious Denomination every Criminal so convicted professed to belong to.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

And the Lists handed in by the Tellers shewed the numbers as follows :—

Ayes, 2.

<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Morrice.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Egan.
Mr. Isaacs,	
Mr. Cooper,	

And it appearing by the said Lists that there was not a Quorum present,—

The Speaker adjourned the House, at ten minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JULY 5.

Questions:—

1. MR. WISDOM *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act?
2. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it true that all the Teachers, or any of them, in the Training School, are kept without their Salaries; and if so, for what reason?
3. MR. NOWLAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If he will have any objection to place on the Table of this House, a Report from the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, on the practicability of carrying off surplus water in times of flood from the neighbourhood of Maitland, on the Hunter River, by means of canals or other engineering works—such report to furnish a proximate estimate of the cost of said works?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
2. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WINDEYER *to move*, for leave to bring in a Bill for the better regulation of the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers.

TUESDAY, JULY 9.

Question:—

1. MR. CUMMINGS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government call for tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. JOSEPHSON *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the table of this House the following returns:—
 - (1.) Of all persons committed for trial at the Court of Petty Sessions at Bourke since the appointment of the present Police Magistrate.
 - (2.) Of all persons there dealt with summarily, and ordered to be imprisoned for any period beyond seven days.
 - (3.) In what place or places of confinement prisoners there convicted and sentenced beyond seven days, or awaiting trial, are confined; and what distances such places of confinement are from Bourke.
 - (4.) The expenses incurred in each year since such appointment of Police Magistrate, for removing prisoners awaiting trial to the place or places where they have been tried.
 - (5.) The amounts paid in each year to witnesses attending such trials.
 - (6.) Whether there is a secure and healthy place at Bourke for detaining convicted prisoners and prisoners awaiting escort to be forwarded for trial.
2. DR. LANG *to move*,
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to take into consideration the Petition presented by him last Session, from certain inhabitants of the South-western Districts of the Colony, praying for the sanction of this House, and the requisite facilities on the part of the Government, for the construction of a Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, and to report on the whole question to the House.
 - (2.) That the following be the Members of such Committee:—Mr. Phelps, Mr. Landale, Mr. Mate, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Forster, Mr. Cunnene, Mr. Morrice, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That to the said Committee be referred the Progress Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee appointed last Session, to consider and report upon the same subject.
3. DR. LANG *to move*, That this House will, on Friday week, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the propriety of renewing and continuing for three years, from the 1st of May next, the bonus on the growth of Cotton in this Colony, established by the resolution of 21st October, 1862.
4. MR. DRIVER *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Notes of Evidence taken by Judge M'Farland upon the trial of Joseph Abrahams, together with Copies of all Reports and Minutes thereon made at the instance of the Government, since the conviction of the said Joseph Abrahams.

5. **MR. FORSTER** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons—also, of any Ministerial or Executive Minutes and Telegrams—also, of any Correspondence between the Commissioners for the Parisian Exhibition and any person or persons—having reference to the appointment, and subsequent removal, of Mr. Charles Moore, Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, from the office of Commissioner for the said Exhibition.
 - (2.) Copies of similar documents having reference to the leave of absence granted to the said Mr. Charles Moore.
6. **MR. DRIVER** to move for leave to introduce a Bill intituled “An Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to make further Police Regulations for the City Port and Hamlets of Sydney and other towns and places in the Colony of New South Wales.”
7. **MR. MACLEAY** to move, That this House shall, on Friday, the 12th July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £483 4s. 1d., for the payment of the claim of Mr. James Roberts, of Curr wang, for rations supplied, by order of the Government, to a number of Chinese, at the time of the Burrangong riots of 1862.
8. **MR. THORNTON** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return shewing :—
 - (1.) The names of the Teachers.
 - (2.) Their Classification under the Council of Education.
 - (3.) The period during which they may have held similar classification under the late National School Board. ..
 - (4.) The amount of Salaries, Allowances for Rent (if any), and the proportion of Fees accorded to each Teacher within the district of the Metropolitan Inspector or Inspectors of the Council of Education, on the 29th June last.
 - (5.) Also, a similar Return for every preceding month of the year, distinguishing the arrangements made by the Council before the publication of their Regulations now laid upon the Table, from those made subsequently.
 - (2.) And, that this information be laid on the Table of the House within fourteen days after the opening of the Session, to afford time for the Houses taking action thereon during the month in which only the Statute gives the House control over the Regulations.
9. **MR. JOSEPHSON** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names, places of residence, calling or profession and office of all persons employed and authorized by the Government to recover and receive public moneys, fees, fines, and penalties ; and when, where, how, and to whom such moneys are paid.
10. **MR. FORSTER** to move, That this House shall, on Friday, July 12, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10.

Questions :—

1. **MR. ROBERTS** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, this Session, a Minor Roads Bill ?
 - (2.) Do the Government intend during the current Session to amend the present Impounding Act or introduce a new Bill ?
2. **MR. ROBERTS** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If the Government have any objection to state when the Railway from Mittagong to Bourall will be opened for traffic ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. **MR. PARKES** to move,—
 - (1.) That this House approves of the agreement entered into by the Representatives of the Australasian Colonies at the Postal Conference held at Melbourne, as embodied in the Eleven Resolutions moved by Mr. Parkes, and adopted on the 12th March, and the Memorial to Her Majesty, adopted on the 18th March ?
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor ?
2. **MR. PARKES** to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.
3. **MR. MARTIN** to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to ratify the arrangement made with the Colony of Victoria in reference to the Collection of Customs Duties on goods imported across or by way of the River Murray.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, JULY 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. NEALE to move,—
 - (1.) That this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an enquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 5 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Fisheries Act:—Mr. Wisdom asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act?

Mr. Wilson answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill dealing with this subject this Session.

- (2.) Teachers in Training School under Council of Education:—Mr. Robertson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it true that all the Teachers, or any of them, in the Training School, are kept without their Salaries; and if so, for what reason?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I presume the Honorable Member means the Teachers in the Training School under the Council of Education. There is no case of any Teacher in the Training School under that body being without Salary.

- (3.) Surplus Flood Water, Maitland:—Mr. Nowlan asked the Minister representing the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—If he will have any objection to place on the Table of this House, a Report from the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, on the practicability of carrying off surplus water in times of flood from the neighbourhood of Maitland, on the Hunter River, by means of canals or other engineering works—such report to furnish a proximate estimate of the cost of said works?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A Report with Plan and approximate Estimate will shortly be laid on the Table of the House.

2. Papers: Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Regulations, dated 6 November 1866, under Cattle Disease Prevention Act of 1866. (*Presented in accordance with 16th clause of said Act.*)

(2.) Return to Order, in reference to "Petroleum, (*Mr. W. F. De Salis—Professor Lesly*)," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. J. Stewart, on 3rd December, 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Motion made by Mr. Burdekin; and Question put, (after debate)—That this debate be now adjourned until this day two months.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Eagar,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Fairnall,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Dignam,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Windeyer.

Noes, 8

Mr. Tigue,
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Mate,
Mr. Thornton,

Tellers.

Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Wisdom.

4. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Robbery with Arms Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, until Friday next.
5. Common Carriers Bill :—
 - (1.) Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the better regulation of the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers:
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Windeyer having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill for the better regulation of the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers*",—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, the 2nd August.

The House adjourned at eight minutes before Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JULY 9.

Questions :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government call for tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst?
2. MR. J. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether, in accordance with the expressed intention of Government in last Session of Parliament, any attempt has been made to ascertain in what manner the public expenditure can be safely or judiciously reduced?
3. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to provide, during the present Session of Parliament, for the expenditure necessary for carrying out a Telegraphic Line from Grafton, or any other point on the Clarence River, to the coast?
4. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What were the Balances at the credit or debit of the following Accounts, in the various Banks, on the 1st July, 1867, specifying each separately :—
 - (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund.
 - (2.) Loans Account.
 - (3.) Clergy and School Estates Fund.
 - (4.) Assessment on Sheep.
 - (5.) Police Reward Fund.
 - (6.) Police Superannuation Fund.
 - (7.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account.
 - (8.) Special Receipts Account.
5. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What is the total amount of Debentures authorised to be issued?
 - (2.) What amount has been issued?
 - (3.) What is the total amount sold up to the last advices from England?
 - (4.) What amount has actually been realised from the sales of Debentures?
6. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session of Parliament, for the more effectual Audit of the Public Accounts.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. JOSEPHSON *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the table of this House the following returns :—
 - (1.) Of all persons committed for trial at the Court of Petty Sessions at Bourke since the appointment of the present Police Magistrate.
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 - (3.) That to the said Committee be referred the Progress Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee appointed last Session, to consider and report upon the same subject.
3. DR. LANG to move, That this House will, on Friday week, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the propriety of renewing and continuing for three years, from the 1st of May next, the bonus on the growth of Cotton in this Colony, established by the resolution of 21st October, 1862.
4. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Notes of Evidence taken by Judge M'Farland upon the trial of Joseph Abrahams, together with Copies of all Reports and Minutes thereon made at the instance of the Government, since the conviction of the said Joseph Abrahams.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons—also, of any Ministerial or Executive Minutes and Telegrams—also, of any Correspondence between the Commissioners for the Parisian Exhibition and any person or persons—having reference to the appointment, and subsequent removal, of Mr. Charles Moore, Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, from the office of Commissioner for the said Exhibition.
 - (2.) Copies of similar documents having reference to the leave of absence granted to the said Mr. Charles Moore.
6. MR. DRIVER to move for leave to introduce a Bill intituled “An Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to make further Police Regulations for the City Port and Hamlets of Sydney and other towns and places in the Colony of New South Wales.”
7. MR. MACLEAY to move, That this House shall, on Friday, the 12th July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for 1863, a sum not exceeding £483 4s. 1d., for the payment of the claim of Mr. James Roberts, of Currawang, for rations supplied, by order of the Government, to a number of Chinese, at the time of the Burrangong riots of 1862.
8. MR. THORNTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return shewing :—
 - (1.) The names of the Teachers.
 - (2.) Their Classification under the Council of Education.
 - (3.) The period during which they may have held similar classification under the late National School Board.
 - (4.) The amount of Salaries, Allowances for Rent (if any), and the proportion of Fees accorded to each Teacher within the district of the Metropolitan Inspector or Inspectors of the Council of Education, on the 29th June last.
 - (5.) Also, a similar Return for every preceding month of the year, distinguishing the arrangements made by the Council before the publication of their Regulations now laid upon the Table, from those made subsequently.
 - (2.) And, that this information be laid on the Table of the House within fourteen days after the opening of the Session, to afford time for the Houses taking action thereon during the month in which only the Statute gives the House control over the Regulations.
9. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names, places of residence, calling or profession and office of all persons employed and authorized by the Government to recover and receive public moneys, fees, fines, and penalties; and when, where, how, and to whom such moneys are paid.
10. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday, July 12, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
11. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That the conduct of the Member for Shoalhaven, Mr. Garrett, in having recorded his vote on a question, directly involving his appointment to an office of considerable emolument was, in the opinion of this House, indecorous and unbecoming, and that consequently, this House, in vindication of its own character, takes this opportunity of expressing its disapprobation of the conduct of Mr. Garrett, on the occasion above alluded to.
12. MR. MACLEAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the Grammar School, and of all evidence taken before them during their investigation of certain charges of blasphemy made against one of the Masters of the School.

13. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return setting forth the names of all persons ordered by the Bench of Magistrates, at the Central Police Office, to be placed on board the Vernon, specifying in each case where and by whom the said persons were arrested, and on what authority.
14. MR. R. STEWART to move, That in the opinion of this House a Light should be placed at the entrance to Broken Bay on Barrenjuey.
15. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition presented by him on July 4 from Mr. N. L. Kentish, be printed.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10.

Questions :—

1. MR. ROBERTS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, this Session, a Minor Roads Bill?
 - (2.) Do the Government intend during the current Session to amend the present Impounding Act or introduce a new Bill?
2. MR. ROBERTS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If the Government have any objection to state when the Railway from Mittagong to Bourall will be opened for traffic?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That this House approves of the agreement entered into by the Representatives of the Australasian Colonies at the Postal Conference held at Melbourne, as embodied in the Eleven Resolutions moved by Mr. Parkes, and adopted on the 12th March, and the Memorial to Her Majesty, adopted on the 18th March?
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor?
2. MR. PARKES to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.
3. MR. MARTIN to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to ratify the arrangement made with the Colony of Victoria, in reference to the Collection of Customs Duties on goods imported across or by way of the River Murray.

FRIDAY, JULY 12.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, JULY 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. NEALE to move,—
 - (1.) That this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an enquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
 2. Common Carriers Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Mr. Cummings withdrew the question standing in his name, No. 1.

- (1.) Reduction of Public Expenditure:—Mr. J. Stewart asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether, in accordance with the expressed intention of Government in last Session of Parliament, any attempt has been made to ascertain in what manner the public expenditure can be safely or judiciously reduced?

Mr. Martin answered,—The Government have not yet been able to make the necessary inquiry and examination into the matter to which the honorable member refers.

- (2.) Telegraph from Clarence River to the Coast:—Mr. Robertson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to provide, during the present Session of Parliament, for the expenditure necessary for carrying out a Telegraphic Line from Grafton, or any other point on the Clarence River, to the coast?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—It is not the intention of the Government, at present, to carry a telegraph line from Grafton, or any other point on the Clarence River, to the Coast.

- (3.) Treasury Balances:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—What were the Balances at the credit or debit of the following Accounts, in the various Banks, on the 1st July, 1867, specifying each separately:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund.
- (2.) Loans Account.
- (3.) Clergy and School Estates Fund.
- (4.) Assessment on Sheep.
- (5.) Police Reward Fund.
- (6.) Police Superannuation Fund.
- (7.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account.
- (8.) Special Receipts Account.

Mr. Eagar answered,—I hope that my honorable friend will not consider me discourteous when I say that, in my opinion, questions of the kind now asked should not be answered until the Financial Statement is made.

- (4.) Government Debentures:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of Debentures authorised to be issued?
- (2.) What amount has been issued?
- (3.) What is the total amount sold up to the last advices from England?
- (4.) What amount has actually been realised from the sales of Debentures?

Mr. Eagar answered,—All the information comprised in my honorable friend's question, up to the 27th September, 1866, is contained in a Return already before the House. On the arrival of the Suez Mail of the present month, I expect detailed particulars of the last sale of Debentures effected in London, and on receipt of this advice, I shall have much pleasure in furnishing the honorable member with the information he asks for.

(5.)

(5.) Bill for Audit of Public Accounts:—Mr. Samuel asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session of Parliament, for the more effectual Audit of the Public Accounts.

Mr. Martin answered,—The Government have not at present determined to introduce such a Bill as that to which the honorable Member refers.

2. Presbyterian College Bill:—

(1.) Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from Adam Thomson, “acting in name and by authority of the Colloge Committee of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales,” representing that the Presbyterian Colloge Bill, which passed this House during the last Session, was interrupted in the Legislative Council by the Prorogation of Parliament, and praying that the said Bill may be revived,—

And the 65th Standing Order of this House, section (b) admitting of the entertainment of the prayer of the said Petition,—
Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Wilson then moved, That leave be granted to re-introduce the said Bill so passed by this House during the last Session of Parliament.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Colloge as a Colloge within the University of Sydney*,”—read a first time.

(4.) Bill then, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time.

(5.) Bill then, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a third time, and *passed*.

(6.) Mr. Wilson then moved, that the Title of this Bill be (in the original terms) “*An Act to incorporate the Presbyterian Colloge as a Colloge within the University of Sydney*.”

Question put and passed.

(7.) Dr. Lang presented a Petition from James M’Neill, Robert Anderson, and others, to the same effect as the Petition recorded in sec. (1.) of this entry.
Petition received.

3. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant Reported*:—The Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Tuesday, 2nd July, 1867, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for dispatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee, and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.

(2.) *Members of Committee Sworn*:—Whereupon William Macleay, Thomas Garrett, James Hart, James White, and Hugh Gordon, Esquires, came to the Table, and were severally sworn by the Clerk as Members of the said Committee.

4. Return of Writ:—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him during the recess for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Orange, in room of William Forlonge, Esquire, had been duly returned, with a Certificate endorsed thereon of the election of George McKay, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

5. Towns Police Regulation Act Amendment Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill intituled “An Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to make further Police Regulations for the City Port and Hamlets of Sydney and other towns and places in the Colony of New South Wales.”

Question put and passed.

6. Mr. N. L. Kentish (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on July 4, from Mr. N. L. Kentish, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Persons Committed for Trial by Courts of Petty Sessions at Bourke:—Mr. Josephson moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the table of this House the following Returns:—

(1.) Of all persons committed for trial at the Court of Petty Sessions at Bourke since the appointment of the present Police Magistrate.

(2.) Of all persons there dealt with summarily, and ordered to be imprisoned for any period beyond seven days.

(3.) In what place or places of confinement prisoners there convicted and sentenced beyond seven days, or awaiting trial, are confined; and what distances such places of confinement are from Bourke.

(4.) The expenses incurred in each year since such appointment of Police Magistrate, for removing prisoners awaiting trial to the place or places where they have to be tried.

(5.) The amounts paid in each year to witnesses attending such trials.

(6.) Whether there is a secure and healthy place at Bourke for detaining convicted prisoners and prisoners awaiting escort to be forwarded for trial.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin:—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to take into consideration the Petition presented by him last Session, from certain inhabitants of the South-western Districts of the Colony, praying for the sanction of this House, and the requisite facilities on the part of the Government, for the construction of a Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, and to report on the whole question to the House.
- (2.) That the following be the Members of such Committee:—Mr. Phelps, Mr. Landale, Mr. Mate, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Forster, Mr. Cunneneen, Mr. Morrice, and the Mover.
- (3.) That to the said Committee be referred the Progress Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee appointed last Session, to consider and report upon the same subject.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. Growth of Cotton in the Colony:—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday week, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the propriety of renewing and continuing for three years, from the 1st of May next, the bonus on the growth of Cotton in this Colony, established by the resolution of 21st October, 1862.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Smart,
Dr. Lang,
Mr. Penell,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Driver,

Tellers.

Mr. Egan,
Mr. Thornton.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Egar,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Lucas,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Landale,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Gordon,	

10. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Driver withdrew the motion standing in his name, No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

11. Mr. Charles Moore, Director of Botanic Gardens, Sydney:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons—also, of any Ministerial or Executive Minutes and Telegrams—also, of any Correspondence between the Commissioners for the Parisian Exhibition and any person or persons—having reference to the appointment, and subsequent removal, of Mr. Charles Moore, Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, from the office of Commissioner for the said Exhibition.

(2.) Copies of similar documents having reference to the leave of absence granted to the said Mr. Charles Moore.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. Claim of Mr. James Roberts—Burrangong Riots:—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice,—That this House shall, on Friday, the 12th July, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for 1863, a sum not exceeding £483 4s. 1d., for the payment of the claim of Mr. James Roberts, of Currawang, for rations supplied, by order of the Government, to a number of Chinese, at the time of the Burrangong riots of 1862.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Hart,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Landale,
Mr. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. R. Stewart,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Egar,
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Byrnes,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Windeyer.

13. Teachers under Council of Education:—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return shewing:—

(1.) The names of the Teachers.

(2.) Their Classification under the Council of Education.

(3.) The period during which they may have held similar classification under the late National School Board.

(4.)

(4.) The amount of Salaries, Allowances for Rent (if any), and the proportion of Fees accorded to each Teacher, within the district of the Metropolitan Inspector or Inspectors of the Council of Education, on the 29th June last.

(5.) Also, a similar Return for every preceding month of the year, distinguishing the arrangements made by the Council before the publication of their Regulations, now laid upon the Table, from those made subsequently.

(2.) And, that this information be laid on the Table of the House within fourteen days after the opening of the Session, to afford time for the Houses taking action thereon during the month in which only the Statute gives the House control over the Regulations.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

14. Persons authorised to receive Public Moneys:—Mr. Josephson moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the names, places of residence, calling or profession, and office of all persons employed and authorized by the Government to recover and receive public moneys, fees, fines, and penalties; and when, where, how, and to whom such moneys are paid.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

15. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Forster withdrew the motion standing in his name, No. 10 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

16. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Buchanan not making the motion standing in his name, No. 11 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

17. Sydney Grammar School:—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the Grammar School, and of all evidence taken before them during their investigation of certain charges of blasphemy made against one of the Masters of the School.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a quorum present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House; and, there being only Sixteen members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely:—Mr. Alexander, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Martin, Mr. Parkes, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-eight minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10.

Questions:—

1. MR. ROBERTS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, this Session, a Minor Roads Bill?
(2.) Do the Government intend during the current Session to amend the present Impounding Act or introduce a new Bill?
2. MR. ROBERTS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If the Government have any objection to state when the Railway from Mittagong to Bourall will be opened for traffic?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Electric Telegraph to Port Macquarie?
4. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will the Financial Statement be made?
5. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What amount has been received from the Government of Victoria on account of Customs Duties, in accordance with the Border Customs arrangement?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. PARKES *to move*,—
(1.) That this House approves of the agreement entered into by the Representatives of the Australasian Colonies at the Postal Conference held at Melbourne, as embodied in the Eleven Resolutions moved by Mr. Parkes, and adopted on the 12th March, and the Memorial to Her Majesty, adopted on the 18th March
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor
2. MR. PARKES *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.
3. MR. MARTIN *to move*, for leave to bring in a Bill to ratify the arrangement made with the Colony of Victoria, in reference to the Collection of Customs Duties on goods imported across or by way of the River Murray.

4. MR. WILSON to move for leave to introduce a Bill to prohibit Burials in the Camperdown Cemetery, and to regulate Burials in the Randwick Cemetery.
5. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill to prohibit the dredging for, or taking of Oysters during certain months in the year.
6. MR. WILSON to move, That the Petition from Adam Thomson, relative to the Presbyterian College Bill, presented by him on the 9th July, be printed.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return setting forth the names of all persons ordered by the Bench of Magistrates, at the Central Police Office, to be placed on board the Vernon, specifying in each case where and by whom the said persons were arrested, and on what authority.
2. MR. R. STEWART to move, That in the opinion of this House a Light should be placed at the entrance to Broken Bay on Barrenjuey.

THURSDAY, JULY 11.

Question :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to provide for the extension of a Telegraph Line from the River Clarence to the River Richmond?

FRIDAY, JULY 12.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.
2. Claim of Mr. James Roberts—Burrangong Riots; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £483 4s. 1d., for the payment of the claim of Mr. James Roberts, of Currawang, for rations supplied, by order of the Government, to a number of Chinese, at the time of the Burrangong riots of 1862.

TUESDAY, JULY 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. NEALE to move,—
 - (1.) That this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers and Correspondence relating to the dismissal of Alexander Black, late a Commissioner of Crown Lands.
5. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and other persons, and Minutes of the Executive Council (if any), relative to the dismissal of the Rev. Mr. Dillon from the office of Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Penal Establishment, Cockatoo Island.
6. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A copy of an official notice published in the *Government Gazette*, on or about the 29th day of March, 1859, announcing that certain gentlemen had been appointed Members of the Committee of Management of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta.
 - (2.) Copies of any letters addressed to the Members of the Board notifying their appointment.
 - (3.) Any minute of the Executive Council having reference to such appointments.
 - (4.)

- (4.) A copy of the Governor's Warrant, dated 17th November, 1862, authorising the persons therein named to apprentice children, in pursuance of the Act of Council.
- (5.) Copies of all correspondence between the Committee and the Government, relative to the appointment of Teachers and other persons in the said Institution since 1859.
7. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The number of criminals convicted during the last five years in the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Supreme Criminal Courts of this Country.
 - (2.) The crime with which each prisoner was charged, and the punishment awarded on conviction.
 - (3.) The religious sect which every prisoner so convicted professed to belong to.
8. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing what were the Balances at the credit or debit of the following Accounts, in the various Banks, on the 1st July, 1867, specifying each separately:—
- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund.
 - (2.) Loans Account.
 - (3.) Clergy and School Estates Fund.
 - (4.) Assessment on Sheep.
 - (5.) Police Reward Fund.
 - (6.) Police Superannuation Fund.
 - (7.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account.
 - (8.) Special Receipts Account.
9. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.

TUESDAY, JULY 23.

Question:—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government call for tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for the construction of a line of Electric Telegraph from Grafton, on the Clarence River, to the most convenient point thereto on the Coast.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the dismissal of Samuel Harper, and J. L. Murphy, from the Customs Department, including depositions (if any) taken before the Collector of Customs.
3. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Notes of Evidence taken by Judge M'Farland upon the trial of Joseph Abrahams, together with Copies of all Reports and Minutes thereon made at the instance of the Government, since the conviction of the said Joseph Abrahams.

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for a Parliamentary Audit of the Public Accounts.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
 2. Common Carriers Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
 - (1.) Minor Roads Bill—Impounding Act :—Mr. Roberts asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, this Session, a Minor Roads Bill ?
 - (2.) Do the Government intend during the current Session to amend the present Impounding Act or introduce a new Bill ?

(1.) Mr. Wilson answered,—A Bill to authorize the placing of Gates upon Minor Roads, under certain circumstances, will shortly be laid before Parliament.

(2.) It is the intention of the Government during this Session, to amend the present Impounding Act.
 - (2.) Railway from Mittagong to Bourall :—Mr. Roberts asked the Secretary for Public Works pursuant to Notice, No. 2.—If the Government have any objection to state when the Railway from Mittagong to Bourall will be opened for traffic ?
Mr. Byrnes answered,—The opening of the Railway to Bourall, will take place on the completion of the line to Sutton Forest, on or about three months from this time.
Mr. Forster withdrew the question standing in his name, No. 3.
 - (3.) Financial Statement :—Mr. Samuel asked The Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will the Financial Statement be made ?
Mr. Eagar answered,—I am unable to state the precise day on which the Financial Statement will be made; certainly not later, so far as I can at present see, than the first week in September.
 - (4.) Border Customs Duties :—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—What amount has been received from the Government of Victoria on account of Customs Duties, in accordance with the Border Customs arrangement ?
Mr. Eagar answered,—No moneys have yet been received from the Government of Victoria, but we are informed that the sum now due will be paid as soon as it is voted by the Victorian Parliament.
2. Papers :—
 - (1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
 - (1.) Copy of the Evidence taken by the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School, relating to the charges brought by Mr. Wm. Macleay, against Mr. Pratt.
 - (2.) Further Despatch from Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 12th March, 1867, respecting Martial Law.
 - (3.) Report of Inspection of Port Macquarie Asylum for Infirm and Destitute.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
 - (1.) Return to Order, in reference to " Garden Island," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Macpherson, on 22nd November, 1866.
 - (2.) Road Trust Accounts for half year ending 30th June, 1866.
 - (3.) Ditto ditto 31st December, 1866.
 - (4.) Half-yearly Report (dated 1 July, 1867) from Chief Inspector of Sheep.
Ordered to be printed.

3. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force. Question put and passed.
4. Border Duties Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to ratify the arrangement made with the Colony of Victoria, in reference to the Collection of Customs Duties on goods imported across or by way of the River Murray. Question put and passed.
5. Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to prohibit Burials in the Camperdown Cemetery, and to regulate Burials in the Randwick Cemetery. Question put and passed.
6. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill to prohibit the dredging for or taking of Oysters during certain months in the year. Question put and passed.
7. Presbyterian College Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from Adam Thomson, relative to the Presbyterian College Bill, presented by him on the 9th July, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
8. Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill:—Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to prohibit Burials in the Camperdown Cemetery and to regulate Burials in the Randwick Cemetery,*"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. Border Duties Bill:—Mr. Martin proceeding to present this Bill, and to offer a motion that it be now read a first time,—and the Speaker acquiescing in an opinion expressed by certain Honorable Members, that it would be more convenient that the Bill should originate in a Committee of the Whole,—Mr. Martin abstained from pressing the matter further, and gave notice of a motion on the subject for to-morrow.
10. Presbyterian College Bill:—Dr. Lang moved, That this Bill (as passed by this House yesterday) be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly having yesterday passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Presbyterian College as a College within the University of Sydney,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th July, 1867. Speaker.
 Question put and passed.
11. Postal Conference held at Melbourne:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That this House approves of the agreement entered into by the Representatives of the Australasian Colonies at the Postal Conference held at Melbourne, as embodied in the eleven Resolutions moved by Mr. Parkes, and adopted on the 12th March, and the Memorial to Her Majesty, adopted on the 18th March.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
12. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Driver withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
13. Light on Barrenjucy, Broken Bay:—Mr. R. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That in the opinion of this House, a Light should be placed at the entrance to Broken Bay, on Barrenjucy. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at Eight o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JULY 11.

Questions :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to *ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to provide for the extension of a Telegraph Line from the River Clarence to the River Richmond?
2. MR. FORSTER to *ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) Is it true that Mr. Justice Meymott, District Court Judge for the Northern Districts, has on two occasions failed or neglected to hold a Court at Wingham at the time appointed for that purpose, but particularly in April last?
 - (2.) Have the Government received any report or explanation of the circumstances under which Mr. Justice Meymott failed or neglected to open a Court at Wingham, in April last?
 - (3.) Is such report or explanation considered satisfactory by the Government?
 - (4.) What steps do the Government intend taking in consequence, either to mark their sense of Mr. Justice Meymott's conduct, or to prevent such occurrence in future?
3. MR. J. STEWART to *ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether he has received any report from the Governor of any country Gaol, intimating that the Gaol Chaplain had harangued the prisoners, and instigated them to an act of insubordination?
4. MR. BURDEKIN to *ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session to effect the objects contemplated in the Imperial Limited Liability Companies Act?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House do, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill to ratify the arrangement made with the Colony of Victoria in reference to the collection of Customs Duties on goods imported across, or by way of, the River Murray.
2. MR. PARKES to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing a Bill to prohibit the dredging for or taking of Oysters during certain months in the year.
2. Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JULY 12.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.
2. Claim of Mr. James Roberts—Burrangong Riots; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £483 4s. 1d., for the payment of the claim of Mr. James Roberts, of Currawang, for rations supplied, by order of the Government, to a number of Chinese, at the time of the Burrangong riots of 1862.

TUESDAY, JULY 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. NEALE to move,—
 - (1.) That this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

3. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers and Correspondence relating to the dismissal of Alexander Black, late a Commissioner of Crown Lands.
5. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and other persons, and Minutes of the Executive Council (if any), relative to the dismissal of the Rev. Mr. Dillon from the office of Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Penal Establishment, Cockatoo Island.
6. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A copy of an official notice published in the *Government Gazette*, on or about the 29th day of March, 1859, announcing that certain gentlemen had been appointed Members of the Committee of Management of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta.
 - (2.) Copies of any letters addressed to the Members of the Board notifying their appointment.
 - (3.) Any minute of the Executive Council having reference to such appointments.
 - (4.) A copy of the Governor's Warrant, dated 17th November, 1862, authorizing the persons therein named to apprentice children, in pursuance of the Act of Council.
 - (5.) Copies of all correspondence between the Committee and the Government, relative to the appointment of Teachers and other persons in the said Institution since 1859.
7. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The number of criminals convicted during the last five years in the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Supreme Criminal Courts of this Country.
 - (2.) The crime with which each prisoner was charged, and the punishment awarded on conviction.
 - (3.) The religious sect which every prisoner so convicted professed to belong to.
8. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing what were the Balances at the credit or debit of the following Accounts, in the various Banks, on the 1st July, 1867, specifying each separately :—
 - (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund.
 - (2.) Loans Account.
 - (3.) Clergy and School Estates Fund.
 - (4.) Assessment on Sheep.
 - (5.) Police Reward Fund.
 - (6.) Police Superannuation Fund.
 - (7.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account.
 - (8.) Special Receipts Account.
9. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Electric Telegraph to Port Macquarie?

FRIDAY, JULY 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, JULY 23.

Question :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government call for tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst?

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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for the construction of a line of Electric Telegraph from Grafton, on the Clarence River, to the most convenient point thereto on the Coast.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the dismissal of Samuel Harper, and J. L. Murphy, from the Customs Department, including depositions (if any) taken before the Collector of Customs.
3. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Notes of Evidence taken by Judge M'Farland upon the trial of Joseph Abrahams, together with Copies of all Reports and Minutes thereon made at the instance of the Government, since the conviction of the said Joseph Abrahams.
4. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House is not prepared to sanction Section 15 of Division II. of the Public Schools Act of 1866 Regulations, under the following terms:—

“ 15. *Character of School Books.*

“ Such books only as are supplied or sanctioned by the Council are to be used for “ ordinary instruction” unless the following words be added, viz., in Public, Provisional, and Half-time Schools.
5. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return setting forth the names of all persons ordered by the Bench of Magistrates, at the Central Police Office, to be placed on board the Vernon, specifying in each case where and by whom the said persons were arrested, and on what authority.
6. MR. DRIVER to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Game Preservation Act.

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for a Parliamentary Audit of the Public Accounts.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
 2. Common Carriers Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Electric Telegraph between Clarence and Richmond Rivers:—*Mr. Hart*, on behalf of *Mr. Robertson*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to provide for the extension of a Telegraph Line from the River Clarence to the River Richmond?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The extension of a Telegraph line to the Richmond River is not contemplated by the Government, but if applied for under the guarantee system, the application will receive their favourable consideration.

- (2.) *Mr. Justice Meymott*:—*Mr. Forster* asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true that *Mr. Justice Meymott*, District Court Judge for the Northern Districts, has on two occasions failed or neglected to hold a Court at *Wingham* at the time appointed for that purpose, but particularly in April last?

(2.) Have the Government received any report or explanation of the circumstances under which *Mr. Justice Meymott* failed or neglected to open a Court at *Wingham*, in April last?

(3.) Is such report or explanation considered satisfactory by the Government?

(4.) What steps do the Government intend taking in consequence, either to mark their sense of *Mr. Justice Meymott's* conduct, or to prevent such occurrence in future?

Mr. Martin answered,—I am not aware that *Mr. Meymott* failed or neglected on two occasions to hold a Court at *Wingham* at the time appointed for that purpose. In August last *Mr. Meymott* did not hold the Quarter Sessions and District Courts appointed in that month to be held at *Grafton*, and he was called upon by me to explain the reason of his absence on that occasion. His answer, although not considered entirely satisfactory, was thought sufficient to prevent any further steps being taken beyond an expression of dissatisfaction, and a caution against further negligence of the like kind. If the honorable member desires to see the correspondence, I shall have no objection to lay copies of it upon the Table of the House. In reference to the neglect to hold a Court at *Wingham* in April last, I received the following letter from *Mr. Meymott*:—

“Taree, Manning River,
“April 1st, 1867.

“SIR,—

“I have to inform you with regret that I am compelled to allow the District Court at *Wingham* to-morrow to lapse. I have come thus far, 65 miles, raining nearly all the time, over swampy country nearly all under water, crossing dangerous creeks and rivers, with only wretched hovels to rest in, with the desire to perform my exceedingly arduous duties, and all in vain, for on my arrival here this afternoon I learn that the creek or river between this and *Wingham* is bank high. *Mr. Caffrey*, a Magistrate, nearly lost his life in swimming his horse across it this afternoon, and *Mr. Thurlow's* Clerk, who was with him, returned, and made this report. Two witnesses in a libel case, set

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"down for trial at Wingham, have returned, from the same cause, and the landlord of the Inn at which I am now staying, also a witness in that case, assures me that he will incur any penalty or responsibility rather than risk the journey. I hear, too, that application is intended to be made to postpone that libel case, even if the witnesses should be there, and, I believe, there are only two other cases on promissory notes, so that no great inconvenience will be felt by the postponement.

"I have, &c.,
"F. W. MEYMOTT.

"P.S.—I am informed that, from the present threatening state of the weather, there is no prospect of the waters abating for several days." No complaint has reached my office from any one in reference to the omission referred to, and I have taken no steps in the matter, as I am not aware that there is any reason to doubt the accuracy of Mr. Meymott's statement.

- (3.) Gaol Chaplain instigating to Insubordination:—Mr. J. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Whether he has received any report from the Governor of any country Gaol, intimating that the Gaol Chaplain had harangued the prisoners, and instigated them to an act of insubordination? Mr. Parkes answered,—A report has been received from the Gaoler at Port Macquarie informing the Government, that the Rev. Cornelius Coghlan, the Roman Catholic Chaplain at that Gaol, did, on the 29th June last, harangue the prisoners against the officers of the Gaol not paying him the dues they had promised, and that his conduct on the occasion was altogether inconsistent with the character of his office, and was detrimental to the good order of the Gaol. The Report says, that one of the prisoners stood up during the reverend gentleman's harangue, with words of encouragement, and that the man was afterwards placed in separate confinement for his offence. On the Gaoler's remonstrating with the Rev. Mr. Coghlan, and telling him that he should report his conduct to the Government, the reverend gentleman is reported to have replied, that "he did not care three straws for the Government."
- (4.) Imperial Limited Liability Companies Act:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session to effect the objects contemplated in the Imperial Limited Liability Companies Act? Mr. Martin answered,—The Government have at present no such intention.
2. Paper:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Abstracts of the Public Accounts of the Colony of New South Wales for the year 1866. (Prepared in the Treasury.) Ordered to be printed.
3. Border Duties Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice,—That this House do, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of introducing a Bill to ratify the arrangement, made with the Colony of Victoria in reference to the collection of Customs Duties on goods imported across, or by way of, the River Murray. Question put and passed.
4. Federal Council Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Parkes having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies*,"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
5. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the expediency of introducing a Bill to prohibit the dredging for, or taking of, Oysters during certain months in the year. The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be now received. The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to prohibit the dredging for or taking of Oysters during certain months in the year. Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time, and agreed to.
6. Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an order of the day for to-morrow.

7. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill:—Mr. Wilson having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intitled "*A Bill to prohibit the dredging for or taking of Oysters during certain months in the year,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at Twenty-seven minutes before Five o'clock, until Tomorrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JULY 12.

Question:—

1. MR. BUCHANAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) The number of children, male and female, attending the Public Schools established under the Public Schools Act, in Sydney?
(2.) How many of those children are Protestants, and how many Roman Catholics?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.
2. Claim of Mr. James Roberts—Burrangong Riots; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £483 4s. 1d., for the payment of the claim of Mr. James Roberts, of Currawang, for rations supplied, by order of the Government, to a number of Chinese, at the time of the Burrangong riots of 1862.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Border Duties Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing a Bill to ratify the arrangement made with the Colony of Victoria, in reference to the collection of Customs Duties on goods imported across, or by way of, the River Murray.
2. Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill; third reading.

TUESDAY, JULY 16.

Questions:—

1. MR. TIGHE *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Do the Government intend to propose any law during the present Session, to authorize the issue of Deeds of Grant to Trustees for Lands set apart for Churches, Schools of Arts, and other public institutions?
2. MR. GARRETT *to ask* the SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps to connect the Light-house at Jervis Bay, by Electric Telegraph, with the Port of Sydney?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS *to move*,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
(2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
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(1.) That this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
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6. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
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8. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing what were the Balances at the credit or debit of the following Accounts, in the various Banks, on the 1st July, 1867, specifying each separately :—
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 17.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Electric Telegraph to Port Macquarie ?
2. MR. GARRETT to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) Whose duty is it to Audit the Accounts of the Curator of Intestate Estates ?
 - (2.) What period has elapsed between the last Audit of said Accounts, and the temporary appointment of Mr. Liardet ?
 - (3.) What was the nature of such Audit or enquiry, and the result thereof ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, JULY 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Federal Council Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, JULY 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, JULY 23.

Question :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government call for tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for the construction of a line of Electric Telegraph from Grafton, on the Clarence River, to the most convenient point thereto on the Coast.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the dismissal of Samuel Harper, and J. L. Murphy, from the Customs Department, including depositions (if any) taken before the Collector of Customs.
3. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Notes of Evidence taken by Judge M'Farland upon the trial of Joseph Abrahams, together with Copies of all Reports and Minutes thereon made at the instance of the Government, since the conviction of the said Joseph Abrahams.
4. MR. MACPIERSON to move, That this House is not prepared to sanction Section 15 of Division II. of the Public Schools Act of 1866 Regulations, under the following terms :—

“ 15. *Character of School Books.*

“ Such books only as are supplied or sanctioned by the Council are to be used for “ ordinary instruction” unless the following words be added, viz., “ in Public, Provisional, and Half-time Schools.”

5. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return setting forth the names of all persons ordered by the Bench of Magistrates, at the Central Police Office, to be placed on board the Vernon, specifying in each case where and by whom the said persons were arrested, and on what authority.
6. MR. DRIVER to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Game Preservation Act.

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for a Parliamentary Audit of the Public Accounts.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
 2. Common Carriers Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Children attending Public Schools, Sydney:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of children, male and female, attending the Public Schools established under the Public Schools Act, in Sydney?

(2.) How many of those children are Protestants, and how many Roman Catholics? Mr. Parkes answered,—I have received from the Council of Education the following paper:—

“ Sydney, 12th July, 1867.

“ MY DEAR SIR,

“ I enclose papers giving the information requested in your note of this day.”

“ Yours very truly,

“ H. Halloran, Esq.,

“ Colonial Secretary's Office.”

(Signed) “ W. WILKINS.”

RETURN of Attendance at the Public Schools in Sydney, for the Quarter ending 29th June, 1867.

Name of School.	Protestants.	Roman Catholics.	Total.
Bourke-street	390	18	408
Cleveland-street	539	78	617
Fort-street	1,029	356	1,385
Glebe	240	57	297
Pitt-street	199	24	223
Pitt-street South	105	8	113
Pymont	211	8	219
Sussex-street	97	4	101
William-street	611	204	815
Woolloomooloo	161	6	167
Total...	3,582	763	4,345

Name of School.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Bourke-street	243	165	408
Cleveland-street	361	256	617
Fort-street	803	582	1,385
Glebe	162	135	297
Pitt-street	120	103	223
Pitt-street South	67	46	113
Pymont	132	87	219
Sussex-street	56	45	101
William-street	493	322	815
Woolloomooloo	102	65	167
Total...	2,539	1,806	4,345

2. Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill (" *Formal*" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Martin, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Martin then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to prohibit Burials in the Camperdown Cemetery and to regulate Burials in the Randwick Cemetery.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to prohibit Burials in the Camperdown Cemetery and to regulate Burials in the Randwick Cemetery,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th July, 1867.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

3. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Robbery with Arms Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, until Friday next.
4. Claim of Mr. James Roberts—Burrangong Riots :—On motion of Mr. Macleay, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £483 4s. 1d., for the payment of the claim of Mr. James Roberts, of Currawang, for rations supplied, by order of the Government, to a number of Chinese, at the time of the Burrangong riots of 1862.
- The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
- Ordered*, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), That the said Resolution be *now* received.
- The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
- Resolved*,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £483 4s. 1d., for the payment of the claim of Mr. James Roberts, of Currawang, for rations supplied, by order of the Government, to a number of Chinese, at the time of the Burrangong riots of 1862.
- Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Macleay, read a second time and agreed to.
5. Border Duties Bill :—

(1.) On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the expediency of introducing a Bill to ratify the arrangement made with the Colony of Victoria, in reference to the collection of Customs Duties on goods imported across, or by way of, the River Murray.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved:—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to ratify the arrangement made with the Colony of Victoria, in reference to the collection of Customs Duties on goods imported across, or by way of, the River Murray.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Martin having *presented* this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to ratify the arrangement made with the Colony of Victoria in reference to the collection of Customs Duties on goods imported across or by way of the River Murray,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday week.

The House adjourned, at Eight minutes before Four o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JULY 16.

Questions:—

1. MR. FIGHE to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Do the Government intend to propose any law during the present Session to authorize the issue of Deeds of Grant to Trustees for Lands set apart for Churches, Schools of Arts, and other public institutions?
2. MR. GARRETT to ask the SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps to connect the Light-house at Jervis Bay, by Electric Telegraph, with the Port of Sydney?
3. MR. J. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What steps the Government have taken, or mean to take, in reference to the alleged misconduct of the Roman Catholic Chaplain of the Gaol at Port Macquarie on the 29th of June?
4. MR. MACPHERSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government formally to move the adoption by the House of the Public Schools Act of 1866 Regulations, recently laid on the Table of the House, or simply to allow them to acquire the force of law by effluxion of time?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. MR. NEALE to move,—
 - (1.) That this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers and Correspondence relating to the dismissal of Alexander Black, late a Commissioner of Crown Lands.
5. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and other persons, and Minutes of the Executive Council (if any), relative to the dismissal of the Rev. Mr. Dillon from the office of Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Penal Establishment, Cockatoo Island.
6. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A copy of an official notice published in the *Government Gazette*, on or about the 29th day of March, 1859, announcing that certain gentlemen had been appointed Members of the Committee of Management of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta.
 - (2.) Copies of any letters addressed to the Members of the Board notifying their appointment.
 - (3.) Any minute of the Executive Council having reference to such appointments.
 - (4.) A copy of the Governor's Warrant, dated 17th November, 1862, authorizing the persons therein named to apprentice children, in pursuance of the Act of Council.
 - (5.) Copies of all correspondence between the Committee and the Government, relative to the appointment of Teachers and other persons in the said Institution since 1859.
7. MR. BUCHANAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The number of criminals convicted during the last five years in the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Supreme Criminal Courts of this Country.
 - (2.) The crime with which each prisoner was charged, and the punishment awarded on conviction.
 - (3.) The religious sect which every prisoner so convicted professed to belong to.

8. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing what were the Balances at the credit or debit of the following Accounts, in the various Banks, on the 1st July, 1867, specifying each separately :—
 - (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund.
 - (2.) Loans Account.
 - (3.) Clergy and School Estates Fund.
 - (4.) Assessment on Sheep.
 - (5.) Police Reward Fund.
 - (6.) Police Superannuation Fund.
 - (7.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account.
 - (8.) Special Receipts Account.
9. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
10. MR. NOWLAN to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Acres measured in satisfaction of Conditional Purchases made under the Act 25 Vict. No. 1, from the 1st January, 1862, to 31st December, 1866, inclusive—the number and average area of such purchases, and the estimated cost per acre of the measurement of the same.
11. MR. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to introduce a Bill to enforce claims against the Government.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Electric Telegraph to Port Macquarie ?
2. MR. GARRETT to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) Whose duty is it to Audit the Accounts of the Curator of Intestate Estates ?
 - (2.) What period has elapsed between the last Audit of said Accounts, and the temporary appointment of Mr. Liardet ?
 - (3.) What was the nature of such Audit or enquiry, and the result thereof ?
3. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session any alteration or amendment of the Superannuation Act ?
4. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When is it intended by the Government to give effect to the promise, contained in His Excellency's Opening Speech, of both the present and preceding Session, to introduce a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Law relating to Public Lands ?
5. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) By what authority do the Executive Council, upon the Honorable the Treasurer's recommendation, take upon themselves to suspend the operation of the Stamp Duties Act in terms of the Minute of the said Council, dated April 4, 1867, and laid upon the Table of this House, on July 3, 1867 ?
 - (2.) Has the opinion of the Crown Law Officers been obtained to the effect that the Executive Council is legally authorized so to suspend the Law, and that such suspension has legal effect, or is equivalent to an Act of Parliament ?
 - (3.) If so, is it held by the Government that the Executive Council has a like authority over all Statutes ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, JULY 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Federal Council Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, JULY 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, JULY 23.

Question :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government call for tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for the construction of a line of Electric Telegraph from Grafton, on the Clarence River, to the most convenient point thereto on the Coast.
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6. MR. DRIVER to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Game Preservation Act.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Border Duties Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for a Parliamentary Audit of the Public Accounts.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Member Sworn :—William Henry Suttor, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Bathurst.
2. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Lucas withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
3. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
 - (1.) Issue of Deeds of Grant of Lands set apart for Churches, &c. :—Mr. Tighe asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Do the Government intend to propose any law during the present Session to authorize the issue of Deeds of Grant to Trustees for Lands set apart for Churches, Schools of Arts, and other public institutions?
Mr. Martin answered,—This matter is now under the consideration of the Government.
 - (2.) Telegraphic Communication with Jervis Bay :—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps to connect the Light-house at Jervis Bay, by Electric Telegraph, with the Port of Sydney?
Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Select Committee of the Legislative Council on Light-houses in 1863, recommended that lines of Electric Telegraph should be extended to the several Light-houses along the coast of the Colony. The connection of the Light-house at Jervis Bay with Sydney was recommended by the Superintendent of Telegraphs in his Report of 18th February, 1865, and this, with several other similar schemes is now under the consideration of the Government.
 - (3.) Gaol Chaplain instigating to Insubordination :—Mr. J. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What steps the Government have taken, or mean to take, in reference to the alleged misconduct of the Roman Catholic Chaplain of the Gaol at Port Macquarie on the 29th of June?
Mr. Parkes answered,—After the occurrences reported to the Government, the Gaoler took upon himself the responsibility of refusing the Chaplain admission to the Gaol. The conduct of both the Chaplain and the Gaoler will be investigated on the spot.
 - (4.) Public Schools Regulations :—Mr. Macpherson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4.—Whether it is the intention of the Government formally to move the adoption by the House of the Public Schools Act of 1866 Regulations, recently laid on the Table of the House, or simply to allow them to acquire the force of law by effluxion of time?
Mr. Parkes answered,—As the Regulations acquire the force of law under the Act, if not disallowed by express Resolution of both Houses of Parliament within one month from the time of their being laid on the Table, it is not necessary for the Government to make any motion on the subject.
4. John Macpherson and others, Gold Miners at Nundle :—Mr. Pickering presented a Petition from John Macpherson and others, Gold Miners residing at Nundle, representing that they, having been duly authorized to mine in the Police Reserve, Nundle, became involved in a dispute with a person named John Schofield, mining on the same land—which dispute was referred by the Nundle Bench to the Gold Commissioner in Armidale—but that Petitioners have been summarily ejected from their claim, without any reason assigned ;—and praying investigation of the correspondence in the case, with a view to either re-instatement in the claim or other relief in the premises.
Petition received.

5. Paper:—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table, Returns required under 103rd Section of District Courts Act of 1858.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill:—Mr. Parkes having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force*,"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow week.
7. Triennial Parliaments Bill ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.
Question put and passed.
8. Return of Convictions in Quarter Sessions and Supreme Criminal Courts ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
(1.) The number of criminals convicted during the last five years in the Courts of Quarter Sessions and Supreme Criminal Courts of this Country.
(2.) The crime with which each prisoner was charged, and the punishment awarded on conviction.
(3.) The religious sect which every prisoner so convicted professed to belong to.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Sutherland,
Dr. Lang,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Tighe,
Mr. J. Stewart,

Tellers.

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Lucas.

Noes, 29*.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Egar,	Mr. Landale,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Smart,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. Nowlan,	Tellers.
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. R. Stewart.

* So in Tellers' Lists.

9. Lands measured under Conditional Purchase ("*Formal*" *motion*):—Mr. Nowlan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Acres measured in satisfaction of Conditional Purchases made under the Act 25 Vict. No. 1, from the 1st January, 1862, to 31st December, 1866, inclusive—the number and average area of such purchases, and the estimated cost per acre of the measurement of the same.
Question put and passed.
10. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Samuel moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. Triennial Parliaments Bill:—Dr. Lang having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years*,"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.
12. Water Supply:—Mr. Neale moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) "That" this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
(2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Lucas moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the first word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words,—"*a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the County of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.*"
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Macleay, Dr. Lang, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover."
Debate continued.

Motion made by Mr. Sutherland, and Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day fortnight.
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Tighc,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. White,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Pennell,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. J. Stewart.
Mr. Lloyd,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Mate,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burns,
Mr. S. Brown.

13. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day withdrawn:—
 (1.) Mr. Robertson withdrew the Motions standing in his name, Nos. 4 and 5.
 (2.) Mr. Hart withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 6.
 (3.) Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name, No. 9.
14. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Samuel not making the Motion standing in his name, No. 8 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
15. Claims against Government Bill:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to introduce a Bill to enforce Claims against the Government.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned, at Twenty-five minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17.

Questions:—

- MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Electric Telegraph to Port Macquarie?
- MR. GARRETT to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 (1.) Whose duty is it to Audit the Accounts of the Curator of Intestate Estates?
 (2.) What period has elapsed between the last Audit of said Accounts, and the temporary appointment of Mr. Liardet?
 (3.) What was the nature of such Audit or enquiry, and the result thereof?
- MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session any alteration or amendment of the Superannuation Act?
- MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When is it intended by the Government to give effect to the promise, contained in His Excellency's Opening Speech, of both the present and preceding Session, to introduce a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Law relating to Public Lands?
- MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 (1.) By what authority do the Executive Council, upon the Honorable the Treasurer's recommendation, take upon themselves to suspend the operation of the Stamp Duties Act in terms of the Minute of the said Council, dated April 4, 1867, and laid upon the Table of this House, on July 3, 1867?
 (2.) Has the opinion of the Crown Law Officers been obtained to the effect that the Executive Council is legally authorized so to suspend the Law, and that such suspension has legal effect, or is equivalent to an Act of Parliament?
 (3.) If so, is it held by the Government that the Executive Council has a like authority over all Statutes?
- MR. HART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to place any sum of money on the Estimates as Compensation to the widows and families of Constables Carroll and Kennagh, who were killed whilst in the pursuit of bushrangers?

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- Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; second reading.

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2. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House, having taken into consideration the letter of Mr. Justice F. W. Meymott, laid before this House on July 11, and purporting to be an explanation of the circumstances under which Mr. Justice Meymott failed to hold a District Court at Wingham, in April last, is of opinion that the said letter is not satisfactory, and that Mr. Justice Meymott's conduct in the matter demands further and immediate inquiry on the part of the Government.
3. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers and Correspondence relating to the dismissal of Alexander Black, late a Commissioner of Crown Lands.
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5. MR. HART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A copy of an official notice published in the *Government Gazette*, on or about the 29th day of March, 1859, announcing that certain gentlemen had been appointed Members of the Committee of Management of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta.
 - (2.) Copies of any letters addressed to the Members of the Board notifying their appointment.
 - (3.) Any Minute of the Executive Council having reference to such appointments.
 - (4.) A copy of the Governor's Warrant, dated 17th November, 1852, authorizing the persons therein named to apprentice children, in pursuance of the Act of Council.
 - (5.) Copies of all correspondence between the Committee and the Government, relative to the appointment of Teachers and other persons in the said Institution since 1859.

THURSDAY, JULY 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Federal Council Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JULY 19.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, JULY 23.

Question:—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government call for tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for the construction of a line of Electric Telegraph from Grafton, on the Clarence River, to the most convenient point thereto on the Coast.

2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the dismissal of Samuel Harper, and J. L. Murphy, from the Customs Department, including depositions (if any) taken before the Collector of Customs.
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4. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House is not prepared to sanction Section 15 of Division II. of the Public Schools Act of 1866 Regulations, under the following terms :—

“ 15. *Character of School Books.*

“ Such books only as are supplied or sanctioned by the Council are to be used for “ ordinary instruction” unless the following words be added, viz., “ in Public, Provisional, and Half-time Schools.”
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6. MR. DRIVER to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Game Preservation Act.
7. MR. PICKERING to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence (if any) which has taken place between the Police Magistrate of Nundle, the Gold Commissioner of the Gold Fields North, and the Honorable Secretary for Lands, in respect to a disputed claim between a Mining Company known as Macpherson's, and another Mining Company known as Schofield's, to a mine in the Police Reserve at Nundle.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Border Duties Bill ; second reading.
2. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for a Parliamentary Audit of the Public Accounts.
2. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
2. Water Supply :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Neale,—
 - (1.) “ That” this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.

(2.)

(2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.—

Upon which Mr. Lucas had moved, by way of Amendment, that all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the following words,—“ a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the county of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Macleay, Dr. Lang, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Penell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover.”

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill ; second reading.

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New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Telegraphic Extension to Port Macquarie:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice, No. 1,—

Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Electric Telegraph to Port Macquarie?

Mr. Byrnes answered.—It is the intention of the Government to extend the Electric Telegraph to Port Macquarie.

- (2.) Audit of Accounts of Curator of Intestate Estates:—Mr. Garrett asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice, No. 2,—

(1.) Whose duty is it to Audit the Accounts of the Curator of Intestate Estates?

(2.) What period has elapsed between the last Audit of said Accounts, and the temporary appointment of Mr. Liardet?

(3.) What was the nature of such Audit or inquiry, and the result thereof?

Mr. Martin answered,—

(1.) Any Judge of the Supreme Court. But the duty has been usually performed by the Primary Judge in Equity.

(2.) The last Audit before the temporary appointment of Mr. Liardet in June, 1866, was on 5th February, 1866.

(3.) No objection to the accounts having been made by the Primary Judge, I presume the Audit was satisfactory.

- (3.) Civil Service Superannuation Act:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice, No. 3,—

Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session any alteration or amendment of the Superannuation Act?

Mr. Parkes answered.—This question is at present in a state which does not enable me to give so explicit an answer as I could desire. Some time ago the position of the Superannuation Fund was, with the sanction of Parliament, referred for the consideration of a well-known actuary. That gentleman's report has been sent in to the Superannuation Commissioners, but has not yet reached me. I understand that the report states that, in order to put the Superannuation system which has been introduced in this Colony on a sound basis, a sum of not less than £290,000 from the public revenue will be necessary. Perhaps the honorable member will repeat his question some little time hence, when this report has been considered.

- (4.) Amendment of Land Law:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When is it intended by the Government to give effect to the promise, contained in His Excellency's Opening Speech, of both the present and preceding Session, to introduce a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Law relating to Public Lands?

Mr. Wilson answered.—The measure alluded to in His Excellency's Opening Speech will be introduced with as little delay as possible.

- (5.) Suspension of Operation of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) By what authority do the Executive Council, upon the Honorable the Treasurer's recommendation, take upon themselves to suspend the operation of the Stamp Duties Act in terms of the Minute of the said Council, dated April 4, 1867, and laid upon the Table of this House, on July 3, 1867?

(2.)

(2.) Has the opinion of the Crown Law Officers been obtained to the effect that the Executive Council is legally authorized so to suspend the Law, and that such suspension has legal effect, or is equivalent to an Act of Parliament?

(3.) If so, is it held by the Government that the Executive Council has a like authority over all Statutes?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) The action of the Executive Council in the matter referred to is based upon the responsibility of Ministers to Parliament.

(2.) No opinion has been obtained from the Crown Law Officers, of the nature stated by the honorable gentleman.

(3.) It is not held by the Government that the Executive has authority over any Statute.

I may add for the information of the honorable member and of the House, that the precedent of a former Government has been followed in this instance. Under an Executive Minute of December, 1865, when the honorable member for Wellington was Treasurer, the operation of that portion of the Stamp Act, under which Widows were chargeable with a succession duty of 10 per cent., was suspended, pending an amendment of an obvious defect in the law. In July, 1866, a similar suspension was authorized by the present Government, in relation to Widowers, who were in like manner subject to a succession duty of 10 per cent. The Executive Minute now referred to carries out the intention of the Legislature as expressed in the 4th Schedule of the Stamp Act, but which is liable to doubt from an omission in the 3rd Schedule. A Bill to remedy these defects will be introduced by the Government during the present Session.

(6.) Widows and Families of Constables Carroll and Kennagh :—Mr. Hart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Is it the intention of the Government to place any sum of money on the Estimates as Compensation to the Widows and families of Constables Carroll and Kennagh who were killed whilst in the pursuit of bushrangers?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Of the four men murdered at Jinden, Carroll and Kennagh left wives and children, and Phegan left an orphan child. The Government will consider itself bound to submit to Parliament a sum of money to be divided amongst these persons.

2. Papers :—

(1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

(1.) Correspondence (Telegraphic and otherwise) between the Honorable G. Verdon, Melbourne, and the Honorable The Colonial Secretary, Sydney, respecting the Postal Conference.

(2.) Regulation of Council of Education modifying 62nd Regulation.

(3.) Return to Order, in reference to "Teachers under Council of Education," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Thornton, on 9th July instant.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the condition of the Customs Department, together with Minutes of Evidence.

Ordered to be printed.

3. John Macpherson, and others, gold miners at Nundle ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Pickering moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition, presented by him on the 16th July, from certain gold miners at Nundle, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill :—Mr. Wilson moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Mate moved,—That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That" with the view to inserting in their place the following words "The Order of the Day for the second reading of the 'Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill' be discharged, and the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers,—and that it be an instruction to the Committee to take Evidence, and report on the subject of Fisheries generally.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Macleay, Mr. Driver, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Hannell, Mr. Tighe, Mr. White, and the Mover."

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted, be there inserted,—put and passed.

Whereupon, Question,—That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the "Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill" be discharged, and the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers,—and that it be an instruction to the Committee to take Evidence and report on the subject of Fisheries generally.

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Mr. Justice Meymott :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, having taken into consideration the letter of Mr. Justice F. W. Meymott, laid before this House on July 11, and purporting to be an explanation of the circumstances

circumstances under which Mr. Justice Meymott failed to hold a District Court at Wingham, in April last, is of opinion that the said letter is not satisfactory, and that Mr. Justice Meymott's conduct in the matter demands further and immediate inquiry on the part of the Government.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

6. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—William Richman Piddington, and Stephen Campbell Brown, Esquires, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session.
7. Alexander Black, late Commissioner of Crown Lands:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers and Correspondence relating to the dismissal of Alexander Black, late a Commissioner of Crown Lands.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. Rev. Mr. Dillon, Roman Catholic Chaplain, Cockatoo Island:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and other persons, and Minutes of the Executive Council (if any), relative to the dismissal of the Rev. Mr. Dillon from the office of Roman Catholic Chaplain to the Penal Establishment, Cockatoo Island.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta:—Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A copy of an official notice published in the *Government Gazette*, on or about the 29th day of March, 1859, announcing that certain gentlemen had been appointed Members of the Committee of Management of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta.
 - (2.) Copies of any letters addressed to the Members of the Board notifying their appointment.
 - (3.) Any Minute of the Executive Council having reference to such appointments.
 - (4.) A copy of the Governor's Warrant, dated 17th November, 1862, authorizing the persons therein named to apprentice children, in pursuance of the Act of Council.
 - (5.) Copies of all correspondence between the Committee and the Government, relative to the appointment of Teachers and other persons in the said Institution since 1859.
 Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at Twenty-five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOED,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JULY 18.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is it true that Michael Connors, or a man named Connors, convicted of, and sentenced for, the murder of an old man under circumstances of great aggravation, at the Bathurst Assizes in April last, was subsequently reprieved, without any recommendation from either the Judge or jury before whom the case was tried, and after the Executive Council had determined that the sentence should take effect?
 - (2.) If so, under what circumstances, and upon whose and what recommendation was such reprieve granted?
 - (3.) Did the responsible advisers of His Excellency the Governor, jointly or severally concur in, or dissent from, the course taken?
 - (4.) Have the said responsible advisers given utterance to, or placed on record, any formal opinion in the matter?

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2. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Is the Government aware that the surveyed line of road from Rockley to Isabella Creek has not been cleared, and is now almost impassable?
 - (2.) Is it intended to take any steps to clear or form the said line, and if so, when?
3. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Is the Government aware that that portion of the road from Rockley to the Swallow's Nest, leading through Mr. Brownlow's land, has been closed—If so, has the same been closed by authority of the Government?
 - (2.) Will any steps be taken to open the same?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Federal Council Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House, having taken into consideration the statement made in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speech, at the commencement of this Session, to the effect that the state of the Finances of this Colony may render it necessary to submit measures to sustain the public income, is of opinion that any information the Government possess upon the subject of the Public Finances, ought to be communicated to this House and to the public, by the Honorable the Treasurer, with as little delay as possible.

FRIDAY, JULY 19.

Question:—

1. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) If he will, during next week, lay on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing, severally, the Revenue received during the week commencing on the 1st instant, from the Railway Trains which arrived in Sydney at 7.42, 8.40, 9.33, 10.30, 11.40, 12.5, 1.25, 3.47, 4.25, 5.25, 6.25, 8.30?
 - (2.) The cost "per mile" of running the above Trains, including wages, fuel, wear, tear, and all other expenses?
 - (3.) The Revenue received for the wood traffic on the Great Southern and Western Railway during the first three months of the present year?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
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TUESDAY, JULY 23.

1. MR. CUMMINGS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government call for tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for the construction of a line of Electric Telegraph from Grafton, on the Clarence River, to the most convenient point thereto on the Coast.
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Border Duties Bill ; second reading.
2. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for a Parliamentary Audit of the Public Accounts.
2. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
2. Water Supply :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Neale,—
 - (1.) "That" this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
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Upon which Mr. Lucas had moved, by way of Amendment, that all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the following words,— "a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the county of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Reprieve of Michael Connors, convicted of and sentenced for Murder;—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice, No. 1,—

(1.) Is it true that Michael Connors, or a man named Connors, convicted of, and sentenced for, the murder of an old man under circumstances of great aggravation, at the Bathurst Assizes in April last, was subsequently reprieved, without any recommendation from either the Judge or jury before whom the case was tried, and after the Executive Council had determined that the sentence should take effect?

(2.) If so, under what circumstances, and upon whose and what recommendation was such reprieve granted?

(3.) Did the responsible advisers of His Excellency the Governor, jointly or severally concur in, or dissent from, the course taken?

(4.) Have the said responsible advisers given utterance to, or placed on record, any formal opinion in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered.—It is true that a prisoner named Michael Connors, convicted of murder at the Bathurst Assizes in April last, and sentenced to death, was reprieved by His Excellency the Governor, with whom, as the representative of Her Majesty, the prerogative of mercy rests. His Excellency gave his reasons, as required by the Royal Instructions, for extending mercy to the prisoner, and the Judge who tried the case concurred in those reasons. His Excellency's Minute will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mr. Driver withdrew the Question standing in his name, No. 2.

- (2.) Road from Rockley to the Swallow's Nest:—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice, No. 3,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that that portion of the road from Rockley to the Swallow's Nest, leading through Mr. Brownlow's land, has been closed—If so, has the same been closed by authority of the Government?

(2.) Will any steps be taken to open the same?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The road alluded to by the honorable member has not been proclaimed, as it was not considered of sufficient importance to warrant the expenditure of the large sum that would be required for fencing.

(2.) Steps will be taken to open the road when a Bill, shortly to be introduced, authorizing the erection of gates, shall have passed into law.

2. Paper:—Mr. Parkes, *by command*, laid upon the Table, a statement of the reasons of His Excellency the Governor for extending the prerogative of mercy in the case of Michael Connors, convicted and sentenced to death for murder.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Buchanan moved, that this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. Federal Council Bill:—Mr. Parkes moved, that this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

And the Speaker—upon his attention being drawn by Mr. Burdekin to certain provisions in the Bill—ruling that this Bill could not be further proceeded with, as it ought to have originated in a Committee of the Whole, and also to have been recommended by a Message from the Crown under the requirement of the 54th section of the Constitution Act,—the Motion dropped.

Whereupon Motion made by Mr. Hart, and question put,—That the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill be discharged.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Egan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Thoratton,	
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Joseph,	
Mr. S. Brown,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Piddington,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. White,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Landale.

Mr. Martin then moved, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

5. State of Public Finances—Governor's Opening Speech:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, having taken into consideration the statement made in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speech, at the commencement of this Session, to the effect that the state of the Finances of this Colony may render it necessary to submit measures to sustain the public income, is of opinion that any information the Government possess upon the subject of the Public Finances, ought to be communicated to this House and to the public, by the Honorable the Treasurer, with as little delay as possible.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at Six minutes before Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JULY 19.

Question:—

- MR. LUCAS TO *ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) If he will, during next week, lay on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing, severally, the Revenue received during the week commencing on the 1st instant, from the Railway Trains which arrived in Sydney at 7.42, 8.40, 9.33, 10.30, 11.40, 12.5, 1.25, 3.47, 4.25, 5.25, 6.25, 8.30 ?
 - (2.) The cost "per mile" of running the above Trains, including wages, fuel, wear, tear, and all other expenses ?
 - (3.) The Revenue received for the wood traffic on the Great Southern and Western Railway during the first three months of the present year ?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BURNS TO move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

2. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on the next day of sitting, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce Claims against the Government.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. WILSON to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the Resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands.
2. MR. MARTIN to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without examination.

TUESDAY, JULY 23.

Question :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government call for tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for the construction of a line of Electric Telegraph from Grafton, on the Clarence River, to the most convenient point thereto on the Coast.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the dismissal of Samuel Harper, and J. L. Murphy, from the Customs Department, including depositions (if any) taken before the Collector of Customs.
3. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Notes of Evidence taken by Judge M'Farland upon the trial of Joseph Abrahams, together with Copies of all Reports and Minutes thereon made at the instance of the Government, since the conviction of the said Joseph Abrahams.
4. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That this House is not prepared to sanction Section 15 of Division II. of the Public Schools Act of 1866 Regulations, under the following terms :—

“ 15. *Character of School Books.*

“ Such books only as are supplied or sanctioned by the Council are to be used for “ ordinary instruction” unless the following words be added, viz., “ in Public, Provisional, and Half-time Schools.”

5. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return setting forth the names of all persons ordered by the Bench of Magistrates, at the Central Police Office; to be placed on board the Vernon, specifying in each case where and by whom the said persons were arrested, and on what authority.
6. MR. DRIVER to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Game Preservation Act.
7. MR. PICKERING to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence (if any) which has taken place between the Police Magistrate of Nundle, the Gold Commissioner of the Gold Fields North, and the Honorable Secretary for Lands, in respect to a disputed claim between a Mining Company known as Macpherson's, and another Mining Company known as Schofield's, to a mine in the Police Reserve at Nundle.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Border Duties Bill ; second reading.
2. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for a Parliamentary Audit of the Public Accounts.
2. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

3. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Apprehensions, Informations, Prosecutions, and Proceedings, under the Felons Apprehension Act, before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in the Police District of Braidwood, or any adjacent District, specifying in each case the date and place of apprehension or proceeding, the name of each party apprehended or proceeded against, and the name or names of the Justice or Justices.
 - (2.) Copies of all Informations and Proceedings before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in the Police District of Braidwood, or any adjacent Police District, in any case of harbouring bushrangers, or other breach of the Felons Apprehension Act, in the prosecution of which the late Constable Carroll or Kennagh, or any person associated with either of them in pursuit of the bushrangers Clarke, took part or was in any way instrumental.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
2. Water Supply :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Neale,—
 - (1.) "That" this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.—

Upon which Mr. Lucas had moved, by way of Amendment, that all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the following words,— "a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the county of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.

"(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Macleay, Dr. Lang, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover."

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
 2. Common Carriers Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—
Railway Returns :—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) If he will, during next week, lay on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing, severally, the Revenue received during the week commencing on the 1st instant, from the Railway Trains which arrived in Sydney at 7.42, 8.40, 9.33, 10.30, 11.40, 12.5, 1.25, 3.47, 4.25, 5.25, 6.25, 8.30 ?
(2.) The cost "per mile" of running the above Trains, including wages, fuel, wear, tear, and all other expenses ?
(3.) The Revenue received for the wood traffic on the Great Southern and Western Railway during the first three months of the present year ?
Mr. Byrnes answered,—The return asked for will be laid on the Table of the House in the early part of next week.
2. Claims against Government Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House shall, on the next day of sitting, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce Claims against the Government.
Question put and passed.
3. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Wilson, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the Resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands.
Question put and passed.
4. Honorary Degrees Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without examination.
Question put and passed.
5. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill :—Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorize the resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands,"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
6. Honorary Degrees Bill :—Mr. Martin having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to empower the Senate of the University of Sydney to confer Degrees in certain cases without Examination,"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
7. Clause respecting Music and Dancing in "Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862" :—
Mr. Oatley presented a Petition from Charles Moore, Mayor of Sydney, as Chairman of a General Meeting of Justices held in Sydney, praying for the repeal of so much of the 35th Clause of the Act of Parliament 25 Vict. No. 14, as admits of Music and Dancing in Licensed Public Houses.
Petition received.
8. Robbery with Arms Bill :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Martin moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "now," with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."
Debate continued.

Question

Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Lord,
Mr. Landale,
Mr. J. Stewart,

Tellers.

Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Buchanan.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Dignum,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Macpherson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Josephson.
Mr. Garrett,	

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be there added,—put and passed.

Whereupon Question,—That this Bill be read a second time this day six months,—put and passed.

9. Prevention of Disasters from Floods in the District of the Hunter:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

The House adjourned at Ten minutes after Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JULY 23.

Questions:—

1. MR. CUMMINGS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Government call for tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst?
2. MR. THORNTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What information has he received as to the last sale in London, on account of the Government, of New South Wales Debentures?
 - (2.) To what amount were tenders received or offered, at what rates, and what are the final averages?
 - (3.) Did those persons first tendering up to full amount required, have a preference over persons tendering subsequently, notwithstanding that these latter may have offered more liberal terms?
 - (4.) Did the tenders close when the amount required had been reached?
 - (5.) Were additional tenders offered—If so, to what amount, and at what rates?
 - (6.) How many days were occupied in receiving the tenders accepted?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON *to move*, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for the construction of a line of Electric Telegraph from Grafton, on the Clarence River, to the most convenient point thereto on the Coast.

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“ 15. *Character of School Books.*

“ Such books only as are supplied or sanctioned by the Council are to be used for “ ordinary instruction” unless the following words be added, viz., “ in Public, Provisional, and Half-time Schools.”

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8. MR. OATLEY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th July, from Charles Moore, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce Claims against the Government.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24.

Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to the case of Michael Connors, which formed the subject of my questions, and of replies thereto by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on Thursday, July 18, and also of the Minute of His Excellency the Governor, laid before this House on the same day, are there any documents—whether Minutes, Correspondence, Memorials, or Petitions—other than the said Minute, in possession of the Government, or of His Excellency the Governor, capable of throwing light upon the case, which might be laid before this House ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Border Duties Bill ; second reading.
2. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. NOWLAN to move, That the Clerk of the House be instructed to amend the Alphabetical List of Members, so far as the Electorate of The Williams is concerned, by the omission of the word “ Robertson” from the name of the sitting Member.

THURSDAY, JULY 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill ; second reading.
2. Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, JULY 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government, in accordance with the promise of the Secretary for Works, to call for tenders for the construction and completion, within three years from the 1st January, 1868, of the Great Western line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst, and that the necessary bond or bonds will be executed by the contracting party or parties, before the Government calls on this House to vote supplies for the extension of the Great Southern Line.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for a Parliamentary Audit of the Public Accounts.
2. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
2. Water Supply:—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Neale,—
 - (1.) "That" this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.—
 Upon which Mr. Lucas had moved, by way of Amendment, that all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the following words,—“a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the county of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.
 “(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Funks, Mr. Macleay, Dr. Lang, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover.”

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Member Sworn:—George M'Kay, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Orange.

2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Great Western Railway from Solitary Creek to Bathurst:—Mr. Cummings asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1.—When will the Government call for tenders for the construction of the Great Western Line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

The amount voted for the extension from Penrith to Bathurst is... £600,000 0 0

The amount expended to 30th June last £554,110 12 0

The estimated amount required to complete the railway to the
end of No. 6 Contract (Rydal) 375,000 0 0

Making together £929,110 12 0

Or in excess of amount voted £329,110 12 0

The estimated amount required for the remaining 34 miles, to
carry the line into Bathurst 400,000 0 0

Making a total of £729,110 12 0

still to be provided for the completion of the line into Bathurst. It will be impossible, therefore, for the Government to call for tenders for the construction of the line from Solitary Creek into Bathurst until the money is voted by Parliament for the purpose.

- (2.) Sale of Government Debentures in London:—Mr. Thornton asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to amended Notice No. 2:—

(1.) What information has he received as to the last sale in London, on account of the Government, of New South Wales Debentures?

(2.) To what amount were tenders received or offered, at what rates, and what are the final averages?

(3.) Did those persons first tendering up to full amount required, have a preference over persons tendering subsequently, notwithstanding that these latter may have offered more liberal terms?

(4.) Did the tenders close when the amount required had been reached?

(5.) Were additional tenders offered—If so, to what amount, and at what rates?

(6.) How many days were occupied in receiving the tenders accepted?

(7.) Were the conditions as set forth in "The Times" instructed by this Government or arranged by the Oriental Bank at home?

Mr. Eagar answered,—The Government are not in possession of any information bearing upon the honorable member's Questions Nos. 2 to 6, which I am therefore unable to answer.

With reference to Question No. 1, the only information which the Government has is comprised—1st, in the advertisement issued by the Oriental Bank Corporation, London, inviting tenders for the last Debentures sold—and 2nd, in an extract from a letter by the last mail, addressed to the Oriental Bank here by its London office, and communicated to me by the local manager on the 15th instant.

These

These documents I now read for the information of the honorable member and the House, and in answer to the question he has now added, I may state that the conditions were originated by the Oriental Bank alone, and were in no way suggested by the Government here.

" New South Wales Government Loan for £832,000.

" 1. The New South Wales Government, by their agents, the Oriental Bank Corporation, offer for disposal, by tender, the above loan, which is a charge on the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, authorized by the Acts of the Colonial Legislature, 26th Victoria, No. 14, and 27th Victoria, No. 14.

" 2. The loan is to be issued in bonds of £100, £500, and £1,000, each, bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum, from 1st January, 1867, payable by coupons, half-yearly, in London and Sydney. The principal money to be paid off on the 1st January, 1895.

" 3. Copies of the Acts and Bonds can be seen at the office of the Agents.

" 4. The lowest price that will be accepted for the Bonds is £85 10s. for every £100, and the terms of issue are :—

£10	per cent.	on application.
£25	"	1st July, less coupon £2 10s.
£25	"	2nd September.
£25 10	"	2nd December.
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£85 10	Total.	

" 5. Scrip certificates will be issued to subscribers on allotment, and exchanged for Bonds on the payment of the instalments in full.

" 6. Subscribers paying in full on allotment, or at the dates of the several instalments, will receive a discount of five per cent. on their payments.

" 7. The above loans are for the extension of public works in the Colony of New South Wales, of a re-productive character, including railways, telegraphs, harbours, river navigation, and roads.

" 8. All tenders must be made in the annexed form and will be received by the agents for the loan on and after Monday next, until the amount of the loan is subscribed, but not beyond the 20th instant at 2 o'clock. All applications will be recorded and considered strictly in the order in which they are received.

" 9. Forms of tenders can be obtained from the agents for the loan, and from the brokers Messrs. Steer, Lawford, and Cuerton, and Messrs. J. and A. Scrimgeour.

" Oriental Bank, Corporation,
" Threadneedle Street, London,
" 10th May, 1867.

" Form of Application.

" To the Oriental Bank Corporation.

" I enclose the sum of £ and request you will allot me £ in Bonds of the New South Wales Government Loan, authorized by the Acts 26th Victoria, No. 14, and 27th Victoria, No. 14, and I hereby agree to accept such bonds as may be allotted to me and to pay the instalments when due, in terms of your advertisement of 10th May, 1867.

" I am,
Your obedient servant,

" Name in full.
" Profession or business.
" Address.
" Date."

Extract from letter from Oriental Bank Corporation, London, to Oriental Bank, Sydney, handed to Treasurer, 15th July, 1867 :—

" On the 10th May, so soon as it appeared probable that peace would be maintained, we resolved to advertise the loan for £832,000, as we had previously advised you. The enclosed advertisement will acquaint you with the terms of issue, and you will see that the instalments reach up to the 1st December next, although it is probable that, with the cheap money we now have, the discount of 5 per cent. may induce prepayment of a large part of the amount. The price of 85½, with a discount, was recommended by our brokers, in preference to naming a lower price for the issue, as calculated to affect the quotation of the other loans less, and as the amount was rapidly subscribed and the scrip is at a premium of 2 to 2½, without any great or permanent fall in the other securities, we think it may be considered a successful operation."

3. Papers :—

(1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

(1.) Regulations for carrying into effect the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866. (Presented in accordance with the 77th clause of the Act.)

Ordered to be printed,

(2.) Return to Order, in reference to "Tenders for runs reported upon by Mr. Commissioner Cole," made by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Garrett, on 29th November, 1866.

(2.)

(2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Despatch, dated 1 May, 1867, from Secretary of State for the Colonies, with Enclosure, announcing the probability of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, visiting this Colony, in command of Her Majesty's ship Galatea, then about to leave England.

(2.) Despatch, dated 17 May, 1867, from Secretary of State for the Colonies, with Enclosure from Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, relative to the Commercial Banking Company's Act Amendment Act, passed by the Legislature of New South Wales, during the last session of Parliament.
Ordered to be printed.

4. Border Duties:—Mr. Martin presented a Petition from S. F. Blackmore, President of the Border Customs Abolition League, and others, praying that the agreement made between the Governments of Victoria and New South Wales, relative to the Border Duties, may be sanctioned and confirmed.
Petition received.
5. William Tyler—Nepean Railway Bridge:—Dr. Lang presented a Petition from William Tyler, as contractor for the Nepean Railway Bridge, setting forth losses stated to have been sustained by him through floods, in carrying out his contract for the erection of the said Bridge; and praying inquiry and relief in the premises.
Petition received.
6. John Macpherson and others, gold miners at Nundle. ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Pickering moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence (if any) which has taken place between the Police Magistrate of Nundle, the Gold Commissioner of the Gold Fields North, and the Honorable Secretary for Lands, in respect to a disputed claim between a Mining Company known as Macpherson's, and another Mining Company known as Schofield's, to a mine in the Police Reserve at Nundle.
Question put and passed.
7. Clause respecting Music and Dancing, in "Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862." ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Oatley moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition, presented by him on the 19th July, from Charles Moore, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Telegraphic Communication from Grafton to the Coast:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £2,000, for the construction of a line of Electric Telegraph from Grafton, on the Clarence River, to the most convenient point thereto on the Coast.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Smart,
Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Garrett,
Dr. Lang,
Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Joseph,
Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Josephson,

Tellers.

Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Hart.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. McKay,
Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Tunks,

Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Mate,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Landale,

Tellers.

Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Tighe.

9. Dismissal of Samuel Harper and J. L. Murphy from the Customs Department:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the dismissal of Samuel Harper, and J. L. Murphy, from the Customs Department, including depositions (if any) taken before the Collector of Customs.
Question put and passed.
10. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Driver, withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
11. School Books under Public Schools Act of 1866 Regulations:—Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House is not prepared to sanction Section 15 of Division II. of the Public Schools Act of 1866 Regulations, under the following terms:—

" 15. Character of School Books.

" Such books only as are supplied or sanctioned by the Council are to be used
" for ordinary instruction"
unless the following words be added, viz., " in Public, Provisional, and Half-time
Schools."

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned, on motion of Dr. Lang, until to-morrow.

12. Motions Withdrawn:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Driver*, withdrew the Motions, Nos. 5 and 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
The House adjourned, on motion of *Mr. Martin*, at Seven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24.

Questions:—

1. *MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY*,—With reference to the case of *Michael Connors*, which formed the subject of my questions, and of replies thereto by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on Thursday, July 18, and also of the Minute of His Excellency the Governor, laid before this House on the same day, are there any documents—whether Minutes, Correspondence, Memorials, or Petitions—other than the said Minute, in possession of the Government, or of His Excellency the Governor, capable of throwing light upon the case, which might be laid before this House?
2. *MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS*,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, towards opening or improving the Navigation of the River Manning?
3. *MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS*,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, towards carrying out the vote of this House, of December 20, 1866, for an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency, to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Macleay?
4. *MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS*,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, towards expending the sum of £300, voted by this House, upon the Estimates of last Session, for repairing or constructing a Public Wharf at Kempsey, Macleay River?
5. *MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY*,—When will the papers relating to the employment of special constables in pursuit of the bushrangers *Clarke*, in the Southern Districts, be laid upon the Table?
6. *MR. ALEXANDER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL*,—Whether the Government discovered any error in the accounts of *Mr. Mant*, late Gold Commissioner and acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, at *Kiandra*?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. *MR. PARKES to move*, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies.
2. *MR. MARTIN to move*, That the Petition, presented by him on the 23rd July, from certain Inhabitants of *Albury*, in reference to Border Duties, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Border Duties Bill; second reading.
2. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. *MR. NOWLAN to move*, That the Clerk of the House be instructed to amend the Alphabetical List of Members, so far as the Electorate of *The Williams* is concerned, by the omission of the word "*Robertson*" from the name of the sitting Member.
2. *MR. BURNS to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The amount expended or contributed by the Government during each year, from the 1st January, 1854, to the 31 December, 1866, for the relief of distress, the purchase of Seed, the reconstruction or repair of Roads, Bridges, Embankments, or other public works, in consequence of floods in the Electoral Districts of *West Maitland*, *Hunter*, *East Maitland*, *Morpeth* and *Lower Hunter*.
 - (2.) An Estimate of the loss sustained by the suspension of the traffic of the *Great Northern Railway*, from the like cause, in the same period.
3. *DR. LANG to move*, That the Petition, presented by him on the 23rd July, from *William Tyler*, be printed.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. School Books under Public Schools Act of 1866 Regulations—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Macpherson, That this House is not prepared to sanction Section 15 of Division II, of the Public Schools Act of 1866 Regulations, under the following terms :—

“ 15. *Character of School Books.*

“ Such books only as are supplied or sanctioned by the Council are to be used for “ ordinary instruction” unless the following words be added, viz., “ in Public, Provisional, and Half-time Schools.”

2. Claims against Government Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce Claims against the Government.

THURSDAY, JULY 25.

Questions :—

1. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What steps have been taken to re-construct the Fish River Creek Bridge, which has been carried away by the late floods ?
2. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether he has received a report from the Officer for the District of Mudgee, with reference to the re-construction of the Bridge over the Cudgegong River at Rylstone ; if so, how long will it be before the re-construction will commence ?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in carrying out the proposal for constructing a Harbour of Refuge at Trial Bay ?
4. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Was any relief afforded by the Government to sufferers by floods in the districts of Braidwood or Araluen, or adjacent districts ?
 - (2.) What was the nature of such relief ?
 - (3.) Was the relief specially applied for ; and by whom ?
 - (4.) Through whom, or by whose agency, was the relief distributed ?
 - (5.) What precautions were taken to prevent fraud or abuse of the public charity ?
 - (6.) Were the local Magistrates, or Benches of Magistrates, employed or consulted in the distribution ?
5. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, towards the relief of sufferers by floods upon the Rivers Manning, Hastings, and Macleay ?
6. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Was the Crown Lands Agent at Goulburn, instructed by the Minister for Lands (or, if not, by whom) to charge Thomas Cosolan, farmer, of Milbang, with having made a false declaration with reference to the improvements on his conditional purchase at Milbang, at Goulburn, on the 10th July instant ?
7. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What amount of money has been paid per month as salary, to Mr. William Christopher Bennett, Commissioner for Roads, from June 1st, 1866, to June 30th, 1867 ?
 - (2.) What amount of money has been paid per month to Mr. William Christopher Bennett, Commissioner for Roads, as travelling allowance, from June 1st 1866, to June 30th, 1867 ?
8. MR. ROBERTS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When the formation of the Road down the Burratorong Mountain, for which this House, last Session, voted the sum of £1000, will be proceeded with ?
9. MR. ROBERTS *to ask* SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Are the Government aware that the bridge on the Main Southern Road, known as the Murdering Bridge, near Nattai, was carried away by the late rains ?
If so, when will the re-construction be proceeded with ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill ; second reading.
2. Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, JULY 26.

Questions :—

1. MR. THORNTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend to erect a Benevolent Asylum in the town of Bathurst, or whether they would assist a public subscription for that purpose, according to the usual custom in such cases ?
2. MR. THORNTON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to extend the telegraphic line, so as to connect Grenfell, Emu Creek, with the main line ?

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government, in accordance with the promise of the Secretary for Works, to call for tenders for the construction and completion, within three years from the 1st January, 1868, of the Great Western line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst, and that the necessary bond or bonds will be executed by the contracting party or parties, before the Government calls on this House to vote supplies for the extension of the Great Southern Line.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the lands known as the Church and School lands, should be without delay sold by public auction, and the proceeds vested in the Council of Education, for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Public Schools Act.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause such steps to be taken as may result in carrying the foregoing resolution into effect.

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for a Parliamentary Audit of the Public Accounts.
2. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Apprehensions, Informations, Prosecutions, and Proceedings, under the Felons Apprehension Act, before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in the Police District of Braidwood, or any adjacent District, specifying in each case the date and place of apprehension or proceeding, the name of each party apprehended or proceeded against, and the name or names of the Justice or Justices.
 - (2.) Copies of all Informations and Proceedings before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in the Police District of Braidwood, or any adjacent Police District, in any case of harbouring bushrangers, or other breach of the Felons Apprehension Act, in the prosecution of which the late Constable Carroll, or Kennagh, or any person associated with either of them in pursuit of the bushrangers Clarke, took part, or was in any way instrumental.
5. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, the Financial Agents of the Government, relative to the sale or disposal of the Government Debentures, since the production of the last correspondence.
6. MR. THORNTON to move, That this House disapproves of the sale, in May last, in London, of New South Wales Debentures amounting to £632,000.
7. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Notes of Evidence taken by Judge M'Farland upon the trial of Joseph Abrahams, together with Copies of all Reports and Minutes thereon made at the instance of the Government, since the conviction of the said Joseph Abrahams.
8. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return setting forth the names of all persons ordered by the Bench of Magistrates, at the Central Police Office, to be placed on board the "Vernon," specifying in each case where and by whom the said persons were arrested, and on what authority.
9. MR. DRIVER to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Game Preservation Act.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
2. Water Supply:—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Neale,—
 - (1.) "That" this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.

(2).

(2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.—

Upon which Mr. Lucas had moved, by way of Amendment, that all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the following words,—“a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the county of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Macleay, Dr. Lang, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover.”

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of the number of miners rights as issued by Mr. Mant, for 1865 and 1866, respectively, distinguishing the Kiandra and the Delegate rights. Also, a Copy of the Return of police fines as accounted for by Mr. Mant in his Return for the first quarter of the year 1866, with the declaration attached thereto. Also, a copy of the Returns for the first quarter of the year 1866, including all moneys as accounted for by Mr. Mant. Also, a copy of the second return for police fines for the first quarter, as sent to the Treasury in June, 1866.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Michael Connors, convicted of, and sentenced for, murder :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1.

With reference to the case of Michael Connors, which formed the subject of my questions, and of replies thereto by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on Thursday, July 18, and also of the Minute of His Excellency the Governor, laid before this House on the same day, are there any documents—whether Minutes, Correspondence, Memorials, or Petitions—other than the said Minute, in possession of the Government, or of His Excellency the Governor, capable of throwing light upon the case, which might be laid before this House ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I hold in my hand certain Papers relating to the case of Michael Connors. They consist of two petitions addressed to his Excellency the Governor, in favour of a reprieve, and Mr. Justice Faucett's report to the Executive Council on the case. If the honorable member desires it, the papers can be laid on the Table.

- (2.) Navigation of the River Manning :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2.

What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, towards opening or improving the Navigation of the River Manning ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—As the new dredge for the Harbour of Sydney is not yet completed, the Government is not in a position to carry out the promise made during last session, to send the old dredge from Sydney to the Manning ; but as soon as the new dredge is finished, the Government will make arrangements for redeeming its pledge to the honorable member, with the least possible delay.

- (3.) Navigation of the River Macleay :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, towards carrying out the vote of this House, of December 20, 1866, for an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £5,000, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Macleay ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—In accordance with the Resolution of the Assembly, of the 20th December last, a sum of £5,000 will be placed on the Estimates for 1868, for opening and improving the Navigation of the River Macleay.

- (4.) Wharf at Kempsey, Macleay River :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, towards expending the sum of £300, voted by this House, upon the Estimates of last Session, for repairing or constructing a Public Wharf at Kempsey, Macleay River ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The sum of £300 was voted on the general Estimates for the present year, for the "erection of a wharf at Kempsey," and tenders for the work have been invited, to be opened on the 27th August next.

- (5.) Detectives for Apprehension of Bushrangers in Southern Districts :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—When will the papers relating to the employment of special constables in pursuit of the bushrangers Clarke, in the Southern Districts, be laid upon the Table ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—These papers will be laid upon the Table next week.

(6.)

- (6.) Mr. Mant, late Gold Commissioner, &c., at Kiandra:—Mr. Alexander asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Whether the Government discovered any error in the accounts of Mr. Mant, late Gold Commissioner and acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, at Kiandra?
Mr. Martin answered,—Mr. Mant's accounts as Sub-Gold Commissioner and otherwise, I believe have been adjusted with the exception of the accounts relating to certain Miners Rights and Traders Licenses said to have been transmitted by him to the late Gold Commissioner Mr. Griffin, who is no longer in the Public Service, and who, although frequently applied to in reference to this matter, has hitherto failed to give the necessary information to the Government.
2. Papers:—
- (1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Papers in the case of John Connors (heretofore erroneously designated "Michael Connors,"—see *Question No. 1 above, and Entries 1 and 2, in Votes and Proceedings of 18 July, No. 11*)—convicted of, and sentenced for, murder.
 - (2.) Return to Address, in reference to "Rev. Mr. Dillon, Roman Catholic Chaplain, Cockatoo Island," adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Robertson, on 17 July, 1867.
 - (3.) Papers relating to changes in the office of Roman Catholic Chaplain, Berrima Gaol.
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, "Railway Returns". (*In reference to Question asked by Mr. Lucas on 19th July. See Votes and Proceedings of the present Session, No. 12, Entry 1.*)
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Return to Address, in reference to "Persons authorized to receive Public Moneys", adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Josephson, on 9th July, 1867.
 - (2.) Return to Address, in reference to "Dismissal of Samuel Harper and J. L. Murphy", adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Robertson, on 23rd July, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
3. A. J. Liddington:—Dr. Lang presented a Petition from Arthur Joseph Liddington, representing that, having arrived in this Colony in 1825 with an Order for a Grant of Land in proportion to his Capital, he entered the Public Service, in which he remained for several years, during which period he was precluded from obtaining such Grant; and that at the time of his leaving that Service, the free grant system had ceased;—and praying relief.
Petition received.
4. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill:—Mr. Mate (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee on "Fisheries Protection Bill" appointed during the Session of 1862,—also the Report from, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee on "Fisheries Bill" appointed during the Session 1865-6,—and also the Proceedings of the Select Committee on "Fisheries Act Amendment Bill" appointed last Session,—be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill."
Question put and passed.
5. Federal Council Bill (No. 2) ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies.
Question put and passed.
6. Border Duties ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition, presented by him on the 23rd July, from certain Inhabitants of Albury, in reference to Border Duties, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Flood Relief, Hunter River Districts ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The amount expended or contributed by the Government during each year, from the 1st January, 1854, to the 31st December, 1866, for the relief of distress, the purchase of Seed, the reconstruction or repair of Roads, Bridges, Embankments, or other public works, in consequence of floods in the Electoral Districts of West Maitland, Hunter, East Maitland, Morpeth, and Lower Hunter.
 - (2.) An Estimate of the loss sustained by the suspension of the traffic of the Great Northern Railway, from the like cause, in the same period.
Question put and passed.
8. William Tyler—Nepcan Railway Bridge ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition, presented by him on the 23rd July, from William Tyler, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

9. Border Duties Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion made by Mr. Samuel, and Question put (after Debate), That this debate be now adjourned until this day two months.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Samuel,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Mate,
 Mr. Morrice,
 Mr. Alexander,
 Mr. Garrett,
 Mr. Driver,

Tellers.

Mr. S. Brown,
 Mr. Thornton.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Sutherland,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. White,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Tighe,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Landale.

Main Question stated.
 Debate continued.
 Main Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Mucleay,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. White,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Pemell,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. R. Stewart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Campbell.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. S. Brown,
 Mr. Samuel,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Driver,
 Mr. Garrett,

Tellers.

Mr. Thornton,
 Mr. Egan.

Bill thereupon read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the House on motion of Mr. Martin, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read—the Speaker ruled that the Bill ought to have originated in a Committee of the Whole, and should be recommended by a Message from the Crown, in accordance with the 54th section of the Constitution Act.
 Whereupon, Order of the Day discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Parkes.
11. Proposed alteration of Name in "Alphabetical List of Members":—Mr. Nowlan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk of the House be instructed to amend the Alphabetical List of Members, so far as the Electorate of The Williams is concerned, by the omission of the word "Robertson" from the name of the sitting Member.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Macpherson moved the Previous Question.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight—

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Previous question put—That that Question be now put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Landale,
Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Wilson,

Tellers.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. White.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Suttor,	
Mr. McKay,	Tellers.
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Driver.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Three o'clock P.M., this day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JULY 25.

Questions :—

1. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What steps have been taken to re-construct the Fish River Creek Bridge, which has been carried-away by the late floods?
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1. MR. EAGAR to move for leave to introduce a Bill, to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground, or Cathedral Close, in Sydney, to certain Municipal and other public purposes.

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1. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill ; second reading.
2. Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.
3. Federal Council Bill (No. 2) ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies.
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1. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him, on 24 July, from Mr. Arthur J. Liddington, be printed.

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1. School Books under Public Schools Act of 1866 Regulations—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Macpherson, That this House is not prepared to sanction Section 15 of Division II, of the Public Schools Act of 1866 Regulations, under the following terms :—

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" Such books only as are supplied or sanctioned by the Council are to be used for " ordinary instruction" unless the following words be added, viz., " in Public, Provisional, and Half-time Schools."

2. Claims against Government Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce Claims against the Government.

FRIDAY, JULY 26.

Questions :—

1. MR. THORNTON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend to erect a Benevolent Asylum in the town of Bathurst, or whether they would assist a public subscription for that purpose, according to the usual custom in such cases ?
2. MR. THORNTON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to extend the telegraphic line, so as to connect Grenfell, Emu Creek, with the main line ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

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 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the lands known as the Church and School lands, should be without delay sold by public auction, and the proceeds vested in the Council of Education, for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Public Schools Act.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause such steps to be taken as may result in carrying the foregoing resolution into effect.

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for a Parliamentary Audit of the Public Accounts.
2. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
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 - (1.) A Return of all Apprehensions, Informations, Prosecutions, and Proceedings, under the Felons Apprehension Act, before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in the Police District of Braidwood, or any adjacent District, specifying in each case the date and place of apprehension or proceeding, the name of each party apprehended or proceeded against, and the name or names of the Justice or Justices.
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5. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, the Financial Agents of the Government, relative to the sale or disposal of the Government Debentures, since the production of the last correspondence.
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 - (1.) "That" this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
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Upon which Mr. Lucas had moved, by way of Amendment, that all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the following words,—“a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the county of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Macleay, Dr. Lang, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover.”

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2. .

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New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 JULY, 1867.

There being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—
Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dignam, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver,
Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Parkes, Mr. J. Stewart, and Mr.
Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until
to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 26 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Benevolent Asylum, Bathurst :—Mr. Thornton asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether the Government intend to erect a Benevolent Asylum in the town of Bathurst, or whether they would assist a public subscription for that purpose, according to the usual custom in such cases?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has no present intention of erecting a Benevolent Asylum in the town of Bathurst. Should the inhabitants raise a fund for the purpose, the same assistance will be given in this case as in others.

- (2.) Telegraphic Line, Emu Creek :—Mr. Thornton asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to extend the telegraphic line, so as to connect Grenfell, Emu Creek, with the main line?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to extend the telegraphic line, so as to connect Grenfell, Emu Creek, with the main line.

- (3.) Fish River Creek Bridge :—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What steps have been taken to re-construct the Fish River Creek Bridge, which has been carried away by the late floods?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Mr. District Surveyor Fisher was requested to report on the 17th instant, and has been since reminded.

- (4.) Bridge on Cudgegong Road, at Rylstone :—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether he has received a report from the Officer for the District of Mudgee, with reference to the re-constructing of the Bridge over the Cudgegong River at Rylstone; if so, how long will it be before the re-constructing will commence?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—A report was received yesterday morning. The matter has been referred to the Lands Department, as to the necessity for re-constructing the Bridge, and no further steps can be taken in the matter till the report from the proper officer shall have been received.

- (5.) Harbour of Refuge, Trial Bay :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in carrying out the proposal for constructing a Harbour of Refuge at Trial Bay?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—All preliminary surveys and plans for the formation of a Harbour of Refuge at Trial Bay have been made; but the project involves the employment and utilization of prison labour, and the Government have not come to any final determination on this part of the subject yet.

- (6.) Floods Relief at Braidwood and Araluen :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No 6,—

(1.) Was any relief afforded by the Government to sufferers by floods in the districts of Braidwood or Araluen, or adjacent districts?

(2.) What was the nature of such relief?

(3.) Was the relief specially applied for, and by whom?

(4.) Through whom, or by whose agency, was the relief distributed?

(5.) What precautions were taken to prevent fraud or abuse of the public charity?

(6.) Were the local Magistrates, or Benches of Magistrates, employed or consulted in the distribution?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A letter, dated the 7th June, was received from the Police Magistrate at Araluen, informing the Government that great distress existed from the effects of a previous flood in that district, and applying for relief either in the shape

shape of pure charity or of employment on the roads. After the great flood, towards the end of June, a telegram was received from the Flood's Relief Committee in these words: "Another flood—fearful distress in Araluen—diggers complain of starvation—1068 relieved already—Relief Fund all but expended—what must be done?" This relief, it will be observed, had been afforded entirely from private sources. On receipt of this telegram, I immediately telegraphed to Mr. Rodd, the Member for the Southern Gold Fields, who, as I was aware, had a very extensive knowledge of the district. My telegram asked "What are the facts—In what way can the Government best afford relief to meet urgent cases that admit of no delay—Will you, in conjunction with the Police Magistrate, undertake the duty?" I also telegraphed to the Relief Committee "In what way do you suggest that relief should be afforded?" The replies to these telegrams confirmed the state of distress as at first represented, and suggested that relief should be afforded by employing heads of families in repairing the roads that had been damaged by the floods. The sum of £400 for this purpose was paid to the credit of Mr. Rodd, Mr. Blatchford of Araluen, and Dr. Alley, one or other of whom superintended its expenditure. The Police Magistrate had left, or was on the eve of leaving, the district, and there was no other Magistrate at Araluen. Every precaution was taken that could be taken under the circumstances to see that there was no fraud or abuse in the distribution of the aid afforded.

(7.) Floods Relief—Rivers Manning, Hastings, and Macleay:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, towards the relief of sufferers by floods upon the Rivers Manning, Hastings, and Macleay?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No representations have been made to the Government in reference to sufferers by floods upon the Rivers Manning, Hastings, and Macleay.

(8.) Thomas Cosolan or Carolan, Conditional Purchase, Milbang, Goulburn:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—Was the Crown Lands Agent at Goulburn, instructed by the Minister for Lands (or, if not, by whom) to charge Thomas Cosolan, farmer, of Milbang, with having made a false declaration with reference to the improvements on his conditional purchase at Milbang, at Goulburn, on the 10th July instant?

Mr. Wilson answered,—In consequence of representations made to the Government, instructions were, on the 25th April last, issued to the Land Agent at Goulburn, to prosecute Thomas Carolan (not Cosolan) for making a false declaration as to his having resided on his conditional purchase, made on the 14th January, 1862, under section 13 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act. The case was heard before the Bench of Magistrates at Goulburn, on the 10th instant, and resulted in the committal of Carolan to take his trial at the Circuit Court, on 7th October next.

(9.) Mr. W. C. Bennett, Commissioner for Roads:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

(1.) What amount of money has been paid per month as salary, to Mr. William Christopher Bennett, Commissioner for Roads, from June 1st, 1866, to June 30th, 1867?

(2.) What amount of money has been paid per month to Mr. William Christopher Bennett, Commissioner for Roads, as travelling allowance, from June 1st, 1866, to June 30th, 1867?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) £56 per month.

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(2.)	1866.	June
	"	July
	"	August	27	0	0
	"	September	6	0	0
	"	October
	"	November	46	10	0
	"	December
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	"	February	19	10	0
	"	March	24	0	0
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	"	June
					£160	10	0

£100 per annum is allowed to the Commissioner for Roads for equipments, shewn in the Blue Book for 1866.

(10.) Road down Burragorang Mountain:—Mr. Lackey, on behalf of Mr. Roberts, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 10,—When the formation of the Road down the Burragorang Mountain, for which this House, last Session, voted the sum of £1000, will be proceeded with?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Arrangements have been made with a contractor to proceed to Burragorang with the surveyor next week, when the work will be commenced without further delay.

(11.)

- (11.) Murdering Bridge, Nattai, Great Southern Road:—*Mr. Lackey*, on behalf of *Mr. Roberts*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 11,—Are the Government aware that the bridge on the Main Southern Road, known as the Murdering Bridge, near Nattai, was carried away by the late rains?

If so, when will the re-construction be proceeded with?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Government is aware that the bridge on the Main Southern Road, known as the Murdering Bridge, near Nattai, was carried away by the last flood. Tenders have been invited for the re-construction of this Bridge, and will be opened on Tuesday next.

- (12.) *Mr. Charles Moore*, Commissioner to Paris Exhibition:—*Mr. Samuel* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 12,—If it is the intention of the Government to re-instate *Mr. Charles Moore*, as Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I cannot answer this question by a simple negative. *Mr. Moore* was relieved from his duties as Commissioner at Paris, on the following letter from the Executive Commissioner:—

“ Paris Exhibition, 1867.

“ Sydney, 20th April, 1867.

“ Sir,

“ I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, informing me that *Mr. Charles Moore* had not arrived in London or Paris, by the mail which left this on the 24th December last, and that nothing had been heard of him, by either *Captain Mayne* or *Mr. Montefiore*, up to the 26th of February.

“ 2. This information causes me the deepest regret and great misgivings as to the effect of *Mr. Moore's* absence at that critical period upon the position of the Colony in the Exhibition.

“ 3. *Mr. Moore* received positive instructions to proceed with all possible expedition to Paris—and *vid Marselles*. My colleagues and I expected, and he himself assured us, that he would be in that city on or about the 12th of February. The importance of expedition was impressed strongly upon him and he was well aware of it. He was the bearer of all the information and instructions, in the absence of which his Colleagues in Paris and London are put to so much inconvenience, yet he remained, as I ascertained yesterday, so long in Ceylon, that it was unlikely that he could arrive in either city before the 5th of March!

“ 4. I cannot forbear saying that this delay on *Mr. Moore's* part is, in my opinion, inconsistent with due attention on his part to the important duties he was entrusted with, and undertook to discharge.

“ 5. I deem it right to mention to you that, in my inquiries to day respecting *Mr. Moore's* movements, I heard for the first time that, whereas the Commissioners had voted and paid him ‘£400, for his passages to and from Paris, and his expenses while there,’ he nevertheless applied for, and obtained, a free passage to Ceylon, which the Peninsular and Oriental Company had some time previously promised to allow the Secretary to the Commission, if he should be sent to Paris; and, further, that this was not contemplated by my colleagues or myself when the £400, above alluded to, was granted to him, nor was it reported by him to us.

“ I have, &c.,

“ T. A. MURRAY,

“ Executive Commissioner.”

“ The Honorable,

“ The Colonial Secretary.”

Nothing has come to the knowledge of the Government, to disprove the statements in *Mr. Murray's* letter.

Under these circumstances the Government is unable to re-instate *Mr. Moore*.

- (13.) No 6 Contract, Great Western Railway Line:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 13,—

(1.) The names of the different persons who tendered for No. 6 Contract on the Western Line, and the amount of each of their tenders?

(2.) The name of the person whose tender was accepted?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—I have no objection to give the name of the successful tenderer—*Mr. James Mackenzie*, of Victoria, whose tender was £34,357 16s. I can give all the other amounts, without the names, if that will satisfy the honorable member.

£42,775	0	0	£38,345	15	6
35,993	14	2	40,589	16	9
37,827	18	0	40,664	3	9

2. Road to Punt over George's River:—*Mr. Macpherson* presented a Petition from *Thomas Lord* and others, proprietors and inhabitants of the south side of George's River, having access to Sydney by the Punt to Tom Ugly's Point, setting forth that they have no road to the punt except on sufferance through *Mr. Holt's* property, which has caused great inconvenience to the petitioners; and praying that a certain road, stated to have been surveyed during 1865, be proclaimed without any unnecessary delay.

Petition received.

3. Coal Mine, Bundanoon Creek, Berrima District:—Mr. Morrice presented a Petition from Geo. Hy. Rowley, P.M., Charles S. Nicholson, and others, representing that a Mine of superior Coal has been discovered at Bundanoon Creek, a few miles from Sutton Forest, in the Berrima District, and four miles from the Great Southern Railway Line, on property taken up on mineral rights by a Mr. Martin Larkin; and praying that a siding may be granted on the railway line for a depôt for the coal of the said mine, and that a special rate may be made for the carrying of coal on the Great Southern Railway.
Petition received.
4. Papers:—
- (1.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Copies of papers relating to the alleged irregularities and defalcations of C. W. Eastwood in the Railway Department, including the letters and statements of the late Accountant, Mr. Walker, and all ministerial minutes relating to the proposed method of checking the Railway accounts. (*In reference to Question 8, recorded in Entry 1 of Votes and Proceedings of July 4, 1867.*)
Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Twelfth Annual Report on the Post Office Department, being for the year 1866.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (3.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed, as Sites for future Villages, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1.
 - (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act, 25 Victoria, No. 1.
 - (4.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1, during the period from 26 November, 1866, to 16 July, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
 5. Motion for adjournment:—Mr. Morrice moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
 6. Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin:—Dr. Lang, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Proceedings of the Select Committee, on this subject, appointed on 9th July, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
 7. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Cummings withdrew the Motion, No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
 8. A. J. Liddington (*"Formal" Motion*):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on 24 July, from Mr. Arthur J. Liddington, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
 9. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill:—
 - (1.) (*"Formal" Motion*) Mr. Eagar moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill, to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground, or Cathedral Close, in Sydney, to certain Municipal and other public purposes.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Eagar having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other public purposes,*"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
 10. Border Duties Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Martin, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Martin then moved, That the title of this Bill be "*An Act to ratify the arrangement made with the Colony of Victoria in reference to the collection of Customs Duties on Goods imported across or by way of the River Murray.*"
Question put and passed.
Whereupon, Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to ratify the arrangement made with the Colony of Victoria in reference to the collection of Customs Duties on Goods imported across or by way of the River Murray,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th July, 1867. Speaker.
 - Question put and passed.
 11. Postponement:—The Order of the day, No. 1 of Other Business, postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster (after Debate), until the Order of the Day No. 2 of Other Business shall have been disposed of.

12. Claims against Government Bill (Order No. 2 of Other Business):—On motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to enforce claims against the Government.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to enforce Claims against the Government.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Forster, read a second time, and agreed to.

13. School Books under Public Schools Act of 1866 Regulations (Order No. 1 of Other Business):—The adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Macpherson, "That this House" is not prepared to sanction Section 15 of Division II, of the Public Schools Act of 1866 Regulations, under the following terms:—

"15. *Character of School Books.*

"Such books only as are supplied or sanctioned by the Council are to be used for "ordinary instruction"

unless the following words be added, viz., "in Public, Provisional, and Half-time Schools,"—

Resumed and continued.

Mr. Thornton moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the words "That this House," with a view to inserting in their place the words, "do resolve itself, on Tuesday next, into a Committee of the Whole, to "consider of the Council of Education's Regulations, adopted 27 February, 1867, "and subsequently, in detail."

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight—

SATURDAY, 27 JULY, 1867, A.M.,—

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Dodds,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Matc,	Mr. Suttor.
Dr. Lang,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. J. Stewart,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Cunneen,
<i>Tellers.</i>

Mr. Hart,
Mr. Egan.

Original question then put and negatived.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at a quarter before One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JULY 30.

Questions:—

1. MR. BURDEKIN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether the following Notice—

"Registrar General's Office, Sydney, 1st July, 1867.
"REGISTRATION OF BRANDS.

"NOTICE.—Applicants to register brands having mistaken the certificate of application forwarded to them (in terms of the Act) for a certificate of Registration, "Notice is hereby given, that parties are not to consider their brands as registered "until after receipt of certificate of Registration, as the greater number of such "brands will have to be altered on account of similarity, notice of which will be "forwarded. Owners of stock should continue to brand as formerly, until receipt "of such certificate of registration.

"T. J. JAQUES,
"Registrar General"—

is distributed among Stock Owners with the sanction of the Government?

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2. MR. MACPHERSON to *ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Has the Government received any applications within the last few weeks, to put up for sale by auction, any Allotments of Land in the township of Gundaroo?
 - (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to agree to all or any of the applications, and if so, when?
3. MR. S. BROWN to *ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is it the intention of the Government to adopt the recommendations contained in the Report of the Commission appointed to investigate into the state of the Customs Department?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for a Parliamentary Audit of the Public Accounts.
2. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Time Table and Fares of the New South Wales Railways should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Apprehensions, Informations, Prosecutions, and Proceedings, under the Felons Apprehension Act, before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in the Police District of Braidwood, or any adjacent District, specifying in each case the date and place of apprehension or proceeding, the name of each party apprehended or proceeded against, and the name or names of the Justice or Justices.
 - (2.) Copies of all Informations and Proceedings before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in the Police District of Braidwood, or any adjacent Police District, in any case of harbouring bushrangers, or other breach of the Felons Apprehension Act, in the prosecution of which the late Constable Carroll, or Kennagh, or any person associated with either of them in pursuit of the bushrangers Clarke, took part, or was in any way instrumental.
5. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, the Financial Agents of the Government, relative to the sale or disposal of the Government Debentures, since the production of the last correspondence.
6. MR. THORNTON to move, That this House disapproves of the sale, in May last, in London, of New South Wales Debentures amounting to £882,000.
7. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Notes of Evidence taken by Judge M'Farland upon the trial of Joseph Abrahams, together with Copies of all Reports and Minutes thereon made at the instance of the Government, since the conviction of the said Joseph Abrahams.
8. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return setting forth the names of all persons ordered by the Bench of Magistrates, at the Central Police Office, to be placed on board the "Vernon," specifying in each case where and by whom the said persons were arrested, and on what authority.
9. MR. DRIVER to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Game Preservation Act.
10. MR. MORRICE to move, That the Petition, relative to Coal Mine, Bundanoon Creek, presented by him on 26 July, from Residents in the Berrima District, be printed.
11. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the lands known as the Church and School lands, should be without delay sold by public auction, and the proceeds vested in the Council of Education, for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Public Schools Act.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause such steps to be taken as may result in carrying the foregoing resolution into effect.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
2. Water Supply:—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Neale,—
 - (1.) "That" this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.

(2.)

(2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.—

Upon which Mr. Lucas had moved, by way of Amendment, that all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the following words,—“ a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the county of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Macleay, Dr. Lang, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover.”

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill ; second reading.
2. Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.
3. Federal Council Bill (No. 2) ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—
 (1.) That this House having taken into consideration the papers laid before it, relating to the dismissal of the Rev. Mr. Dillon from the office of Roman Catholic Chaplain, at the Penal Establishment at Cockatoo Island, disapproves of the course taken by the Government in the matter.
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor with the foregoing Resolution.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government, in accordance with the promise of the Secretary for Works, to call for tenders for the construction and completion, within three years from the 1st January, 1868, of the Great Western line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst, and that the necessary bond or bonds will be executed by the contracting party or parties, before the Government calls on this House to vote supplies for the extension of the Great Southern Line.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of the number of miners rights as issued by Mr. Mant, for 1865 and 1866, respectively, distinguishing the Kiandra and the Delegate rights. Also, a Copy of the Return of police fines as accounted for by Mr. Mant in his Return for the first quarter of the year 1866, with the declaration attached thereto. Also, a copy of the Returns for the first quarter of the year 1866, including all moneys as accounted for by Mr. Mant. Also, a copy of the second return for police fines for the first quarter, as sent to the Treasury in June, 1866.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Registration of Brands:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether the following Notice—

“Registrar General’s Office, Sydney, 1st July, 1867.”

“REGISTRATION OF BRANDS.

“NOTICE.—Applicants to register brands having mistaken the certificate of application forwarded to them (in terms of the Act) for a certificate of Registration, Notice is hereby given, that parties are not to consider their brands as registered until after receipt of certificate of Registration, as the greater number of such brands will have to be altered on account of similarity, notice of which will be forwarded. Owners of stock should continue to brand as formerly, until receipt of such certificate of registration.

“T. J. JAQUES,

“Registrar General”—

is distributed among Stock Owners with the sanction of the Government?

Mr. Wilson answered,—For the reasons stated in the Notice of the Registrar General, Mr. Jaques is authorized to issue this Notice.

- (2.) Township Allotments, Gundaroo:—Mr. Forster, on behalf of Mr. Macpherson, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has the Government received any applications within the last few weeks, to put up for sale by auction, any Allotments of Land in the township of Gundaroo?
(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to agree to all or any of the applications, and if so, when?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Such application has been received.
(2.) Sixty town lots, including those applied for, will be offered for sale at Queanbeyan, on the 2nd September next, as notified in the *Gazette* of the 15th instant.

- (3.) Report of Commission, Customs Department:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it the intention of the Government to adopt the recommendations contained in the Report of the Commission appointed to investigate into the state of the Customs Department?

Mr. Eagar answered,—Some of the recommendations of the Commissioners, having reference to alterations in clerical details, by which greater facilities would be afforded to the public in the conduct of their business, are under the consideration of the Government. But, with regard to those other recommendations, which, if adopted, would materially change the character, and vary the responsibilities of the Department,—the Government do not intend to carry them into effect.

2. Papers:—

- (1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Despatch, dated 23 May, 1867, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies (with Enclosures), respecting Telegraphic Communication between Great Britain and Dependencies.

(2.) Report of Commissioners appointed to inquire into the state of Crime in the Braidwood District, together with Commission and Minutes of Proceedings.

(3.) Report of Sydney Grammar School for 1866.

(4.)

- (4.) Gaol Regulations (made by the Governor and Executive Council, under the Act 4 Victoria, No. 29).
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated respectively 18th and 21st May, 1867 (with Enclosures), respecting the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Coal Mine, Bundanoon Creek, Berrima District (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Morrice moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition relative to Coal Mine, Bundanoon Creek, presented by him on 26 July, from Residents in the Berrima District, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Motions Dropped:—
(1.) Mr. Samuel not making the Motion, No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
(2.) Mr. Lucas not making the Motion, No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
5. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion, No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
6. Returns in reference to Felons Apprehension Act—Constable Carroll or Kennagh—Bushrangers Clarke—(Administration of Justice):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return of all Apprehensions, Informations, Prosecutions, and Proceedings, under the Felons Apprehension Act, before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in the Police District of Braidwood, or any adjacent District, specifying in each case the date and place of apprehension or proceeding, the name of each party apprehended or proceeded against, and the name or names of the Justice or Justices.
(2.) Copies of all Informations and Proceedings before any Justice or Justices of the Peace, in the Police District of Braidwood, or any adjacent Police District, in any case of harbouring bushrangers, or other breach of the Felons Apprehension Act, in the prosecution of which the late Constable Carroll, or Kennagh, or any person associated with either of them in pursuit of the bushrangers Clarke, took part, or was in any way instrumental.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
7. Claims against Government Bill:—Mr. Forster having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intitled "*A Bill to enforce Claims against the Government,*" read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday week.
8. Correspondence respecting Sale of Government Debentures:—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, the Financial Agents of the Government, relative to the sale or disposal of the Government Debentures, since the production of the last correspondence.
Question put and passed.
9. Sale of Government Debentures:—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House disapproves of the sale, in May last, in London, of New South Wales Debentures amounting to £832,000.
Mr. Eagar moved the Previous Question.
Debate ensued.
Previous Question,—That that Question be now put,—put and negatived.
10. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Driver withdrew the Motion, No. 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
11. Persons ordered at Central Police Office to be placed on board the "Vernon":—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return setting forth the names of all persons ordered by the Bench of Magistrates, at the Central Police Office, to be placed on board the "Vernon," specifying in each case where and by whom the said persons were arrested, and on what authority.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Gordon,

Tellers.

Mr. Egan,
Mr. Driver.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. McKay,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Pemell,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Dignam,	
Mr. Tighe,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. Fiddington,	
Mr. Alexander,	

12. Game Preservation Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Game Preservation Act.
Question put and passed.
13. Church and School Lands :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the lands known as the Church and School lands, should be without delay sold by public auction, and the proceeds vested in the Council of Education, for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Public Schools Act.
(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause such steps to be taken as may result in carrying the foregoing resolution into effect.
Mr. Martin moved the Previous Question.
Debate ensued.
Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 11.	Noes, 21.
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. McKay,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Sutter,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. J. Stewart,	Mr. Cummings,
<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Buchanan.	Mr. Graham,
	Mr. Farnell,
	Mr. Cunneen,
	Mr. Neale,
	Mr. Dodds,
	Mr. Tunks,
	Mr. Eagar,
	Mr. Oatley,
	<i>Tellers.</i>
	Mr. Walker,
	Mr. Lucas.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY, 1867, A.M.,—

14. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, respectively, until Friday week :—
No. 1, on motion of Dr. Lang.
No. 2, on motion of Mr. Neale.
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at seven minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., this day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31.

Questions :—

- MR. WINDEYER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Has the attention of the Council of Education been called to an ungrammatical and mis-spelt letter which appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* last Monday, purporting to be written by the teacher of a certified Denominational School, and signed Anthony M'Gauran?
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(1.) Is it true, as reported in the newspapers some short time ago, that, at an entertainment given to the Catholic Bishop of Goulburn, Mr. Justice Faucett joined in the toast in honor of the Pope, though it purposely took precedence of the toast in honor of his Sovereign Queen Victoria?
(2.) Does the law of this country recognize any potentate, whose claims to consideration by any section of the people are superior to those of Her Majesty the Queen of England?
- MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Was Mr. William Christopher Bennett, Commissioner for Roads, paid £100, as an allowance for equipment, during the year ending 31st December, 1865?
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GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.
2. MR. EAGAR to move, That this House shall, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the desirability of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Post Office.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill ; second reading.
2. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill ; second reading.
3. Honorary Degrees Bill ; second reading.
4. Federal Council Bill (No. 2) ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—
(1.) That this House having taken into consideration the papers laid before it, relating to the dismissal of the Rev. Mr. Dillon from the office of Roman Catholic Chaplain, at the Penal Establishment at Cockatoo Island, disapproves of the course taken by the Government in the matter.
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor with the foregoing Resolution.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government, in accordance with the promise of the Secretary for Works, to call for tenders for the construction and completion, within three years from the 1st January, 1868, of the Great Western line of Railroad from Solitary Creek to Bathurst, and that the necessary bond or bonds will be executed by the contracting party or parties, before the Government calls on this House to vote supplies for the extension of the Great Southern Line.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6.

Question :—

1. MR. RYAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend Telegraphic communication to the Weatherboard—If so, when?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
2. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Notes of Evidence taken by Judge M'Farland upon the trial of Joseph Abrahams, together with Copies of all Reports and Minutes thereon made at the instance of the Government, since the conviction of the said Joseph Abrahams.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
3. Water Supply :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Neale,—
(1.) "That" this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.

(2.)

(2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.—

Upon which Mr. Lucas had moved, by way of Amendment, that all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the following words,—“ a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the county of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Macleay, Dr. Lang, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover.”

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. DR. LANG to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the proposed Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, which was laid on the Table of the House, on Friday, the 26th July, be now adopted.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of the number of miners rights as issued by Mr. Mant, for 1865 and 1866, respectively, distinguishing the Kiandra and the Delegate rights. Also, a copy of the Return of police fines as accounted for by Mr. Mant in his Return for the first quarter of the year 1866, with the declaration attached thereto. Also, a copy of the Returns for the first quarter of the year 1866, including all moneys as accounted for by Mr. Mant. Also, a copy of the second return for police fines for the first quarter, as sent to the Treasury in June, 1866.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Anthony M'Gauran, or M'Lauran, Denominational School Teacher:—Mr. Windeyer asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Council of Education been called to an ungrammatical and mis-spelt letter which appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* last Monday, purporting to be written by the teacher of a certified Denominational School, and signed Anthony M'Gauran?

(2.) Has any inquiry been instituted as to the authorship of the letter?

(3.) Is it the opinion of the Council that a person displaying such gross ignorance of the English language should be retained in the Public Service as a teacher?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The letter signed Anthony M'Gauran, as published in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, has been brought under the notice of the Council of Education.

(2.) Mr. M'Lauran has been called upon to say whether he is the author of this publication.

(3.) Until an answer has been received from Mr. M'Lauran I cannot give an answer to the third question.

- (2.) Mr. Justice Faucett:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true, as reported in the newspapers some short time ago, that, at an entertainment given to the Catholic Bishop of Goulburn, Mr. Justice Faucett joined in the toast in honor of the Pope, though it purposely took precedence of the toast in honor of his Sovereign Queen Victoria?

(2.) Does the law of this country recognize any potentate, whose claims to consideration by any section of the people are superior to those of Her Majesty the Queen of England?

Mr. Martin answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that Mr. Justice Faucett joined in any such toast as that to which the honorable member refers.

(2.) The law of this country does not recognize any potentate as having claims to consideration superior to those of Her Majesty the Queen of England.

- (3.) Mr. W. C. Bennett, Commissioner for Roads:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Was Mr. William Christopher Bennett, Commissioner for Roads, paid £100, as an allowance for equipment, during the year ending 31st December, 1865?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Mr. Bennett was not paid an allowance for equipment during the year 1865.

- (4.) Transfer of Land purchased conditionally:—Mr. Morrice asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether it is true that the Government refuse to permit the transfer of land, purchased conditionally under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, after three years occupation—even although all the conditions of that Act have been carried out—except in cases where the purchaser tenders payment in full of the balance money of such purchase?

Mr. Wilson answered,—It is not true—No objection is raised to the transfer where the conditions of the Act have been complied with.

2. Mrs. Harriette Nowland:—Mr. White presented a Petition from Harriette Nowland, of Muswellbrook, widow, representing that certain land, her property, has been taken for Railway purposes, and that payment is withheld under the circumstances set forth in her petition; and praying inquiry and redress.

Petition received.

3. Old Burial Ground, George-street, Sydney :—Mr. Windeyer presented a Petition from James Powell, of George-street, in the City of Sydney, as a Trustee of the piece of ground situate in George-street, Sydney, and commonly known as the Old Burial Ground, against the transferring of the said ground to the Corporation and the Bishop of Sydney for building purposes.
Petition received.
4. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.) (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.
Question put and passed.
5. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Martin, on behalf of Mr. Eagar, moved, pursuant to Notice,—That this House shall, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the desirability of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Post Office.
Question put and passed.
6. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Martin, until to-morrow.
7. Rev. Mr. Dillon, Roman Catholic Chaplain, Cockatoo Island :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That this House having taken into consideration the papers laid before it, relating to the dismissal of the Rev. Mr. Dillon from the office of Roman Catholic Chaplain, at the Penal Establishment at Cockatoo Island, disapproves of the course taken by the Government in the matter.
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor with the foregoing Resolution.
Debate ensued.
Motion made by Mr. Hart, and Question put (after Debate), That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Cumncen,
Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Driver;

Tellers.

Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Hart.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hannell,
Dr. Lang,
Mr. McKay,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Lec,
Mr. Mate,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. White,
Mr. Landale,
Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Windeyer,

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Dodds,

Tellers.

Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Walker.

Main Question stated.
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight—

THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST, 1867, A.M.—

Debate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Burdekin (after Debate), until To-morrow.
The House adjourned, at ten minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., this day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker,

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1.

Questions :—

1. MR. DODDS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to establish Public Industrial Schools, at or near any of the large inland towns, and whether means have been taken to select suitable sites for that purpose, in any such localities?
2. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
Has the attention of the Council of Education been called to the want of grammatical construction of the Report of Mr. Inspector Johnson?
Is it the opinion of the Council that a person displaying such gross ignorance of the English language as Mr. E. Johnson has displayed in his Reports, &c., respecting the Orphan Schools at Parramatta, recently laid upon the Table of the House, should be retained in the Public Service as an Inspector?
I allude to the following :—
In the Report, Suggestions, &c., of E. Johnson, respecting the Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, Parramatta, the following passages occur :—
“The quality of the writing did not exceed *moderate*.”
“The teacher should not rest satisfied till her *instructions has been received*.”
“In other subjects the attainments are literally nothing.”
“And the children should *receive recreation* in the play-ground at the end of
“every hour.”
3. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Did Mr. William Christopher Bennett, Commissioner for Roads, at any period between January 1st, 1866, and December 31st, 1866, apply for an increase of salary, or emoluments?
If so, what were the reasons assigned for such application, and what was the purport of the reply of the Secretary for Public Works to the same?

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OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Rev. Mr. Dillon, Roman Catholic Chaplain, Cockatoo Island,—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Robertson,—
(1.) That this House having taken into consideration the papers laid before it, relating to the dismissal of the Rev. Mr. Dillon from the office of Roman Catholic Chaplain, at the Penal Establishment at Cockatoo Island, disapproves of the course taken by the Government in the matter.
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor with the foregoing Resolution.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st July, from Mrs. Harriette Nowland, be printed.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6.

Questions :—

1. MR. RYAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend Telegraphic communication to the Weatherboard—If so, when?
2. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim a suitable site within the Harbour of Port Jackson, as a place at which ballast, ashes, and other ship rubbish may be discharged; and if so, where?
3. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any, and if any, what steps to prevent the Harbour of Port Jackson from being filled up by silting?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
2. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Notes of Evidence taken by Judge M'Farland upon the trial of Joseph Abrahams, together with Copies of all Reports and Minutes thereon made at the instance of the Government, since the conviction of the said Joseph Abrahams.
3. MR. BURDEKIN to move,—
 - (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Licensed Public Houses in the city of Sydney, the suburbs of Redfern, Waterloo, Newtown, Balmain, and Paddington, to which permission has been granted by the Magistrates, for music and dancing, under the 35th section of the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act, 25 Victoria, No. 14, from the 1st July, 1866, to the 1st July, 1867, specifying in each case the time for which such permission was given, and how often it may have been renewed.
 - (2.) Also, a Return, shewing the number of cases in which the Police have filed information for breaches of the law in the matter of such permission.
4. MR. JOSEPHSON to move,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all informations, evidence, papers, and proceedings, had and taken before the Bench of Magistrates, Cowra, on or about the 12th October last, and at subsequent sittings, respecting a charge of cattle-stealing against one William Brotherton; and also, all papers and correspondence (if any) had between the Government, or any of the Ministers of the Crown, in relation to the said charge of cattle-stealing; and also the names of the Magistrates who sat upon and adjudicated in the said charge, at the first and upon every subsequent hearing, until the final adjudication thereof.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
3. Water Supply :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Neale,—
 - (1.) "That" this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor;—

Upon which Mr. Lucas had moved, by way of Amendment, that all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the following words,—“a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the county of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Macleay, Dr. Lang, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover.”

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of the number of miners rights as issued by Mr. Mant, for 1865 and 1866, respectively, distinguishing the Kiandra and the Delegate rights. Also, a copy of the Return of police fines as accounted for by Mr. Mant in his Return for the first quarter of the year 1866, with the declaration attached thereto. Also, a copy of the Returns for the first quarter of the year 1866, including all moneys as accounted for by Mr. Mant. Also, a copy of the second return for police fines for the first quarter, as sent to the Treasury in June, 1866.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Industrial Schools in Inland Towns:—Mr. Dodds asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1.—Whether it is the intention of the Government to establish Public Industrial Schools, at or near any of the large inland towns, and whether means have been taken to select suitable sites for that purpose, in any such localities?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has no immediate intention of establishing Industrial Schools in large inland towns.

- (2.) Mr. Inspector Johnson (Council of Education):—Mr. Robertson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2.—

Has the attention of the Council of Education been called to the want of grammatical construction of the Report of Mr. Inspector Johnson?

Is it the opinion of the Council that a person displaying such gross ignorance of the English language as Mr. E. Johnson has displayed in his Reports, &c., respecting the Orphan Schools at Parramatta, recently laid upon the Table of the House, should be retained in the Public Service as an Inspector?

I allude to the following:—

In the Report, Suggestions, &c., of E. Johnson, respecting the Roman Catholic Orphan Schools, Parramatta, the following passages occur:—

“The quality of the writing did not exceed *moderate*.”

“The teacher should not rest satisfied till her *instructions has been received*.”

“In other subjects the attainments are literally nothing.”

“And the children should *receive recreation* in the play-ground at the end of “every hour.”

Mr. Parkes answered,—The attention of the Council of Education has not been called to the want of grammatical construction of the Report of Mr. Inspector Johnson. Mr. Johnson was employed by the Government, and not under the direction of the Council of Education, in this particular business. I may add that the Council of Education is quite satisfied with Mr. Johnson's knowledge of the English language. Of the four examples given by the Honorable Member, three are perfectly correct. The error in the other arises from a typographical mistake, which I can shew by Mr. Johnson's manuscript.

- (3.) Mr. W. C. Bennett, Commissioner for Roads:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Did Mr. William Christopher Bennett, Commissioner for Roads, at any period between January 1st, 1866, and December 31st, 1866, apply for an increase of salary, or emoluments?

If so, what were the reasons assigned for such application, and what was the purport of the reply of the Secretary for Public Works to the same?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Mr. Bennett did apply for an equipment allowance during the year 1866. The reasons assigned for such an application, and the purport of my reply are contained in a paper which I will lay on the Table of the House.

2. Paper:—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Copy of Minute,—Commissioner for Roads to the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works (dated 7/6/66).

Ordered to be printed.

3. Vacant Seat:—The Speaker reported that he had this day received a letter from David Buchanan, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Macquarie,—which letter he then read to the House, as follows:—

“ Sydney, 1st Aug^r, 1867,
“ Legislative Assembly.

“ To the Honble.

“ The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,

“ Sir,

“ I beg to resign my seat as one of the Representatives for the Electorate
“ of East Macquarie.

“ I have the honor to remain,

“ Sir,

“ Yours, very respectfully,

“ DAVID BUCHANAN.”

Whereupon Mr. Martin moved, That the Seat of David Buchanan, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of East Macquarie, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said David Buchanan, Esquire. Question put and passed.

4. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Cummings withdrew the Motion, No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
5. Postponements:—The Orders of the day, Nos. 1 to 6, inclusive, of Government Business, postponed, consecutively, on motion of Mr. Martin, until to-morrow.
6. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Windeyer not making the Motion, No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
7. Rev. Mr. Dillon, Roman Catholic Chaplain, Cockatoo Island,—The adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Robertson,—
- “ (1.) That this House having taken into consideration the papers laid before it, relating to the dismissal of the Rev. Mr. Dillon from the office of Roman Catholic Chaplain, at the Penal Establishment at Cockatoo Island, disapproves of the course taken by the Government in the matter.
- “ (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor with the fore-
“ going Resolution.”

Resumed and continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Thornton.
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Macpherson,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Dignam,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Pickering,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Joseph,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. S. Brown,	

Noes, 37.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Piddington,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. White,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Purkes,
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. R. Stewart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Dodds.
Mr. Roberts,	

The House adjourned at twenty-two minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2.

Question:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
- (1.) Whether the Mr. Henry Burne lately appointed Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Araluen, is the person who was removed from the same offices at Wentworth by the former Martin Administration?
- (2.) If so, for what reason was he removed, and on what grounds has he been re-instated?

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st July, from Mrs. Harriette Nowland, be printed.
2. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 26th July, from Thomas Lord and others, proprietors and inhabitants of the south side of George's River, having access to Sydney by the Punt to Tom Ugly's Point, setting forth that they have no road to the punt except on sufferance through Mr. Holt's property, which has caused great inconvenience to the petitioners; and praying that a certain road, stated to have been surveyed during 1865, be proclaimed without any unnecessary delay, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.); consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.
2. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the desirability of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Post Office.
3. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; second reading.
4. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill; second reading.
5. Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
6. Federal Council Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6.

Questions:—

1. MR. RYAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend Telegraphic communication to the Weatherboard—If so, when?
2. MR. TUNKS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim a suitable site within the Harbour of Port Jackson, as a place at which ballast, ashes, and other ship rubbish may be discharged; and if so, where?
3. MR. TUNKS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any, and if any, what steps to prevent the Harbour of Port Jackson from being filled up by silting?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
2. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Notes of Evidence taken by Judge M'Farland upon the trial of Joseph Abrahams, together with Copies of all Reports and Minutes thereon made at the instance of the Government, since the conviction of the said Joseph Abrahams.
3. MR. BURDEKIN to move,—
 - (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Licensed Public Houses in the city of Sydney, the suburbs of Redfern, Waterloo, Newtown, Balmain, and Paddington, to which permission has been granted by the Magistrates, for music and dancing, under the 35th section of the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act, 25 Victoria, No. 14, from the 1st July, 1866, to the 1st July, 1867, specifying in each case the time for which such permission was given, and how often it may have been renewed.
 - (2.) Also, a Return, shewing the number of cases in which the Police have filed information for breaches of the law in the matter of such permission.
4. MR. JOSEPHSON to move,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all informations, evidence, papers, and proceedings, had and taken before the Bench of Magistrates, Cowra, on or about the 12th October last, and at subsequent sittings, respecting a charge of cattle-stealing against one William Brotherton; and also, all papers and correspondence (if any) had between the Government, or any of the Ministers of the Crown, in relation to the said charge of cattle-stealing; and also the names of the Magistrates who sat upon and adjudicated in the said charge, at the first and upon every subsequent hearing, until the final adjudication thereof.

5. **MR. CUMMINGS** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the proposed extension of the Southern Line of Railroad to a navigable point in the Murrumbidgee River should not be allowed to interfere with the resolution of this House to complete the Western Line of Railroad to Bathurst—and it is the duty of the Government to call for tenders as soon as possible for the construction and completion of the Western Line to Bathurst, within three years from the first day of January, 1868.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
3. **Water Supply**:—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Neale,—
 - (1.) “That” this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor;—

Upon which Mr. Lucas had moved, by way of Amendment, that all the words after the first word “That” be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the following words,—“a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the county of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.

 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Macleay, Dr. Lang, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover.”

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **DR. LANG** to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the proposed Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, which was laid on the Table of the House, on Friday, the 26th July, be now adopted.

TUESDAY, AUGUST '13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. ALEXANDER** to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of the number of miners rights as issued by Mr. Mant, for 1865 and 1866, respectively, distinguishing the Kiandra and the Delegate rights. Also, a copy of the Return of police fines as accounted for by Mr. Mant in his Return for the first quarter of the year 1866, with the declaration attached thereto. Also, a copy of the Returns for the first quarter of the year 1866, including all moneys as accounted for by Mr. Mant. Also, a copy of the second return for police fines for the first quarter, as sent to the Treasury in June, 1866.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. BURNS** to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Mr. Henry Burne:—Mr. Macpherson asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether the Mr. Henry Burne lately appointed Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Araluen, is the person who was removed from the same offices at Wentworth by the former Martin Administration?

(2.) If so, for what reason was he removed, and on what grounds has he been reinstated?

Mr. Martin answered,—Mr. Henry Burne, the gentleman referred to by the honorable Member, entered the public service as Extra Clerk in the Survey Office in May, 1847. In January, 1849, he was appointed Extra Clerk in the Crown Lands Office. In April, 1857, he was appointed Clerk of Petty Sessions at Binalong; and in August, 1859, he became a Clerk in the Crown Law Department. In July, 1860, he was appointed, by Mr. Cowper, Police Magistrate at Wentworth, which office he held until July, 1864, when he was removed from it for having shewn ignorance of the duties of a Police Magistrate by the illegal imprisonment of two persons. This course was advised by the Executive Council, on the ground that it was necessary to protect persons in the remote interior from wrongful imprisonment at the hands of public officers, whether arising from ignorance or otherwise. The Council, however, considering the creditable manner in which Mr. Burne performed the duties of Clerk of Petty Sessions for some years, advised that he should be again employed in that capacity, when a suitable opportunity occurred. Mr. Burne made no application for re-employment until the early part of this year, when he was told by me that his claim would be considered. When the office of Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Araluen fell vacant, I thought it expedient, without any application being made by Mr. Burne or any one in his behalf, to recommend him for that appointment. I did so, because I thought he had been sufficiently punished for the two mistakes to which I have referred, that it was not likely he would again fall into the like error, and that his long previous service was entitled to recognition.

2. Money recovered from Waste of Gold Minted:—Mr. Pickering presented a Petition from Henry Roman, as Chairman of a certain Public Meeting of Gold Miners, and persons interested in Gold mining pursuits, residing upon the Rocky River Gold Fields, representing that a large sum of money has been recovered from the waste of the gold minted at the New South Wales Branch Royal Mint during the past eleven years—and that the same cannot, with equity, be placed to the credit of the General Revenue, but is, in fact, the property of the mining community; and praying inquiry into all the circumstances connected with the recovery of the said money, and its future appropriation.

And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—
Petition received.

3. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Garrett moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

4. Mrs. Harriette Nowland (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. White moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st July, from Mrs. Harriette Nowland, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Road to Punt over George's River (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th July, from Thomas Lord and others, proprietors and inhabitants of the south side of George's River, having access to Sydney by the Punt to Tom Ugly's Point, setting forth that they have no road to the punt except on sufferance through Mr. Holt's property, which has caused great inconvenience to the petitioners; and praying that a certain road, stated to have been surveyed during 1865, be proclaimed without any unnecessary delay, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Hart, until this day six months.
7. Common Carriers Bill:—The Order of the day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—the Speaker ruled that as the Bill related to Trade, it ought to have originated in a Committee of the Whole.
Whereupon, Order of the Day discharged, and Bill withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Windeyer.
8. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.):—On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Parkes, read a second time, and agreed to.
9. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill:—
(1.) On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the desirability of introducing a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Post Office.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Post Office.
Resolution, then, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Eagar having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Post Office*,"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. Postponement:—The Order of the Day, No. 3 of Government Business, postponed, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until Wednesday next.
11. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
12. Postponements:—
(1.) The Order of the Day, No. 5 of Government Business, postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Thursday next.
(2.) The Order of the Day, No. 6 of Government Business, postponed, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until Thursday next.
- The House adjourned at twenty-eight minutes after Four o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6.

Questions :—

1. MR. RYAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend Telegraphic communication to the Weatherboard—If so, when?
2. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim a suitable site within the Harbour of Port Jackson, as a place at which ballast, ashes, and other ship rubbish may be discharged; and if so, where?
3. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any, and if any, what steps to prevent the Harbour of Port Jackson from being filled up by silting?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
2. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Notes of Evidence taken by Judge M'Farland upon the trial of Joseph Abrahams, together with Copies of all Reports and Minutes thereon made at the instance of the Government, since the conviction of the said Joseph Abrahams.
3. MR. BURDEKIN to move,—
 - (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Licensed Public Houses in the city of Sydney, the suburbs of Redfern, Waterloo, Newtown, Balmain, and Paddington, to which permission has been granted by the Magistrates, for music and dancing, under the 35th section of the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act, 25 Victoria, No. 14, from the 1st July, 1866, to the 1st July, 1867, specifying in each case the time for which such permission was given, and how often it may have been renewed.
 - (2.) Also, a Return, shewing the number of cases in which the Police have filed information for breaches of the law in the matter of such permission.
4. MR. JOSEPHSON to move,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all informations, evidence, papers, and proceedings, had and taken before the Bench of Magistrates, Cowra, on or about the 12th October last, and at subsequent sittings, respecting a charge of cattle-stealing against one William Brotherton; and also, all papers and correspondence (if any) had between the Government, or any of the Ministers of the Crown, in relation to the said charge of cattle-stealing; and also the names of the Magistrates who sat upon and adjudicated in the said charge, at the first and upon every subsequent hearing, until the final adjudication thereof.
5. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the proposed extension of the Southern Line of Railroad to a navigable point in the Murrumbidgee River should not be allowed to interfere with the resolution of this House to complete the Western Line of Railroad to Bathurst—and it is the duty of the Government to call for tenders as soon as possible for the construction and completion of the Western Line to Bathurst, within three years from the first day of January, 1868.
6. MR. PICKERING to move, That the Petition, presented by him on the 2nd August, from Gold Miners and others residing upon the Rocky River Gold Fields, be printed.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What are the duties of Ballast Master at Newcastle?
 - (2.) What are the emoluments?
 - (3.) Was the salary authorized by this House, or by what authority?
 - (4.) When, and under what circumstances, was the present holder of the said office appointed thereto?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; second reading.
3. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill; third reading.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Federal Council Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
3. Water Supply:—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Neale,—
 - (1.) "That" this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor;—

Upon which Mr. Lucas had moved, by way of Amendment, that all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the following words,—“a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the county of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Macleay, Dr. Lang, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover.”

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. DR. LANG to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the proposed Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, which was laid on the Table of the House, on Friday, the 26th July, be now adopted.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of the number of miners rights as issued by Mr. Mant, for 1865 and 1866, respectively, distinguishing the Kiandra and the Delegate rights. Also, a copy of the Return of police fines as accounted for by Mr. Mant in his Return for the first quarter of the year 1866, with the declaration attached thereto. Also, a copy of the Returns for the first quarter of the year 1866, including all moneys as accounted for by Mr. Mant. Also, a copy of the second return for police fines for the first quarter, as sent to the Treasury in June, 1866.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Telegraphic Communication to "the Weatherboard":—Mr. Ryan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend Telegraphic communication to the Weatherboard—If so, when?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The opening of the railway to the Weatherboard is a mere temporary arrangement for the accommodation of the public, the line not having been yet taken over from the Contractors. There being no intention on the part of the Government to build a station at that place, there will be no telegraphic communication between that point and the head office in Sydney, except for railway purposes.

- (2.) Discharging place for Ballast, Rubbish, &c., Port Jackson:—Mr. Tunks asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim a suitable site within the Harbour of Port Jackson as a place at which ballast, ashes, and other ship rubbish may be discharged; and if so, where?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Government intend to proclaim a site at the head of Darling Harbour as a place where ballast, ashes, and other ship rubbish may be discharged.

- (3.) Prevention of Silting, Port Jackson:—Mr. Tunks asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any, and, if any, what steps to prevent the Harbour of Port Jackson from being filled up by silting?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Government are now having constructed a powerful steam-dredge with steam-tug and punts for this purpose. The Government has likewise been in communication with the Sydney Municipal Council urging them to take the necessary measures to intercept the solid matter carried down by the drains of the streets, and it is hoped that the remonstrances of the Government in this respect will receive proper attention on the part of the municipal authorities.

2. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Josephson withdrew the Motion, No. 4, on the Notice Paper for to-day.
3. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2):—Mr. Parkes having presented this Bill, intitled "*A Bill to regulate the Volunteer Force*,"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
4. Road Expenditure—Stipendiary Magistrate—Nundle:—Mr. Pickering presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Town of Nundle and its environs, representing that moneys voted for improvement and repair of Public Roads have not been proportionably expended in that District, and that the Petitioners suffer great inconvenience from the want of a paid Resident Magistrate;—and praying that a Stipendiary Magistrate for the District may be appointed, and that the Secretary for Public Works may be instructed to consider the requirements of the District in other respects.
Petition received.

5. Money recovered from Waste of Gold Minted ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Pickering moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition, presented by him on the 2nd August, from Gold Miners and others residing upon the Rocky River Gold Fields, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Burdckin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Burns,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Tigue,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKay,	
Mr. Garrott,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Thornton.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Parkes,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. J. Stewart.

7. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Driver not making the Motion, No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
8. Clause respecting Music and Dancing in "Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862":—Mr. Burdekin moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the number of Licensed Public Houses in the city of Sydney, the suburbs of Redfern, Waterloo, Newtown, Balmain, and Paddington, to which permission has been granted by the Magistrates, for music and dancing, under the 35th section of the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act, 25 Victoria, No. 14, from the 1st July, 1866, to the 1st July, 1867, specifying in each case the time for which such permission was given, and how often it may have been renewed.
(2.) Also, a Return, shewing the number of cases in which the Police have filed information for breaches of the law in the matter of such permission.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. Non-Interference of Southern Railway Extension with Completion of Western Line to Bathurst:—Mr. Cummings moved, pursuant to Notice, That in the opinion of this House, the proposed extension of the Southern Line of Railroad to a navigable point in the Murrumbidgee River should not be allowed to interfere with the resolution of this House to complete the Western Line of Railroad to Bathurst—and it is the duty of the Government to call for tenders as soon as possible for the construction and completion of the Western Line to Bathurst, within three years from the first day of January, 1868.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
(1.) What are the duties of Ballast Master at Newcastle?
(2.) What are the emoluments?
(3.) Was the salary authorized by this House, or by what authority?
(4.) When, and under what circumstances, was the present holder of the said office appointed thereto?
2. MR. BURNS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What has been the cause of the delay which has occurred in refunding to Messrs. Christian Nelson, and Benjamin Hardy, the amounts which they deposited on the 5th July, 1866, on their respective Conditional Purchases at Sadler's Creek, between Jerry's Plains and Merton, which purchases have since been cancelled?

3. MR. BURDEKIN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, forthwith, a Bill to remove any doubts which may exist as to the power, under the Railway Act, to issue Free Tickets to Members of Parliament?
4. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether any steps have been taken by the Government with a view to induce the Queensland Government to withdraw the prohibition as to Sheep crossing from this Colony into that of Queensland, seeing, from the Report of Mr. Chief Inspector Bruce, that the Sheep in this Colony are now entirely free from the disease called Scab?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILSON *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Gates to be erected across roads in certain cases.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; second reading.
3. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. PICKERING *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th August, from certain Residents in the Town of Nundle and its environs, be printed.
2. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of any deed or instrument of dedication or appropriation, or of intended dedication or appropriation, of the lands referred to in the Cathedral Close Bill, now before the House, and of all Correspondence, Minutes, Memorials, or other documents having reference thereto.
3. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That this House is of opinion, that the uncertainty created in the minds of honorable members of this House, and of the public generally, by certain statements contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speeches of the past and present Sessions, having reference to the proposed introduction of a measure for the alteration or amendment of the laws relating to Public Lands, and by the subsequent delay of the Government in giving effect to the said statements, is calculated more or less seriously to interfere with the conduct of business in this House, to affect injuriously the sale and settlement of Public Lands, and otherwise to prejudice the public interest.
4. MR. WINDEYER *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 31st July, from James Powell, relative to the Old Sydney Burial Ground, be printed.
5. MR. WINDEYER *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the desirability of a Bill being introduced to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8.

Questions:—

1. MR. GRAHAM *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If it is the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates for this year, a sufficient sum of money for the erection of a Bridge over the Bredbo River, on the high road from Queanbeyan to Cooma?
2. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) What is the number of copies of Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer; and also of Bailliere's Directory, that have been purchased by the Government?
(2.) What is the total amount paid for copies of each work?
3. DR. LANG *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any steps during the present Session of Parliament, for the discontinuance of public support to the two Denominational Orphan Schools at Parramatta, and the establishment of an Orphan School, under Government supervision, to be equally available for all denominations, on the basis of the Public Schools Act of last Session of Parliament?
4. DR. LANG *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to authorize any expenditure for the establishment of some receptacle, of an economical character, in this metropolis, to afford temporary accommodation for the houseless and homeless poor?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. Federal Council Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies.
3. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.); second reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.

3. Water Supply:—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Neale,—
- (1.) "That" this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
- (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor;—
- Upon which Mr. Lucas had moved, by way of Amendment, that all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the following words,—“a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the county of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Macleay, Dr. Lang, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover.”
4. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. DR. LANG to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the proposed Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, which was laid on the Table of the House, on Friday, the 26th July, be now adopted.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of the number of miners rights as issued by Mr. Mant, for 1865 and 1866, respectively, distinguishing the Kiandra and the Delegate rights. Also, a copy of the Return of police fines as accounted for by Mr. Mant in his Return for the first quarter of the year 1866, with the declaration attached thereto. Also, a copy of the Returns for the first quarter of the year 1866, including all moneys as accounted for by Mr. Mant. Also, a copy of the second return for police fines for the first quarter, as sent to the Treasury in June, 1866.
2. MR. JOSEPHSON to move,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all informations, evidence, papers, and proceedings, had and taken before the Bench of Magistrates, Cowra, on or about the 12th October last, and at subsequent sittings, respecting a charge of cattle-stealing against one William Brotherton; and also, all papers and correspondence (if any) had between the Government, or any of the Ministers of the Crown, in relation to the said charge of cattle-stealing; and also the names of the Magistrates who sat upon and adjudicated in the said charge, at the first and upon every subsequent hearing, until the final adjudication thereof.
3. MR. TIGHE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Opinions of Crown Law Officers, and other documents, in possession of the Government, relating to the selection of land made at Lake Macquarie, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by Mr. John Burnley,—also, Copies of all similar papers relating to his removal, by order of the Government, from such selection.
4. MR. GARRETT to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.
5. MR. WINDEYER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic, whilst in the execution of his duty.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. BURNS to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Ballast Master at Newcastle:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) What are the duties of Ballast Master at Newcastle?
- (2.) What are the emoluments?
- (3.) Was the salary authorized by this House, or by what authority?
- (4.) When, and under what circumstances, was the present holder of the said office appointed thereto?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

- (1.) To take cognizance of the landing of the ballast, and to put a stop to the practice, which had formerly prevailed, of throwing ballast overboard from vessels and barges during the night, to the great injury of the port of Newcastle.
- (2.) The salary is £200 per annum, with half the fines awarded under the Act.
- (3.) The salary was authorized by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council.
- (4.) The present holder was appointed on 1st September, 1866, and the circumstances that led to his appointment are detailed in the report from the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, which I will lay on the Table for the satisfaction of the honorable Member.

Mr. Burns withdrew the Question No. 2.

- (2.) Freedom of Charge to Members of Parliament travelling by Railway:—Mr. Burdekin asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, forthwith, a Bill to remove any doubts which may exist as to the power, under the Railway Act, to issue Free Tickets to Members of Parliament?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Government do not intend to introduce such a Bill.

- (3.) Crossing of Sheep from this Colony into Queensland:—Mr. Robertson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether any steps have been taken by the Government with a view to induce the Queensland Government to withdraw the prohibition as to Sheep crossing from this Colony into that of Queensland, seeing, from the Report of Mr. Chief Inspector Bruce, that the Sheep in this Colony are now entirely free from the disease called Scab?

Mr. Wilson answered,—As soon as Mr. Inspector Bruce sent his Report to the Government, which was laid upon the Table of the House, declaring this Colony to be free of Scab—a copy of the Report was forwarded to the Queensland Government, requesting they would look upon it in the shape of a Proclamation, to be acted upon after sixty days. No answer has yet been received from the Queensland Government.

2. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Report from Immigration Agent for the year 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Eagar, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message, No. 1.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, His Excellency the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, A Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Post Office.

Government House,
Sydney, 7th August, 1867.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Eagar, to be printed, and taken into consideration with the said Bill.

4. Paper:—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Report of Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, dated July 17, 1866, relative to "Ballast Master at Newcastle." (*In reference to Question 1, above.*)

Ordered to be printed.

5. Gates on Public Roads Bill:—

(1.) ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Gates to be erected across Roads in certain cases. Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Gates to be erected across Roads in certain cases,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

6. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill ("*Formal*" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Wilson then moved, That the title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7 August, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Road Expenditure—Stipendiary Magistrate—Nundle ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Pickering moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th August, from certain Residents in the Town of Nundle and its environs, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

8. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of any deed or instrument of dedication or appropriation, or of intended dedication or appropriation, of the lands referred to in the Cathedral Close Bill, now before the House, and of all Correspondence, Minutes, Memorials, or other documents having reference thereto.

Question put and passed.

9. Old Burial Ground, George Street, Sydney ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Tighe, on behalf of Mr. Windeyer, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Windeyer on 31st July, from James Powell, relative to the Old Sydney Burial Ground, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

10. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill:—Mr. Eagar presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney, under the signature of the Mayor and the Seal of the Corporation, representing that they concur in the said Bill, and desire to be regarded by this House as the promoters thereof; and praying, as such promoters, that this House will deal with the said Bill, and that the same may be deemed and taken to be a Public Bill.

Petition received.

11. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Garrett moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

12. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill:—Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Debate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson (after Debate); until this day week.

13. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill :—Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "now," with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."

Debate continued.

Question put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Cunneen,
Dr. Lang,	
Mr. Neale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Joseph.
Mr. Pemell,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Stewart,	
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Macpherson.
Mr. Tighe,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. McKay,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Burns,	

Original Question then put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Mate,
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Dr. Lang,	
Mr. Neale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Joseph.
Mr. Pemell,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Egan,	
Mr. J. Stewart,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Macpherson.
Mr. Tighe,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. McKay,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Windeyer,	

Bill thereupon read a second time.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Eagar, that the consideration in Committee of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

14. Newcastle Co-operative Steam-Tug Company's Bill :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to Incorporate the Newcastle Co-operative Steam-Tug Company*," presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence; accompanied by a Copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a Copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 7 August, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,

President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Mate, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

15. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

16. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) :—Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the desirability of a Bill being introduced to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at a quarter before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8.

Questions :—

1. MR. GRAHAM *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If it is the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates for this year, a sufficient sum of money for the erection of a Bridge over the Bredbo River, on the high road from Queanbeyan to Cooma?
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5. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When the amount, paid by Mr. W. L. Murchison, on the 29th March, 1866, in excess of what was afterwards found to be payable on his conditional purchase at Jones' Flat, in the district of Gundagai, will be refunded?
6. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When instructions will be given for the return to Mr. H. Griffiths, of Hellas Creek, of the amount paid by him on account of his Conditional Purchase, said to be erroneously made on a Water Reserve, upon which matter Mr. Surveyor Sanderson was instructed to report on the 19th July, 1866?
7. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When the deposit of Mr. John Smith, jun., on his cancelled Conditional Purchase of the 15th September, 1864, in the Parish of Clarendon, and County of Bathurst, will be returned to him?
8. MR. WHITE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
(1.) What is the date of the contract entered into for laying the permanent way on the Railway Extension from Singleton to Muswellbrook, and when will such contract expire?
(2.) How many miles of rails had the Contractor laid up to the 31st July?
9. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What has been the cause of the delay which has occurred in refunding to Messrs. Christian Nelson, and Benjamin Hardy, the amounts which they deposited on the 5th July, 1866, on their respective Conditional Purchases at Sadler's Creek, between Jerry's Plains and Merton, which purchases have since been cancelled?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. EAGAR *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th August, from the Sydney Municipal Council, in reference to St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Honorary Degrees Bill; second reading.
2. Federal Council Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies.
3. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.); second reading.
4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; to be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9.

Question :—

1. DR. LANG *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to institute an investigation, during the present Session of Parliament, into the present state and prospects of the Police Superannuation Fund?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

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2. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
3. Water Supply :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Neale,—
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6. MR. BURDEKIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to remove any doubts which may exist under the Railway Act as to the authority to issue Free Tickets to Members of Parliament.

WEDNESDAY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gates on Public Roads Bill; second reading.
 2. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Eagar, That this Bill be now read a second time.
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Bridge over Bredbo River, Queanbeyan and Cooma Road :—Mr. Graham asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—If it is the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates for this year, a sufficient sum of money for the erection of a Bridge over the Bredbo River, on the high road from Queanbeyan to Cooma?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Government is aware of the necessity for a Bridge over the Bredbo River, and as soon as a report is received from the Commissioner for Roads—who is now on his way to the south—will take into consideration the propriety of placing a sum on the Estimates for the purpose—if the ordinary road vote should prove insufficient.

- (2.) Bailliere's Gazetteer and Directory :—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What is the number of copies of Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer, and also of Bailliere's Directory, that have been purchased by the Government?

(2.) What is the total amount paid for copies of each work?

Mr. Parkes answered,—In the early part of last year 800 copies of Bailliere's Gazetteer of New South Wales were purchased by the Government for the sum of £963. The larger number of these copies were placed by the Colonial Agent in London in the libraries of the different Chambers of Commerce and other similar public institutions throughout the United Kingdom. Other copies have been distributed in a similar manner in foreign countries. The object in these distributions of the work in question was, to render the information, descriptive of the Colony, which it contains, generally accessible.

The only copies of Bailliere's Directory purchased by the Government, of which I have any knowledge, are ten bought by the Inspector General of Police, and one by the Government Astronomer. The cost was, I believe, about £13 15s.

- (3.) Orphan Schools :—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any steps during the present Session of Parliament, for the discontinuance of public support to the two Denominational Orphan Schools at Parramatta, and the establishment of an Orphan School, under Government supervision, to be equally available for all denominations, on the basis of the Public Schools Act of last Session of Parliament?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has not decided upon any such course as is indicated by the Honorable and Reverend Member's question. The subject of the management of the two Orphan Schools at Parramatta is under consideration, and an early decision will be come to.

- (4.) Temporary Asylum for Houseless and Homeless Poor :—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to authorize any expenditure for the establishment of some receptacle, of an economical character, in this metropolis, to afford temporary accommodation for the houseless and homeless poor?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The subject has not been considered.

(5.)

- (5.) Mr. W. L. Murchison :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—When the amount, paid by, Mr. W. L. Murchison, on the 29th March, 1866, in excess of what was afterwards found to be payable on his conditional purchase at Jones' Flat, in the district of Gundagai, will be refunded ?
Mr. Wilson answered,—An order on the Treasury for this amount, £29 5s. Od., was forwarded to Mr. Murchison on the 22nd ultimo, immediately on the receipt of the Report of the Surveyor, that the whole of the land applied for was not available.
- (6.) Mr. H. Griffiths :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—When instructions will be given for the return to Mr. H. Griffiths, of Hellas Creek, of the amount paid by him on account of his Conditional Purchase, said to be erroneously made on a Water Reserve, upon which matter Mr. Surveyor Sanderson was instructed to report on the 19th July, 1866 ?
Mr. Wilson answered,—Mr. Sanderson has not yet reported ; but he has been again instructed to do so immediately.
- (7.) Mr. John Smith, jun. :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—When the deposit of Mr. John Smith, jun., on his cancelled Conditional Purchase of the 15th September, 1864, in the Parish of Clarendon, and County of Bathurst, will be returned to him ?
Mr. Wilson answered,—A letter was sent to Mr. John Smith, jun., on the 5th instant, enclosing him the necessary order on the Treasury for the amount, £10.
- (8.) Railway Extension, Singleton to Muswellbrook :—Mr. White asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—
(1.) What is the date of the contract entered into for laying the permanent way on the Railway Extension from Singleton to Muswellbrook, and when will such contract expire ?
(2.) How many miles of rails had the Contractor laid, up to the 31st July ?
Mr. Byrnes answered,—
(1.) The tender was accepted on the 8th January last, and the contract time will expire on the 1st February, 1868.
(2.) Not one mile of permanent way was laid on the 31st July.
- (9.) Messrs Christian Nelson, and Benjamin Hardy :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—What has been the cause of the delay which has occurred in refunding to Messrs. Christian Nelson, and Benjamin Hardy, the amounts which they deposited on the 5th July, 1866, on their respective Conditional Purchases at Sadler's Creek, between Jerry's Plains and Merton, which purchases have since been cancelled ?
Mr. Wilson answered,—These parties are not entitled to a refund, having neither resided on nor improved the land selected by them.
2. Provision for Reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker :—
JOHN YOUNG, *Message, No. 2.*
Governor.
The Governor recommends the appropriation by Parliament of the sum of Five Thousand pounds, to provide for the proper Reception of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, on the occasion of his intended visit to this Colony.
Government House,
Sydney, August 8th, 1867.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of the whole, on Wednesday next.
3. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2) :—The following Message from his Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by the Speaker :—
JOHN YOUNG, *Message, No. 3.*
Governor.
In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Bill to amend the Law relating to Volunteer Corps, and to make provision for the necessary expenses in connexion therewith.
Government House,
Sydney, 8th Augst., 1867.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to be printed, and taken into consideration with the said Bill.
4. Paper :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Mr. Charles Moore, Director of Botanic Gardens, Sydney," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Forster, on 9th July, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
5. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Eagar moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on the 7th August, from the Sydney Municipal Council, in reference to St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

6. Honorary Degrees Bill :—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. White,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Graham,
Dr. Lang,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Piddington,

Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Eagar,
Tellers.
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Egan.

Noes. 20.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Tighe,
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. McKay,
Mr. R. Stewart,

Mr. Neale,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Josephson,
Tellers.
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. S. Brown.

7. Presbyterian College Bill :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Presbyterian College as a College within the University of Sydney," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, including an Amendment in the Title, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 8th August, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,

President.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council, in the Bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Presbyterian College as a college within the University of Sydney," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 8th August, 1867.

R. O'CONNOR,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, title. *Omit "the Presbyterian" insert "Saint Andrew's"*

" Preamble, lines 5 to 8. *Omit "The 'Presbyterian College' for systematic religious instruction in accordance with the principles of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales and domestic supervision of Presbyterian and other students and for affording them" insert "Saint Andrew's College wherein may be afforded to Presbyterian and other students residence and domestic supervision with systematic religious instruction in accordance with the principles of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales and also"*

" clause 1, line 22. *Omit "appointed and" After "elected" insert "and appointed"*

" " " line 1. *Omit "respectively"*

" " " line 6. *Omit "the Presbyterian" insert "Saint Andrew's"*

" clause 3. *Omit clause 3 substitute the following new clause :—*

" The Principal who shall also be a Councillor and shall always be a duly ordained Presbyterian Minister holding and prepared to subscribe (when called on so to do) the standards of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales shall be chosen and appointed by the said twelve Councillors of whom four but not more shall be ordained Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales and all tutors and professors in the College shall be chosen and appointed by said Principal and Councillors." Constitution of Council.

" clause 4, line 29. *Omit "the Presbyterian" insert "Saint Andrew's"*

" clause 5, line 35. *Omit "The Principal and"*

" " " line 37. *Omit "one pound" insert "five pounds"*

" " " " *Omit "ten" insert "twenty"*

" " " line 38. *Omit "twenty-five" insert "fifty"*

" " " line 39. *Omit "fifty" insert "one hundred"*

" clause 6, line 46. *After "College" add "Provided always that no person shall be deemed eligible as a Councillor who is not a member of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales."*

" clause 8, line 54. *After "Council" insert "subject to an appeal to the Visitor in any case involving the moral character of any of them."*

Page 3, clause 10. *Before "Students" insert "The College of Saint Andrew's hereby incorporated shall be a College of and within the University of Sydney and all students in the College shall immediately upon entering therein matriculate in the said University and shall be subject to the discipline thereof and shall be required duly and regularly to attend the lectures of the University on those subjects an examination and proficiency in which are required for honors and degrees with the exception (if thought fit by the Council) of the lectures on ethics metaphysics and modern history But"*

Examined,—

GEO. ALLEN,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered,

- Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Wilson, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
8. Federal Council Bill (No. 2):—On motion of Mr. Parkes (after Debate), the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—
Resolved, That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Parkes, read a second time, and agreed to.
9. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2):—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill thereupon read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
10. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill:—Mr. Eagar moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Lucas moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after "the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words,—“the Bill “be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power “to send for persons and papers.
“ (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Egan, “Mr. Wilson, Mr. Forster, Dr. Lang, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Piddington, Mr. “Driver, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Joseph, and the Mover.”
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
Whereupon question,—
(1.) That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Egan, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Forster, Dr. Lang, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Driver, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Joseph, and the Mover,—
Put and passed.

The House adjourned, at half-past Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9.

Questions :—

1. DR. LANG *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to institute an investigation, during the present Session of Parliament, into the present state and prospects of the Police Superannuation Fund?
2. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—By what authority, and under what appropriation by Parliament, was the amount paid for the purchase of 800 Copies of Bailliere's N. S. Wales Gazetteer?
3. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the works in connection with the construction of a Bridge over the Wollondilly River at Marsden's Crossing, near Goulburn, been suspended, if so, what is the cause of such suspension?
4. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Are the officers in charge of the the various Districts of Main and Minor Roads under the Road Department, paid allowance for equipment?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
3. Water Supply :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Neale,—
 - (1.) "That" this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor ;—

Upon which Mr. Lucas had moved, by way of Amendment, that all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the following words,—“ a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the county of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.

“ (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Macleay, Dr. Lang, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover.”
4. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
5. Newcastle Co-operative Steam-Tug Company's Bill ; second reading.
6. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the desirability of a Bill being introduced to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. DR. LANG *to move*, That the Report of the Select Committee on the proposed Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, which was laid on the Table of the House, on Friday, the 26th July, be now adopted.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. ALEXANDER *to move*, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of the number of miners rights as issued by Mr. Mant, for 1865 and 1866, respectively, distinguishing the Kiandra and the Delegate rights. Also, a copy of the Return of police fines as accounted for by Mr. Mant in his Return for the first quarter of the year 1866, with the declaration attached thereto. Also, a copy of the Returns for the first quarter of the year 1866, including all moneys as accounted for by Mr. Mant. Also, a copy of the second return for police fines for the first quarter, as sent to the Treasury in June, 1866.

2. MR. JOSEPHSON to move,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all informations, evidence, papers, and proceedings, had and taken before the Bench of Magistrates, Cowra, on or about the 12th October last, and at subsequent sittings, respecting a charge of cattle-stealing against one William Brotherton; and also, all papers and correspondence (if any) had between the Government, or any of the Ministers of the Crown, in relation to the said charge of cattle-stealing; and also the names of the Magistrates who sat upon and adjudicated in the said charge, at the first and upon every subsequent hearing, until the final adjudication thereof.
3. MR. TIGHE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Opinions of Crown Law Officers, and other documents, in possession of the Government, relating to the selection of land made at Lake Macquarie, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by Mr. John Burnley,—also, Copies of all similar papers relating to his removal, by order of the Government, from such selection.
4. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.
5. MR. WINDEYER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic, whilst in the execution of his duty.
6. MR. BURDEKIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to remove any doubts which may exist under the Railway Act as to the authority to issue Free Tickets to Members of Parliament.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the alteration or amendment of the Law relating to Marriage?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gates on Public Roads Bill; second reading.
2. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Eagar, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Provision for Reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh; consideration, in Committee of the Whole, of the Governor's Message No. 2 on this subject.
4. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Presbyterian College Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion, that the uncertainty created in the minds of Honorable members of this House, and of the public generally, by certain statements contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speeches of the past and present Sessions, having reference to the proposed introduction of a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Laws relating to Public Lands, and by the subsequent delay of the Government in giving effect to the said statements, is calculated more or less to interfere with the conduct of business in this House, and otherwise to prejudice the public interest.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. Mr. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. Mr. FORSTEE to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, having taken into consideration the Copies of Minutes, laid upon the table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 3, having reference to the suspension of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act by authority of the Executive Council, is of opinion, that the Executive Council is not legally authorized to suspend the operation of any Statute; and that, consequently, the assumption of such authority on the part of the Executive Council as is implied in the said Minutes, however the same may appear to have been sanctioned by the practice of previous Governments, is illegal and dangerous, and ought in future to be discontinued.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the foregoing Resolution, and praying that a copy of the same may be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Police Superannuation Fund:—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to institute an investigation, during the present Session of Parliament, into the present state and prospects of the Police Superannuation Fund?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Police Superannuation Fund is not in a satisfactory state, and the attention of the Government will be given to the subject during the present Session.

- (2.) Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—By what authority, and under what appropriation by Parliament, was the amount paid for the purchase of 800 Copies of Bailliere's N. S. Wales Gazetteer?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This money was paid by the authority of the Executive Council, out of the balance of Votes for Immigration purposes.

- (3.) Bridge over Wollondilly River, Marsden's Crossing, Goulburn:—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Have the works in connection with the construction of a Bridge over the Wollondilly River at Marsden's Crossing, near Goulburn, been suspended, if so, what is the cause of such suspension?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—No report of the suspension of this work has reached the Office of Public Works, but considerable delay has arisen from recent floods and wet weather preventing the timber being drawn from the bush. I may add that, about five minutes since, I received the following telegram:—"Wollondilly Bridge.—All the piles are driven in abutment and other piers on east side and two cap sills on. Five piles driven on west side—about one-fourth of total quantity of timber delivered at site of Bridge."

- (4.) Officers in charge of Main and Minor Roads:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Are the officers in charge of the various Districts of Main and Minor Roads under the Road Department, paid allowance for equipment?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—No. The officers in charge receive a salary, with an amount for travelling expenses, and an additional temporary sum whilst in charge of Minor Roads.

2. Presbyterian College Bill:—Mr. Wilson presented the undermentioned Petitions in favour of the said Bill, as amended by the Legislative Council:—

(1.) From the Reverend William Purves, as Convener of College Committee, and Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, acting in the name and by the authority of the said Committee.

(2.) From certain Presbyterians resident in Bathurst, and its vicinity.
Petitions received.

3. Claims against Government Bill :—Mr. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Egan,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. White,
Mr. Landale,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Mate,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Windeyer.
Mr. Burns,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Isaacs,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Walker,
Mr. Josephson.

Bill, thereupon, read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

4. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Triennial Parliaments Bill postponed, on motion of *Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Dr. Lang (after Debate), until this day fortnight.

5. Water Supply :—The adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Neale,—

(1.) "That" this House views with alarm the present inadequate and uncertain supply of water to the city and suburbs of Sydney, and, dreading the lamentable consequences that must ensue to the health and life of the inhabitants, if by drought or other cause that supply should become exhausted or diminished, is of opinion that it is the duty of the Government to institute an inquiry by competent persons for the purpose of ascertaining what amount of reliance can be placed on an unlimited and constant supply of water being obtained in all seasons from our present source of supply, and, if that source should be considered unequal to meet our requirements, then that immediate measures should be adopted for securing to the city and suburbs of Sydney a more reliable and plentiful supply of pure water.

(2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor ;—

Upon which Mr. Lucas had moved, by way of Amendment, that all the words after the first word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the following words,—“a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the best means of ensuring a sufficient and permanent supply of pure water for the county of Cumberland, this city, and suburbs.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Martin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Macleay, Dr. Lang, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover,—resumed and continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. White,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Mate,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Thornton.
Mr. Pemell,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Lucas,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lord,
Mr. J. Stewart.

Original Question then put and passed.

6. Postponements :—

(1.) The Order of the Day, No. 4, postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until Tuesday next,

(2.) The Order of the Day, No. 5, postponed, on motion of Mr. Mate, until Friday next.

7. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2.) :—

(1.) On motion of Mr. Windeyer, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the desirability of a Bill being introduced to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers.

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The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Windeyer, read a second time, and agreed to.

(2.) Mr. Windeyer having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the rights and liabilities of Common Carriers*," read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time, this day week.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13.

Questions :—

1. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If he will lay on the Table of this House, Copies of all instructions given by the Engineer-in-Chief to Mr. Barton, late Engineer of Trial Surveys, relating to the laying out of the under-mentioned portion of our Railways :—The Western, from Penrith to Bathurst ; the Southern, from Picton to Goulburn ; the Northern, from Muswellbrook to Murrurundi ?
2. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether he will, during the week, lay on the Table of this House, a Return shewing, severally, the number of passengers by Rail to and from Mittagong, Picton, and Menangle, during the last week in July ; also, the number of passengers to and from Penrith during the same period, omitting the excursion trains ?
3. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Does Mr. William Christopher Bennett, Commissioner for Roads, draw cheques on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, for the gross amount of money required to be placed to the credit of Contractors and Officers in charge of the various Districts of the Main and Minor Roads, in payment of claims against the Roads Department. If so, is Mr. Bennett required to find security for the faithful discharge of his duties ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. ALEXANDER *to move*, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of the number of miners rights as issued by Mr. Mant, for 1865 and 1866, respectively, distinguishing the Kiandra and the Delegate rights. Also, a copy of the Return of police fines as accounted for by Mr. Mant in his Return for the first quarter of the year 1866, with the declaration attached thereto. Also, a copy of the Returns for the first quarter of the year 1866, including all moneys as accounted for by Mr. Mant. Also, a copy of the second return for police fines for the first quarter, as sent to the Treasury in June, 1866.
2. MR. JOSEPHSON *to move*,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all informations, evidence, papers, and proceedings, had and taken before the Bench of Magistrates, Cowra, on or about the 12th October last, and at subsequent sittings, respecting a charge of cattle-stealing against one William Brotherton ; and also, all papers and correspondence (if any) had between the Government, or any of the Ministers of the Crown, in relation to the said charge of cattle-stealing ; and also the names of the Magistrates who sat upon and adjudicated in the said charge, at the first and upon every subsequent hearing, until the final adjudication thereof.
3. MR. TIGHE *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Opinions of Crown Law Officers, and other documents, in possession of the Government, relating to the selection of land made at Lako Macquarie, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by Mr. John Burnley,—also, Copies of all similar papers relating to his removal, by order of the Government, from such selection.
4. MR. GARRETT *to move*,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.

5. MR. WINDEYER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic, whilst in the execution of his duty.
6. MR. BURDEKIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to remove any doubts which may exist under the Railway Act as to the authority to issue Free Tickets to Members of Parliament.
7. MR. WILSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 9th August, from the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, in favour of the Presbyterian College Bill, as amended by the Legislative Council, be printed.
8. MR. WILSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 9th August, from the Presbyterians of Bathurst, in favour of the Presbyterian College Bill, as amended by the Legislative Council, be printed.
9. DR. LANG to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the proposed Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, which was laid on the Table of the House, on Friday, the 26th July, be now adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.

 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14.

Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the alteration or amendment of the Law relating to Marriage?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to establish Municipalities.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gates on Public Roads Bill; second reading.
2. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Eagar, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Provision for Reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh; consideration, in Committee of the Whole, of the Governor's Message, No. 2, on this subject.
4. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Presbyterian College Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

 FRIDAY, AUGUST 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Newcastle Co-operative Steam-Tug Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.

 TUESDAY, AUGUST 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion, that the uncertainty created in the minds of Honorable members of this House, and of the public generally, by certain statements contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speeches of the past and present Sessions, having reference to the proposed introduction of a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Laws relating to Public Lands, and by the subsequent delay of the Government in giving effect to the said statements, is calculated more or less to interfere with the conduct of business in this House, and otherwise to prejudice the public interest.

2. MR. THORNTON to move, that there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—

- (1.) Their names ;
- (2.) Their classification in December last ;
- (3.) Their rank (*i. e.* whether inspector, master, mistress, assistant teacher, &c., &c.) in December, 1866, and how and where employed at that time ;
- (4.) The salaries (in the rate per annum) they were receiving in December last ;
- (5.) The length of time they had been (up to December last) in the service of the Board of National Education, marking those who, either under the Rules of the late Board, or the Regulations of the present Council of Education, were, or would be, entitled to promotion for length of service ;
- (6.) Their rank, and how and where now employed ;
- (7.) The salaries they now receive (rate per annum) ;
- (8.) The salaries they would be entitled now to receive (in the rate per annum) if they held, under the Council of Education, the same classification as they held in December last ;—

Limiting the Return to those employed within the County of Cumberland, excepting in the cases of those persons employed as Inspectors.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, having taken into consideration the Copies of Minutes, laid upon the table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 3, having reference to the suspension of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act by authority of the Executive Council, is of opinion, that the Executive Council is not legally authorized to suspend the operation of any Statute ; and that, consequently, the assumption of such authority on the part of the Executive Council as is implied in the said Minutes, however the same may appear to have been sanctioned by the practice of previous Governments, is illegal and dangerous, and ought in future to be discontinued.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the foregoing Resolution, and praying that a copy of the same may be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Instructions given by Engineer-in-Chief of Railways to Mr. Barton, late Engineer of Trial Surveys:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—If he will lay on the Table of this House, Copies of all instructions given by the Engineer-in-Chief to Mr. Barton, late Engineer of Trial Surveys, relating to the laying out of the undermentioned portion of our Railways:—The Western, from Penrith to Bathurst; the Southern, from Picton to Goulburn; the Northern, from Muswellbrook to Murrurundi?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—It is my intention to lay on the Table, Copies of written instructions given by the Engineer-in-Chief to Mr. Barton, relative to the laying out of the Western (and which were equally applicable to the Southern and Northern) line. In addition to these, verbal instructions were given to Mr. Barton by Mr. Whitton, from time to time, in the office, and when riding over the various lines, both before the surveys were commenced, and always when the different traverse lines were completed, before the Engineer-in-Chief decided upon the line to be adopted.

- (2.) Passengers by certain Railway Trains:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether he will, during the week, lay on the Table of this House, a Return shewing, severally, the number of passengers by Rail to and from Mittagong, Picton, and Menangle, during the last week in July; also, the number of passengers to and from Penrith during the same period, omitting the excursion trains?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Assuming that the honorable member means from Sydney to Mittagong and the other places mentioned, the Return asked for will be laid on the Table of the House during the week.

- (3.) Mr. W. C. Bennett, Commissioner for Roads:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Does Mr. William Christopher Bennett, Commissioner for Roads, draw cheques on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, for the gross amount of money required to be placed to the credit of Contractors and Officers in charge of the various Districts of the Main and Minor Roads, in payment of claims against the Roads Department. If so, is Mr. Bennett required to find security for the faithful discharge of his duties?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Mr. Bennett, Commissioner for Roads, does not draw cheques on the Consolidated Revenue Fund. The gross amount of abstracts, certified by Road Superintendents, are transmitted after examination to the Treasury, and the amount placed to the credit of the Commissioner for Roads in the Bank of New South Wales. Against this amount, cheques drawn by Mr. Bennett, and countersigned by the Chief Clerk and the Accountant, are placed either to the credit of the Road Superintendents, or of the Contractors, if so requested. The Commissioner for Roads has not been called upon to give security for the faithful discharge of his duties.

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2. Papers :—

- (1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Road Trust Accounts for the half-years ended 30th June and 31st December, 1866, respectively.
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Correspondence shewing "Instructions given by Engineer-in-Chief of Railways to Mr. Barton, late Engineer of Trial Surveys."
(*In reference to Question No. 1 above.*)
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Correspondence respecting sale of Government Debentures," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Samuel, on 30th July, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
- (4.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Despatch, dated 26th June, 1867, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Benjamin Cook :—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from Benjamin Cook, of Corungula, Macleay River, farmer and fencer, representing that he has suffered great hardship and inconvenience, as therein set forth, in consequence of the cancellation of his free selection at Corungula aforesaid, upon which he had settled and made improvements,—and praying relief.
Petition received.
4. Mr. Mant ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Alexander moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of miners rights as issued by Mr. Mant, for 1865 and 1866, respectively, distinguishing the Kiandra and the Delegate rights. Also, a copy of the Return of police fines as accounted for by Mr. Mant in his Return for the first quarter of the year 1866, with the declaration attached thereto. Also, a copy of the Returns for the first quarter of the year 1866, including all moneys as accounted for by Mr. Mant. Also, a copy of the second return for police fines for the first quarter, as sent to the Treasury in June, 1866.
Question put and passed.
5. William Brotherton—(Administration of Justice)—("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Josephson moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all informations, evidence, papers, and proceedings, had and taken before the Bench of Magistrates, Cowra, on or about the 12th October last, and at subsequent sittings, respecting a charge of cattle-stealing against one William Brotherton; and also, all papers and correspondence (if any) had between the Government, or any of the Ministers of the Crown, in relation to the said charge of cattle-stealing; and also the names of the Magistrates who sat upon and adjudicated in the said charge, at the first and upon every subsequent hearing, until the final adjudication thereof.
Question put and passed.
6. Presbyterian College Bill :—
- (1.) ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 9th August, from the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, in favour of the Presbyterian College Bill, as amended by the Legislative Council, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 9th August, from the Presbyterians of Bathurst, in favour of the Presbyterian College Bill, as amended by the Legislative Council, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
- (3.) Dr. Lang presented a Petition from certain Elders and Committee of Management of the Scots' Church, Sydney, praying that the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the said Bill may be amended in the manner indicated in the said Petition.
Petition received.
7. Paper :—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Mr. Mant," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Alexander, this day. (*See Entry No. 4 above.*)
Ordered to be printed.
8. Mr. John Burnley :—Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Opinions of Crown Law Officers, and other documents, in possession of the Government, relating to the selection of land made at Lake Macquarie, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by Mr. John Burnley,—also, Copies of all similar papers relating to his removal, by order of the Government, from such selection.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned; on motion of Mr. Burns (after Debate), until this day fortnight.
9. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Garrett withdrew the Motion No. 4, on the Notice Paper for to-day.

10. **Widow of Dr. Greenup**:—Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic, whilst in the execution of his duty.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **Motion Withdrawn**:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Burdekin, withdrew the Motion No. 6, on the Notice Paper for to-day.
12. **Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin**:—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on the proposed Railway from Echuca to Deniliquin, which was laid on the Table of the House, on Friday, the 26th July, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Mate,

Tellers.

Mr. Landale,
Mr. Phelps.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Stimpson,	Tellers.
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Macleay,	

13. **Claims against Government Bill**:—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.
14. **Postponement**:—The Order of the Day No. 2, postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until this day week.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14.

Questions:—

1. **MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the alteration or amendment of the Law relating to Marriage?
2. **MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—
 - (1.) Is it true that Mr. Bate, formerly a Clerk in the Electric Telegraph Office, has been lately, in the absence of Mr. Moriarty, Chief Engineer for Rivers and Harbours, appointed to an office in this Department?
 - (2.) Was such appointment made on the recommendation or with the concurrence of the Chief Engineer?
 - (3.) Was Mr. Bate dismissed from his former office, and if so, for what cause, or under what circumstances?
3. **MR. DRIVER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS**,—Did the Commissioner for Roads, previous to having the plan and specifications prepared for a Bridge over the Wollondilly River, at Marsden's Crossing-place, near Goulburn, have an accurate survey and sections made of the site selected for such Bridge—If so, did the survey include borings or trial holes to determine the depth the piles required to be used could be driven?
4. **MR. DRIVER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**,—Is it intended to convert the Gaol at Port Macquarie into a Workhouse, and if so, when; or is it to be retained as a Gaol?

5. MR. DRIVER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Has any ship or vessel been proclaimed a Public Industrial School, and if so, when?
 (2.) Have any Regulations been made by the Governor for the conduct, management, and supervision of any such School, or for the employment, education, correction, and restraint of any children ordered to be sent thereto?
 (3.) Is it intended to make any such Regulations, and if so, when?
6. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Are the Officers placed in charge of the various Districts of Main and Minor Roads required to find security for the faithful discharge of their duties?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to establish Municipalities.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gates on Public Roads Bill; second reading.
2. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Eagar, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Provision for Reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh; consideration, in Committee of the Whole, of the Governor's Message, No. 2, on this subject.
4. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.); to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER, to move, That the Petition from Benjamin Cook, presented by Mr. Forster, on Tuesday, 13th August, be printed.
2. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th August, from the Elders and Committee of Management of the Scots' Church, Sydney, praying that the blank, occasioned by striking out the word Presbyterian from the title of the Presbyterian College Bill, may be filled up, not by the word St. Andrew's, but by the word Queen's,—be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Presbyterian College Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Newcastle Co-operative Steam-Tug Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Widow of Dr. Greenup; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic, whilst in the execution of his duty.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURDEKIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to remove any doubts which may exist under the Railway Act as to the authority to issue free tickets to Members of Parliament of this and other Colonies.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion, that the uncertainty created in the minds of honorable members of this House, and of the public generally, by certain statements contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speeches of the past and present Sessions, having reference to the proposed introduction of a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Laws relating to Public Lands, and by the subsequent delay of the Government in giving effect to the said statements, is calculated more or less to interfere with the conduct of business in this House, and otherwise to prejudice the public interest.
2. MR. THORNTON to move, that there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—
 (1.) Their names;
 (2.) Their classification in December last;
 (3.) Their rank (*i. e.* whether inspector, master, mistress, assistant teacher, &c., &c.) in December, 1866, and how and where employed at that time;
 (4.) The salaries (in the rate per annum) they were receiving in December last;
 (5.)

- (5.) The length of time they had been (up to December last) in the service of [the Board of National Education, marking those who, either under the Rules of the late Board, or the Regulations of the present Council of Education, were, or would be, entitled to promotion for length of service ;
- (6.) Their rank, and how and where now employed ;
- (7.) The salaries they now receive (rate per annum) ;
- (8.) The salaries they would be entitled now to receive (in the rate per annum) if they held, under the Council of Education, the same classification as they held in December last ;—
- Limiting the Return to those employed within the County of Cumberland, excepting in the cases of those persons employed as Inspectors.
3. MR. LUCAS to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway [trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all informations, proceedings, letters, telegrams, and papers, had and taken before the Bench of Magistrates at Braidwood, respecting a seizure of ale, wine, rum, brandy, whiskey, and other liquids, and also of baskets, spirit measures, and other goods, made by the late special constable Carroll and his assistants at the stores of George M'Leod ; and also all letters and telegrams had and made by and between the said Carroll and the Colonial Secretary, and by and between the Colonial Secretary and any other person or persons respecting the said seizure.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, and of all Ministerial or Executive Minutes, having reference to the appointment of Mr. John Taylor as Sheriff's Bailiff at Parramatta.
6. MR. GARRETT to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.
7. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £1,000, to be paid to the widow and children of the late Robert Green, who lost his life in consequence of having endeavoured to save the lives of persons engaged in the performance of a public duty.
8. MR. SAMUEL to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copy of the Minute of the Executive Council, authorizing the payment of £963, for the purchase of 800 Copies of Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer, and Copies of any other papers or correspondence relating thereto.

ORDEES OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

2. Mr. FORSTER to move,—

(1.) That this House, having taken into consideration the Copies of Minutes, laid upon the table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 3, having reference to the suspension of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act by authority of the Executive Council, is of opinion, that the Executive Council is not legally authorized to suspend the operation of any Statute; and that, consequently, the assumption of such authority on the part of the Executive Council as is implied in the said Minutes, however the same may appear to have been sanctioned by the practice of previous Governments, is illegal and dangerous, and ought in future to be discontinued.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the foregoing Resolution, and praying that a copy of the same may be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Mr. John Burnley; resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Tighe, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Opinions of Crown Law Officers, and other documents, in possession of the Government, relating to the selection of land made at Lake Macquarie, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by Mr. John Burnley—also, Copies of all similar papers relating to his removal, by order of the Government, from such selection.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Law relating to Marriage :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any measure for the alteration or amendment of the Law relating to Marriage?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has no intention of introducing any measure, during the present Session, to amend the Law relating to Marriage.

- (2.) Mr. Bate, formerly a Clerk in the Electric Telegraph Office :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. Bate, formerly a Clerk in the Electric Telegraph Office, has been lately, in the absence of Mr. Moriarty, Chief Engineer for Rivers and Harbours, appointed to an office in this Department?

(2.) Was such appointment made on the recommendation or with the concurrence of the Chief Engineer?

(3.) Was Mr. Bate dismissed from his former office, and if so, for what cause, or under what circumstances?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) It is true. During Mr. Moriarty's absence, a clerk in his office was promoted, at higher salary, to a vacancy in the Railway Accountant's Office, and Mr. Bate, who was then temporarily employed in the Roads Branch, and had given satisfaction in the discharge of his duties, was appointed to the vacancy.

(2.) No; but Mr. Moriarty was informed by telegram of the proposed change.

(3.) Mr. Bate was dismissed from the Telegraph Branch, in February, 1865, on a charge of insubordination, preferred against him by the Superintendent of Telegraphs.

- (3.) Bridge over Wollondilly River, Marsden's Crossing, Goulburn :—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Did the Commissioner for Roads, previous to having the plan and specifications prepared for a Bridge over the Wollondilly River, at Marsden's Crossing-place, near Goulburn, have an accurate survey and sections made of the site selected for such Bridge—If so, did the survey include borings or trial holes, to determine the depth the piles required to be used could be driven?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Surveys and Sections were made by the late Superintendent Moggridge, in September, 1864, including borings or trial holes, to determine the depth to which the piles to be used would require to be driven.

- (4.) Conversion of Gaol at Port Macquarie into a Workhouse :—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is it intended to convert the Gaol at Port Macquarie into a Workhouse, and if so, when; or is it to be retained as a Gaol?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The conversion of the Gaol at Port Macquarie into a Workhouse has not been under the consideration of the Government.

(5.)

(5.) Public Industrial School Ship—Ship "Vernon":—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Has any ship or vessel been proclaimed a Public Industrial School, and if so, when?

(2.) Have any Regulations been made by the Governor for the conduct, management, and supervision of any such School, or for the employment, education, correction, and restraint of any children ordered to be sent thereto?

(3.) Is it intended to make any such Regulations, and if so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The ship "Vernon" was proclaimed a Public Industrial School by proclamation, published in the *Government Gazette*, 10th May last.

(2.) No Regulations have yet been framed by the Governor in Council for the management of the School, because it was considered expedient to wait till such Regulations could be based on some experience gained from its practical working. In the meantime certain printed rules for the discipline of the ship—which any honorable member can see—are acted upon by the Superintendent.

(3.) Regulations will be framed under the 3rd section of the Act, probably within the next month.

(6.) Officers in charge of Main and Minor Roads:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Are the Officers placed in charge of the various Districts of Main and Minor Roads required to find security for the faithful discharge of their duties?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Yes. First class Superintendents give £1000 each, and second class Superintendents and Overseers, £500 each.

2. Papers:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Rules to be observed by the Seamen, Instructors, and Boys, of N.S.S. "Vernon."
(*In reference to answer to Question No. 5 above.*)

(2.) Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum, for the year 1866.
Ordered to be printed.

3. Presbyterian College Bill:—Mr. Wilson presented the undermentioned Petitions in favor of the said Bill, as amended by the Legislative Council:—

(1.) From certain Presbyterians resident in Newcastle City.

(2.) From certain Presbyterians resident in Maitland.

(3.) From certain Presbyterians resident in Wallsend.

Petitions received.

4. Municipalities Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to establish Municipalities.

Question put and passed.

5. Presbyterian College Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th August, from the Elders and Committee of Management of the Scots Church, Sydney, praying that the blank, occasioned by striking out the word Presbyterian from the title of the Presbyterian College Bill, may be filled up, not by the word St. Andrew's, but by the word Queen's,—be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

6. Gates on Public Roads Bill:—Order of the Day (*No. 1 of Government Business*) for the second reading of this Bill, read.

Motion made by Dr. Lang, that this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Consideration of this Order of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, to follow next after the Order of the Day No. 3 of Government Business.

7. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled, "*An Act to prohibit Burials in the Camperdown Cemetery and to regulate Burials in the Randwick Cemetery,*" with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14 August, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

CAMPERDOWN AND RANDWICK CEMETERIES BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council, in the Bill intituled "An Act to prohibit Burials in the Camperdown Cemetery and to regulate Burials in the Randwick Cemetery," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 14th August, 1867.

R. O'CONNOR,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, lines 12 and 13. *Omit* "except the bodies be encased in a leaden coffin and be interred in a vault of stone or brick."

" clause 1, line 21. *Omit* "encased in leaden coffins."

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, that the consideration in Committee of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

(2.) Border Duties Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to ratify the arrangement made with the Colony of Victoria in reference to the Collection of Customs Duties on Goods imported across or by way of the River Murray,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14 August, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

8. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 2 of Government Business, postponed, on motion of Mr. Eagar, to follow next after the Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business, *as postponed*.

9. Provision for the reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh :—(Order No. 3 of Government Business)—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of the Governor's Message No. 2 on this subject.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.

The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved, That, with reference to the Governor's Message No. 2, of 8th August, 1867, an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates a sum of money not exceeding £5,000, to provide for the proper reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, on the occasion of his intended visit to this Colony, with an assurance that this House will make good the same.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a second time, and agreed to.

10. Gates on Public Roads Bill. (Order No. 1 of Government Business) :—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And Bill read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill, with certain amendments,—

Mr. Wilson moved, That the adoption of this Report stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at nineteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15.

Question :—

1. MR. BURDEKIN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the measure to amend the laws relating to Lunacy, mentioned by His Excellency the Governor in his Speech at the opening of Parliament, be proceeded with?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipalities Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to establish Municipalities.

2. Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Mr. Eagar, That this Bill be now read a second time.
4. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.); to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That the three Petitions presented by him on the 14th August, from the Presbyterians of Newcastle, Wallsend, and Maitland, be printed.
2. MR. FORSTER, to move, That the Petition from Benjamin Cook, presented by Mr. Forster, on Tuesday, 13th August, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Presbyterian College Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Newcastle Co-operative Steam-Tug Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Widow of Dr. Greenup; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic, whilst in the execution of his duty.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURDEKIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to remove any doubts which may exist under the Railway Act as to the authority to issue free tickets to Members of Parliament of this and other Colonies.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion, that the uncertainty created in the minds of honorable members of this House, and of the public generally, by certain statements contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speeches of the past and present Sessions, having reference to the proposed introduction of a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Laws relating to Public Lands, and by the subsequent delay of the Government in giving effect to the said statements, is calculated more or less to interfere with the conduct of business in this House, and otherwise to prejudice the public interest.
2. MR. THORNTON to move, that there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—
 - (1.) Their names;
 - (2.) Their classification in December last;
 - (3.) Their rank (*i. e.* whether inspector, master, mistress, assistant teacher, &c., &c.) in December, 1866, and how and where employed at that time;
 - (4.) The salaries (in the rate per annum) they were receiving in December last;
 - (5.) The length of time they had been (up to December last) in the service of the Board of National Education, marking those who, either under the Rules of the late Board, or the Regulations of the present Council of Education, were, or would be, entitled to promotion for length of service;
 - (6.) Their rank, and how and where now employed;
 - (7.) The salaries they now receive (rate per annum);
 - (8.) The salaries they would be entitled now to receive (in the rate per annum) if they held, under the Council of Education, the same classification as they held in December last;—
 Limiting the Return to those employed within the County of Cumberland, excepting in the cases of those persons employed as Inspectors.
3. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

4. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all informations, proceedings, letters, telegrams, and papers, had and taken before the Bench of Magistrates at Braidwood, respecting a seizure of ale, wine, rum, brandy, whiskey, and other liquids, and also of baskets, spirit measures, and other goods, made by the late special constable Carroll and his assistants at the stores of George M'Leod; and also all letters and telegrams had and made by and between the said Carroll and the Colonial Secretary, and by and between the Colonial Secretary and any other person or persons respecting the said seizure.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, and of all Ministerial or Executive Minutes, having reference to the appointment of Mr. John Taylor as Sheriff's Bailiff at Parramatta.
6. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.
7. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £1,000, to be paid to the widow and children of the late Robert Green, who lost his life in consequence of having endeavoured to save the lives of persons engaged in the performance of a public duty.
8. MR. SAMUEL to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copy of the Minute of the Executive Council, authorizing the payment of £963, for the purchase of 800 Copies of Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer, and Copies of any other papers or correspondence relating thereto.
9. MR. BURDEKIN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of patients admitted to the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek, within the last two years. Also, a Return showing the number of such persons who would be ineligible for admission to such Asylum on the ground of possessing sufficient means for medical aid, if private establishments were authorised by law.
10. MR. BURDEKIN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Papers and Correspondence respecting a claim made by Mr. Thomas Logan, of Telligery Creek, to two selections of ten acres and forty acres, respectively, on the Telligery Creek, in the Raymond Terrace Police District. Also, for copies of all proceedings at the Police Office, Raymond Terrace, having relation to a case of disputed ownership of the said ten acres, tried on the 8th July, 1867; together with any Correspondence with the Attorney General on the subject.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Land Laws, and to make better provision for the freehold settlement of the Colony.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gates on Public Roads Bill reported; adoption of Report.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23.

Question:—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any, and if any, what records or papers exist in the public offices, bearing on the allegations contained in the petition of Mr. William Moore, which was printed by order of this House on the 6th April, 1865?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. Mr. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, having taken into consideration the Copies of Minutes, laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 3, having reference to the suspension of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act by authority of the Executive Council, is of opinion, that the Executive Council is not legally authorized to suspend the operation of any Statute; and that, consequently, the assumption of such authority on the part of the Executive Council as is implied in the said Minutes, however the same may appear to have been sanctioned by the practice of previous Governments, is illegal and dangerous, and ought in future to be discontinued.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the foregoing Resolution, and praying that a copy of the same may be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. [Mr. John Burnley; resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Tighe, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Opinions of Crown Law Officers, and other documents, in possession of the Government, relating to the selection of land made at Lake Macquarie, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by Mr. John Burnley—also, Copies of all similar papers relating to his removal, by order of the Government, from such selection.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—
Laws relating to Lunacy :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When will the measure to amend the laws relating to Lunacy, mentioned by His Excellency the Governor in his Speech at the opening of Parliament, be proceeded with?
Mr. Martin answered,—The Bill will be introduced the week after next.
2. Papers :—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1, within the period between the 16th July to the 14th August, 1867:
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Return to Address, in reference to “Alexander Black, late Commissioner of Crown Lands”, adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Robertson, on 17 July, 1867.
3. Presbyterian College Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the three Petitions presented by him on the 14th August, from the Presbyterians of Newcastle, Wallsend, and Maitland, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Benjamin Cook (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from Benjamin Cook, presented by Mr. Forster, on Tuesday, 13th August, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Municipalities Bill :—On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to establish Municipalities.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to establish Municipalities.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Parkes, read a second time, and agreed to.
6. Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill :—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that report, and ordered that the following message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “*An Act to prohibit Burials in the Camperdown Cemetery and to regulate Burials in the Randwick Cemetery.*”

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th August, 1867.

Speaker.
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7. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day for the Resumption of the Debate on the motion of Mr. Eagar, "That this Bill be now read a second time," having been read,—and the Debate not having been resumed,—
Question put and passed.
And Bill read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
8. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2):—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the Whole, for such further consideration.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at two minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16.

Question:—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When the new road from Deep Creek, near Cessnock, to Allandale Railway Station will be opened by proclamation for public use?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- Newcastle Co-operative Steam-Tug Company's Bill; second reading.
- Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
- Widow of Dr. Greenup; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic, whilst in the execution of his duty.
- Presbyterian College Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- MR. BURDEKIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to remove any doubts which may exist under the Railway Act as to the authority to issue free tickets to Members of Parliament of this and other Colonies.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

- MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion, that the uncertainty created in the minds of honorable members of this House, and of the public generally, by certain statements contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speeches of the past and present Sessions, having reference to the proposed introduction of a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Laws relating to Public Lands, and by the subsequent delay of the Government in giving effect to the said statements, is calculated more or less to interfere with the conduct of business in this House, and otherwise to prejudice the public interest.
- MR. THORNTON to move, that there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—
 - Their names;
 - Their classification in December last;
 - Their rank (*i. e.* whether inspector, master, mistress, assistant teacher, &c., &c.) in December, 1866, and how and where employed at that time;

(4.)

- (4.) The salaries (in the rate per annum) they were receiving in December last ;
 (5.) The length of time they had been (up to December last) in the service of the Board of National Education, marking those who, either under the Rules of the late Board, or the Regulations of the present Council of Education, were, or would be, entitled to promotion for length of service ;
 (6.) Their rank, and how and where now employed ;
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5. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, and of all Ministerial or Executive Minutes, having reference to the appointment of Mr. John Taylor as Sheriff's Bailiff at Parramatta.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Land Laws, and to make better provision for the freehold settlement of the Colony.

ORDERS.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gates on Public Roads Bill reported; adoption of Report.
2. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.); to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23.

Question:—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any, and if any, what records or papers exist in the public offices, bearing on the allegations contained in the petition of Mr. William Moore, which was printed by order of this House on the 6th April, 1865?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, having taken into consideration the Copies of Minutes, laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 3, having reference to the suspension of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act by authority of the Executive Council, is of opinion, that the Executive Council is not legally authorized to suspend the operation of any Statute; and that, consequently, the assumption of such authority on the part of the Executive Council as is implied in the said Minutes, however the same may appear to have been sanctioned by the practice of previous Governments, is illegal and dangerous, and ought in future to be discontinued.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the foregoing Resolution, and praying that a copy of the same may be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Mr. John Burnley; resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Tighe, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Opinions of Crown Law Officers, and other documents, in possession of the Government, relating to the selection of land made at Lake Macquarie, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by Mr. John Burnley—also, Copies of all similar papers relating to his removal, by order of the Government, from such selection.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—
Road from Deep Creek, near Cessnock, to Allandale Railway Station:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When the new road from Deep Creek, near Cessnock, to Allandale Railway Station, will be opened by proclamation for public use?
Mr. Wilson answered,—The road was opened a few days since, and notice will appear in to-day's *Gazette*.
 2. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Clause respecting Music and Dancing in 'Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862,'"—made by this House, on motion of Mr. Burdekin, on 6th August, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
 3. Presbyterian College Bill:—Dr. Lang presented the undermentioned Petitions, praying respectively, for reasons therein set forth, that the name of "Queen's College" may be inserted in place of "Saint Andrew's College" in the said Bill:—
(1.) From Thomas Buckland, of the City of Sydney, Merchant, executor and acting trustee of the will of the late John Hunter Baillie, of Sydney, deceased.
(2.) From original petitioners for the Presbyterian College Bill.
Petitions received.
 4. Newcastle Co-operative Steam-Tug Company's Bill, on motion of Mr. Mate, read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Mate, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Mate, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
 5. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3, postponed respectively, on motion of Mr. Mate, until Friday next.
 6. Presbyterian College Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.
 7. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Burdekin not making the Motion No. 1, on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
- The House adjourned, at thirteen minutes after Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20.

Questions :—

1. MR. LANDALE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria have agreed on a site for the bridge across the Murray, between Moama and Echuca,—towards the erection of which a sum of money has been voted by this House?
 - (2.) When is it probable that this highly necessary work will be commenced?
2. MR. TIGHE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Has any report been made to the Government concerning the conduct of three gentlemen employed in the Public Service, at a salary of £100 a year each, as Visitors of Lunatic Asylums—who, on the 1st instant, caused a railway passenger to be requested to retire from a Government railway carriage, that they might have the exclusive use of the same—and who further required a whole railway carriage to be placed at their service, when the passenger referred to refused to withdraw?
 - (2.) If any such report has been made, do the Government intend to make inquiry, or take any proceedings, with reference to the conduct of those gentlemen?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion, that the uncertainty created in the minds of honorable members of this House, and of the public generally, by certain statements contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speeches of the past and present Sessions, having reference to the proposed introduction of a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Laws relating to Public Lands, and by the subsequent delay of the Government in giving effect to the said statements, is calculated more or less to interfere with the conduct of business in this House, and otherwise to prejudice the public interest.
2. MR. THORNTON to move, that there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—
 - (1.) Their names;
 - (2.) Their classification in December last;
 - (3.) Their rank (*i. e.* whether inspector, master, mistress, assistant teacher, &c., &c.) in December, 1866, and how and where employed at that time;
 - (4.) The salaries (in the rate per annum) they were receiving in December last;
 - (5.) The length of time they had been (up to December last) in the service of the Board of National Education, marking those who, either under the Rules of the late Board, or the Regulations of the present Council of Education, were, or would be, entitled to promotion for length of service;
 - (6.) Their rank, and how and where now employed;
 - (7.) The salaries they now receive (rate per annum);
 - (8.) The salaries they would be entitled now to receive (in the rate per annum) if they held, under the Council of Education, the same classification as they held in December last;—
 Limiting the Return to those employed within the County of Cumberland, excepting in the cases of those persons employed as Inspectors.
3. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all informations, proceedings, letters, telegrams, and papers, had and taken before the Bench of Magistrates at Braidwood, respecting a seizure of ale, wine, rum, brandy, whiskey, and other liquids, and also of baskets, spirit measures, and other goods, made by the late special constable Carroll and his assistants at the stores of George M'Leod; and also all letters and telegrams had and made by and between the said Carroll and the Colonial Secretary, and by and between the Colonial Secretary and any other person or persons respecting the said seizure.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, and of all Ministerial or Executive Minutes, having reference to the appointment of Mr. John Taylor as Sheriff's Bailiff at Parramatta.
6. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.

(2.)

- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
7. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to be paid to the widow and children of the late Robert Green, who lost his life in consequence of having endeavoured to save the lives of persons engaged in the performance of a public duty.
 8. MR. SAMUEL to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copy of the Minute of the Executive Council, authorizing the payment of £963, for the purchase of 800 Copies of Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer, and Copies of any other papers or correspondence relating thereto.
 9. Mr. BURDEKIN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of patients admitted to the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek, within the last two years. Also, a Return showing the number of such persons who would be ineligible for admission to such Asylum, on the ground of possessing sufficient means for medical aid, if private establishments were authorized by law.
 10. Mr. BURDEKIN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Papers and Correspondence respecting a claim made by Mr. Thomas Logan, of Tellighery Creek, to two selections of ten acres and forty acres, respectively, on the Tellighery Creek, in the Raymond Terrace Police District. Also, for copies of all proceedings at the Police Office, Raymond Terrace, having relation to a case of disputed ownership of the said ten acres, tried on the 8th July, 1867; together with any Correspondence with the Attorney General on the subject.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
3. Newcastle Co-operative Steam-Tug Company's Bill; third reading.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Land Laws, and to make better provision for the freehold settlement of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gates on Public Roads Bill reported; adoption of Report.
2. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any, and, if any, what records or papers exist in the public offices bearing on the allegations contained in the petition of Mr. William Moore, which was printed by order of this House on the 6th April, 1865?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Widow of Dr. Greenup; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic, whilst in the execution of his duty.
4. Presbyterian College Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.

(2.)

- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. Mr. FORSTER to move,—
- (1.) That this House, having taken into consideration the Copies of Minutes, laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 3, having reference to the suspension of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act by authority of the Executive Council, is of opinion, that the Executive Council is not legally authorized to suspend the operation of any Statute; and that, consequently, the assumption of such authority on the part of the Executive Council as is implied in the said Minutes, however the same may appear to have been sanctioned by the practice of previous Governments, is illegal and dangerous, and ought in future to be discontinued.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the foregoing Resolution, and praying that a copy of the same may be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Mr. John Burnley; resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Tighe, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Opinions of Crown Law Officers, and other documents, in possession of the Government, relating to the selection of land made at Lake Macquarie, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by Mr. John Burnley—also, Copies of all similar papers relating to his removal, by order of the Government, from such selection.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

(1.) Bridge across the Murray River:—*Mr. Phelps*, on behalf of *Mr. Landale*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Whether the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria have agreed on a site for the bridge across the Murray, between Moama and Echuca,—towards the erection of which a sum of money has been voted by this House?

(2.) When is it probable that this highly necessary work will be commenced?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Both Governments have agreed on Echuca as the best site for the bridge across the Murray. The sum of £10,000 was voted in 1862 for the erection of a bridge at Moama, since which it was proposed by the Victorian Government that a railway and road bridge should be built at Echuca, to cost £32,000. A sum was placed on the Estimates for 1867 of £6,000, to make up the moiety of this expense, which this Government agreed to contribute.

(2.) No time can be fixed for the commencement of the work, in consequence of the difficulty alluded to of expending money at Echuca, which was voted for Moama.

(2.) Alleged conduct of Visitors of Lunatic Asylums in Railway Carriage:—*Mr. Tighe* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has any report been made to the Government concerning the conduct of three gentlemen employed in the Public Service, at a salary of £100 a year each, as Visitors of Lunatic Asylums—who, on the 1st instant, caused a railway passenger to be requested to retire from a Government railway carriage, that they might have the exclusive use of the same—and who further required a whole railway carriage to be placed at their service, when the passenger referred to refused to withdraw?

(2.) If any such report has been made, do the Government intend to make inquiry, or take any proceedings, with reference to the conduct of those gentlemen?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) No official report has been made to the Government on the subject; but on enquiry, since the question was put on the paper, it appears that, on the 1st inst., *Dr. Macfarlane* was seated in a saloon carriage, when *Dr. Roberts*, *Mr. Owen*, and subsequently *Dr. Bedford*, entered the same carriage. As the train was about to start, *Dr. Bedford* asked *Mr. Higgs*, who was in charge of the train, whether *Dr. Roberts*, *Mr. Owen*, and himself, could not have a compartment for themselves as applied for, and sanctioned by the Government. *Mr. Higgs* asked *Dr. Macfarlane* if he had any objection to take a seat in another carriage. *Dr. Macfarlane* objected. *Mr. Higgs* then offered to put on another carriage, when *Dr. Macfarlane* said he would go into another carriage, and did so. On *Dr. Macfarlane's* return, *Mr. Higgs* explained to him that it was previously arranged that those gentlemen, as visitors of the Lunatic Asylums, were to have a separate compartment when they travelled on duty by railway, with which explanation he appeared to be satisfied.

(2.) The Government do not consider it necessary to take any proceedings in the matter.

2. Paper :—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Particulars of " Passengers by certain Railway Trains" (*In reference to Question 2, asked by Mr. Lucas, and recorded in Votes and Proceedings of 13 August, 1867, Entry 1*).
Ordered to be printed.
3. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
4. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Tighe moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. Motions Withdrawn :—
(1.) Mr. Garrett withdrew the Motion No. 6, on the Notice Paper for to-day.
(2.) Mr. Thornton withdrew the Motion No. 2, on the Notice Paper for to-day.
6. Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copy of the Minute of the Executive Council, authorizing the payment of £963, for the purchase of 800 Copies of Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer, and Copies of any other papers or correspondence relating thereto.
Question put and passed.
7. Newcastle Co-operative Steam-Tug Company's Bill ("*Formal*" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Mate, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Mate then moved, That the Title of this Bill, be "*An Act to incorporate The Newcastle Co-operative Steam-Tug Company.*"
Question put and passed.
Whereupon, Mr. Mate moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—
Mr. PRESIDENT.—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to incorporate The Newcastle Co-operative Steam-Tug Company,*" returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th August, 1867. Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
8. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Lucas withdrew the Motion No. 3, on the Notice Paper for to-day.
9. Seizure of Goods by the late Special Constable Carroll, at the stores of George M'Leod :—Mr. Josephson moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all informations, proceedings, letters, telegrams, and papers, had and taken before the Bench of Magistrates at Braidwood, respecting a seizure of ale, wine, rum, brandy, whisky, and other liquids, and also of baskets, spirit measures, and other goods, made by the late special constable Carroll and his assistants at the stores of George M'Leod; and also all letters and telegrams had and made by and between the said Carroll and the Colonial Secretary, and by and between the Colonial Secretary and any other person or persons respecting the said seizure.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. Motions Withdrawn :—
(1.) Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion No. 5, on the Notice Paper for to-day.
(2.) Mr. Driver withdrew the Motion No. 7, on the Notice Paper for to-day.
11. Motions Dropped :—Mr. Burdekin not making the Motions Nos. 9 and 10, on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.
12. Claims against Government Bill :—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for such further consideration.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Forster, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
13. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 2, postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until Friday next.
The House adjourned, at twelve minutes after Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21.

Questions :—

1. MR. R. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Is the Government aware that steam vessels have been allowed to proceed to sea without the provisions of the Steam Navigation Act being complied with?
2. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What is the nature of the omissions represented by stars in the various letters in the Correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, laid on the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, by order of this House?
 - (2.) Does the Correspondence laid on the Table, include all matter that has been the subject of communication between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, since the last Correspondence was produced?
3. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Estimates for the ensuing year, for the erection of a Bridge over the Macquarie River, at Wellington?
4. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Are the Chief Clerk and the Accountant of the Road Branch Department of Public Works required to find security for the faithful discharge of their duties?
5. MR. MACPHERSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Have the Municipal Council of Parramatta been consulted with reference to the Sewerage of the Lunatic Asylum, and the Roman Catholic Orphan School of Parramatta?
 - (2.) Has the Secretary for Public Works received any communication from the Municipal Council of Parramatta on this subject; and if so, what is the nature and purport of this communication?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Minister for Public Works to take any notice of the representations of the Municipal Council of Parramatta, with reference to the subject referred to; and if so, what?
6. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What officer made the surveys and sections, in 1862, for the Bridge over the Wollondilly, at Marsden's Crossing Place, near Goulburn?
 - (2.) Was not the Bridge, subsequently constructed, washed away during a flood in that river?
 - (3.) Has the same site been selected for constructing the new Bridge?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Land Laws, and to make better provision for the freehold settlement of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gates on Public Roads Bill reported; adoption of Report.
2. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.); to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. DR. LANG *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on Friday, the 16th August; from Thomas Buckland, of the City of Sydney, Merchant, Executor and Acting Trustee of the Will of the late John Hunter Baillie, praying that the Presbyterian College should be designated Queen's College, be printed.
2. DR. LANG *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on Friday, the 16th August, from the original Petitioners for the Presbyterian College Bill, praying that the said College should be designated Queen's College, be printed.
3. MR. DRIVER *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to be paid to the widow and children of the late Robert Green, who lost his life in consequence of having endeavoured to save the lives of persons engaged in the performance of a public duty.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22.

Question :—

1. DR. LANG *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether he is aware that four children of a family of which both parents are alive and in health, have been sent to one of the orphan schools at Parramatta during the present week.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any, and, if any, what records or papers exist in the public offices bearing on the allegations contained in the petition of Mr. William Moore, which was printed by order of this House on the 6th April, 1865 ?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Widow of Dr. Greenup; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic, whilst in the execution of his duty.
4. Presbyterian College Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Claims against Government Bill; third reading.
6. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THORNTON to move,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, as early as possible, a Return showing fully detailed particulars of—
 - (1.) The names of the purchasers of the £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures sold in London in May last.
 - (2.) The amount purchased and rate given by each separate purchaser.
 - (3.) Full particulars, in detail, as far as they can be ascertained, of the names and offers of all other persons who submitted, or endeavoured to submit tenders for the said Debentures, notwithstanding that they may have been offered after the full amount had been reached by previous tenders.
 - (4.) The exact hour, day, and date at which all the above tenders were received.
 - (5.) What was the net amount, per centum (after deducting charges of every nature), which these said Debentures realized by such sale.
 - (6.) What is now (*i.e.*, at the time of making up this return in London) the value of these said Debentures, on the Stock Exchange in London.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, having taken into consideration the Copies of Minutes, laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 3, having reference to the suspension of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act by authority of the Executive Council, is of opinion, that the Executive Council is not legally authorized to suspend the operation of any Statute; and that, consequently, the assumption of such authority on the part of the Executive Council as is implied in the said Minutes, however the same may appear to have been sanctioned by the practice of previous Governments, is illegal and dangerous, and ought in future to be discontinued.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the foregoing Resolution, and praying that a copy of the same may be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
3. MR. THORNTON to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to authorize the issue of a lease of the "Garaldool" Run to Mr. Benjamin Richards, in pursuance of the decision of the Supreme Court of this Colony, made in the case.
4. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

5. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move, That in the opinion of this House, the expenditure by the Government of £960 for the purchase of 800 copies of *Baillières New South Wales Gazetteer*, was an improper appropriation of the public money.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Mr. John Burnley; resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Tighe, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Opinions of Crown Law Officers, and other documents, in possession of the Government, relating to the selection of land made at Lake Macquarie, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by Mr. John Burnley—also, Copies of all similar papers relating to his removal, by order of the Government, from such selection.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, that there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—
 (1.) Their names;
 (2.) Their classification in December last;
 (3.) Their rank (*i. e.* whether inspector, master, mistress, assistant teacher, &c., &c.) in December, 1866, and how and where employed at that time;
 (4.) The salaries (in the rate per annum) they were receiving in December last;
 (5.) The length of time they had been (up to December last) in the service of the Board of National Education, marking those who, either under the Rules of the late Board, or the Regulations of the present Council of Education, were, or would be, entitled to promotion for length of service;
 (6.) Their rank, and how and where now employed;
 (7.) The salaries they now receive (rate per annum);
 (8.) The salaries they would be entitled now to receive (in the rate per annum) if they held, under the Council of Education, the same classification as they held in December last;—
 Limiting the Return to those employed within the County of Cumberland, excepting in the cases of those persons employed as Inspectors.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 6th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion, that the uncertainty created in the minds of honorable members of this House, and of the public generally, by certain statements contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speeches of the past and present Sessions, having reference to the proposed introduction of a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Laws relating to Public Lands, and by the subsequent delay of the Government in giving effect to the said statements, is calculated more or less to interfere with the conduct of business in this House, and otherwise to prejudice the public interest.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Vessels proceeding to sea without compliance with Steam Navigation Act:—

Mr. R. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is the Government aware that steam vessels have been allowed to proceed to sea without the provisions of the Steam Navigation Act being complied with?

Mr. Eagar answered,—In answer to the honorable member's question, I beg to say that it has been reported to me that a steam vessel, engaged in the intercolonial trade, has been allowed to proceed to sea, from time to time, during the past twelve months, without, as I am informed, having complied with the provisions of the Steam Navigation Act. The case referred to is now the subject of correspondence between the Steam Navigation Board and myself; and the matter is not yet determined.

- (2.) Correspondence respecting Sale of Government Debentures:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What is the nature of the omissions represented by stars in the various letters in the Correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, laid on the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, by order of this House?

(2.) Does the Correspondence laid on the Table, include all matter that has been the subject of communication between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, since the last Correspondence was produced?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

It will be more convenient, and make what I am about to state more intelligible to the House, if I give precedence to the honorable member's second question.

In answer to this question, I beg to say that the Papers, which I had the honor to lay upon the Table, on the 13th instant, are in strict compliance with the Order of the House—which directs that "Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, the Financial Agents of the Government, relative to the sale or disposal of the Government Debentures, since the production of the last Correspondence"—shall be so laid on the Table. In answer to Question No. 1, I have to state that the omissions in the Return, indicated by stars, comprehend all those matters in the Correspondence referred to, which do not relate to the sale or disposal of Government Debentures. If the honorable member will turn to page 6 of the Correspondence, he will find omissions, indicated by stars, at the commencement and ending of the extract from Mr. Murray's letter of 18th May, 1866. I will now read the whole letter to the House, and from this will be seen the nature of the omissions throughout.

"Oriental Bank Corporation,

"Sydney, 18th May, 1866.

"The Under Secretary

"For Finance and Trade.

"Sir,

"By the mail recently arrived we have received advices from our Head

"Office to 26th March, on matters connected with the Government Financial

"Agency.

"Graham

"Graham v. Berry.

"The sum of £860 10s. 3d. was about to be handed over, as the balance of the deposits of £300 and £1000, lodged in the above suit.

"I hand you herewith the following statements of Dividends paid by our Head Office on account of the Government:—

"Dividends on Debentures due July 1, 1863."			
Do.	do.	"	Jan. 1, 1864.
Do.	do.	"	July 1, 1864.
Do.	do.	"	Jan. 1, 1865.
Do.	do.	"	July 1, 1865.
Do.	do.	"	Jan. 1, 1866.
Do.	Treasury Bills	"	"

"Pensions

"and in the box forwarded herewith you will find Coupons and receipts to correspond, and copy of letter of indemnity for Coupon E 1, No. 4258, £2 15s., due 1st January, 1865, which has been lost by the proprietor (Schedule No. 1086); also, the following Coupons, which have been detached from Debentures, sold and cancelled.

"Series A 2, No. 11,396, @ 11,638, £2 10s. each, 243 due 1 July, 1864.			
"			1 Jan., 1865.
"			1 July, 1865.
"			1 Jan., 1866.
"Series A 2. 11,639 @ 12,004	366		1 Jan., 1865.
"			1 July, 1865.
"			1 Jan., 1866.
"B 2. 4,523 @ 4,542, £12 10s.	20		1 July, 1864.
"			1 Jan., 1865.
"			1 July, 1865.
" 4,543 @ 4,612, £12 10s.	70		1 Jan., 1865.
"			1 July, 1865.
"			1 Jan., 1866."

The whole of that information is omitted, and is represented by stars in the first part of the letter referred to. I now read that portion of the letter having relation to the sale and disposal of Government Debentures, which has been laid before the House, and published by its order.

"The Debentures advised last month as sold, have been delivered, besides £5,000 more, as follows:—

"Series A 2 No. 11,925 @ 12,004	80	£100
"B 2 4,587 @ 4,612	26	£500
£21,000 @ 88		£18,480

"A further amount of £6,500 has been placed at the same figure, deliverable "28th March."

This extract has been published. I will now read, for the information of the honorable member and of the House, the concluding portion of the letter also indicated by stars:—

"I enclose sundry shipping documents—

"Inv. & B. L., railway chairs, per	"Indemnity" ...	£565 17 10
"	"W. Cole" ...	528 5 1
"	"Vernon" ...	377 19 4
"	"Cornwallis" ...	186 0 9
"	"Lady Octavia" } ...	555 9 0
"	"Bucton Castle" } ...	
"	"Vernon" ...	709 12 2
"	"J. Bellamy" ...	1169 8 7
"	"Lady Octavia" ...	696 14 2
"	"Peerless" ...	393 10 7
"	"Cornwallis" ...	1177 10 8
"	"Statelie" ...	393 15 0
"	"Westburn" ...	548 19 10
"	"J. Bellamy" ...	342 4 9
"	"Vernon" ...	55 7 1
"	"Statelie" ...	641 19 3
"	"Shakespeare" ...	401 7 2
"	"Kestrel" ...	934 3 9
"	"Westburn" } ...	300 4 2
"	"Sir W. Wallace" } ...	
"Royal Exchange—Insurance Receipt	...	2 18 7
"Freight Note—"Lord Palmerston"	...	185 3 9
"	"Santa Lucia" ...	122 11 3
"	"Indemnity" ...	148 17 8
"	"	172 5 6
"	"	8 7 5
"	"Bucton Castle" ...	54 10 3
"	"	175 9 7
"	"Golden Spur" ...	152 10 7
"	"L/c. 15/22" ...	273 7 4

"Freight

" Freight Note—" Elizabeth Nicholson "	415	18	11
" " " Golden Spur "	88	0	3
" " " Elizabeth Nicholson "	204	2	3
" Pacific Fire and Marine Insurance receipt	16	15	8
" Barker's receipt	5	15	6
" Also, Messrs. Samuel Deacon and Co.'s account o/a Government of New South Wales.			

" I further enclose continuation of account to 26th March, balanced by £717,760 4s. 7d., at the debit of the Government.

" I am, Sir,

" Your most obedient servant,

" S. MURRAY,

" Actg. Manager."

I have to apologize to the House for delaying them so long—but it becomes necessary—in the face of the honorable member's question—to show that I have exercised a proper discretion in excluding from the papers information on matters of detail not connected with the " sale or disposal of the Debentures," and, therefore, not within the scope of the Order of the House.

- (3.) Bridge over Macquarie River at Wellington:—Mr. Samuel asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision on the Estimates for the ensuing year, for the erection of a Bridge over the Macquarie River, at Wellington?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Yes. The sum of £8,000 will be placed on the Estimates for 1868, for the erection of a Bridge over the Macquarie River, at Wellington.

- (4.) Certain Officers of Road Branch of Public Works:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Are the Chief Clerk and the Accountant of the Road Branch Department of Public Works required to find security for the faithful discharge of their duties?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Yes. £1000 each.

- (5.) Sewerage of Lunatic Asylum, and Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta:—Mr. Macpherson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Have the Municipal Council of Parramatta been consulted with reference to the Sewerage of the Lunatic Asylum, and the Roman Catholic Orphan School, of Parramatta?

(2.) Has the Secretary for Public Works received any communication from the Municipal Council of Parramatta on this subject; and if so, what is the nature and purport of this communication?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Minister for Public Works to take any notice of the representations of the Municipal Council of Parramatta, with reference to the subject referred to; and if so, what?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) The present members of the Municipal Council of Parramatta were not consulted with reference to the sewerage of the Lunatic Asylum, and the Roman Catholic Orphan School of Parramatta. The work is being carried out under a plan prepared during the time of the late Administration, with a slight alteration, and at the instance of the Municipal Council over which I presided as Mayor, for four years.

(2.) I received a letter from the present Mayor of the Municipal Council of Parramatta, dated 28th June, stating that the Council could not co-operate with the Government in carrying out the work, in accordance with the present plan, because it would, in their opinion, create a nuisance.

(3.) It is not the intention of the Government to take any notice of the representations of the Municipal Council, because the question has been long and well considered, both by the late and present Governments.

- (6.) Bridge over the Wollondilly, Marsden's Crossing, Goulburn:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Driver, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) What officer made the surveys and sections, in 1862, for the Bridge over the Wollondilly, at Marsden's Crossing Place, near Goulburn?

(2.) Was not the Bridge, subsequently constructed, washed away during a flood in that river?

(3.) Has the same site been selected for constructing the new Bridge?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) No surveys and sections were made by any officer for the Bridge over the Wollondilly, at Marsden's Crossing Place, near Goulburn, in the year 1862; but the original site of the Bridge was selected by Mr. Moggridge in 1860, and a contract taken for a low level Bridge in 1861. It was found necessary, in consequence of the alluvial nature of the approaches, to add two spans to the structure, which were completed in 1862.

(2.) Yes. The Bridge was washed away during a flood in the year 1864.

(3.) The site selected for the new Bridge is a short distance lower down stream.

2. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return showing the Distribution of the Police Force on the 1st August, 1867.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Standing Orders Committee (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Piddington (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice,—That the Standing Orders Committee have power to report to this House, from time to time, upon any matter or thing referred to, or pending before, or considered by them.
Question put and passed.

4. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Mr. Piddington, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the following Report from the Standing Orders Committee:—

“The Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Assembly have the honor to report to your Honorable House, that your Committee having, on Thursday, 8th August, 1867, in a conference sought by the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, considered, conjointly with the latter, certain proposals with reference to the appointment and control of the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and other matters of mutual concernment,—the said Committees have agreed, conjointly, to the following Resolutions, viz.:—

“(1.) That the Messengers and other Servants of each House of Parliament be appointed and dismissed by the President and Speaker respectively.

“That the Housekeeper and other Servants of the Joint Establishment of both Houses be appointed and dismissed by the President and Speaker, or in case of a Dissolution by the President alone: but that, while Parliament is in Session, the Servants connected with the Refreshment Rooms be subject to control and dismissal by the Joint Refreshment Committee.

“(2.) That the Messengers and other Servants of both Houses of Parliament be required to wear a Uniform Dress, and that The President, The Speaker, Mr. E. Deas Thomson, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Isaacs, be appointed a Sub-Committee to consider and report what that Dress should be.

“(3.) That a Mace be provided for each House of Parliament.

“W. M. ARNOLD,

“Chairman.

“Speaker’s Room,

“14th August, 1867.”

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Piddington, to be printed.

5. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Macpherson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. Presbyterian College Bill (*“Formal” Motions*):—

(1.) Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on Friday, the 16th August, from Thomas Buckland, of the City of Sydney, Merchant, Executor and Acting Trustee of the Will of the late John Hunter Baillie, praying that the Presbyterian College should be designated Queen’s College, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on Friday, the 16th August, from the original Petitioners for the Presbyterian College Bill, praying that the said College should be designated Queen’s College, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Egan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and negatived.

8. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill:—

(1.) Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Land Laws, and to make better provision for the Freehold Settlement of the Colony.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Martin having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Land Laws and to make better provision for the Freehold Settlement of the Colony*,”—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day four weeks.

9. Gates on Public Roads Bill reported:—On the Order of the Day for the adoption of the report of this Bill from the Committee of the Whole being read, Mr. Wilson moved,—“That” this report be now adopted.

Mr. Byrnes moved,—That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word “That,” with a view to inserting in their place the words “the Bill be re-committed.”

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted, be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted,—put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the re-consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with further Amendments;—

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, that the adoption of this Report (2^o) stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. Clarence and Richmond Rivers Steam Navigation Company's Act Amendment Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make preferential the One thousand two hundred and fifty new Shares of Ten pounds each created in the capital of the Clarence and Richmond Rivers Steam Navigation Company by a resolution of the Shareholders of the said Company passed at a Special General Meeting of the said Company holden on the sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five*," presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a Copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a Copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21 August, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

11. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for such further consideration.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Eagar, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

12. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 3, postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at ten minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22.

Questions:—

1. DR. LANG to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether he is aware that four children of a family of which both parents are alive and in health, have been sent to one of the orphan schools at Parramatta during the present week.
2. MR. PICKERING to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government, temporarily to increase the Police Force in the Northern Districts, or to despatch a special party, with the view to the capture of the bushranger "Thunderbolt"?
 - (2.) Has any additional assistance been given to the ordinary police in these districts for the furtherance of this object?
3. MR. MORRICE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What date is fixed for the opening of the Railway Traffic to Bowral and Sutton Forest, on the Southern Line?
 - (2.) Are the Government aware that the rails are laid on the Southern line to Sutton Forest Station?
 - (3.) When does the Contract time expire for the erection of the Passenger Station at Sutton Forest?
 - (4.) When does the Contract time expire for the erection of the Goods Store at the Sutton Forest Station?
 - (5.) What is the amount of penalty for non-performance of these works within contract time?
 - (6.) Does the Government propose to enforce the penalties in case of non-performance of Contract within time?
 - (7.) What dates have the Contractors allowed them to complete the Railway line to Marulan and to Goulburn?
4. DR. LANG to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of Government to make any provision in the Estimates for the ensuing year, for the construction of a road from Deniliquin to Echuca, on the Murray River?

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gates on Public Roads Bill reported (2^o); adoption of Report.
2. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.); to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to be paid to the widow and children of the late Robert Green, who lost his life in consequence of having endeavoured to save the lives of persons engaged in the performance of a public duty.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23.

Question:—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any, and, if any, what records or papers exist in the public offices bearing on the allegations contained in the petition of Mr. William Moore, which was printed by order of this House on the 6th April, 1865?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Widow of Dr. Greenup; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic, whilst in the execution of his duty.
4. Presbyterian College Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Claims against Government Bill; third reading.
6. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
7. Clarence and Richmond Rivers Steam Navigation Company's Act Amendment Bill; second reading

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, as early as possible, a Return shewing fully detailed particulars of—
 - (1.) The names of the purchasers of the £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures sold in London in May last.
 - (2.) The amount purchased and rate given by each separate purchaser.
 - (3.) Full particulars, in detail, as far as they can be ascertained, of the names and offers of all other persons who submitted, or endeavoured to submit tenders for the said Debentures, notwithstanding that they may have been offered after the full amount had been reached by previous tenders.
 - (4.) The exact hour, day, and date at which all the above tenders were received.
 - (5.) What was the net amount, per centum (after deducting charges of every nature), which these said Debentures realized by such sale.
 - (6.) What is now (*i.e.*, at the time of making up this return in London) the value of these said Debentures, on the Stock Exchange in London.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

Question:—

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Is it the case that the township of Moama extends down the Murray River to and overlaps the township of Echuca, at, and a considerable distance below, the Railway wharf and Pontoon Bridge and crossing-place at Echuca?
 - (2.) If so, what can be the difficulty in expending the money voted for the Bridge over the Murray River?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dudds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

2. Mr. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, having taken into consideration the Copies of Minutes, laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 3, having reference to the suspension of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act by authority of the Executive Council, is of opinion, that the Executive Council is not legally authorized to suspend the operation of any Statute; and that, consequently, the assumption of such authority on the part of the Executive Council as is implied in the said Minutes, however the same may appear to have been sanctioned by the practice of previous Governments, is illegal and dangerous, and ought in future to be discontinued.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the foregoing Resolution, and praying that a copy of the same may be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
3. Mr. THORNTON to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to authorize the issue of a lease of the "Garaldool" Run to Mr. Benjamin Richards, in pursuance of the decision of the Supreme Court of this Colony, made in the case.
4. Mr. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
5. Mr. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. Mr. SAMUEL to move, That in the opinion of this House, the expenditure by the Government of £960 for the purchase of 800 copies of Baillières New South Wales Gazetteer, was an improper appropriation of the public money.
7. Mr. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the present Government, or any members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, relating to the past or future financial arrangements of the Colony.
8. Mr. PIDDINGTON to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 5th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Mr. John Burnley; resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Tighe, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Opinions of Crown Law Officers, and other documents, in possession of the Government, relating to the selection of land made at Lake Macquarie, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by Mr. John Burnley—also, Copies of all similar papers relating to his removal, by order of the Government, from such selection.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; third reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. THORNTON to move, that there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—
 - (1.) Their names;
 - (2.) Their classification in December last;
 - (3.) Their rank (*i. e.* whether inspector, master, mistress, assistant teacher, &c., &c.) in December, 1866, and how and where employed at that time;

(4.)

- (4.) The salaries (in the rate per annum) they were receiving in December last;
 - (5.) The length of time they had been (up to December last) in the service of the Board of National Education, marking those who, either under the Rules of the late Board, or the Regulations of the present Council of Education, were, or would be, entitled to promotion for length of service;
 - (6.) Their rank, and how and where now employed;
 - (7.) The salaries they now receive (rate per annum);
 - (8.) The salaries they would be entitled now to receive (in the rate per annum) if they held, under the Council of Education, the same classification as they held in December last;—
- Limiting the Return to those employed within the County of Cumberland, excepting in the cases of those persons employed as Inspectors.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 6th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion, that the uncertainty created in the minds of honorable members of this House, and of the public generally, by certain statements contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speeches of the past and present Sessions, having reference to the proposed introduction of a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Laws relating to Public Lands, and by the subsequent delay of the Government in giving effect to the said statements, is calculated more or less to interfere with the conduct of business in this House, and otherwise to prejudice the public interest.
3. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report of the Select Committee, relative to the Petition of the ex-Mayor and Aldermen of the Shoalhaven Municipality, laid on the Table of this House on the 21st December last, be adopted.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Certain Children sent to Orphan School, Parramatta :—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether he is aware that four children of a family, of which both parents are alive and in health, have been sent to one of the orphan schools at Parramatta during the present week?

Mr. Parkes answered,—On the application of the Very Reverend S. J. A. Sheehy, the admission of four children, named Byrne, into the Roman Catholic Orphan School at Parramatta, was sanctioned. Mr. Sheehy stated in his application, that the father of the children was alive, but that he had lately attempted suicide, and cannot, or will not do anything to maintain them; that the mother is lame, and in great distress; and, further, that she is spoken of very highly.

- (2.) Bushranger "Thunderbolt" :—Mr. Pickering asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government temporarily to increase the Police Force in the Northern Districts, or to despatch a special party, with the view to the capture of the bushranger "Thunderbolt"?

(2.) Has any additional assistance been given to the ordinary police in these districts for the furtherance of this object?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I think the honorable member will see that it would be extremely injudicious to state publicly what steps may be taken to effect any purpose of this kind. Any such statement must necessarily tend to defeat the object of the Government, and the only good that could result from it would be good to the bushranger. I may add, however, that I shall be very happy to inform the honorable member, for his satisfaction, if he will do me the favour of seeking the information, exactly how the case stands.

- (3.) Great Southern Railway :—Mr. Morrice asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3 :—

(1.) What date is fixed for the opening of the Railway Traffic to Bowral and Sutton Forest, on the Southern Line?

(2.) Are the Government aware that the rails are laid on the Southern line to Sutton Forest Station?

(3.) When does the Contract time expire for the erection of the Passenger Station at Sutton Forest?

(4.) When does the Contract time expire for the erection of the Goods Store at the Sutton Forest Station?

(5.) What is the amount of penalty for non-performance of these works within contract time?

(6.) Does the Government propose to enforce the penalties in case of non-performance of Contract within time?

(7.) What dates have the Contractors allowed them to complete the Railway line to Marulan and Goulburn?

Mr.

Mr. Byrnes answered :—

(1.) No time has been fixed ; but the line will be opened at the earliest period possible—certainly within three months from this date.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) 16th September, 1867.

(4.) 31st October, 1867.

(5.) £20 per week for Station Contract, and £5 per week for Goods Shed.

(6.) Yes, unless good reason can be shown why the penalties should not be enforced.

(7.) 4th March, 1868, to Marulan.

Mr. Faviell's first contract to Goulburn was to be completed on 1st December, 1867 ; but, from circumstances over which neither the Government nor the contractor had any control, the contract time will be exceeded, and the line to Goulburn will not be completed till September, 1868.

(4.) Road from Deniliquin to Echuca :—Dr. Lang asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4. Whether it is the intention of Government to make any provision in the Estimates for the ensuing year for the construction of a road from Deniliquin to Echuca, on the Murray River ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—It has not yet been determined by the Government to make provision in the Estimates for the ensuing year for the construction of a road from Deniliquin to Echuca—the matter is under consideration.

2. Paper :—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "John Macpherson and others, gold miners at Nundle,"—made by this House, on motion of Mr. Pickering, on 23rd July, 1867.

3. Federal Council Bill (No. 2) :—Mr. Parkes having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

4. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Lucas moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. Gates on Public Roads Bill Reported (2^o) :—On the Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report (2^o) of this Bill from the Committee of the Whole being read, Mr. Wilson moved, "That" this Report be now adopted.

Mr. Byrnes moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Bill be re-committed."

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be re-committed,—put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the re-consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported the Bill, with further amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported (3^o), stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twelve minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any, and, if any, what records or papers exist in the public offices bearing on the allegations contained in the petition of Mr. William Moore, which was printed by order of this House on the 6th April, 1865 ?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Triennial Parliaments Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
3. Widow of Dr. Greenup ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic whilst in the execution of his duty.

4. Presbyterian College Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Claims against Government Bill; third reading.
6. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
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1. MR. THORNTON to move,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, as early as possible, a Return shewing fully detailed particulars of—
 - (1.) The names of the purchasers of the £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures sold in London in May last.
 - (2.) The amount purchased and rate given by each separate purchaser.
 - (3.) Full particulars, in detail, as far as they can be ascertained, of the names and offers of all other persons who submitted, or endeavoured to submit tenders for the said Debentures, notwithstanding that they may have been offered after the full amount had been reached by previous tenders.
 - (4.) The exact hour, day, and date at which all the above tenders were received.
 - (5.) What was the net amount, per centum (after deducting charges of every nature), which these said Debentures realized by such sale.
 - (6.) What is now (*i.e.*, at the time of making up this return in London) the value of these said Debentures, on the Stock Exchange in London.
2. MR. BURDEKIN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Papers and Correspondence respecting a claim made by Mr. Thomas Logan, of Tellighery Creek, to two selections of ten acres, and forty acres, respectively, on the Tellighery Creek, in the Raymond Terrace Police District. Also, for Copies of all Proceedings at the Police Office, Raymond Terrace, having relation to a case of disputed ownership of the said ten acres, tried on the 8th July, 1867—together with any Correspondence with the Attorney General on the subject.
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4. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to be paid to the widow and children of the late Robert Green, who lost his life in consequence of having endeavoured to save the lives of persons engaged in the performance of a public duty.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.); to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

Questions:—

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Is it the case that the township of Moama extends down the Murray River to and overlaps the township of Echuca, at, and a considerable distance below, the Railway wharf and Pontoon Bridge and crossing-place at Echuca?
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 - (3.) The amount expended half-yearly on each line, from the 1st January, 1864, to the 30th June, 1867?
 - (4.) The amounts for which Contracts have been taken for each line respectively, unfinished on 30th June, 1867?
 - (5.) The extent of each line opened for traffic on 30th June, 1867?

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1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

2. **Mr. FORSTER** to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, having taken into consideration the Copies of Minutes, laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 3, having reference to the suspension of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act by authority of the Executive Council, is of opinion, that the Executive Council is not legally authorized to suspend the operation of any Statute; and that, consequently, the assumption of such authority on the part of the Executive Council as is implied in the said Minutes, however the same may appear to have been sanctioned by the practice of previous Governments, is illegal and dangerous, and ought in future to be discontinued.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the foregoing Resolution, and praying that a copy of the same may be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
3. **Mr. THORNTON** to move, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to authorize the issue of a lease of the "Yaraldool" Run to Mr. Benjamin Richards, in pursuance of the decision of the Supreme Court of this Colony, made in the case.
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 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
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 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
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 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. **Mr. John Burnley**; resumption of the adjourned Debate on motion of **Mr. Tighe**, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Opinions of Crown Law Officers, and other documents, in possession of the Government, relating to the selection of land made at Lake Macquarie, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by **Mr. John Burnley**; also, Copies of all similar papers relating to his removal, by order of the Government, from such selection.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; third reading.
2. Federal Council Bill (No. 2.); second reading.
3. Gates on Public Roads Bill; third reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **Mr. THORNTON** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—
 - (1.) Their names;
 - (2.) Their classification in December last;

(?)

- (3.) Their rank (*i. e.* whether inspector, master, mistress, assistant teacher, &c., &c.) in December, 1866, and how and where employed at that time;
- (4.) The salaries (in the rate per annum) they were receiving in December last;
- (5.) The length of time they had been (up to December last) in the service of the Board of National Education, marking those who, either under the Rules of the late Board, or the Regulations of the present Council of Education, were, or would be, entitled to promotion for length of service;
- (6.) Their rank, and how and where now employed;
- (7.) The salaries they now receive (rate per annum);
- (8.) The salaries they would be entitled now to receive (in the rate per annum) if they held, under the Council of Education, the same classification as they held in December last;—
- Limiting the Return to those employed within the County of Cumberland, excepting in the cases of those persons employed as Inspectors.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 6th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion, that the uncertainty created in the minds of honorable members of this House, and of the public generally, by certain statements contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speeches of the past and present Sessions, having reference to the proposed introduction of a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Laws relating to Public Lands, and by the subsequent delay of the Government in giving effect to the said statements, is calculated more or less to interfere with the conduct of business in this House, and otherwise to prejudice the public interest.
3. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report of the Select Committee relative to the Petition of the ex-Mayor and Aldermen of the Shoalhaven Municipality, laid on the Table of this House on the 21st December last, be adopted.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—
Mr. William Moore :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Whether any, and, if any, what records or papers exist in the public offices bearing on the allegations contained in the petition of Mr. William Moore, which was printed by order of this House on the 6th April, 1865?
Mr. Parkes answered,—A careful search has been made in the records of the Colonial Secretary's Department, without the discovery of any records or papers bearing on the allegations contained in the petition of Mr. William Moore.
2. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. Presbyterian College Bill :—Mr. Dodds presented a Petition from certain Presbyterians resident in Muswellbrook and neighbourhood, in favour of the said Bill as amended by the Legislative Council.
Petition received.
4. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Thornton withdrew the Motion No. 1, on the Notice Paper for to-day.
5. Mr. Thomas Logan (" *Formal* " Motion) :—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Burdekin, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Papers and Correspondence respecting a claim made by Mr. Thomas Logan, of Telligery Creek, to two selections of ten acres, and forty acres, respectively, on the Telligery Creek, in the Raymond Terrace Police District. Also, for Copies of all Proceedings at the Police Office, Raymond Terrace, having relation to a case of disputed ownership of the said ten acres, tried on the 8th July, 1867—together with any Correspondence with the Attorney General on the subject.
Question put and passed.
6. Triennial Parliaments Bill :—Dr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.
7. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, on behalf of Mr. Windeyer, until Friday next.
8. Widow of Dr. Greenup :—The Order of the Day (No. 3) on this subject having been read, Mr. Windeyer moved, That the Speaker do leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic whilst in the execution of his duty.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, in the temporary absence of the Chairman of Committees, that Mr. Hart do take the Chair of the Committee on this occasion only.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, accordingly.

Mr. Hart, as Chairman, reported progress, and obtained leave for the Committee to sit again at a later hour of the day.

9. Presbyterian College Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for such further consideration.

The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Whereupon, the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some, disagreed from others, and amended others, of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Wilson moved, "That" this report be now adopted.

Mr. J. Stewart moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Bill be re-committed for the purpose of re-considering the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Title and Preamble."

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question, put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted, in the place of the words omitted, be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be re-committed for the purpose of re-considering the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Title and Preamble,—put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such re-consideration.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed from the Amendment made in the Title, and amended the Amendment made in the Preamble by the Legislative Council.

Mr. Wilson then moved that the said Reports from the Committee of the Whole be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

10. Claims against Government Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill being read, Mr. Forster moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Hart moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Bill be re-committed for the purpose of further considering clause 7."

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted, be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be re-committed for the purpose of further considering clause 7,—put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.

11. Postponements:—

(1.) The Order of the Day No. 6 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until this day week.

(2.) The Order of the Day No 7 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until this day week.

(3.) The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the case of the Widow of Dr. Greenup (*see Entry 8 above*), postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until this day week.

12. Adjournment:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present,—Debate continued.

Notice was again taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hart, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at a quarter before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

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4. MR. R. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What amount has been received for Customs Duties at Twofold Bay, from 1st January to 30th June last ?
 - (2.) What amount for Pilot Dues ?

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.); to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; third reading.
2. Federal Council Bill (No. 2.); second reading.
3. Gates on Public Roads Bill; third reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

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5. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River; consideration in Committee, of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
6. Clarence and Richmond Rivers Steam Navigation Company's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

7. Widow of Dr. Greenup; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic whilst in the execution of his duty.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—
- (1.) Their names;
 - (2.) Their classification in December last;
 - (3.) Their rank (*i. e.* whether inspector, master, mistress, assistant teacher, &c., &c.) in December, 1866, and how and where employed at that time;
 - (4.) The salaries (in the rate per annum) they were receiving in December last;
 - (5.) The length of time they had been (up to December last) in the service of the Board of National Education, marking those who, either under the Rules of the late Board, or the Regulations of the present Council of Education, were, or would be, entitled to promotion for length of service;
 - (6.) Their rank, and how and where now employed;
 - (7.) The salaries they now receive (rate per annum);
 - (8.) The salaries they would be entitled now to receive (in the rate per annum) if they held, under the Council of Education, the same classification as they held in December last;—
- Limiting the Return to those employed within the County of Cumberland, excepting in the cases of those persons employed as Inspectors.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 6th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion, that the uncertainty created in the minds of honorable members of this House, and of the public generally, by certain statements contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speeches of the past and present Sessions, having reference to the proposed introduction of a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Laws relating to Public Lands, and by the subsequent delay of the Government in giving effect to the said statements, is calculated more or less to interfere with the conduct of business in this House, and otherwise to prejudice the public interest.
3. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report of the Select Committee relative to the Petition of the ex-Mayor and Aldermen of the Shoalhaven Municipality, laid on the Table of this House on the 21st December last, be adopted.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Bridge across the Murray River:—Mr. Phelps asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it the case that the township of Moama extends down the Murray River to and overlaps the township of Echuca at, and a considerable distance below, the Railway wharf and Pontoon Bridge and Crossing-place at Echuca?

(2.) If so, what can be the difficulty in expending the money voted for the Bridge over the Murray River?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) I am not aware that the township of Moama extends down the Murray River and overlaps the township of Echuca at, and a considerable distance below, the Railway wharf and Pontoon Bridge and Crossing-place at Echuca.

(2.) Even if it is so, this does not remove the difficulty of expending money voted for a Bridge at Moama, in the erection of a Bridge at Echuca, in a neighbouring Colony.

- (2.) Railway Statistics:—Mr. Pickering asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) The amounts voted for the three great lines of Railway in the Colony, respectively?

(2.) The amount expended on each of these lines up to 30th June, 1867?

(3.) The amount expended half-yearly on each line, from the 1st January, 1864, to the 30th June, 1867?

(4.) The amounts for which Contracts have been taken for each line respectively, unfinished on 30th June, 1867?

(5.) The extent of each line opened for traffic on 30th June, 1867?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) South	£754,200	0	0
West	703,000	0	0
North	705,500	0	0
(2.) South	642,662	13	5
West	684,202	9	0
North	213,941	4	7

	South.	West.	North.
(3.) June 30, 1864	£48,628 11 11	£46,354 10 2	£15,918 7 9
Dec. 31, "	57,366 13 3	82,001 19 3	21,111 17 2
June 30, 1865	71,546 15 6	71,204 12 7	32,682 9 0
Dec. 31, "	98,623 1 3	65,071 6 5	45,293 8 11
June 30, 1866	97,085 5 1	66,901 7 7	28,076 15 6
Dec. 31, "	102,382 11 10	122,890 7 2	28,203 15 2
June 30, 1867	83,730 12 1	124,562 5 6	11,169 19 4

(4.) South	£290,185	0	0
West	375,000	0	0
North	111,000	0	0

(5.) South	77 miles.
West	21 "
North	49 "

(3.)

- (3.) Bill for Registration of Trusts in Grants of Lands Dedicated:—Mr. Tighe asked the Solicitor General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Do the Government intend to introduce a Bill during the present Session to provide for the recognition, by registration thereof, of Trusts in Grants from the Crown for lands dedicated for Churches, Schools of Arts, and other institutions—and if so, when will such Bill be introduced?

Mr. Isaacs answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, and as soon as practicable, a Bill to provide for the registration of Trusts in Grants from the Crown of lands for public purposes, including those mentioned.

- (4.) Customs and Pilot Dues, Twofold Bay:—Mr. R. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
- (1.) What amount has been received for Customs Duties at Twofold Bay, from 1st January to 30th June last?
 - (2.) What amount for Pilot Dues?
- Mr. Eagar answered,—
- (1.) £2 18s. 0d.
 - (2.) £43 15s. 4d.
2. Presbyterian College Bill:—Mr. J. Stewart presented a Petition from certain Ministers, Elders, and other Presbyterians of Sydney, in favor of the said Bill, with certain Amendments therein specified.
Petition received.
3. Federal Council Bill (No. 2):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message, No. 4.

In accordance with the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly, the consideration of a Bill to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies, to carry into effect the Agreements of the Postal Conference held in Melbourne in March last.

*Government House,
Sydney, 27th July, 1867.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to be printed, and taken into consideration with the said Bill.

4. Motions on the Notice Paper for to-day Withdrawn:—
- (1.) Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion No. 2.
 - (2.) Mr. Burns withdrew the Motion No. 1.
 - (3.) Mr. Samuel withdrew the Motion No. 6.
 - (4.) Mr. Parkes, on behalf of Mr. Piddington, withdrew the Motion No. 8.
 - (5.) Mr. Garrett withdrew the Motion No. 4.
5. Claim of Mr. Benjamin Richards to lease of "Yaraldool" Run:—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to Notice,—“That” this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to authorize the issue of a lease of the “Yaraldool” Run to Mr. Benjamin Richards, in pursuance of the decision of the Supreme Court of this Colony, made in the case.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word “That,” with a view to inserting in their place the words, “the Claim of Mr. Benjamin Richards to a lease of the “Yaraldool” Run, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers—
“(2.) That the Committee consist of the following members—viz., Mr. Wilson, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Lord, Mr. Hart, Mr. Smart, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Forster, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Josephson, and the Mover.”
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
Whereupon Question,—
(1.) That the Claim of Mr. Benjamin Richards to a lease of the “Yaraldool” Run, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following members—viz., Mr. Wilson, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Lord, Mr. Hart, Mr. Smart, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Forster, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Josephson, and the Mover,—put and passed.
6. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Hart moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Tighe, on behalf of Mr. Lucas, withdrew the Motion No. 5, on the Notice Paper for to-day.

8. Correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, respecting Financial Arrangements :—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government, or any members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, relating to the past or future Financial Arrangements of the Colony, since the 1st October, 1865.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Josephson withdrew the Motion No. 9, on the Notice Paper for to-day.
10. Government Debentures sold in London in May last :—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, as early as possible, a Return shewing fully detailed particulars of—
(1.) The names of the purchasers of the £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures sold in London in May last.
(2.) The amount purchased and rate given by each separate purchaser.
(3.) Full particulars, in detail, as far as they can be ascertained, of the names and offers of all other persons who submitted, or endeavoured to submit tenders for the said Debentures, notwithstanding that they may have been offered after the full amount had been reached by previous tenders.
(4.) The exact hour, day, and date at which all the above tenders were received.
(5.) What was the net amount, per centum (after deducting charges of every nature), which these said Debentures realized by such sale.
(6.) What is now (*i.e.*, at the time of making up this return in London) the value of these said Debentures, on the Stock Exchange in London.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day Withdrawn :—
(1.) *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Burdekin, withdrew the Motion No. 11.
(2.) Mr. Driver withdrew the Motion No. 12.
12. Mr. John Burnley :—The adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Tighe, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Opinions of Crown Law Officers, and other documents, in possession of the Government, relating to the selection of land made at Lake Macquarie, under the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by Mr. John Burnley; also, Copies of all similar papers relating to his removal, by order of the Government, from such selection,—resumed and continued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at ten minutes before Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
(1.) From whom, under what circumstances, for what purpose, and on what terms, was the steamer "Pearl" purchased by the Government?
(2.) Has she been found suitable, or has it been found necessary to make alterations in the vessel, to render her suitable for the intended purpose?
(3.) What has been the cost of such alterations?
(4.) Was the purchase made by inviting tenders, and if so, was the lowest tender accepted?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill; third reading.
2. Federal Council Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Gates on Public Roads Bill; third reading.
4. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2); to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Dr. Lang, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
4. Claims against Government Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

5. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
6. Clarence and Richmond Rivers Steam Navigation Company's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Widow of Dr. Greenup; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,800, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic whilst in the execution of his duty.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—
 - (1.) Their names;
 - (2.) Their classification in December last;
 - (3.) Their rank (*i. e.* whether inspector, master, mistress, assistant teacher, &c., &c.) in December, 1866, and how and where employed at that time;
 - (4.) The salaries (in the rate per annum) they were receiving in December last;
 - (5.) The length of time they had been (up to December last) in the service of the Board of National Education, marking those who, either under the Rules of the late Board, or the Regulations of the present Council of Education, were, or would be, entitled to promotion for length of service;
 - (6.) Their rank, and how and where now employed;
 - (7.) The salaries they now receive (rate per annum);
 - (8.) The salaries they would be entitled now to receive (in the rate per annum) if they held, under the Council of Education, the same classification as they held in December last;—
 Limiting the Return to those employed within the County of Cumberland, excepting in the cases of those persons employed as Inspectors.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 6th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion, that the uncertainty created in the minds of honorable members of this House, and of the public generally, by certain statements contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speeches of the past and present Sessions, having reference to the proposed introduction of a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Laws relating to Public Lands, and by the subsequent delay of the Government in giving effect to the said statements, is calculated more or less to interfere with the conduct of business in this House, and otherwise to prejudice the public interest.
3. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report of the Select Committee relative to the Petition of the ex-Mayor and Aldermen of the Shoalhaven Municipality, laid on the Table of this House on the 21st December last, be adopted.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.
4. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act to regulate and restrict the Immigration of Chinese.
5. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, having taken into consideration the Copies of Minutes, laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 3, having reference to the suspension of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act by authority of the Executive Council, is of opinion, that the Executive Council is not legally authorized to suspend the operation of any Statute; and that, consequently, the assumption of such authority on the part of the Executive Council as is implied in the said Minutes, however the same may appear to have been sanctioned by the practice of previous Governments, is illegal and dangerous, and ought in future to be discontinued.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the foregoing Resolution, and praying that a copy of the same may be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the expenditure, by the Government of £960, for the purchase of 800 copies of Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer, out of the moneys voted by Parliament for Immigration, was an improper appropriation of that fund.

7. **Mr. PIDDINGTON** to move,—
 (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.
8. **MR. LUCAS** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
9. **MR. BURDEKIN** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Patients admitted to the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek, within the last two years. Also, a Return shewing the number of such persons who would be ineligible for admission to such Asylum on the ground of possessing sufficient means for medical aid, if private establishments were authorized by law.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. **MR. BURNS** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. **MR. GARRETT** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
3. **MR. DRIVER** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to be paid to the widow and children of the late Robert Green, who lost his life in consequence of having endeavoured to save the lives of persons engaged in the performance of a public duty.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Steamer "Pearl":—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) From whom, under what circumstances, for what purpose, and on what terms, was the steamer "Pearl" purchased by the Government?
- (2.) Has she been found suitable, or has it been found necessary to make alterations in the vessel, to render her suitable for the intended purpose?
- (3.) What has been the cost of such alterations?
- (4.) Was the purchase made by inviting tenders, and if so, was the lowest tender accepted?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) The steamer "Pearl" was purchased by the Government from Mr. Edye Manning, under the following circumstances: It was reported by the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, that the increased distance which the silt had to be conveyed from the Dredge employed in the Shoalhaven River rendered it necessary that a Steam Tug should be employed, and the "Pearl" was purchased for the purpose accordingly. The terms of the purchase were £2,400.

(2.) The vessel as she stood, when offered to the Government, was not considered suitable; but it was stated by the before-named Engineer, that, if certain alterations were made, she would be suitable. After some negotiation, Mr. Manning agreed to allow £250 off the amount of his tender, which was £2,650, towards them. The offer was accepted. £2,400 was paid for the steamer, and the alterations were effected at the Fitz Roy Dock. The "Pearl" has since been found admirably suited to the purpose she was purchased for.

(3.) The cost of the alterations, as before stated, was £297 17s. 8d.

(4.) The purchase was made by inviting tenders; the lowest tender being that for the "Culloden," which was declined because of the great age of the vessel, and again, because her size and draught of water rendered her quite unfit for the River; besides which, her working expenses would have been considerably more than those of the "Pearl." All the other tenders were above that for the "Pearl."

2. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Report on Vaccination, for the year 1866. Ordered to be printed.

3. Presbyterian College Bill:—Mr. Wilson moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly, having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 8th August, 1867, requesting its concurrence in certain Amendments made by the Council in the Presbyterian College Bill,—

Disagrees from the Amendment in page 1, Title,—1st,—Because the designation "Saint Andrew's" is strongly distasteful to a large majority of the Presbyterians of Scotland and the North of Ireland; 2nd,—Because the designation "Saint Andrew's" has already been appropriated as the name of the Church of England Cathedral in Sydney; and 3rd,—Because when it was agreed to strike out the word "Presbyterian," and to substitute the word "Queen's," as a neutral designation, unobjectionable in any quarter, those who insisted on "Saint Andrew's" would not agree to any compromise.

Disagrees

Disagrees from so much of the Amendment in the Preamble as omits the words "The Presbyterian College,"—for the reasons given above.

Amends the Amendment in the Preamble, by omitting from the words *inserted*, the words "Saint Andrew's College," in which Amendment it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Agrees to the Amendments in page 1, clause 1, line 22.

Agrees to the Amendment in page 2, clause 1, line 1.

Disagrees from the Amendment in page 2, clause 1, line 6,—for the reasons given above.

Agrees to the Amendment in page 2, which substitutes a new clause for clause 3.

Disagrees from the Amendment in page 2, clause 4, line 29,—for the reasons given above.

Agrees to the Amendment in page 2, clause 5, line 35.

Disagrees from the Amendments in page 2, clause 5, lines 37, 38, and 39,—1st,—Because a large proportion, probably two thirds, of the entire subscription will be derived from persons of the class of artizans and small settlers, who will not be able to contribute more than one pound each; 2nd,—Because this franchise will never be exercised more than once, *viz.*, in the election of the twelve councillors, who will certainly be the most prominent men of their communion in the Colony; and 3rd,—Because the possession of that franchise will elevate the industrial classes in their own estimation, and give them an interest in the College which they would never have in any other way.

Agrees to the Amendment in page 2, which adds a proviso to the end of clause 6.

Agrees to the Amendment in page 2, clause 8, line 54.

Amends the Amendment in page 3, clause 10, by omitting therefrom, the words "of Saint Andrew's,"—in which Amendment it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th August, 1867.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Gates on Public Roads Bill ("*Formal*" *Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable Gates to be erected across roads in certain cases.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Gates to be erected across Roads in certain cases,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th August, 1867.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

5. Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill,—Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill thereupon read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Eagar then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Post Office.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Post Office,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th August, 1867.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Federal Council Bill (No. 2.) postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to stand next after the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.).

7. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.):—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Parkes, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands,*" with the Amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28 August, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands,*" returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 28th August, 1867.

R. O'CONNOR,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, Schedule A. At the end of Schedule A. Add:—

"12. Part of allotment 19 of section 41 in the town of Orange containing "one rood dedicated as a site for a Mechanics' Institute by notice dated the 2nd July 1863 and published in a Supplement to the *Government Gazette* of the 16th July of that year.

"13. Allotment 14 of section 11 in the village of Panbula containing two "roods dedicated as a site for a Mechanics' Institute by notice dated the 2nd July 1863 and published in a Supplement to the *Government Gazette* of the 16th July 1863."

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Federal Council Bill (No. 2.) further postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until to-morrow.
10. Adjournment:—Mr. Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at nineteen minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29.

Question:—

1. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Why are the Officers in charge of the various districts of Main and Minor Roads, also the Chief Clerk and Accountant of the Road Branch, Department of Public Works, required to find security for the faithful discharge of their duties, when Mr. William Christopher Bennett, the Commissioner for Roads, who has large sums of public money placed to his credit in the Bank of New South Wales, against which he draws cheques in payment of the various claims against the Roads Department, for services rendered, is exempt from such obligation?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.); third reading.
2. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendment.
3. Federal Council Bill (No. 2.); second reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

Questions:—

1. MR. R. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) What amount has been received for Customs Duties at the Clarence River, from 1st January to 30th June last?
- (2.) What amount for Pilot Dues?
- (3.) What amount for Pilot Dues at Richmond River?

2. Mr. BURNS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—At whose instance, and for what reason, the conditional purchase of Mr. John Graham of the 23rd August, 1866, of eighty acres of land at Wambangalong Creek, in the County of Gordon, and district of Dubbo, has been cancelled?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; second reading.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Dr. Lang, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
4. Claims against Government Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
6. Clarence and Richmond Rivers Steam Navigation Company's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Widow of Dr. Greenup; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic whilst in the execution of his duty.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. THORNTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—
 - (1.) Their names;
 - (2.) Their classification in December last;
 - (3.) Their rank (*i. e.* whether inspector, master, mistress, assistant teacher, &c., &c.) in December, 1866, and how and where employed at that time;
 - (4.) The salaries (in the rate per annum) they were receiving in December last;
 - (5.) The length of time they had been (up to December last) in the service of the Board of National Education, marking those who, either under the Rules of the late Board, or the Regulations of the present Council of Education, were, or would be, entitled to promotion for length of service;
 - (6.) Their rank, and how and where now employed;
 - (7.) The salaries they now receive (rate per annum);
 - (8.) The salaries they would be entitled now to receive (in the rate per annum) if they held, under the Council of Education, the same classification as they held in December last;—
 Limiting the Return to those employed within the County of Cumberland, excepting in the cases of those persons employed as Inspectors.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 6th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Moore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. Mr. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion, that the uncertainty created in the minds of honorable members of this House, and of the public generally, by certain statements contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speeches of the past and present Sessions, having reference to the proposed introduction of a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Laws relating to Public Lands, and by the subsequent delay of the Government in giving effect to the said statements, is calculated more or less to interfere with the conduct of business in this House, and otherwise to prejudice the public interest.
3. Mr. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report of the Select Committee relative to the Petition of the ex-Mayor and Aldermen of the Shoalhaven Municipality, laid on the Table of this House on the 21st December last, be adopted.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.
4. Dr. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act to regulate and restrict the Immigration of Chinese.
5. Mr. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, having taken into consideration the Copies of Minutes, laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 3, having reference to the suspension of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act by authority of the Executive Council, is of opinion, that the Executive Council is not legally authorized to suspend the operation of any Statute; and that, consequently, the assumption of such authority on the part of the Executive Council as is implied in the said Minutes, however the same may appear to have been sanctioned by the practice of previous Governments, is illegal and dangerous, and ought in future to be discontinued.

- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the foregoing Resolution, and praying that a copy of the same may be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the expenditure, by the Government of £960, for the purchase of 800 copies of Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer, out of the moneys voted by Parliament for Immigration, was an improper appropriation of that fund.
7. MR. PIDDINGTON to move,—
 (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.
8. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
9. MR. BURDEKIN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Patients admitted to the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek, within the last two years. Also, a Return shewing the number of such persons who would be ineligible for admission to such Asylum on the ground of possessing sufficient means for medical aid, if private establishments were authorized by law.
10. MR. R. STEWART to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon Shipwrecks and loss of life on the Coast.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Eagar, Dr. Lang, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Egan, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Sutherland, and the Mover.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House will, on the following day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic. No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
3. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to be paid to the widow and children of the late Robert Green, who lost his life in consequence of having endeavoured to save the lives of persons engaged in the performance of a public duty.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Mr. W. C. Bennett, Commissioner for Roads:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Why are the Officers in charge of the various districts of Main and Minor Roads, also the Chief Clerk and Accountant of the Road Branch, Department of Public Works, required to find security for the faithful discharge of their duties, when Mr. William Christopher Bennett, the Commissioner for Roads, who has large sums of public money placed to his credit in the Bank of New South Wales, against which he draws cheques in payment of the various claims against the Roads Department, for services rendered, is exempt from such obligation?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—A list of the Officers required to find security, including his own name, was furnished by the Commissioner for Roads at the request of the Minister, on 15th August, 1866, with a note stating that the amount of security, if any, required from the Commissioner, would perhaps be determined by the Minister. This list was returned as approved without any amount being filled in against the Commissioner's name.

It is presumed that the Minister did not consider it necessary to call on the Commissioner to give security, as cheques signed by him must be countersigned by two officers giving security before they can be paid.

2. Papers:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Additional Regulation (dated 27th August, 1867,) under the Sheep Disease Prevention Act of 1866.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Return to Order, in reference to "St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Forster, on 7th August, 1867.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, to be referred to the Select Committee on the "St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill," now sitting.

3. Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2.) ("*Formal*" *Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Parkes, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the title of this Bill be "*An Act to regulate the Volunteer Force.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to regulate the Volunteer Force,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th August, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

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The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council, in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th August, 1867.

Speaker.

5. Paper:—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table, Rules of the Supreme Court (from 23rd November, 1866, to 3rd July, 1867.)
Ordered to be printed.
6. Federal Council Bill (No. 2.) Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.
Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "now," with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hannell,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. McKay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mate,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. Penell,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Cummings,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Garrett.

Original Question then put and passed;
And Bill read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill, with an Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Parkes, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30.

Questions:—

1. Mr. R. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) What amount has been received for Customs Duties at the Clarence River, from 1st January to 30th June last?
(2.) What amount for Pilot Dues?
(3.) What amount for Pilot Dues at Richmond River?
2. Mr. BURNS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—At whose instance, and for what reason, the conditional purchase of Mr. John Graham of the 23rd August, 1866, of eighty acres of land at Wambangalong Creek, in the County of Gordon, and district of Dubbo, has been cancelled?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, that this Bill be now read a second time.
2. Triennial Parliaments Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on motion of Dr. Lang, That this Bill be now read a second time.
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1. MR. THORNTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—
 - (1.) Their names ;
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 Limiting the Return to those employed within the County of Cumberland, excepting in the cases of those persons employed as Inspectors.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The amount raised each year from the sale of Crown Lands since the year 1856, to the year 1866, inclusive, irrespective of that from Conditional Purchases.
 - (2.) The amount received each year since the passing of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, to the year 1866, inclusive, for the sale of Conditionally Purchased Crown Lands, distinguishing the amount received as interest on balances of such purchases.
 - (3.) The total amount due at the end of 1866, on Conditionally Purchased Crown Lands.
 - (4.) The amount raised each year by rent and assessment from Crown Lands, since the year 1865, to the year 1866, inclusive.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 6th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
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 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon Shipwrecks and loss of life on the Coast.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Eagar, Dr. Lang, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Egan, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Sutherland, and the Mover.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House will, on the following day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Federal Council Bill (No. 2.) ; third reading.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
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 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 30 AUGUST, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Customs Duties, Clarence and Richmond Rivers:—Mr. R. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1.

(1.) What amount has been received for Customs Duties at the Clarence River, from 1st January to 30th June last?

(2.) What amount for Pilot Dues?

(3.) What amount for Pilot Dues at Richmond River?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) £855 5 11

(2.) 73 4 4

(3.) 277 0 0

- (2.) Mr. John Graham:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—At whose instance, and for what reason, the conditional purchase of Mr. John Graham of the 23rd August, 1866, of eighty acres of land at Wambangalong Creek, in the County of Gordon, and district of Dubbo, has been cancelled?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The purchase was cancelled at the instance of the Lessee of the Wambangalong Creek, in consequence of its including improvements of the estimated value of upwards of £40. The improvements consisted of a well, stated to have been sunk and slabbed, at great trouble and expense, and to be the only water obtainable for a considerable distance.

2. Humphrey M'Keon:—Mr. Lucas presented a Petition from Humphrey M'Keon, of Long Bay, near Sydney, Contractor, setting forth certain losses alleged to have been sustained by him, in consequence of a contract which he took and performed for clearing the lines of street of an intended township at Long Bay, near the North Head of Botany Bay, of the timber and scrub which grew thereon; and praying favourable consideration of his case.

Petition received.

3. Future Governors Salaries Reduction Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That this Bill be now read a second time," being read,—

Motion made by Mr. J. Stewart, and Question put (after debate)—That this Order of the Day stand an Order of the Day for this day week.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Smart,
Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Mate,
Mr. Neale,

Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Graham,
Tellers.
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. J. Stewart.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. McKay,
Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Tigue,
Mr. Oatley,
Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Fenell,

Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Morrice,
Tellers.
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Burns.

Debate

Debate on Main Question then resumed and continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Garrott,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Burns,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stimpson,	
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Pemell,	
Mr. Oatley,	
Mr. J. Stewart,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Smart,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. White,	

4. Triennial Parliaments Bill :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Dr. Lang, "That this Bill be now read a second time," having been read,—and the Debate not having been resumed,—

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. S. Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Dr. Lang,	
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Stimpson,	
Mr. McKay,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Pemell,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. J. Stewart,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Smart,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Mate,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. De Salis.

Motion then made by Mr. Piddington, and Question put, that the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill be discharged.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. White,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Graham,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. De Salis.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. S. Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Driver.
Dr. Lang,	
Mr. R. Stewart,	
Mr. McKay,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Pemell,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Tighe,	
Mr. J. Stewart,	

Whereupon Mr. Piddington moved, That the Bill be discharged.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Fifteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Josephson, Dr. Lang, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Tighe, and Mr. Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at thirteen minutes after Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 6th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion, that the uncertainty created in the minds of honorable members of this House, and of the public generally, by certain statements contained in His Excellency the Governor's Opening Speeches of the past and present Sessions, having reference to the proposed introduction of a measure for the alteration or amendment of the Laws relating to Public Lands, and by the subsequent delay of the Government in giving effect to the said statements, is calculated more or less to interfere with the conduct of business in this House, and otherwise to prejudice the public interest.
3. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report of the Select Committee relative to the Petition of the ex-Mayor and Aldermen of the Shoalhaven Municipality, laid on the Table of this House on the 21st December last, be adopted.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.
4. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act to regulate and restrict the Immigration of Chinese.
5. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, having taken into consideration the Copies of Minutes, laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 3, having reference to the suspension of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act by authority of the Executive Council, is of opinion, that the Executive Council is not legally authorized to suspend the operation of any Statute; and that, consequently, the assumption of such authority on the part of the Executive Council as is implied in the said Minutes, however the same may appear to have been sanctioned by the practice of previous Governments, is illegal and dangerous, and ought in future to be discontinued.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the foregoing Resolution, and praying that a copy of the same may be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
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7. MR. PIDDINGTON to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.
8. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
9. MR. BURDEKIN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Patients admitted to the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek, within the last two years. Also, a Return shewing the number of such persons who would be ineligible for admission to such Asylum on the ground of possessing sufficient means for medical aid, if private establishments were authorized by law.
10. MR. R. STEWART to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon Shipwrecks and loss of life on the Coast.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Eagar, Dr. Lang, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Egan, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Sutherland, and the Mover.
11. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, of all Ministerial or Executive minutes, and of all orders, proclamations, or notifications of Reserves, or of rescissions of Reserves, having reference to, or in any way affecting, the case of Benjamin Cook, of Corungula, Macleay River, as set forth in the Petition of the said Benjamin Cook, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on 15th August, 1867.

12. MR. LUCAS to move, That the Petition presented by him on 30th August, from Mr. Humphrey M'Keon, be printed.
13. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and Minutes relating to the free selection cases of John Hamilton, Charles Macdonald, and James Mackie.
14. MR. THORNTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—
 - (1.) Their names;
 - (2.) Their classification in December last;
 - (3.) Their rank (*i. e.* whether inspector, master, mistress, assistant teacher, &c., &c.) in December, 1866, and how and where employed at that time;
 - (4.) The salaries (in the rate per annum) they were receiving in December last;
 - (5.) The length of time they had been (up to December last) in the service of the Board of National Education, marking those who, either under the Rules of the late Board, or the Regulations of the present Council of Education, were, or would be, entitled to promotion for length of service;
 - (6.) Their rank, and how and where now employed;
 - (7.) The salaries they now receive (rate per annum);
 - (8.) The salaries they would be entitled now to receive (in the rate per annum) if they held, under the Council of Education, the same classification as they held in December last;—

Limiting the Return to those employed within the County of Cumberland, excepting in the cases of those persons employed as Inspectors.
15. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The amount raised each year from the sale of Crown Lands since the year 1856, to the year 1866, inclusive, irrespective of that from Conditional Purchases.
 - (2.) The amount received each year since the passing of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, to the year 1866, inclusive, for the sale of Conditionally Purchased Crown Lands, distinguishing the amount received as interest on balances of such purchases.
 - (3.) The total amount due at the end of 1866 on Conditionally Purchased Crown Lands.
 - (4.) The amount raised each year by rent and assessment from Crown Lands, since the year 1865, to the year 1866, inclusive.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
4. Clarence and Richmond Rivers Steam Navigation Company's Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Widow of Dr. Greenup; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic whilst in the execution of his duty.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House will, on the following day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Federal Council Bill (No. 2.); third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GARRETT to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of all Reserves for Water Supply made or rescinded by the present Government.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
3. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to be paid to the widow and children of the late Robert Green, who lost his life in consequence of having endeavoured to save the lives of persons engaged in the performance of a public duty.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Issue and Return of Writ:—The Speaker reported that, consequent upon the vote of this House on the 1st August, 1867, declaring vacant the Seat of David Buchanan, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of East Macquarie, he had issued a Writ for the Election of a Member to fill the vacancy so created, and that the said Writ had been duly returned to him, with a certificate endorsed thereon, of the Election of John Bligh Suttor, Esquire, to serve as such Member.
2. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day withdrawn:—
(1.) Mr. Lucas withdrew the Motion No. 8.
(2.) Mr. Garrett withdrew the Motion No. 3.
3. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Garrett moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and negatived.
4. Waterview Patent Slip Bill:—Mr. Tighe presented a Petition from Thomas Sutcliffe Mort, of Sydney, Esquire, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the said Thomas Sutcliffe Mort, Esquire, to close certain ways or streets on and over his property and other land at Waterview Bay, and to establish a new road in lieu thereof,—
And Mr. Tighe having produced the *Government Gazette*, and *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Empire*, newspapers, containing Notices for four consecutive weeks, in the month of July last, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—
Petition received.
5. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill:—
(1.) (“*Formal*” Motion):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act to regulate and restrict the Immigration of Chinese.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Dr. Lang having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to repeal the Act to regulate and restrict the Immigration of Chinese*,”—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.
6. Humphrey M’Keon (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 30th August, from Mr. Humphrey M’Keon, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day withdrawn:—
(1.) Mr. Lucas withdrew the Notice No. 1.
(2.) Mr. Forster withdrew the Notice No. 2.
8. Suspension of operation of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act:—
Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That this House, having taken into consideration the Copies of Minutes, laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 3, having reference to the suspension of certain provisions of the Stamp Duties Act by authority of the Executive Council, is of opinion, that the Executive Council is not legally authorized to suspend the operation of any Statute; and that, consequently, the assumption

assumption of such authority on the part of the Executive Council as is implied in the said Minutes, however the same may appear to have been sanctioned by the practice of previous Governments, is illegal and dangerous, and ought in future to be discontinued.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the substance of the foregoing Resolution, and praying that a copy of the same may be transmitted to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. Martin moved the previous question.

Debate ensued.

Previous question, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question, by leave, withdrawn.

9. Assent to Bills:—The following Messages from his Excellency the Governor, were respectively delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker:—

(1.) Border Duties Bill; Camperdown and Randwick Cemeteries Bill:—

JOHN YOUNG,

Message, No. 5.

Governor.

Bills intituled,—

(1.) "An Act to ratify the arrangement made with the Colony of Victoria in reference to the Collection of Customs Duties on Goods imported across or by way of the River Murray"

(2.) "An Act to prohibit Burials in the Camperdown Cemetery, and to regulate Burials in the Randwick Cemetery"

As finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bills, and has this day transmitted them to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 3rd September, 1867.

(2.) Newcastle Co-operative Steam-Tug Company's Bill:—

JOHN YOUNG,

Message, No. 6.

Governor.

A Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate 'The Newcastle Co-operative Steam-Tug Company,'" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 3rd September, 1867.

10. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to make Arbitrations more effectual," presents the same to the Legislative Assembly, for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 3 September, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,

President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

11. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day Withdrawn:—

(1.) Mr. Samuel withdrew the Motion No. 6.

(2.) Mr. Martin, on behalf of Mr. Piddington, withdrew the Motion No. 7.

12. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Burdekin not making the Motion No. 9 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

13. Shipwrecks and Loss of Life on the Coast:—Mr. R. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon Shipwrecks and loss of life on the Coast.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Egan, Mr. Lang, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Neale, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Egan, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Sutherland, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

14. Benjamin Cook:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there belaid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, of all Ministerial or Executive minutes, and of all orders, proclamations, or notifications of Reserves, or of rescissions of Reserves, having reference to, or in any way affecting, the case of Benjamin Cook, of Corungula, Macleay River, as set forth in the Petition of the said Benjamin Cook, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on 15th August, 1867.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

15. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Morrice not making the Motion No. 13 on the Notice Paper for to day, it dropped.

16. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Thornton withdrew the Motion No. 14 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

17. Crown Lands Statistics :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
- (1.) The amount raised each year from the sale of Crown Lands since the year 1856, to the year 1866, inclusive, irrespective of that from Conditional Purchases.
 - (2.) The amount received each year since the passing of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, to the year 1866, inclusive, for the sale of Conditionally Purchased Crown Lands, distinguishing the amount received as interest on balances of such purchases.
 - (3.) The total amount due at the end of 1866 on Conditionally Purchased Crown Lands.
 - (4.) The amount raised each year by rent and assessment from Crown Lands, since the year 1855, to the year 1866, inclusive.
- Question put and passed.
18. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) postponed, on motion of Mr. Mate, until Friday week.
19. Claims against Government Bill :—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.
- The Chairman having reported that the Committee had further amended Clause 7 (*See Votes and Proceedings, No. 32, Entry 10*), the House, on motion of Mr. Forster, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported (2^d), stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
20. Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to Jones' Island, Manning River :—On motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the next Estimates submitted to the House, a sum not exceeding £250, for making and repairing the Road from Ghinni Ghinni Creek to the centre of Jones' Island, Manning River.
- The Chairman reported that the Committee had disagreed from the proposed Address.
21. Clarence and Richmond Rivers Steam Navigation Company's Act Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Josephson, read a second time.
- Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Josephson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.
- The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Josephson, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
22. Widow of Dr. Greenup :—On the Order of the Day being read—for the further consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic whilst in the execution of his duty,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for such further consideration.
- The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.
- The House adjourned, at a quarter before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Has the Government received any document from the Rev. C. D. Coghlan, in explanation or defence of his alleged misconduct in Port Macquarie Gaol?
 - (2.) If so, what course do the Government intend pursuing, with reference to such document, or to the matter in question?
2. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—With reference to the reply given by the Secretary for Public Works to the question put by Mr. Driver on the 21st August last, relative to the Bridge over the Wollondilly River, at Marsden's Crossing-place, near Goulburn—Did the Commissioner for Roads, previous to having plans and specifications prepared for the new bridge over the said river, now in course of construction, have an accurate survey and sections made of the site selected for the bridge, and did such survey include borings or trial holes to ascertain the depth the piles required to be used could be driven?

3. **MR. DRIVER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—**
 (1.) Has any Petition been received by the Commissioner for Railways from the workmen employed on the Great Northern Railway workshops and yard, praying that the Commissioner will grant to such workmen the benefit of Rule No. 31, for the guidance of such workmen?
 (2.) Has such Petition been considered, and if so, has any decision been agreed to thereon?
4. **MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—** Whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision for the widows and children of the Pilots and others recently lost in a great gale between the Heads of Port Jackson, either by way of an equal amount to that subscribed by the public or otherwise?

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—

MR. DRIVER to move, That this House, at its rising, this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next, the 10th day of September instant.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. MARTIN to move,** That this House will, on the following day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Federal Council Bill (No. 2.); third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. **MR. GARRETT to move,** That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of all Reserves for Water Supply made or rescinded by the present Government.
 2. **MR. TYGHE to move** for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Thomas Sutcliffe Mort, Esquire, to close certain ways or streets on and over his property and other land at Waterview Bay, and to establish a new road in lieu thereof.
 3. **MR. WILSON to move** for leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the enclosure of a portion of Factory-street, in the town of Parramatta.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; third reading.
 2. Clarence and Richmond Rivers Steam Navigation Company's Act Amendment Bill; third reading.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5.

Question:—

1. **MR. JOSEPHSON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—**
 (1.) Are all persons authorized by the Government to receive public moneys, of the age of twenty-one years?
 (2.) Do all such persons give security to the Government for the faithful performance of their duties?
 (3.) Are the Accounts and Vouchers directed by the Treasury instructions to be forwarded with all moneys remitted to the Treasury, inspected and examined by any proper officer of the Government appointed for the purpose, with the books, papers, and proceedings of the various Courts of Petty Sessions, and other offices and departments, from where the moneys so remitted may have been received?

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. **MR. BURNS to move,—**
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
 2. **MR. GARRETT to move,—**
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

3. **MR. DRIVER** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to be paid to the widow and children of the late Robert Green, who lost his life in consequence of having endeavoured to save the lives of persons engaged in the performance of a public duty.
4. **MR. J. STEWART** to move,—
 - (1.) That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of all Salaried Officers of the Government absent from the Colony,—said Return to include the name of such officer, the period for which leave of absence has been granted, the salary he receives while off duty, and the day from which his leave of absence dates.
 - (2.) The names of all officers, if any, absent without leave.
5. **MR. LUCAS** to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. **MR. GARRETT** to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report of the Select Committee relative to the Petition of the ex-Mayor and Aldermen of the Shoalhaven Municipality, laid on the Table of this House on the 21st December last, be adopted.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.
7. **MR. WHITE** to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £381 8s. 4d., to be paid to Mrs. Harriette Nowland, as compensation for a portion of land, her property, in the town of Muswellbrook, taken for Railway purposes.
8. **MR. SAMUEL** to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the expenditure, by the Government of £960, for the purchase of 800 copies of Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer, out of the moneys voted by Parliament for Immigration, was an improper appropriation of that fund.
9. **MR. PIDDINGTON** to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.
10. **MR. THORNTON** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—
 - (1.) Their names;
 - (2.) Their classification in December last;
 - (3.) Their rank (*i. e.* whether inspector, master, mistress, assistant teacher, &c., &c.) in December, 1866, and how and where employed at that time;
 - (4.) The salaries (in the rate per annum) they were receiving in December last;
 - (5.) The length of time they had been (up to December last) in the service of the Board of National Education, marking those who, either under the Rules of the late Board, or the Regulations of the present Council of Education, were, or would be, entitled to promotion for length of service;
 - (6.) Their rank, and how and where now employed;
 - (7.) The salaries they now receive (rate per annum);
 - (8.) The salaries they would be entitled now to receive (in the rate per annum) if they held, under the Council of Education, the same classification as they held in December last;—

Limiting the Return to those employed within the County of Cumberland, excepting in the cases of those persons employed as Inspectors.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Widow of Dr. Greenup; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic whilst in the execution of his duty.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill; second reading.
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 6th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
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[Price, 6d.]

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Gaol Chaplain instigating to Insubordination:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has the Government received any document from the Rev. C. D. Coghlan, in explanation or defence of his alleged misconduct in Port Macquarie Gaol?

(2.) If so, what course do the Government intend pursuing, with reference to such document, or to the matter in question?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A letter from the Rev. C. D. Coghlan, in explanation of his conduct in the Port Macquarie Gaol, was received some little time ago, and referred to the Magistrates, who inquired into the case. The inquiry has now been closed; and the Bishop of Maitland has been acquainted with the result,—that Mr. Coghlan cannot be permitted to resume his duties as Chaplain.

- (2.) Bridge over the Wollondilly, Marsden's Crossing, Goulburn:—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—With reference to the reply given by the Secretary for Public Works to the question put by Mr. Driver on the 21st August last, relative to the Bridge over the Wollondilly River, at Marsden's Crossing-place, near Goulburn—Did the Commissioner for Roads, previous to having plans and specifications prepared for the new bridge over the said river, now in course of construction, have an accurate survey and sections made of the site selected for the bridge, and did such survey include borings or trial holes to ascertain the depth the piles required to be used could be driven?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Yes; an accurate survey and section was made along the centre line of the site selected for the bridge, and trial holes were sunk to ascertain the depth the piles could be driven.

- (3.) Certain Workmen on Great Northern Railway:—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has any Petition been received by the Commissioner for Railways from the workmen employed on the Great Northern Railway workshops and yard, praying that the Commissioner will grant to such workmen the benefit of Rule No. 31, for the guidance of such workmen?

(2.) Has such Petition been considered, and if so, has any decision been agreed to thereon?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—No petition was forwarded to the Commissioner in reference to this matter, but Mr. Boag, the locomotive foreman, wrote to Mr. Thomas, requesting to be informed whether Rule 31 applied to the workmen in his department or not. Mr. Thomas' reply was as follows: "Rule 31 of the new code is of general application, and consequently, equally to yours as to all other branches of the Railway Department. The men are certainly not to be paid "when absent from work."

(4.)

- (4.) Widows and Children of Pilots and Others lost between Port Jackson Heads :—
Mr. Robertson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
Whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision for the widows
and children of the Pilots and others recently lost in a great gale between the
Heads of Port Jackson, either by way of an equal amount to that subscribed by
the public or otherwise?
Mr. Eagar answered,—This matter has been for some time under the consideration
of the Government. On the 13th of last month a deputation of gentlemen,
interested in obtaining subscriptions for the sufferers by the calamity referred to,
had an interview with me at the Treasury, when I stated what would substantially
be done—namely : that, following the course hitherto adopted in similar cases,
pensions for the widows of the late pilots Robinson and Reeder, and a gratuity
for the widow and children of the late Robert Green, would be submitted for the
approval of Parliament in the Supplementary Estimates for the present year.
2. Paper :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Progress Report of the Council of Educa-
tion, to 31st August, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Special Adjournment (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice,
That this House, at its rising, this day, do adjourn until Tuesday next, the 10th day
of September instant.
Question put and passed
4. Federal Council Bill (No. 2) (“*Formal*” *Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Parkes,
read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Parkes then moved, that the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to authorize the
“ appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal
“ Council of the Australasian Colonies.”*”
Question put and passed.
Whereupon, Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative
Council with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act
“ to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of
“ a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies,”* presents the same to the Legia-
lative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th September, 1867.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
5. Waterview Patent Slip Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to
Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Thomas Sutcliffe Mort, Esquire,
to close certain ways or streets on and over his property and other land at Water-
view Bay, and to establish a new road in lieu thereof.
Question put and passed.
6. Parramatta Factory-street Bill :—
(1.) (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to
introduce a Bill to authorize the enclosure of a portion of Factory-street, in
the town of Parramatta.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Wilson having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to authorize the
enclosure of a portion of Factory-street in the Town of Parramatta,”*—read a first
time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
7. Claims against Government Bill (“*Formal*” *Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr.
Forster, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Forster then moved, that the title of this Bill be “*An Act to enforce Claims
against the Government*”.”
Question put and passed.
Whereupon, Mr. Forster moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council,
with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, “*An Act to
enforce Claims against the Government,”* presents the same to the Legislative
Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th September, 1867.* Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
8. Clarence and Richmond Rivers Steam Navigation Company’s Act Amendment Bill
 (“*Formal*” *Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Garrett, read a third time and
passed.
Mr. Garrett then moved, that the title of this Bill be “*An Act to make preferential
“ the One thousand two hundred and fifty new Shares of Ten Pounds each created in
“ the Capital of the Clarence and Richmond Rivers Steam Navigation Company by a
“ resolution of the Shareholders of the said Company passed at a Special General
“ Meeting of the said Company holden on the sixth day of March one thousand eight
“ hundred and sixty-five.”*”
Question put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon, Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make preferential the One thousand two hundred and fifty new Shares of Ten Pounds each created in the Capital of the Clarence and Richmond Rivers Steam Navigation Company by a resolution of the Shareholders of the said Company passed at a Special General Meeting of the said Company holden on the sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five*," returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th September, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

9. Waterview Patent Slip Bill:—Mr. Tighe having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Thomas Sutcliffe Mort Esquire to close certain Ways or Streets on and over his property and other land at Waterview Bay and to establish a new Road in lieu thereof*,"—read a first time.
10. Railway Loan:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That this "House" will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Robertson moved, that the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "House," with a view to inserting in their place the words,— "declines considering the proposition of the Government for borrowing Three millions of pounds (£3,000,000) until more fully informed of the financial condition of the Colony, and of the direction or directions in which it is proposed to distribute the expenditure on the contemplated new Railway Extensions."

Motion made by Mr. Samuel, and Question put (after Debate), That this Debate be now adjourned until this day fortnight.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Alexander,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. De Salis.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. McKay,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Macleay,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. White,
Mr. Phelps.

11. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Garrett withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.

The House adjourned, at six minutes after Seven o'clock, until *Tuesday* next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Questions:—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) By whom the improvements on Mr. Graham's Conditional Selection, at Wambalong Creek, were valued?
 - (2.) What was the estimated value thereof, according to the report of Mr. Surveyor Fisher?
 - (3.) Had the valuation reference only to the selection of the 23rd August, 1866?
2. MR. JOSEPHSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Are all persons authorized by the Government to receive public moneys, of the age of twenty-one years?
 - (2.) Do all such persons give security to the Government for the faithful performance of their duties?
 - (3.) Are the Accounts and Vouchers directed by the Treasury instructions to be forwarded with all moneys remitted to the Treasury, inspected and examined by any proper officer of the Government appointed for the purpose, with the books, papers, and proceedings of the various Courts of Petty Sessions, and other offices and departments, from where the moneys so remitted may have been received?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
3. MR. DRIVER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to be paid to the widow and children of the late Robert Green, who lost his life in consequence of having endeavoured to save the lives of persons engaged in the performance of a public duty.
4. MR. J. STEWART to move,—
 - (1.) That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of all Salaried Officers of the Government absent from the Colony,—said Return to include the name of such officer, the period for which leave of absence has been granted, the salary he receives while off duty, and the day from which his leave of absence dates.
 - (2.) The names of all officers, if any, absent without leave.
5. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report of the Select Committee relative to the Petition of the ex-Mayor and Aldermen of the Shoalhaven Municipality, laid on the Table of this House on the 21st December last, be adopted.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.
7. MR. WHITE to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £381 8s. 4d., to be paid to Mrs. Harriette Nowland, as compensation for a portion of land, her property, in the town of Muswellbrook, taken for Railway purposes.
8. MR. SAMUEL to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the expenditure, by the Government of £960, for the purchase of 800 copies of Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer, out of the moneys voted by Parliament for Immigration, was an improper appropriation of that fund.

9. Mr. PIDDINGTON to move,—
- (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.
10. Mr. THORNTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of all persons in the service of the late Board of National Education, in December, 1866, who are retained in the employ of the Council of Education, specifying,—
- (1.) Their names;
 - (2.) Their classification in December last;
 - (3.) Their rank (*i. e.* whether inspector, master, mistress, assistant teacher, &c., &c.) in December, 1866, and how and where employed at that time;
 - (4.) The salaries (in the rate per annum) they were receiving in December last;
 - (5.) The length of time they had been (up to December last) in the service of the Board of National Education, marking those who, either under the Rules of the late Board, or the Regulations of the present Council of Education, were, or would be, entitled to promotion for length of service;
 - (6.) Their rank, and how and where now employed;
 - (7.) The salaries they now receive (rate per annum);
 - (8.) The salaries they would be entitled now to receive (in the rate per annum) if they held, under the Council of Education, the same classification as they held in December last;—
- Limiting the Return to those employed within the County of Cumberland excepting in the cases of those persons employed as Inspectors.
11. Mr. BUREDEKIN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Patients admitted to the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek, within the last two years. Also, a Return shewing the number of such persons who would be ineligible for admission to such Asylum on the ground of possessing sufficient means for medical aid, if private establishments were authorized by law.
12. Mr. TIGHE to move,—
- (1.) That the Bill to enable Thomas Sutcliffe Mort, Esquire, to close certain ways or streets on and over his property and other lands at Waterview Bay, and to establish a new road in lieu thereof, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Burns, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Graham, Mr. Mate, Mr. Oatley, Mr. Smart, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.
13. Mr. ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all plans, papers, and other documents relating to the extension of Railways beyond such extensions as are at present authorized.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Widow of Dr. Greenup; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic whilst in the execution of his duty.
2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Question :—

1. Mr. MACPHERSON to ask the ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether any inquiry has been made with reference to a decision of the Liverpool Bench of Magistrates in the case of Feast v. Northcote, which was tried at Liverpool on 9 November, 1866, and if so, what has been the result of such inquiry?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. GARRETT to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Tabular Return of all Reserves of Public Lands made or rescinded by the present Government.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Parramatta Factory-street Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. NOWLAN, to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of expired leases of Church and School land, the dates on which said leases expired, and the annual rental of land held under such leases.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence and minutes relating to the free selection case of John Hamilton, Charles Macdonald, and James Mackie.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill; second reading.
2. Railway Loan—Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, That this "House" will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Upon which Mr. Robertson had moved, by way of Amendment, "That all the words after the word "House" be omitted, with a view to inserting in their place the words,—“declines considering the proposition of the Government for borrowing “Three millions of pounds (£3,000,000) until more fully informed of the financial “condition of the Colony, and of the direction or directions in which it is proposed “to distribute the expenditure on the contemplated new Railway Extensions.”

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 6th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause a Bridge to be erected across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains, with as little delay as possible.

New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Mr. Graham's Conditional Selection at Wambangalong Creek:—Mr Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) By whom the improvements on Mr. Graham's Conditional Selection, at Wambangalong Creek, were valued?

(2.) What was the estimated value thereof, according to the report of Mr. Surveyor Fisher?

(3.) Had the valuation reference only to the selection of the 23rd August, 1866?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The valuation, on which the purchase was cancelled, was by Mr. Daniel, Commissioner of Crown Lands.

(2.) Mr. Fisher reported that there were no improvements of any value on the land.

(3.) Yes.

- (2.) Persons authorized to receive Public Moneys:—Mr. Josephson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Are all persons authorized by the Government to receive public moneys, of the age of twenty-one years?

(2.) Do all such persons give security to the Government for the faithful performance of their duties?

(3.) Are the Accounts and Vouchers, directed by the Treasury instructions to be forwarded with all moneys remitted to the Treasury, inspected and examined by any proper officer of the Government appointed for the purpose, with the books, papers, and proceedings of the various Courts of Petty Sessions, and other offices and departments, from where the moneys so remitted may have been received?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) It is presumed that all collectors of public revenue are of the age of twenty-one. I do not know of any case to the contrary.

(2.) It is the rule that all collectors of revenue should give security to the Government, and it is supposed that this rule is strictly observed. Returns of the persons required to give security were laid before Parliament on 23rd June, and 14th July, 1863.

(3.) The books and records of Clerks of Petty Sessions and Crown Lands Agents, are examined by the respective Benches of Magistrates, and certificates are forwarded by them to the Audit Office in the annexed form A. All collectors of revenue furnish to the Auditor General periodical statements, solemnly declared to as being true and faithful accounts of all the moneys received, in the form annexed B.

A.

[To be forwarded to the Auditor General, not later than the 10th January, 10th April, 10th July, and 10th October.]


C. P. S. Cert. 3.

Certificate mentioned in the second paragraph of Circular Letter, dated, Colonial Secretary's Office, Sydney, 18th April, 1864:—

I CERTIFY that I have examined the Books and Records of the Clerk of Petty Sessions and Crown Lands Agent at
and have satisfied myself that the several requirements of those parts of the
Printed

Printed Instructions to Clerks of Petty Sessions and Crown Lands Agents, dated 13th May, 1862, and quoted in the Colonial Secretary's Circular Letter of 18th April, 1864, have been duly complied with.

The Receipts produced to me show that the whole of the Public Money collected has been duly paid into the Treasury.

Signature of one or }
more Magistrates. } 

Dated at _____
this _____ day of _____ 186 .

B


Misc. Coll. Acct.

ACCOUNT of all Moneys Collected by
from the _____ to the _____ 186 , both days inclusive.

FROM WHOM RECEIVED.		TOTAL.		
TOTAL.....£				
SETTLEMENT OF THE ABOVE COLLECTIONS WITH THE COLONIAL TREASURER.				
DATE OF PAYMENT.	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT.	AMOUNT.		
TOTAL.....£				

I, _____ do solemnly and sincerely declare, that the above is a true and faithful account of all moneys collected by me, from the _____ to the _____ 186 , both days inclusive, and that I have paid over the whole amount to the Colonial Treasurer, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits.

Made and signed before me, at
this _____ day of _____ 186 . } _____

Signature of a Justice of the Peace. 

2. Claim of Mr. Benjamin Richards to Lease of "Yaraldool" Run :—
 - (1.) Mr. Josephson presented a Petition from John Whitford, of Redfern, near Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, praying that leave be granted to the Petitioner to appear before the Select Committee now sitting on this subject, either in person or by counsel or attorney, and that he be at liberty to produce and give Evidence before such Committee, with reference to the matters contained in the said Petition.
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Josephson then (*with the concurrence of the House*), moved, without notice, that the Petition so received be referred to the said Committee.
Question put and passed.
3. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day withdrawn :—
 - (1.) Mr. Garrett withdrew the Motions Nos. 2 and 6.
 - (2.) Mr. Burns withdrew the Motion No. 1.
 - (3.) *Mr. Macleay*, on behalf of Mr. White, withdrew the Motion No. 7.
 - (4.) Mr. Thornton withdrew the Motion No. 10.
 - (5.) *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Burdekin, withdrew the Motion No. 11.
4. Waterview Patent Slip Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That the Bill to enable Thomas Sutcliffe Mort, Esquire, to close certain ways or streets on and over his property and other lands at Waterview Bay, and to establish a new road in lieu thereof, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.)

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.,—Mr. Burns, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Graham, Mr. Mate, Mr. Oatley, Mr. Smart, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. Extension of Railways (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Robertson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all plans, papers, and other documents relating to the extension of Railways beyond such Extensions as are at present authorized.

Question put and passed.

6. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Driver, withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

7. Salaried Officers who have received Leave of Absence:—Mr. J. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended with the concurrence of the House*), That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of all Salaried Officers of the Government, who have, since the year 1856, received leave of absence, said Return to shew the name of each Officer, the time he received leave of absence, the time he returned to duty, and the salary he received while absent. Also, that the said Return include the names of Clergymen absent from the Colony.

Question put and passed.

8. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Lucas not making the Motion No. 5, on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

9. Money expended in the purchase of Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer:—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the expenditure, by the Government of £960, for the purchase of 800 copies of Bailliere's New South Wales Gazetteer, out of the moneys voted by Parliament for Immigration, was an improper appropriation of that fund.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Driver,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. J. Stewart,	Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Tigue,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Perry,
Mr. Dodds,		Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Lackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hart.	Mr. Graham,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macleay,		Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Gordon,		Mr. McKay,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Forster,		Mr. Phelps,	

10. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.

(2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.

Debate ensued.

Mr. J. Stewart moved, and afterwards by leave withdrew, the Previous Question.

Debate on Main Question continued.

Mr. Driver moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months.

Debate ensued.

Notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the Speaker counted the House; and there being only eighteen members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Byrnes, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dignam, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Tunks, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House at Twenty-one minutes before Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Questions :—

1. MR. MACPIERSON *to ask* the ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether any inquiry has been made with reference to a decision of the Liverpool Bench of Magistrates in the case of *Feast v. Northcote*, which was tried at Liverpool on 9 November, 1866, and if so, what has been the result of such inquiry?
2. MR. NEALE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Have any steps been taken by the Government for the appointment of a Commission to inquire respecting the Water Supply of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, in accordance with a Resolution passed by this House on the 9th August last?
 - (2.) If not, when will such a Commission be appointed?
3. MR. EGAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If he would have any objection to lay on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence with the Catholic Schoolmaster at Bega and the Council of Education, together with all Reports, and a Copy of his dismissal from office?
4. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) The date of Mr. E. G. Brown's application for the 80 acres of land at East Blowring, near Tumut, conditionally purchased by Mr. Henry Napthali on the 22nd August, 1866?
 - (2.) Why Mr. Napthali's purchase has been declared cancelled by Mr. Brown's application, as per notice from the Department of Lands of the 13th August, 1867, the former party having resided upon and improved the land, and complied with the other provisions of the law?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. GARRETT *to move*, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Tabular Return of all Reserves of Public Lands made or rescinded by the present Government.
2. MR. GARRETT *to move*,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Parramatta Factory-street Bill; second reading.
2. Widow of Dr. Greenup; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic whilst in the execution of his duty.
3. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Question :—

1. MR. PICKERING *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has the Government any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, Copies of papers relating to the dismissal of Mr. Robert Halloran, from the office of Teacher in the Public School, Rocky River?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NOWLAN *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of expired leases of Church and School land, the dates on which said leases expired, and the annual rental of land held under such leases.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MORRICE *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence and minutes relating to the free selection case of John Hamilton, Charles Macdonald, and James Mackie.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 8th August, 1867, having reference to the recall of Mr. Charles Moore, Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, from the office of Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition, is of opinion,—
 - (1.) That the course taken by the Executive Commissioner, Mr. T. A. Murray, in addressing to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary officially, without the knowledge or concurrence of the other Commissioners, the letter dated 20th April, 1867, complaining of Mr. Moore's conduct in certain particulars, was improper, and derogatory to the official rights and position of the other Commissioners.
 - (2.) That the Hon. the Colonial Secretary was not justified in recommending the dismissal of Mr. Moore, upon the authority of the said letter, without further inquiry.
 - (3.) That no sufficient reasons appear in the said correspondence to warrant the Government in consenting, upon such recommendation, and without further inquiry, to the recall of Mr. Moore from the office of Commissioner.
2. Mr. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of the cost of the Panama Mail Service, since its commencement to the date of Return, specifying the cost for each portion of the line separately, namely,—The cost from Sydney to the Isthmus; the cost across the Isthmus; and the cost from the Isthmus to Great Britain. Also, in each case, the actual cost for each letter or newspaper, and the cost per month of each mail.
 - (2.) A Return of all charges connected with the said service, and supplementary to the contract entered into by the Government of this Colony with the Panama Mail Company, whether for conveyance of Mails across the Isthmus, or otherwise, specifying in each case the cost per letter or newspaper, and the cost per month of each Mail.
3. Mr. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report of the Select Committee relative to the Petition of the ex-Mayor and Aldermen of the Shoalhaven Municipality, laid on the Table of this House on the 21st December last, be adopted.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.
4. Mr. BURNS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government, Mr. Licensed Surveyor Fisher, Mr. Commissioner Daniel, Mr. M'Killop, and any other person or persons, and of all other papers relating to the selection and subsequent cancellation of the Conditional Purchases of Mr. John Graham, of the 23rd August and 13th December, 1866; and also of Mr. George Graham, of the last named date, at Wambangalong Creek, in the county of Gordon and district of Dubbo.
5. Mr. WHITE to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £381 Ss. 4d., to be paid to Mrs. Harriette Nowland, as compensation for a portion of land, her property, in the town of Muswellbrook, taken for Railway purposes.
6. Mr. BURDEKIN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Patients admitted to the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek, within the last two years. Also, a Return shewing the number of such persons who would be ineligible for admission to such Asylum on the ground of possessing sufficient means for medical aid, if private establishments were authorized by law.
7. Mr. DRIVER to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to be paid to the widow and children of the late Robert Green, who lost his life in consequence of having endeavoured to save the lives of persons engaged in the performance of a public duty.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill; second reading.
2. Railway Loan—Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, That this "House" will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.

(2.)

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Upon which Mr. Robertson had moved, by way of Amendment, "That all the words after the word "House" be omitted, with a view to inserting in their place the words,— "declines considering the proposition of the Government for borrowing " Three millions of pounds (£3,000,000) until more fully informed of the financial " condition of the Colony, and of the direction or directions in which it is proposed " to distribute the expenditure on the contemplated new Railway Extensions."

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 6th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause a Bridge to be erected across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains, with as little delay as possible.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
4. MR. BURNS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Lands or Survey Department and Mr. Edward Cussen, and any other person or persons, in reference to his Conditional Purchase at Gocup, in the district of Tumut, on the 17th August, 1865.
 - (2.) Copies of the proceedings in the cases Smithwick v. Cussen, and Cussen v. Smithwick, tried before the Tumut Bench during the months of February and March, 1867.
5. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) *Re Feast v. Northcote*—Liverpool Magistrates (Administration of Justice):—Mr. Macpherson asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether any inquiry has been made with reference to a decision of the Liverpool Bench of Magistrates in the case of *Feast v. Northcote*, which was tried at Liverpool on 9 November, 1866, and if so, what has been the result of such inquiry?

Mr. Martin answered,—Inquiry has been made with reference to the decision referred to, and the result has been, that one of the two Magistrates who joined in that decision has been superseded from the Commission of the Peace, and the other has resigned.

- (2.) Water Supply:—Mr. Ncale asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
(1.) Have any steps been taken by the Government for the appointment of a Commission to inquire respecting the Water Supply of the City and Suburbs of Sydney, in accordance with a Resolution passed by this House on the 9th August last?

(2.) If not, when will such a Commission be appointed?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Government are in communication with several gentlemen, with a view to making the appointment immediately.

- (3.) Roman Catholic Schoolmaster at Bega:—Mr. Egan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—If he would have any objection to lay on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence with the Catholic Schoolmaster at Bega and the Council of Education, together with all Reports, and a Copy of his dismissal from office?

Mr. Parkes answered,—There is no objection to the whole of the papers relating to the removal of the Schoolmaster at Bega being laid upon the Table.

- (4.) Mr. E. G. Brown—Mr. Henry Naphthali:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) The date of Mr. E. G. Brown's application for the 80 acres of land at East Blowing, near Tamut, conditionally purchased by Mr. Henry Naphthali on the 22nd August, 1866?

(2.) Why Mr. Naphthali's purchase has been declared cancelled by Mr. Brown's application, as per notice from the Department of Lands of the 13th August, 1867, the former party having resided upon and improved the land, and complied with the other provisions of the law?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The honorable member appears to be under some mistake in reference to this matter.

(1.) There was no land purchase of 80 acres made by Henry Naphthali on the 22nd August, 1866. There was an application for 60 acres on the 26th April, 1866, as an *additional* purchase, which had, however, been previously taken up by Mr. E. G. Brown, on the 22nd October, 1863, under clause 22 of the Act, in virtue of Freehold.

(2.) Naphthali's purchase of 60 acres was therefore cancelled, by letter of 13th August, on the ground of its having been previously purchased by Brown. It is not likely that Naphthali *resided* (as stated) on the said 60 acres, as residence on an additional purchase is not required, and the Surveyor besides reported him resident on his first purchase of 80 acres, made on the 22nd October, 1863, the declaration on which has been approved, and which is noted in the Office Registers as transferred to Robert Henry Hughes.

2. Estimates of Expenditure for 1868, and Supplementary Estimates for 1867 and previous years :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Eagar, and read by the Speaker :—

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message, No. 7.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of this Government for the year 1868, with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1867 and previous years.

*Government House,
Sydney, 11th September, 1867.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Eagar, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates.

3. Reserves of Public Lands (*"Formal" Motion*) :—*Mr. Robertson*, on behalf of Mr. Garrett, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Tabular Return of all Reserves of Public Lands made or rescinded by the present Government.
Question put and passed.
4. Motion Withdrawn :—*Mr. Robertson*, on behalf of Mr. Garrett, withdrew the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
5. Parramatta Factory-street Bill, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time (after debate.)
Mr. Wilson then moved, That the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill, and that, in the absence of the Chairman of Committees through indisposition, *Mr. Tighe* do take the Chair of the Committees of the Whole, for this day only.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
Mr. Tighe, as temporary Chairman, having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill, without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. Widow of Dr. Greenup :—On the Order of the Day being read,—for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding £1,300, to be paid to the widow of the late Dr. Greenup, in consideration of his being murdered by a lunatic whilst in the execution of his duty,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

7. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, until Tuesday next.
The House adjourned, at eleven minutes before Four o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Question :—

1. MR. PICKERING to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Has the Government any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, Copies of papers relating to the dismissal of Mr. Robert Halloran from the office of Teacher in the Public School, Rocky River?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. EAGAR to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that the Governor's Message No. 7, with the accompanying Estimates, be referred thereto.
2. MR. EAGAR to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. NOWLAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of expired leases of Church and School land, the dates on which said leases expired, and the annual rental of land held under such leases.
2. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained,—

Upon which Mr. Driver's motion, "That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months," lapsed by the House being counted out on the 10th September,—be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 24th September.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Parramatta Factory-street Bill; third reading.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Question :—

1. MR. MCKAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a public pound at Cadia, in the District of Orange, in compliance with a numerously signed petition from that quarter, and recommended by the Bench of Magistrates at Orange—And if so, when?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence and minutes relating to the free selection case of John Hamilton, Charles Macdonald, and James Mackie.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 8th August, 1867, having reference to the recall of Mr. Charles Moore, Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, from the office of Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition, is of opinion,—
 - (1.) That the course taken by the Executive Commissioner, Mr. T. A. Murray, in addressing to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary officially, without the knowledge or concurrence of the other Commissioners, the letter dated 20th April, 1867, complaining of Mr. Moore's conduct in certain particulars, was improper, and derogatory to the official rights and position of the other Commissioners.
 - (2.) That the Hon. the Colonial Secretary was not justified in recommending the dismissal of Mr. Moore, upon the authority of the said letter, without further inquiry.
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2. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
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5. MR. WHITE to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £381 8s. 4d., to be paid to Mrs. Harriette Nowland, as compensation for a portion of land, her property, in the town of Muswellbrook, taken for Railway purposes.
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8. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That the answers given by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer to the questions asked by Mr. Josephson, on the 10th September, are unsatisfactory.
9. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill ; second reading.
2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill ; second reading.
2. Railway Loan—Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, That this " House " will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
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Upon which Mr. Robertson had moved, by way of Amendment; " That all the words after the word " House " be omitted, with a view to inserting in their place the words,— " declines considering the proposition of the Government for borrowing " Three millions of pounds (£3,000,000) until more fully informed of the financial " condition of the Colony, and of the direction or directions in which it is proposed " to distribute the expenditure on the contemplated new Railway Extensions."

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 6th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
 2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause a Bridge to be erected across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains, with as little delay as possible.
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 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
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New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Dismissal of Mr. Robert Halloran, Public School Teacher, Rocky River:—Mr. Pickering asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, Copies of papers relating to the dismissal of Mr. Robert Halloran from the office of Teacher in the Public School, Rocky River?

Mr. Parkes answered,—There is no objection to laying these papers on the Table.

2. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Schedule, shewing Classification and proposed Distribution for 1868, with reference to Subordinate Roads of New South Wales. Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1, during the period from 9th August to 12th September, 1867.

(2.) Abstract of Sites for all Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1, during the period between 9th August and 12th September, 1867.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message, No. 8.

A Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands," as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 11th September, 1867.

4. Paper:—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table, Return to Address, in reference to "William Brotherton—(Administration of Justice)"—adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Josephson, on 13th August, 1867. Ordered to be printed.

5. Expired Leases of Church and School Land ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Forster, on behalf of Mr. Nowlan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of expired leases of Church and School land, the dates on which said leases expired, and the annual rental of land held under such leases.

Question put and passed.

6. Parramatta Factory-street Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Wilson then moved, that the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the Enclosure of a portion of Factory-street in the Town of Parramatta.*"
Question put and *passed*.
Whereupon, Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Enclosure of a portion of Factory-street in the Town of Parramatta,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th September, 1867. Speaker.
- Question put and *passed*.
7. Committee of Supply:—Mr. Eagar moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that the Governor's Message No. 7, with the accompanying Estimates, be referred thereto.
Question put and *passed*.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(1.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1,455, to defray the Salaries and Contingencies of the Establishment of His Excellency the Governor for the year 1868.
Resolution, then, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time, and agreed to.
8. Committee of Ways and Means:—Mr. Eagar moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and *passed*.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after Midnight:—

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- The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
9. Paper:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales for the year 1868.
Ordered to be printed.
10. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
(1.) Postage Laws Consolidation and Amendment Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Post Office,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, T. A. MURRAY,
Sydney, 11 September, 1867. President.
- (2.) Volunteer Force Regulation Bill (No. 2):—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to Regulate the Volunteer Force,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, T. A. MURRAY,
Sydney, 12 September, 1867. President.
11. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Debate on the motion of Mr. Piddington,—
(1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament be now adopted.
(2.) That a copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained,—
Upon which Mr. Driver's motion, "That this debate be now adjourned until this day six months," lapsed by the House being counted out on the 10th September,—be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for *Tuesday, 24th September.*

Mr.

Mr. Driver moved, that the Question be amended by omitting the words *Tuesday, 24th September*, with a view to inserting in their place the words 1st April next.

Debate ensued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Stimpson,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Morrice,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Driver.

Original Question then put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes before One o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

Questions :—

1. MR. MCKAY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a public pound at Cadia, in the District of Orange, in compliance with a numerously signed petition from that quarter, and recommended by the Bench of Magistrates at Orange—And if so, when?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Have any proposals been made to the Government, by the Officer in command of the Naval Station, having reference to the establishment of Naval Head Quarters at Sydney, or offering any conditions in the event of such establishment taking place?
 - (2.) If so, what is the nature of such proposals, and what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Have any proposals been made to the Government, on the part, or on behalf, of any naval chaplain attached to any of Her Majesty's Ships of War, having reference to the performance of divine service, or other religious ministrations, on board the *Vernon*?
 - (2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
4. MR. GARRETT *to ask* the SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Was not a telegraphic message forwarded from the traffic manager, Great N. Railway, to the Head Office, Public Works Department, Sydney, immediately subsequent to the discovery of the defalcations of C. W. Eastwood, late Clerk, Railway Department, representing that Eastwood was on board of a vessel in the harbour of Newcastle bound for California, and asking what steps should be taken in the matter—and will the Secretary for Public Works have any objection to lay a copy of the telegram on the Table of this House, and also state what steps, if any, were taken to prevent Eastwood's escape from the Colony?
5. MR. DODDS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—If any contract has been entered into by the Government for the construction of the approaches to the Pitnacree Bridge, the said bridge having been finished many months since? If so, what time has been given for the completion of the contract, and when is the bridge likely to be opened for public traffic?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MORRICE *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence and minutes relating to the free selection case of John Hamilton, Charles Macdonald, and James Mackie.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 8th August, 1867, having reference to the recall of Mr. Charles Moore, Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, from the office of Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition, is of opinion,—
 - (1.) That the course taken by the Executive Commissioner, Mr. T. A. Murray, in addressing to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary officially, without the knowledge or concurrence of the other Commissioners, the letter dated 20th April, 1867, complaining of Mr. Moore's conduct in certain particulars, was improper, and derogatory to the official rights and position of the other Commissioners.
 - (2.) That the Hon. the Colonial Secretary was not justified in recommending the dismissal of Mr. Moore, upon the authority of the said letter, without further inquiry.
 - (3.) That no sufficient reasons appear in the said correspondence to warrant the Government in consenting, upon such recommendation, and without further inquiry, to the recall of Mr. Moore from the office of Commissioner.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of the cost of the Panama Mail Service, since its commencement to the date of Return, specifying the cost for each portion of the line separately, namely,—The cost from Sydney to the Isthmus; the cost across the Isthmus; and the cost from the Isthmus to Great Britain. Also, in each case, the actual cost for each letter or newspaper, and the cost per month of each mail.
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3. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report of the Select Committee relative to the Petition of the ex-Mayor and Aldermen of the Shoalhaven Municipality, laid on the Table of this House on the 21st December last, be adopted.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.
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8. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That the answers given by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer to the questions asked by Mr. Josephson, on the 10th September, are unsatisfactory.
9. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

- (1.) Is it true that an inquiry has been lately held on board the "Vernon," relative to charges of drunkenness, or other misconduct, against the Superintendent, Captain Mein?
- (2.) If so, what has been the result of such inquiry?
- (3.) Has such inquiry, or its results, in any way involved the fitness or good conduct of the chief officer, Captain Wycherly, and if so, how?
- (4.) What steps, if any, have been taken by the Government, or do they intend taking in the matter?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, (*in Committee of Ways and Means*), That this Committee disapproves of so much of the Financial Statement of the Colonial Treasurer as relates to the terms on which it is proposed to negotiate the proposed Loan of £3,000,000.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill; second reading.
2. Railway Loan—Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, That this "House" will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Upon which Mr. Robertson had moved, by way of Amendment, "That all the words after the word "House" be omitted, with a view to inserting in their place the words,— "declines considering the proposition of the Government for borrowing "Three millions of pounds (£3,000,000) until more fully informed of the financial "condition of the Colony, and of the direction or directions in which it is proposed "to distribute the expenditure on the contemplated new Railway Extensions."
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 6th September, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause a Bridge to be erected across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains, with as little delay as possible.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
4. MR. BURNS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Lands or Survey Department and Mr. Edward Cussen, and any other person or persons, in reference to his Conditional Purchase at Gocup, in the district of Tumut, on the 17th August, 1865.
 - (2.) Copies of the proceedings in the cases Smithwick v. Cussen, and Cussen v. Smithwick, tried before the Tumut Bench during the months of February and March, 1867.
5. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

ORDER

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained,—
Upon which Mr. Driver had moved, “That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months.”

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New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Public Pound at Cadia, District of Orange:—Mr. McKay asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a public pound at Cadia, in the District of Orange, in compliance with a numerous signed petition from that quarter, and recommended by the Bench of Magistrates at Orange—And if so, when?

Mr. Wilson answered,—It is intended to establish a pound at Cadia, and the local Surveyor has been directed to recommend a suitable site with as little delay as possible.

- (2.) Establishment of Naval Head Quarters at Sydney:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Have any proposals been made to the Government, by the Officer in command of the Naval Station, having reference to the establishment of Naval Head Quarters at Sydney, or offering any conditions in the event of such establishment taking place?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of such proposals, and what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have no knowledge of any proposals of the kind having been made by the Officer in command of the Naval Station.

- (3.) Religious Ministration on board the Ship "Vernon"—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Have any proposals been made to the Government, on the part, or on behalf, of any naval chaplain attached to any of Her Majesty's Ships of War, having reference to the performance of divine service, or other religious ministration, on board the Vernon?

(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I am not aware of any proposals of the kind having been made. The Rev. George A. McDowall, Chaplain of H. M. S. Challenger, called on me about an hour ago, in consequence of having read the honorable member's notice in the newspapers, to offer his gratuitous services, in visiting and holding service on board the Vernon as a clergyman of the Church of England, but not as a Naval Chaplain. The Government will be glad to accept the offer made by this gentleman.

- (4.) C. W. Eastwood:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

Was not a telegraphic message forwarded from the traffic manager, Great N. Railway, to the Head Office Public Works Department, Sydney, immediately subsequent to the discovery of the defalcations of C. W. Eastwood, late Clerk, Railway Department, representing that Eastwood was on board of a vessel in the harbour of Newcastle bound for California, and asking what steps should be taken in the matter—And will the Secretary for Public Works have any objection to lay a copy of the telegram on the Table of this House, and also state what steps, if any, were taken to prevent Eastwood's escape from the Colony?

Mr.

Mr. Byrnes answered,—No such telegram from the Traffic Manager of the Great Northern Railway was received at the Head Office of the Public Works Department; but on ascertaining that Mr. Eastwood was absent from duty on the morning of the 28th January last, I placed myself in communication with the Crown Solicitor, and learnt that Eastwood had left the Colony.

- (5.) Pitnacree Bridge :—Mr. Dodds asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—If any contract has been entered into by the Government for the construction of the approaches to the Pitnacree Bridge, the said bridge having been finished many months since? If so, what time has been given for the completion of the contract, and when is the bridge likely to be opened for public traffic?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—A contract has been entered into by the Government for the construction of the approaches to Pitnacree Bridge. The contract time for the completion of the approach has expired, but the completion of the work has been delayed: first, in consequence of a difficulty in obtaining possession of the land; and, secondly, because, in consequence of the injuries done to the river banks and the adjoining land by the last flood, it has been thought desirable to raise the levels of the approach, for which a sum of money has been placed on the Supplementary Estimates. When the Estimates shall have been passed, the work will be proceeded with without delay. It will probably be open for traffic about three months from this date.

2. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Driver moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) postponed, on motion of Mr. Mate, until Friday next.
4. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. Paper :—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return, showing the Balances at the credit or debit of certain accounts in the various Banks, on 31st August, 1867, specifying each separately.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Free Selection Case—Hamilton, Macdonald, and Mackie :—Mr. Morrice moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence and minutes relating to the free selection case of John Hamilton, Charles Macdonald, and James Mackie.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned, at eight minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

Questions :—

1. MR. MORRICE *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) Why were the tenders of Gilbraith and Bridge not accepted for the supply of Provisions for Her Majesty's Gaol, at Berrima, for the present year?
(2.) Was the Government aware that this tender was much lower than the one accepted, both being responsible men?
2. MR. TIGHE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any letter has been received by him from any officer of his Department, respecting the Inquiry into the Defalcations in the Railway Branch—and not included in the correspondence recently ordered to be printed—and if so, whether there is any objection to lay it on the Table of this House?

3. Mr. DRIVER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) On what date were the trial holes or borings made to ascertain the depth the piles required to be used in constructing a bridge over the Wollondilly River at Marsden's Crossing Place, near Goulburn, could be driven?
 - (2.) Has the Commissioner for Roads inspected the site selected for the new bridge, and the timber hitherto used in its construction?
 - (3.) What is the depth specified in the plan and sections which the piles are required to be driven, and what depth have all the piles hitherto used been driven?
4. Mr. THORNTON to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether the Government, or any member of the Government, has made any engagement with Messrs. Kohn and Co., or any other persons, for a loan of Three Millions, or any portion of the Three Millions sterling referred to in the Treasurer's Financial Statement made on the 12th instant, or have they in any other way gone beyond the negotiations in reference thereto, described by the Hon. the Minister in his said Financial Statement?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 8th August, 1867, having reference to the recall of Mr. Charles Moore, Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, from the office of Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition, is of opinion,—
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(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

10. MR. LUCAS to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.

(2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill ; second reading.
2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) Is it true that an inquiry has been lately held on board the "Vernon," relative to charges of drunkenness, or other misconduct, against the Superintendent, Captain Mein?

(2.) If so, what has been the result of such inquiry?

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3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
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4. Mr. BURNS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Lands or Survey Department and Mr. Edward Cussen, and any other person or persons, in reference to his Conditional Purchase at Gocup, in the district of Tumut, on the 17th August, 1865.
 - (2.) Copies of the proceedings in the cases Smithwick v. Cussen, and Cussen v. Smithwick, tried before the Tumut Bench during the months of February and March, 1867.
5. Mr. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace :—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained,—
 Upon which Mr. Driver had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months."

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Member Sworn:—John Bligh Suttor, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Macquarie.
2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—
 - (1.) Certain Tenders for Supplies to Berrima Gaol:—Mr. Morrice asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
 - (1.) Why were the tenders of Gilbraith and Bridge not accepted for the supply of Provisions for Her Majesty's Gaol, at Berrima, for the present year?
 - (2.) Was the Government aware that this tender was much lower than the one accepted, both being responsible men?
 Mr. Eagar answered,—
 - (1.) The tender of Gilbraith and Bridge was declined in consequence of its not being the lowest tender.
 - (2.) The honorable member is misinformed on the subject, the fact being as already stated.
 - (2.) Inquiry into Defalcations in Railway Department:—Mr. Tighe asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether any letter has been received by him from any officer of his Department, respecting the Inquiry into the Defalcations in the Railway Branch—and not included in the correspondence recently ordered to be printed—and if so, whether there is any objection to lay it on the Table of this House?
Mr. Byrnes answered,—I received a letter of date 20th of July last, from Mr. Rae, Under Secretary for Works, and late Commissioner for Railways, respecting the inquiry into the Defalcations in the Railway Branch of the Public Works Department, which there is no objection to lay on the Table of the House.
 - (3.) Bridge over the Wollondilly, Marsden's Crossing, Goulburn:—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
 - (1.) On what date were the trial holes or borings made to ascertain the depth the piles required to be used in constructing a bridge over the Wollondilly River at Marsden's Crossing Place, near Goulburn, could be driven?
 - (2.) Has the Commissioner for Roads inspected the site selected for the new bridge, and the timber hitherto used in its construction?
 - (3.) What is the depth specified in the plan and sections which the piles are required to be driven, and what depth have all the piles hitherto used been driven?
 Mr. Byrnes answered,—
 - (1.) In the month of September, 1864.
 - (2.) The Commissioner has inspected the site of the new Bridge, and condemned several portions of the timber supplied by the Contractor.
 - (3.) No depth is specified on the plans and sections for piles to be driven. The piles already driven average a depth of eight feet seven inches. In explanation I may add, that the two main piers for central span are to be founded or secured by key pieces and split bolts on the rock; and that the piles in remaining piers are to be driven until they will not go more than half an inch with four blows of a twenty-five cwt. ram falling ten feet. All driving over fifteen feet to be paid for as extra; less than that depth to be deducted at schedule rates.

(4.)

(4.) Proposed Loan of £3,000,000:—Mr. Thornton asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether the Government, or any member of the Government, has made any engagement with Messrs. Kohn and Co., or any other persons, for a loan of Three Millions, or any portion of the Three Millions sterling referred to in the Treasurer's Financial Statement made on the 12th instant, or have they in any other way gone beyond the negotiations in reference thereto, described by the Hon. the Minister in his said Financial Statement?

Mr. Eagar answered,—The Government have made the conditional arrangement referred to in the Financial Statement, with Messrs. Kohn and Co., as the agents of Messrs. Oppenheim, Alberti, and Co.; the condition being that the terms of the proposed loan should meet with the approval of Parliament; and beyond this the negotiations have not extended.

3. Claim of Mr. Benjamin Richards to lease of "Yaraldool" Run:—Mr. Thornton presented a Petition from Benjamin Richards, of Richmond, in the Colony of New South Wales, grazier, praying for leave to be examined and heard by Attorney and Counsel before the Select Committee now sitting on the above subject;—

And moved, That the said Petition be received, and referred to the said Committee. Question put and passed.

4. Great Northern Railway:—Mr. White presented a Petition from certain residents of the Upper Hunter District, representing that great inconvenience has arisen from the alleged delay in carrying into effect a Vote of this House, authorizing the extension of the Great Northern Railway from Muswellbrook to Murrurundi; and praying that such extension may be proceeded with. Petition received.

5. Mr. Charles Moore, Director of Botanic Gardens, Sydney:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 8th August, 1867, having reference to the recall of Mr. Charles Moore, Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, from the office of Commissioner to the Paris Exhibition, is of opinion,—

(1.) That the course taken by the Executive Commissioner, Mr. T. A. Murray, in addressing to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary officially, without the knowledge or concurrence of the other Commissioners, the letter dated 20th April, 1867, complaining of Mr. Moore's conduct in certain particulars, was improper, and derogatory to the official rights and position of the other Commissioners.

(2.) That the Hon. the Colonial Secretary was not justified in recommending the dismissal of Mr. Moore, upon the authority of the said letter, without further inquiry.

(3.) That no sufficient reasons appear in the said correspondence to warrant the Government in consenting, upon such recommendation, and without further inquiry, to the recall of Mr. Moore from the office of Commissioner.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Smart,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Burdekin.

Tellers.

Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Thornton.

Noes, 35.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Campbell
Mr. Windeyer,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Mate,	Tellers.
Mr. Dignam,	
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Nowlan,	

6. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day Withdrawn:—

(1.) Mr. Lucas withdrew the Motion No. 10.

(2.) Mr. Burns withdrew the Motion No. 4.

(3.) Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion No. 2.

7. District Courts Act of 1858:—Mr. Windeyer presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Traders, and Residents of Sydney and its environs, representing that the said Act requires amendment in certain particulars, as therein set forth, and praying inquiry into the premises and the adoption of such measures as to the House shall seem meet. Petition received.

8. Shoalhaven Municipality:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Report of the Select Committee relative to the Petition of the ex-Mayor and Aldermen of the Shoalhaven Municipality, laid on the Table of this House on the 21st December last, be adopted.

(2.) That the above Resolution be embodied in an Address and presented to the Governor.

Debate

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided

Ayes, 13.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Garrett,
Dr. Lang,
Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. McKay,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Farnell,

Tellers.
Mr. Driver,
Mr. S. Brown.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Eagor,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Do Salis,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. White,
Mr. Mate,
Mr. Nowlan,

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Windeyor,
Mr. Byrnes,

Tellers.
Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. J. Stewart.

9. Mrs. Harriette Nowland :—Mr. White moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £381 8s. 4d., to be paid to Mrs. Harriette Nowland, as compensation for a portion of land, her property, in the town of Muswellbrook, taken for Railway purposes.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. Patients admitted to Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek :—Mr. Burdekin moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of Patients admitted to the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek, within the last two years. Also, a Return shewing the number of such persons who would be ineligible for admission to such Asylum on the ground of possessing sufficient means for medical aid, if private establishments were authorized by law.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. Motions on Notice Paper for to day Withdrawn :—
(1.) Mr. Driver withdrew the Motion No. 7.
(2.) *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Josephson, withdrew the Motion No. 8.
(3.) Mr. Garrett withdrew the Motion No. 9.
12. Postponements :—
(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill, postponed on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Friday next.
(2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill, postponed on motion of Mr. Burdekin, until Friday next.

The House adjourned at twenty-one minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Is it true that an inquiry has been lately held on board the "Vernon," relative to charges of drunkenness, or other misconduct, against the Superintendent, Captain Mein?
(2.) If so, what has been the result of such inquiry?
(3.) Has such inquiry, or its results, in any way involved the fitness or good conduct of the chief officer, Captain Wycherly, and if so, how?
(4.) What steps, if any, have been taken by the Government, or do they intend taking in the matter?

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2. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—If he will lay upon the Table of this House the copy of the Agreement between Messrs. Joseph Kohn and Co., and the Government, for the borrowing of three millions?
3. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—When will he lay upon the Table the Correspondence between the Oriental Bank and the Government, ordered by this House, on the 27th August last?
4. MR. THORNTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—If the Parliament consents to borrow one million; or such sum of money as may be required to complete the Railways to Bathurst, Goulburn, and Murrurundi, has the Government, or any member of the Government, made any *engagement* with Messrs. Kohn and Co., or any other person or persons, to raise the money through them, at the price stated in the last financial minute—if so, on behalf of whom is such engagement made—whether with Messrs. Freeling and Goschen, of London—or Messrs. Alberti and Oppenheim, of Paris and Frankfort?
5. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether there is any deficiency in the Accounts of the Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Berrima—if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter?
6. MR. S. BROWN, *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill be introduced?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, (*in Committee of Ways and Means*), That this Committee disapproves of so much of the Financial Statement of the Colonial Treasurer as relates to the terms on which it is proposed to negotiate the proposed Loan of £3,000,000.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill; second reading.
2. Railway Loan—Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, That this “House” will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Upon which Mr. Robertson had moved, by way of Amendment; “That all the words after the word “House” be omitted, with a view to inserting in their place the words,—“declines considering the proposition of the Government for borrowing “Three millions of pounds (£3,000,000) until more fully informed of the financial “condition of the Colony, and of the direction or directions in which it is proposed “to distribute the expenditure on the contemplated new Railway Extensions.”
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WINDEYER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th September, from certain Merchants and others, respecting the District Courts Act, be printed.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Mrs. Harriette Nowland; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £381 8s. 4d., to be paid to Mrs. Harriette Nowland, as compensation for a portion of land, her property, in the town of Muswellbrook, taken for Railway purposes.
3. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
4. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th September, from certain inhabitants of Murrurundi, praying for the speedy extension of the Railway to that town, be printed.
2. MR. BURNS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government, Mr. Licensed Surveyor Fisher, Mr. Commissioner Daniel, Mr. M'Killop, and any other person or persons, and of all other papers relating to the selection and subsequent cancellation of the Conditional Purchases of Mr. John Graham, of the 23rd August and 13th December, 1866; and also of Mr. George Graham, of the last named date, at Wambangalong Creek, in the county of Gordon and district of Dubbo.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause a Bridge to be erected across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains, with as little delay as possible.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
4. MR. BURNS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Lands or Survey Department and Mr. Edward Cussen, and any other person or persons, in reference to his Conditional Purchase at Gocup, in the district of Tumut, on the 17th August, 1865.
 - (2.) Copies of the proceedings in the cases Smithwick v. Cussen, and Cussen v. Smithwick, tried before the Tumut Bench during the months of February and March, 1867.
5. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
6. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That the answers given by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer to the questions asked by Mr. Josephson, on the 10th September, are unsatisfactory.
8. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Messengers, and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained,—

Upon which Mr. Driver had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months."

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Inquiry held on board the Ship "Vernon":—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it true that an inquiry has been lately held on board the "Vernon," relative to charges of drunkenness, or other misconduct, against the Superintendent, Captain Mein?

(2.) If so, what has been the result of such inquiry?

(3.) Has such inquiry, or its results, in any way involved the fitness or good conduct of the chief officer, Captain Wycherly, and if so, how?

(4.) What steps, if any, have been taken by the Government, or do they intend taking in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) It is true that an inquiry has been lately held on board the "Vernon" of a character such as is indicated by the honorable member's question.

(2.) The inquiry shews that there has been a want of agreement and effective discipline amongst the officers, but that the boys have been well attended to, and are progressing favourably.

(3.) Mr. Wycherly, the chief officer, has been reported as ill-suited for the duties of his office.

(4.) The chief officer and one of the quarter-masters have been dismissed.

- (2.) Proposed Loan of £3,000,000;—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—If he will lay upon the Table of this House copy of the Agreement between Messrs. Joseph Kohn and Co., and the Government, for the borrowing of three millions?

Mr. Eagar answered,—There is no agreement between Messrs. Joseph Kohn and Co. and the Government for the borrowing of £3,000,000, and I am, therefore, unable to comply with the request of the honorable member.

- (3.) Correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, respecting Financial Arrangements:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—When will he lay upon the Table the Correspondence between the Oriental Bank and the Government, ordered by this House on the 27th August last?

Mr. Eagar answered,—I have directed the General Correspondence of the Oriental Bank with the Government, since 1st October, 1865, to be carefully looked through with a view to obtain the information required, which will be laid upon the Table at an early date.

- (4.) Proposed Railway Loan:—Mr. Thornton asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—If the Parliament consents to borrow one million, or such sum of money as may be required to complete the Railways to Bathurst, Goulburn, and Murrurundi, has the Government, or any member of the Government, made any *engagement* with Messrs. Kohn and Co., or any other person or persons, to raise the money through them, at the price stated in the last financial minute—if so, on behalf of whom is such engagement made—whether with Messrs. Frubling and Göschen, of London—or Messrs. Alberti and Oppenheim, of Paris and Frankfort?

Mr.

Mr. Eagar answered,—Whatever sum may be authorized by Parliament to be raised for Railway purposes, the Government is under no engagement to negotiate the Loan, except with the approval of Parliament. The conditional arrangement, referred to in the Financial Statement, is with Messrs. Kohn and Co., as agents for Messrs. Oppenheim, Alberti, and Co., of Paris, whose representatives in London, I am informed, are Messrs. Fruhling and Göschen.

- (5.) Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Berrima :—Mr. Samuel asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Whether there is any deficiency in the Accounts of the Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Berrima—if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter ?

Mr. Martin answered,—The Government are not aware of any deficiency in the Accounts of the Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Berrima. A short time since, certain queries were submitted to this officer by the Auditor General. Such queries not having been answered by him in due time, payment of his salary was suspended. It subsequently appeared that the delay in answering arose from the severe illness of the Police Magistrate; on his recovery his Accounts were properly adjusted and payment of his salary was thereupon sanctioned.

- (6.) Municipalities Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. S. Brown asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—When will the Municipalities Act Amendment Bill be introduced ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Municipalities Bill will be introduced not later than the week after next. The subject has been delayed by the examination of a late Act, consolidating the Municipal Laws of Canada, and the consideration of one or two questions as to the expediency of extending the provisions of the new Bill beyond what was at first designed.

2. Paper :—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to “ Extension of Railways,” made by this House on motion of *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Robertson*, on 10 September, 1867, (*being Correspondence respecting, and Plans and Sections of Trial Surveys of, proposed Railway Extensions from Goulburn to a certain point on the Murrumbidgee River*).

Ordered, that the *Correspondence* be printed.

3. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Thornton moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. Presbyterian College Bill :—Mr. Wilson presented the undermentioned Petitions in favor of the said Bill, as amended by the Legislative Council ;—

(1.) From certain Presbyterians of Singleton, and surrounding district.

(2.) From Rev. William Purves, as Convener of College Committee, and Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

5. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “ *An Act to Facilitate Proceedings in Insolvency*,” presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18 September, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday week.

6. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill :—On the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill being read,—the Speaker ruled that the Bill was of that class which ought to originate in a Committee of the Whole.

And a discussion arising,—

Mr. Wilson moved that the Order of the Day be discharged.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Question put and passed.

7. Railway Loan :—The Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, That this “ House ” will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Upon which Mr. Robertson had moved, by way of Amendment, “ That all the words after the word “ House ” be omitted, with a view to inserting in their place the words,—“ declines considering the proposition of the Government for “ borrowing Three millions of pounds (£3,000,000) until more fully informed of “ the financial condition of the Colony, and of the direction or directions in which “ it is proposed to distribute the expenditure on the contemplated new Railway “ Extensions,”—Resumed.

Motion

Motion made by Mr. S. Brown, and Question—That this Debate be now adjourned, and stand an Order of the Day for this day week—put (after Debate) and negatived.

Main Question stated.

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Original Question stated.

Debate ensued.

Motion made by Mr. W. Suttor, and Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Burdokin,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. White,	Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Joseph,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Forster,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lord,	Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Terry,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Landale,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. J. Stewart,	Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Walker,	Mr. Macpherson,	
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Lackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Egan,	
Mr. R. Stewart,		Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. McKay,	Mr. E. Brown.	Mr. Pickering,	
Mr. Nowlan,		Mr. Hurley,	

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin (after Debate), at thirteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, (*in Committee of Ways and Means*), That this Committee disapproves of so much of the Financial Statement of the Colonial Treasurer as relates to the terms on which it is proposed to negotiate the proposed Loan of £3,000,000.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Railway Loan—Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

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FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Question:—

1. MR. DRIVER *to ask* the SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it true that the persons employed in the traffic department of the Great Northern Railway are paid for holidays—And, if so, how is it that Rule 31 is applied only to such persons, and not to the Railway Department generally?

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1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Mrs. Harriette Nowland; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £381 8s. 4d., to be paid to Mrs. Harriette Nowland, as compensation for a portion of land, her property, in the town of Muswellbrook, taken for Railway purposes.
3. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill; second reading.
4. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

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1. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th September, from certain inhabitants of Murrurundi, praying for the speedy extension of the Railway to that town, be printed.
2. MR. BURNS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government, Mr. Licensed Surveyor Fisher, Mr. Commissioner Daniel, Mr. M'Killop, and any other person or persons, and of all other papers relating to the selection and subsequent cancellation of the Conditional Purchases of Mr. John Graham, of the 23rd August and 13th December, 1866; and also of Mr. George Graham, of the last named date, at Wambangalong Creek, in the county of Gordon and district of Dubbo.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause a Bridge to be erected across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains, with as little delay as possible.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
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 - (2.) Copies of the proceedings in the cases Smithwick v. Cussen, and Cussen v. Smithwick, tried before the Tumut Bench during the months of February and March, 1867.
5. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
6. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That the answers given by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer to the questions asked by Mr. Josephson, on the 10th September, are unsatisfactory.

8. MR. GARRETT to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—

(1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament be now adopted.

(2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained,—

Upon which Mr. Driver had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months."

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.

[Price, 6d.]

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Presbyterian College Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 18th September, from Presbyterians of Singleton, and the Rev. W. Purves, Moderator of the General Assembly, in favour of the Presbyterian College Bill, as amended by the Legislative Council, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

2. District Courts Act of 1858 (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th September, from certain Merchants and others, respecting the District Courts Act, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Messrs. Thomas Larkin and Robert Pooley:—Mr. Roberts presented a Petition from Thomas Larkin, complaining of certain inconvenience, as therein set forth, which he and a person named Robert Pooley, both of Picton, are alleged to have sustained, in their capacity of co-contractors for metalling a certain portion of the Great South Road, in Bargo; and praying consideration and relief.

Petition received.

4. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Alexander Brown, of Newcastle, in the Colony of New South Wales, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to enable James Brown, Alexander Brown, and Stephen Foyle, to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway,—

And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Newcastle Chronicle*, newspapers, containing Notices for four consecutive weeks, in the months of August and September, 1867, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—

Petition received.

5. Edward Cussen:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Edward Cussen, representing that he free-selected certain land at Tumut under the authority of the Survey Department, and took possession of and improved the same, and that he has since been directed to give up the land, on the ground that it is included in the pre-emptive right of another person—which he states will reduce him to utter destitution; and praying relief.

Petition received.

6. Railway Loan:—The Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the "Governor,"—Resumed.

Mr.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by adding at the end thereof, after the word "Governor," the words,—“such Loan to be submitted “in London for public competition, at and above a minimum price, by a representative of the Government specially appointed for the purpose, or by three or “more of the Sydney Banks in association.”
Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight:—

FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1867, A.M. :—

Motion made by Mr. Terry, and Question put (after Debate), That this Debate be now adjourned, and stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. McKay,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Hannell,
Mr. J. Stewart,

Tellers.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Sutherland.

Noes, 44.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Nagar,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Joseph,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Stimpson,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. White,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. W. Suttor,	
Mr. J. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Hart.

Motion made by Mr. Lucas, and Question put (after Debate), That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. McKay,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Mate,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. J. Stewart,

Tellers.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Farnell.

Noes, 47.

Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Joseph,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Morrice,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Harley,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. White,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. W. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Hannell,	

Main Question stated.

Mr. Lord moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and stand an Order of the Day for “to-morrow.”

Mr. Hart moved, That the Question for the proposed adjournment be amended by omitting the word “to-morrow,” with a view to inserting in its place the words “Wednesday next.”

Debate ensued.

Question put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question for the proposed adjournment;

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The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. McKay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. J. Stewart,

Tellers.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Farnell.

Noes, 47.

Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Parkes, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Egan, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Cummings, Dr. Lang, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Dignam, Mr. Hannell, Mr. Landale, Mr. Dangar, Mr. White, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Mate,	Mr. Garrett, Mr. Driver, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Lord, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Hart, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Martin, <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Walker, Mr. Joseph.
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Question.—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the word omitted, be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then put,—That this Debate be now adjourned, and stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Hannell,
Mr. McKay,
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Isaacs,

Tellers.

Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Hart.

Noes, 36.

Mr. Robertson, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Egan, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Cummings, Dr. Lang, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Dignam, Mr. Landale, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Dangar, Mr. White, Mr. W. Suttor, Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Mate, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Driver, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Terry, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Wisdom, <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Walker, Mr. Macpherson.
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Main Question stated.

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be so added.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Martin, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Oatley, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Lord, Mr. Alexander, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Burns, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Mate, Mr. Piddington, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wisdom, <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. Hannell, Mr. Walker.
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Noes, 32.

Mr. Robertson, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Egan, Mr. Forster, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Dignam, Mr. Stimpson, Dr. Lang, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Landale, Mr. Pemell, Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. McKay, Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Terry, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Hurley, Mr. Driver, <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Hart.
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Original Question then put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Macleay.
Mr. Eagar,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. R. Stewart,	
Mr. McKay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Walker.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Hurloy,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Thornton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Joseph.
Mr. Pemell,	
Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. White,	
Mr. Lloyd,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Pickering,	
Mr. Burdekin,	

7. Federal Council Bill (No. 2) :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intitled "*An Act to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies,*" with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19 September, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

FEDERAL COUNCIL BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies," returned to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 19th September, 1867.

R. O'CONNOR,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, Clause 2, line 7. Omit "exceeding," insert "involving"
" " line 8. After "Services of" insert "more than"

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Thursday next.

The House adjourned, on motion Mr. Martin, at twenty-three minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m., this day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.

Questions :—

1. MR. DRIVER *to ask* the SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it true that the persons employed in the traffic department of the Great Northern Railway are paid for holidays—And, if so, how is it that Rule 31 is applied only to such persons, and not to the Railway Department generally?
2. MR. RODD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make the present road between Braidwood and Marulan available for the traffic likely to arise upon the arrival of the Railway at the latter place?

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OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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3. MR. ROBERTS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th September, from Mr. Thomas Larkin, be printed.
4. MR. BURNS to move, That the Petition presented by him from Mr. Edward Cussen, on the 19th September, be printed.
5. MR. THORNTON to move, That the name of Mr. S. C. Brown be discharged from the Committee now sitting on "Claim of Mr. Benjamin Richards to Lease of Yaraldool Run," and that of Mr. Egan be added to said Committee.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, (*in Committee of Ways and Means*), That this Committee disapproves of so much of the Financial Statement of the Colonial Treasurer as relates to the terms on which it is proposed to negotiate the proposed Loan of £3,000,000.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

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1. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
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 (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained,—
 Upon which Mr. Driver had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months."

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House will, on the following day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the Land Laws, and to make better provision for the Freehold Settlement of the Colony.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Railway Loan; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the following Resolutions:—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Federal Council Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Payment of certain Railway Employèes on Holidays:—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it true that the persons employed in the Traffic Department of the Great Northern Railway are paid for holidays—And, if so, how is it that Rule 31 is applied only to such persons, and not to the Railway Department generally?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Yes. The men in the Traffic Branch are paid weekly wage and do not get extra pay for attendance on Sundays or holidays. The men in the Locomotive Branch are paid a very high rate daily wage, and are, therefore, only paid when at work. Rule 31 applies to all the men in the Railway service; it simply regulates the holidays, and has no reference to the pay.

- (2.) Road between Braidwood and Marulan:—Mr. Rodd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make the present road between Braidwood and Marulan available for the traffic likely to arise upon the arrival of the Railway at the latter place?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Commissioner for Roads is at present on a tour of inspection in the Braidwood district, having received special instructions to examine and report on the best means of communication between Braidwood and Marulan. He is expected to return on Monday week, and on receiving his report the Government will be in a position to determine this question.

2. Mr. Thomas Smith:—Mr. Windeyer presented a Petition from Thomas Smith, of West Sydney, representing that, in the year 1849, he obtained permission from the Government to fill up the frontage of certain waterside land possessed by him at Pymont, for the purpose of making a wharf; that during the period of eighteen years he has expended a large sum of money, with a view to the accomplishment of that object; and that he is now hindered from completing the work, to his serious injury;—and praying relief.
Petition received.
3. Messrs. Thomas Larkin and Robert Pooley (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Roberts, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Roberts on the 19th September, from Mr. Thomas Larkin, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Edward Cussen (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him from Mr. Edward Cussen, on the 19th September, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Claim of Mr. Benjamin Richards to Lease of "Yaraldool" Run (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to Notice, That the name of Mr. S. C. Brown be discharged from the Committee now sitting on "Claim of Mr. Benjamin Richards to Lease of Yaraldool Run," and that of Mr. Egan be added to said Committee.
Question put and passed.
6. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) postponed, on motion of Mr. Windeyer, until this day fortnight.

7. Mrs. Harriette Nowland:—On motion of Mr. White, the Speaker left the chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £381 8s. 4d., to be paid to Mrs. Harriette Nowland, as compensation for a portion of land, her property, in the town of Muswellbrook, taken for Railway purposes.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved:—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £381 8s. 4d., to be paid to Mrs. Harriette Nowland, as compensation for a portion of land, her property, in the town of Muswellbrook, taken for Railway purposes.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. White, read a second time and agreed to.
8. Paper:—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Letter, dated 20 July, 1867, from the Under Secretary for Public Works (Mr. Rae) to the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works, respecting the inquiry into the Defalcations in the Railway Branch. [*In reference to Question (2) in Entry 2, in Votes and Proceedings of 17 September, 1867.*]
Ordered to be printed.
9. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill, on motion of Dr. Lang (after Debate) read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Dr. Lang, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
10. Postponements:—
(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until this day week.
(2.) Mr. White postponed the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
11. Messrs. John and George Graham—Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence between the Government, Mr. Licensed Surveyor Fisher, Mr. Commissioner Daniel, Mr. M'Killop, and any other person or persons, and of all other papers relating to the selection and subsequent cancellation of the Conditional Purchases of Mr. John Graham, of the 23rd August and 13th December, 1866; and also of Mr. George Graham, of the last named date, at Wambangalong Creek, in the county of Gordon and district of Dubbo.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
- The House adjourned, on motion Mr. Martin, at two minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

Questions:—

- MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
(1.) Whether he is aware that the Quarantine Ground at Newcastle is totally unfit for the purpose for which it was intended, by reason of its exposed situation, and insufficient accommodation for such valuable stock as imported sheep?
(2.) Whether he is aware that, on the landing of some valuable rams and ewes, imported by Mr. Orr about June last, no shelter was ready for them, whereby they were exposed to the inclement weather then prevailing, risking their loss?
(3.) Whether he is aware the food supplied by the Quarantine Keeper was not fit for their use, and that Mr. Orr's agent had to make arrangements for the supply of proper food?
- DR. LANG *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it has come to the knowledge of the Government, that a medical gentleman holding Her Majesty's Commission as a Magistrate of the Territory, in the District of Yass, has recently addressed certain violent and inflammatory language to a public meeting in that neighbourhood, and if so, whether it is accordant with the duty of a gentleman holding Her Majesty's Commission as a Justice of the Peace so to do?

3. DR. LANG *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to pay Mr. William Tyler, the original contractor for the erection of the bridge over the Nepean River, for the work he had actually performed in fulfilment of his contract, at the time when his property was completely destroyed and himself totally ruined by four successive floods in the Nepean River; the amount claimed in the case being hitherto retained in the hands of the Government, in accordance with the usual course of procedure in such cases?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LUCAS *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Moore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. MR. CUMMINGS *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause a Bridge to be erected across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains, with as little delay as possible.
3. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shewn by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
4. MR. BURNS *to move*, That there be laid on the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Lands or Survey Department and Mr. Edward Cussen, and any other person or persons, in reference to his Conditional Purchase at Gocup, in the district of Tumut, on the 17th August, 1865.
 - (2.) Copies of the proceedings in the cases Smithwick *v.* Cussen, and Cussen *v.* Smithwick, tried before the Tumut Bench during the months of February and March, 1867.
5. MR. BURNS *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
6. MR. LUCAS *to move*,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. JOSEPHSON *to move*, That the answers given by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer to the questions asked by Mr. Josephson, on the 10th September, are unsatisfactory.
8. MR. GARRETT *to move*,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.
9. MR. BURNS *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to enable James Brown, Alexander Brown, and Stephen Foyle to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and to connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.
10. MR. WINDEYER *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 20th September, from Thomas Smith, relative to leave to reclaim certain water frontage at Pymont, be printed.
11. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Memorials, or Explanations, also of all Reports and Records of Proceedings before any Commission of Inquiry, having reference to certain alleged misconduct of the Rev. C. D. Coghill in Port Macquarie Gaol.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 5th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament be now adopted.

(2.)

(2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained,—

Upon which Mr. Driver had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months."

2. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. MACPHERSON to move, (*in Committee of Ways and Means*), That this Committee disapproves of so much of the Financial Statement of the Colonial Treasurer as relates to the terms on which it is proposed to negotiate the proposed Loan of £3,000,000.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Has any application been received by the Council of Education, or the Government, from residents on the Bellenger River, for the establishment of a Public School on that river, or in its vicinity?
 - (2.) If so, what steps have the Government, or the Council of Education, taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Has any application been received by the Government from residents on the Bellenger River, for the establishment of a Lock-up, Court of Petty Sessions, and adequate Police Force, on that river, or in its vicinity?
 - (2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
3. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Has any application been received by the Government from residents on the Bellenger River for the appointment of a Pilot to the said river?
 - (2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House will, on the following day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the Land Laws, and to make better provision for the Freehold Settlement of the Colony.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Railway Loan; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the following Resolutions :—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Federal Council Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th September, from certain inhabitants of Murrurundi, praying for the speedy extension of the Railway to that town, be printed.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Quarantine Ground (for Stock), Newcastle:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Whether he is aware that the Quarantine Ground at Newcastle is totally unfit for the purpose for which it was intended, by reason of its exposed situation, and insufficient accommodation for such valuable stock as imported sheep?

(2.) Whether he is aware that, on the lauding of some valuable rams and ewes, imported by Mr. Orr about June last, no shelter was ready for them, whereby they were exposed to the inclement weather then prevailing, risking their loss?

(3.) Whether he is aware the food supplied by the Quarantine Keeper was not fit for their use, and that Mr. Orr's agent had to make arrangements for the supply of proper food?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The Quarantine Ground is not unfit for the purpose; is not in an exposed situation; and there is sufficient accommodation for over fifty sheep.

(2.) On account of such a large importation as Mr. Orr's (54), and as the ewes and rams had to be kept separate, it was found necessary to erect an additional shed, and whilst this was being done, the keeper imprudently failed to put the ewes under cover for a few nights.

(3.) Mr. Orr's agent proceeded with the sheep to Newcastle, and made his own arrangement, as to food, at a price considerably below that allowed by the Act.

I may state further, that I am aware one of Mr. Orr's sheep died; the Government investigated into the matter, and it was discovered that this sheep did not die on account of the treatment it received, but on account of previous disease.

- (2.) Magistrate at Yass addressing a Public Meeting:—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether it has come to the knowledge of the Government, that a medical gentleman holding Her Majesty's Commission as a Magistrate of the Territory, in the District of Yass, has recently addressed certain violent and inflammatory language to a public meeting in that neighbourhood, and if so, whether it is accordant with the duty of a gentleman holding Her Majesty's Commission as a Justice of the Peace so to do?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The attention of the Government has been called to a speech on the past condition of the Irish people, which was recently delivered at Burrowa by a Magistrate of the Colony. There does not appear any reason for interference in the matter, which will be best left to the taste and good feeling of the Public.

- (3.) Mr. William Tyler, original contractor for Nepean (Railway) Bridge:—Dr. Lang asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to pay Mr. William Tyler, the original contractor for the erection of the bridge over the Nepean River, for the work he had actually performed in fulfilment of his contract, at the time when his property was completely destroyed and himself totally ruined by four successive floods in the Nepean River; the amount claimed in the case being hitherto retained in the hands of the Government, in accordance with the usual course of procedure in such cases?

Mr.

Mr. Byrnes answered,—On the 11th of April 1865, Mr. Tyler applied to the Commissioner for Railways to have the retention money, amounting to £994 18s. 3d., paid over to him. The Government had formerly decided to release his sureties from their bond for £5000, and to give up the plant to the contractor, and they declined to make further concession in the matter. It is not the intention of the Government to interfere with the decision arrived at by their predecessors.

2. Papers :—

(1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to " Benjamin Cook," made by the House, on motion of Mr. Forster, on 3rd September, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Statistical Register of New South Wales, for the year 1866.
Ordered to be printed.

3. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day Withdrawn :—

(1.) Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion No. 3.

(2.) Mr. Burns withdrew the Motions Nos. 4 and 5.

(3.) Mr. Lucas withdrew the Motion No. 1.

4. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to enable James Brown, Alexander Brown, and Stephen Foyle to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and to connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.

Question put and passed.

5. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Cummings withdrew the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

6. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Lucas not making the Motion No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

7. Persons authorized to receive Public Moneys :—Mr. Josephson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the answers given by the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer to the questions asked by Mr. Josephson, on the 10th September, are unsatisfactory.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.

8. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill :—Mr. Burns having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the Credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill,—intituled "*A Bill to enable James Brown, Alexander Brown, and Stephen Foyle, to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to and to connect the same with the Great Northern Railway,*"—read a first time.

9. Newspaper Postage Act of 1864 :—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable and expedient that the Act 27 Vic., No. 7., known as the Newspaper Postage Act of 1864, should be repealed forthwith.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing Resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. S. Brown,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Burdakin,
Mr. Egan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stimpson,	
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. R. Stewart,	
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. McKay,	
Mr. Pickering,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Burns,	

Noes, 25.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. White,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Joseph.
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. W. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Hannell.
Mr. Gordon,	

10. Mr. Thomas Smith :—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Mr. Windeyer, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Windeyer on 20th September, from Thomas Smith, relative to leave to reclaim certain water frontage at Pymont, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

11. Gaol Chaplain instigating to Insubordination :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Memorials, or Explanations, also of all Reports and Records of Proceedings before any Commission of Inquiry, having reference to certain alleged misconduct of the Rev. C. D. Coghlan in Port Macquarie Gaol.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, respectively, on motion of the undermentioned members, until Friday next :—
No. 1, by Mr. Piddington.
No. 2, by Dr. Lang.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at six minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Has any application been received by the Council of Education, or the Government, from residents on the Bellenger River, for the establishment of a Public School on that river, or in its vicinity?
(2.) If so, what steps have the Government, or the Council of Education, taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Has any application been received by the Government from residents on the Bellenger River, for the establishment of a Lock-up, Court of Petty Sessions, and adequate Police Force, on that river, or in its vicinity?
(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) Has any application been received by the Government from residents on the Bellenger River for the appointment of a Pilot to the said river?
(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
4. MR. FARNELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
(1.) Will the sewerage of the Gaol, Lunatic Asylum, and Orphan School, at Parramatta, be discharged into the Parramatta River, at a point near to Lennox Bridge?
(2.) If so, will the Government, in the event of the said sewerage becoming a nuisance, and injurious to the health of the inhabitants of Parramatta, cause the same to be abated, or conduct the sewerage to a point where no injurious effects can arise therefrom?
5. MR. LORD *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Has the Honorable the Attorney General arrived at any decision with reference to the Petition presented by me, praying the removal of Mr. Garrett, P.M., for Bourke—If so, will he state the result of such decision?
6. MR. MACPHERSON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) Does the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer hold himself responsible for the "authenticity of "all" the information contained in a document attached to the "Estimates of Ways and Means, and entitled, Statement of the Particulars of the "Public Debt of the Colony of New South Wales, on 31st August, 1867"; which document was laid on the Table of the House, and ordered to be printed, on the occasion of the Honorable Treasurer making his Financial Statement on 12th September?
(2.) Is the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer aware that in the above Statement there is at least one error, amounting to £282,801 15s. 6d., in the sum as stated to have been realized by the sale of Debentures and Treasury Bills. The total amount of Debentures and Treasury Bills sold is stated to be £7,664,130, and the total amount realized by sales is stated to be £7,661,520—shewing thereby a loss of only £2,610; whereas the actual loss involved is £285,411 15s. 6d.?
7. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish District Courts at Gunnedah, Narrabri, Walgett, Bourke, and Warialda?
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish Courts of Petty Sessions on the Biree River, and Collarenebri, on the Barwon River?
(3.) Has the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Warialda been instructed to attend and perform duty at Moree and Bingera, receiving the usual extra travelling expenses for the same?
8. MR. EGAN *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
(1.) Whether any application has been made by any person or persons for the erection of a Bridge over the river which runs through the centre of the town of Bombala, in the district of Manaroo?
(2.) If so, what have the Government determined on doing in reference to the same?

9. MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Has the necessary guarantee been received from the people of Gunnedah as to the extension of the Telegraph from Tamworth to that place, and if so, when will the work be commenced?

Contingent Notices of Motions :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move (*in Committee of the Whole on the Railway Loan*) the following amendment;—That the words "Three Millions" be omitted, with the view to insert the following words: "One Million, towards completing the Great Southern Line of Railway to Goulburn, the Great Northern Line to Murrurundi and the Great Western Line to Bathurst."
2. MR. MACPHERSON to move, (*in Committee of Ways and Means*), That this Committee disapproves of so much of the Financial Statement of the Colonial Treasurer as relates to the terms on which it is proposed to negotiate the proposed Loan of £3,000,000.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House will, on the following day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the Land Laws, and to make better provision for the Freehold Settlement of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Railway Loan; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That the Bill to enable Messrs. James Brown, Alexander Brown, and Stephen Foyle, to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and to connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee have power to send for persons and papers, and consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Graham, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Hannell, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
2. MR. WHITE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, the valuation made by the Government Valuator, of two portions of land, the property of Mrs. Harriette Nowland, in the Town of Muswellbrook, taken for Railway purposes.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

Questions :—

1. MR. J. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Why Northern Illawarra has not been incorporated under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1858, in pursuance of the Petition presented last April?
2. MR. J. STEWART to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When shall we receive the Papers relating to Petroleum, ordered on the 3rd December last to be laid on the Table; and further ordered, on the 5th July last, to be printed?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Federal Council Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
3. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained,—
Upon which Mr. Driver had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months."
4. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th September, from certain inhabitants of Murrurundi, praying for the speedy extension of the Railway to that town, be printed.
2. MR. ROBERTS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the Petition of Thomas Larkin, presented on the 19th September.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Farnell, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Graham, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause a Bridge to be erected across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains, with as little delay as possible.
2. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares; the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—A Return, of the cost of the Panama Mail Service, since its commencement to date of Return, specifying the cost for each portion of the line separately, namely,—the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus; the cost across the Isthmus; and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain. Also in each case the cost per month of each mail.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shewn by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. BURNS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Lands or Survey Department and Mr. Edward Cussen, and any other person or persons, in reference to his Conditional Purchase at Gocup, in the district of Tumut, on the 17th August, 1865.
 - (2.) Copies of the proceedings in the cases Smithwick v. Cussen, and Cussen v. Smithwick, tried before the Tumut Bench during the months of February and March, 1867.
3. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Public School, Bellenger River:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has any application been received by the Council of Education, or the Government, from residents on the Bellenger River, for the establishment of a Public School on that river, or in its vicinity?

(2.) If so, what steps have the Government, or the Council of Education, taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A letter was received at the Council of Education Office, on 24th August last, from Mr. John Mara (or Marx), junior, requesting to be furnished with "Copy of Regulations and Forms of Application for a Public School." These documents were posted to Mr. Mara on the 29th of August. No further communication has been received from Mr. Mara or any other resident on the Bellenger River.

- (2.) Police Establishment, Bellenger River:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has any application been received by the Government from residents on the Bellenger River, for the establishment of a Lock-up, Court of Petty Sessions, and adequate Police Force, on that river, or in its vicinity?

(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Such an application was received on the 18th instant, and will receive early attention. The subject had previously been under consideration, on the application of gentlemen interested in the district.

- (3.) Pilot, Bellenger River:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has any application been received by the Government from residents on the Bellenger River for the appointment of a Pilot to the said river?

(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) An application of the kind was received at the Treasury on the 18th instant.

(2.) This application was referred to the Superintendent of Pilots, who reports as follows:—"Although there is an increase in the trade to the Bellenger, I should not feel justified at present in recommending the establishment of a Pilot there; the cost of which would be about £600 a year. The Bellenger is a small river, and the outlet to a limited extent of country only." Under this report, the Government do not contemplate any present action in the matter.

- (4.) Sewerage of Gaol, Lunatic Asylum, and Orphan School, Parramatta:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Will the sewerage of the Gaol, Lunatic Asylum, and Orphan School, at Parramatta, be discharged into the Parramatta River, at a point near to Lennox Bridge?

(2.)

(2.) If so, will the Government, in the event of the said sewerage becoming a nuisance, and injurious to the health of the inhabitants of Parramatta, cause the same to be abated, or conduct the sewerage to a point where no injurious effects can arise therefrom?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) The sewerage of the Gaol, Lunatic Asylum, and Orphan School, at Parramatta, will be discharged into the Parramatta River, under Lennox Bridge.

(2.) Yes; but no fears are entertained by the Government of any nuisance arising from the discharge of the sewerage at this point.

(5.) Mr. Garrett, P.M. for Bourke:—Mr. Lord asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Has the Honorable the Attorney General arrived at any decision with reference to the Petition presented by me; praying the removal of Mr. Garrett, P.M., for Bourke—If so, will he state the result of such decision?

Mr. Martin answered,—I have arrived at a decision upon the Petition referred to. As to one of the matters complained of by the Petitioners, I have called upon Mr. Garrett for an explanation. As to the rest, I have intimated to the Petitioners that I do not see anything that justifies me in taking any action against Mr. Garrett. I informed them that I thought that some of the decisions complained of were questionable, but that the proper remedy for any mistake that may have been made was an application to the Supreme Court, and not to the Attorney General.

(6.) Estimates of Ways and Means:—Mr. Macpherson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) Does the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer hold himself responsible for the "authenticity of *all*" the information contained in a document attached to the "Estimates of Ways and Means, and entitled, Statement of the Particulars of the Public Debt of the Colony of New South Wales, on 31st August, 1867"; which document was laid on the Table of the House, and ordered to be printed, on the occasion of the Honorable Treasurer making his Financial Statement on 12th September?

(2.) Is the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer aware that in the above Statement there is at least one error, amounting to £282,801 15s. 6d., in the sum as stated to have been realized by the sale of Debentures and Treasury Bills. The total amount of Debentures and Treasury Bills sold is stated to be £7,664,130, and the total amount realized by sales is stated to be £7,661,520—shewing thereby a loss of only £2,610; whereas the actual loss involved is £285,411 15s. 6d.?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) I am undoubtedly responsible for the authenticity of all the information in the document referred to.

(2.) I was not aware that an error existed in this document, until the honorable member called my attention to it. I now find on examination and inquiry that the third money column is added up incorrectly—and having called upon the Accountant of the Treasury to explain how it is that a clerical error of this nature has occurred, I have been furnished with the following explanation.—"I prepared the Public Debt Statement in August last (so as to have it in a forward state), which included all Debentures sold up to the 22nd of that month, and then shewed the amount realized to be £7,357,028 4s. 6d. This statement was printed, but in the beginning of September I increased the issue under 29th Victoria No. 9 by £21,690, proceeds of £24,300 Debentures sold between the 23rd and 31st August, and handed the statement to one of the Clerks to make up the additions of the various columns affected by these sums; this he has done correctly in every case but the one referred to in the hon. member's question, which, in some unaccountable manner, he made £7,661,520, in place of £7,378,718 4s. 6d. In the press and hurry of business connected with the preparation of the Estimates and Financial Statements, I had not time to go over these additions myself, otherwise the error, which I much regret, might have been discovered before the document was laid on the Table of the Assembly."

(7.) Judicial and Magisterial Arrangements at Gunnedah, &c.:—Mr. Dangar asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 7:—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish District Courts at Gunnedah, Narrabri, Walgett, Bourke, and Warialda?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish Courts of Petty Sessions on the Biree River, and Collarenebri, on the Barwon River?

(3.) Has the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Warialda been instructed to attend and perform duty at Moree and Bingera, receiving the usual extra travelling expenses for the same?

Mr. Martin answered,—The Government have not yet arrived at any determination upon the matter referred to in the first and second questions of the honorable member. The Clerk of Petty Sessions at Warialda has not been instructed to attend at Moree and Bingera. I have intimated to the Police Magistrate that I did not think it expedient to incur the expense which such attendance would involve.

(8.) Bridge at Bombala, Manaroo District:—Mr. Egan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 8:—

(1.)

(1.) Whether any application has been made by any person or persons for the erection of a Bridge over the river which runs through the centre of the town of Bombala, in the district of Manaroo?

(2.) If so, what have the Government determined on doing in reference to the same?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Yes; a Petition from the Inhabitants of the Town of Bombala, praying for the erection of the Bridge in question, was presented by the honorable member for Manaroo, who supported the prayer of the Petitioners.

(2.) A sum of £500 has been placed on the Estimates for 1868, for the Bridge.

(9.) Telegraphic Extension—Tamworth to Gunnedah:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—Has the necessary guarantee been received from the people of Gunnedah as to the extension of the Telegraph from Tamworth to that place, and if so, when will the work be commenced?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The names of several gentlemen willing to enter into the necessary bond have been submitted to the Government and approved; and the Crown Solicitor has been instructed to prepare the bond.

2. Papers:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Papers relating to appointment of Special Constables for apprehension of Bushrangers in Southern Districts.—(See Sec. 7 of Entry (1) in Votes and Proceedings of 4 July, 1867.)

(2.) Comparative Return of the Expenditure of the Government Asylums, for the years 1863-4-5-6.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on the following day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the Land Laws, and to make better provision for the Freehold Settlement of the Colony.
Question put and passed.

4. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Bill to enable Messrs. James Brown, Alexander Brown, and Stephen Foyle, to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and to connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee have power to send for persons and papers, and consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Graham, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Hannell, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. Mrs. Harriette Nowland ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. White moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, The valuation made by the Government Valuator, of two portions of land, the property of Mrs. Harriette Nowland, in the Town of Muswellbrook, taken for Railway purposes.

Question put and passed.

6. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Macpherson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and negatived.

7. Railway Loan:—The Order of the Day No. 1, having been read,—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as a Point of Order, which had arisen in the Committee, should be decided in the House.

The Chairman then reported the Point of Order as follows:—

The honorable member for the Clarence (Mr. Robertson), and the honorable member for Northumberland (Mr. Tighe), having both risen to address the Chairman, and Mr. Robertson having first caught his eye, he had called upon that honorable member to speak. This being objected to by a section of the Committee, who asserted the prior right of Mr. Tighe—who also himself claimed it—Mr. Piddington proposed the following Question, which he (the Chairman) declined to put, under the impression that such a question could only be dealt with in the House, viz. :—"That the Honorable Member for Northumberland be now heard."

Whereupon the following Resolution was carried in the Committee:—That the Chairman leave the Chair, and report the following point of Order to the House:—"Was the Chairman in order in refusing to put the following Motion, made by the Honorable Member for the Hawkesbury, Mr. Piddington,—'That the Honorable Member for Northumberland be now heard.'?"

The Speaker said, that, in his opinion, the Question was improperly rejected by the Chairman, and that, in such circumstances as those in question, it was for the Committee, as well as the House, to determine for itself who should be heard first.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after Midnight:—

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The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour this day.

8. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Presbyterian College Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 28th August last, in reference to "Saint Andrew's College Bill":—

1. Insists on the Council's Amendment in page 1, Title,—Because the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church agreed, as shewn by Petitions now before Parliament, that the proposed institution should bear the name of "Saint Andrew's College," and it is desirable to give effect to the intentions of the only organ through which the sentiments of the general body of Presbyterians, as regards such matters, can be made known with authority.

2. Insists on so much of its Amendment in the Preamble as omits the words "the Presbyterian College," for the reasons offered above.

3. Disagrees to the Assembly's Amendment in its Amendment in the Preamble, which omits from the words *inserted* the words "Saint Andrew's College," for the reasons offered above.

4. Insists on its Amendment in page 2, clause 1, line 6, for the reasons offered above.

5. Insists on its Amendment in page 2, clause 4, line 29, for the reasons offered above.

6. Insists on its Amendments in page 2, clause 5, lines 37, 38, and 39,—Because these Amendments carry out the franchise proposed in the Draft Bill agreed to by the said General Assembly, and because the higher franchise will encourage more liberal contributions, and place the election of the first Councillors in the hands of those likely to exercise it with advantage to the proposed Institution.

7. And disagrees to the Assembly's Amendment in its Amendment in page 3, clause 10, which omits therefrom the words "of Saint Andrew's," for the reasons offered above in relation to the designation of the College.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25 September, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, that this Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole, and that such consideration stand an Order of the Day for Friday week.

(2.) Parramatta Factory-street Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the enclosure of a portion of Factory-street in the Town of Parramatta," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25 September, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty-one minutes after One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. this day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

Questions:—

1. MR. J. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Why Northern Illawarra has not been incorporated under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1858, in pursuance of the Petition presented last April?
2. MR. J. STEWART to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When shall we receive the Papers relating to Petroleum, ordered on the 3rd December last to be laid on the Table; and further ordered, on the 5th July last, to be printed?

3. MR. WALKER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—If it be the intention of the Government to grant the piece of land in Windsor known as the Church Green, to Trustees, for the benefit of the inhabitants, as a place of recreation; and if so, when?
4. MR. WISDOM *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—If it is his intention to appeal against the judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of the Queen *v.* Murphy?
5. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Has the gentleman at present filling the office of Accountant of the Railway Branch, Department of Public Works, been required to find security for the faithful discharge of his duties?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Federal Council Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the Land Laws, and to make better provision for the Freehold Settlement of the Colony.
3. Railway Loan; further consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

Questions:—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—If Mr. Surveyor Sanderson has yet reported on the application of Mr. J. Griffiths for the return to him of the amount which he paid on his cancelled Conditional Purchase at Hellas Creek?
2. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Are the School Books and Stationery required by the Council of Education supplied under contract entered into after being publicly competed for in the usual way?
 - (2.) The names of the parties by whom books and stationery have been furnished for the Council during the half-year ending the 30th June, 1867, and the amount of their respective accounts for that period?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
3. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained,—
Upon which Mr. Driver had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months."
4. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th September, from certain inhabitants of Murrurundi, praying for the speedy extension of the Railway to that town, be printed.
2. MR. ROBERTS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the Petition of Thomas Larkin, presented on the 19th September.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Farnell, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Graham, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, and the Mover.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When the statistical information, ordered by this House on the 24th July, 1867, relative to floods in the Hunter River Districts, and the Report of the Engineer in Chief for Harbours and Rivers on the survey of the Hunter, will be laid on the Table?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause a Bridge to be erected across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains, with as little delay as possible.
2. MR. LUCAS *to move*,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—A Return, of the cost of the Panama Mail Service, since its commencement to date of Return, specifying the cost for each portion of the line separately, namely,—the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus; the cost across the Isthmus; and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain. Also in each case the cost per month of each mail.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Presbyterian College Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message of 25th September, relative to the amendments made in this Bill.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shewn by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. BURNS *to move*, That there be laid on the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Lands or Survey Department and Mr. Edward Cussen, and any other person or persons, in reference to his Conditional Purchase at Gocup, in the district of Tumut, on the 17th August, 1865.
 - (2.) Copies of the proceedings in the cases Smithwick *v.* Cussen, and Cussen *v.* Smithwick, tried before the Tumut Bench during the months of February and March, 1867.
3. MR. LUCAS *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Municipal Incorporation of Northern Illawarra:—Mr. J. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Why Northern Illawarra has not been incorporated under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1858, in pursuance of the Petition presented last April?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This district has not been incorporated, owing to the receipt, within the time allowed by law, of a Petition signed by a larger number of Petitioners for the annexation of three-fourths of the land described in the first Petition to the existing Municipality of Wollongong, and which Petition was regarded in the light of a counter-Petition, as published in the Supplement to the *Government Gazette* of the 23rd instant.

- (2.) Petroleum (*Mr. W. F. De Salis—Professor Lesly*):—Mr. J. Stewart asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When shall we receive the Papers relating to Petroleum, ordered on the 3rd December last to be laid on the Table; and further ordered, on the 5th July last, to be printed?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The Papers were laid upon the Table of the House on the 5th July last. With regard to the question of the honorable member, when they will be received, as a matter of course, it would be impossible for me to give him any information; but I have made inquiries, and have received the following statement from the Government Printer:—"The printing of this paper has been delayed in consequence of two pages of the manuscript having been lost or mislaid by Messrs. Gibbs, Shallard, and Co., to whom the engraving of the illustrations was entrusted. Every effort is now being made to procure another copy." The following is their letter.—"We have made repeated ineffectual efforts to procure another copy of the Petroleum pamphlet in Sydney, but hope for a favourable answer in a few days, when we will communicate with you. In case of disappointment in all the Colonies, we wrote per first mail after loss was discovered to America, and have no doubt we shall receive a copy from this source per steamer arriving here about November 30th."

- (3.) Place for Public Recreation, Windsor:—*Mr. Piddington*, on behalf of Mr. Walker, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—If it be the intention of the Government to grant the piece of land in Windsor known as the Church Green, to Trustees, for the benefit of the inhabitants, as a place of recreation; and if so, when?

Mr. Wilson answered,—It is the intention to grant the Church Green at Windsor, for recreation, to Trustees, of whom the officer commanding the Windsor corps of Volunteer Rifles will be one, a small portion of the land having been temporarily set apart for a parade ground. The land (containing about 19½ acres) has been measured, and the appropriation was included in the Abstract laid before Parliament in July last. The grant cannot issue in the present state of the law.

Mr. Wisdom withdrew the question No. 4.

- (4.) Accountant of Railway Department:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Has the gentleman at present filling the office of Accountant of the Railway Branch, Department of Public Works, been required to find security for the faithful discharge of his duties?

Mr.

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Accountant has been requested to find security to the amount of £1000 for the faithful discharge of his duties; but the necessary documents are not yet completed.

2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Wisdom moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. Papers:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Return showing the number of Electors on the Roll of each Electoral District of New South Wales for 1867–8.
 - (2.) Return showing the estimated number of Electors entitled to Vote in the several Gold Fields Electoral Districts for 1867–8.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Federal Council Bill (No. 2):—On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole; for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Parkes, adopted that report, and ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th September, 1867.*

Speaker.

5. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2):—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the Land Laws, and to make better provision for the Freehold Settlement of the Colony.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to Amend the Land Laws, and to make better provision for the Freehold Settlement of the Colony.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a second time, and agreed to.
 6. Railway Loan:—On the Order of the Day being read, for the further consideration, in Committee of the Whole, of the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) "That," in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a Loan "of" £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—
 The Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee for such further consideration.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as a Point of Order which had arisen in the Committee should be decided in the House.
The Point of Order, as stated to the House, was as follows:—
The Resolutions referred to the Committee being under consideration, an Amendment had been submitted to leave out certain words after the word "of" where it occurs the second time in the first Resolution, with a view to inserting in their place other words—upon which Amendment the Question had been proposed from the Chair,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Subsequently, after a discussion, another Amendment was submitted, proposing to omit all the words after the earlier word "That," with a view to inserting in their place other words.
The Chairman, upon this, proposed to entertain so much of the second Amendment as preceded the first; which course being objected to, the matter was referred for the decision of the House.
The Speaker said that, having looked carefully into authorities bearing upon the point, he thought the case was not free from doubt; but that, as the course proposed by the Chairman was in accordance with the precedent referred to in May (Foot-note 5, p. 280, Edition of 1863), his ruling was justified.
On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker then left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty-five minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

Questions :—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—If Mr. Surveyor Sanderson has yet reported on the application of Mr. J. Griffiths for the return to him of the amount which he paid on his cancelled Conditional Purchase at Hellas Creek ?
2. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Are the School Books and Stationery required by the Council of Education supplied under contract entered into after being publicly competed for in the usual way ?
 - (2.) The names of the parties by whom books and stationery have been furnished for the Council during the half-year ending the 30th June, 1867, and the amount of their respective accounts for that period ?
3. MR. LEE *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure this Session to alter the present mode of collecting the Electoral Rolls, or to discontinue such collection at the Government cost—substituting Self-Registration ?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
3. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace :—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained,—
Upon which Mr. Driver had moved, “That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months.”
4. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. WHITE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th September, from certain inhabitants of Murrurundi, praying for the speedy extension of the Railway to that town, be printed.
2. MR. ROBERTS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the Petition of Thomas Larkin, presented on the 19th September.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Farnell, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Graham, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, and the Mover.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Questions :—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When the statistical information, ordered by this House on the 24th July, 1867, relative to floods in the Hunter River Districts, and the Report of the Engineer in Chief for Harbours and Rivers on the survey of the Hunter, will be laid on the Table ?
2. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Have the Messrs. Graham been informed of the revocation of the cancellation of their Conditional Purchases at Wambangalong Creek ; and if so, when ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause a Bridge to be erected across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains, with as little delay as possible.
2. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

3. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—A Return of the cost of the Panama Mail Service, since its commencement to date of Return, specifying the cost for each portion of the line separately, namely,—the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus; the cost across the Isthmus; and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain. Also in each case the cost per month of each mail.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Railway Loan; further consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Presbyterian College Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message of 25th September, relative to the amendments made in this Bill.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shewn by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. BURNS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Lands or Survey Department and Mr. Edward Cussen, and any other person or persons, in reference to his Conditional Purchase at Goeup, in the district of Tumut, on the 17th August, 1865.
 - (2.) Copies of the proceedings in the cases Smithwick v. Cussen, and Cussen v. Smithwick, tried before the Tumut Bench during the months of February, and March, 1867.
3. MR. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Mr. J. Griffiths :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—If Mr. Surveyor Sanderson has yet reported on the application of Mr. J. Griffiths for the return to him of the amount which he paid on his cancelled Conditional Purchase at Hellas Creek?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Mr. Sanderson has reported. His report I think was dated 27th August.

- (2.) School Books, &c., for Council of Education :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Are the School Books and Stationery required by the Council of Education supplied under contract entered into after being publicly competed for in the usual way?

(2.) The names of the parties by whom books and stationery have been furnished for the Council during the half-year ending the 30th June, 1867, and the amount of their respective accounts for that period?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have received from the Secretary to the Council of Education the following explanation,—

(1.) The School Books and Stationery required by the Council of Education are not supplied under contract entered into after being publicly competed for; but, as regards school books, under contract entered into by the late Board of National Education,—such contract requiring that six months notice should be given to the contractor before it can be terminated. Certified Denominational Schools are for the present supplied on the same terms.

- (2.) Mr. J. J. Moore, School Books and Apparatus £596 7 0
 „ J. Sands, Stationery 102 19 3
 „ W. Moffatt, do. 12 0 0

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- (3.) Collection of Electoral Rolls :—Mr. Dodds, on behalf of Mr. Lee, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure this Session to alter the present mode of collecting the Electoral Rolls, or to discontinue such collection at the Government cost—substituting self-registration?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has not considered the expediency of introducing any measure for effecting any such change in the present mode of collecting the Electoral Rolls as is indicated in the Honorable Member's question. I would wish to take this opportunity to explain what is being done in the collection of the Electoral Rolls. By an Act of last Session, it was determined by the Legislature that the Electoral Rolls for the future should be collected by the Police, and printed at the Government Printing Office. That has been done, and by the employment of type specially kept for the purpose, and keeping the matter standing, nearly the whole expense of yearly preparing the Electoral Rolls will be saved for the future. It is proposed to keep the Electoral Rolls standing, in the form I hold in my hand, which would only require such corrections as may be rendered absolutely necessary by change of residence, instead of the previous costly plan of reprinting the whole of the voluminous Electoral Rolls every year.

2. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Robertson moved, that this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. Petition of Thomas Larkin, (" *Formal* " *Motion*) :—Mr. Roberts moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the Petition of Thomas Larkin, presented on the 19th September.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Farnell, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Graham, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
4. Postponements :—
(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until this day week.
(2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Josephson, until Tuesday next.
(3.) The Order of the Day respecting Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace,—postponed, on motion of Mr. Piddington, until this day week.
5. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill :—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment,—
Ordered, on motion of Dr. Lang, that the adoption of this Report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
6. Great Northern Railway :—Mr. White moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Petition presented by him on the 17th September, from certain inhabitants of Murrurundi, praying for the speedy extension of the Railway to that town, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Tighe moved, That the Question be amended, by adding at the end thereof the words, " and that it is the opinion of this House that the extension of the Railway to Murrurundi should be completed without delay."
Debate continued.
Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn.
Original Question put and passed.
Petition ordered to be printed.
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at a quarter after Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1.

Questions :—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When the statistical information, ordered by this House on the 24th July, 1867, relative to floods in the Hunter River Districts, and the Report of the Engineer in Chief for Harbours and Rivers on the survey of the Hunter, will be laid on the Table?
2. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Have the Messrs. Graham been informed of the revocation of the cancellation of their Conditional Purchases at Wambangalong Creek; and if so, when?
3. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it determined by the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and River Navigation to deposit, at or near the Heads, the Silt dredged up in different parts of the Harbour of Port Jackson, instead of, as for some years past, utilizing the silt in reclaiming land at the heads of the bays adjoining the city and suburbs of Sydney, and thereby converting the sites of a threatening pestilence into places available for healthful recreation and usefulness; and if so, by whose or by what authority is the alteration to be made in disposing of the silt dredged up from the harbour?
4. MR. J. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If any Report has been made by the Teacher of the Public School at Kirkconnell, to the effect that Dr. Quinn, Bishop of Bathurst, had forbidden the Roman Catholic pupils at that school to continue their attendance thereat?

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to cause a Bridge to be erected across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains, with as little delay as possible.
2. MR. LUCAS to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—A Return of the cost of the Panama Mail Service, since its commencement to date of Return, specifying the cost for each portion of the line separately, namely,—the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus; the cost across the Isthmus; and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain. Also in each case the cost per month of each mail.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill reported; adoption of report.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Questions:—

1. MR. ALEXANDER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) Why there is no Court of Petty Sessions at Tuena?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the Police Magistrate of Carcoar, who is paid for presiding at the Tuena Court, never does so?
 - (3.) That a prisoner has remained in the lock-up over seven days on a trifling charge, because no Magistrate could be found to hear the case?
 - (4.) Hundreds of pounds have been lost by reason of creditors not being able to get summonses, or, if obtained, there being no Court to try the causes?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—With reference to an inquiry lately instituted, or understood to have been instituted, by the Government, into the conduct of Dr. Ross, J.P., of Molong, involving the fitness of the said Dr. Ross for the office of Magistrate, what has been the result of the said inquiry, and what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
3. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to a package of registered letters lost, or understood to have been lost, some months ago, and which were sent, or intended to have been sent, by the Panama Mail,—
 - (1.) In what place, or in what stage of transit, did the loss occur?
 - (2.) What is the number of letters lost?
 - (3.) What are the number and respective values—so far as the same can be ascertained—of money orders, or of other valuable enclosures lost?
 - (4.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, by way of recovery of the said letters, or in satisfaction of the claims of parties who have incurred loss thereby?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Railway Loan; further consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a loan of £3,000,000 for Railway purposes.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Questions:—

1. MR. DODDS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Are the Government aware that in the grant of Mr. William Field, at Nardi, near Coonabarabran, an allowance of only five acres was made for the old road which passes through the same?
 - (2.) Why the Petition of the inhabitants of the locality, praying amongst other things that Mr. Field may be permitted to take in the old road in return for the new one, which passes through another part of his property, has not been complied with?
 - (3.) What report was furnished by the Government Surveyor as to the necessity of continuing open the old road?
2. MR. RYAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) If it is true that the same amount is charged for Railway fares from Penrith to Wascoe's, as is charged from Penrith to the Weatherboard?
 - (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Minister to continue such charges?

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Presbyterian College Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message of 25th September, relative to the amendments made in this Bill.
3. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
4. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace.—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained,—
 Upon which Mr. Driver had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months."

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shewn by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. Mr. BURNS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Lands or Survey Department and Mr. Edward Cussen, and any other person or persons, in reference to his Conditional Purchase at Gocup, in the district of Tumut, on the 17th August, 1865.
 - (2.) Copies of the proceedings in the cases Smithwick v. Cussen, and Cussen v. Smithwick, tried before the Tumut Bench during the months of February and March, 1867.
3. Mr. LUCAS to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Moore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Mr. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the charge imposed by Government for the conveyance of Gold by escort should be reduced.
5. Mr. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by escort.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. DODDS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions and Correspondence in the Lands or Survey Department in reference to the new road, or to the proposal to close up the old road, through the property of Mr. W. Field, at Nardi, Coonabarabran.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties; and ought therefore to be abolished.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Flood Relief, Hunter River Districts—Report on Survey of River:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When the statistical information, ordered by this House on the 24th July, 1867, relative to floods in the Hunter River Districts, and the Report of the Engineer in Chief for Harbours and Rivers on the survey of the Hunter, will be laid on the Table?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The statistical information relative to floods in the Hunter River District, and the Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on the survey of the Hunter are in the course of preparation, and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as completed—certainly before the end of this month.

- (2.) Messrs. John and George Graham—Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Have the Messrs. Graham been informed of the revocation of the cancellation of their Conditional Purchases at Wambangalong Creek; and if so, when?

Mr. Wilson answered,—John Graham was informed on the 18th September. George Graham's conditional purchase has not been cancelled.

- (3.) Silt dredged up in Port Jackson:—Mr. Tunks asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it determined by the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and River Navigation to deposit, at or near the Heads, the Silt dredged up in different parts of the Harbour of Port Jackson, instead of, as for some years past, utilizing the silt in reclaiming land at the heads of the bays adjoining the city and suburbs of Sydney, and thereby converting the sites of a threatening pestilence into places available for healthful recreation and usefulness; and if so, by whose or by what authority is the alteration to be made in disposing of the silt dredged up from the harbour?

Mr. Byrnes answered:—It is not the intention of the Government, or the Engineer for Harbours and Rivers, to discontinue the practice of utilizing the silt by reclaiming land at the heads of the bays adjoining the city and suburbs—that practice will still be continued to such extent as Parliament may be disposed to sanction annually, by voting money for landing the silt and forming ground; but as the new dredge will be a very powerful one, capable of raising from 1,500 to 2,000 tons of silt daily, it is the intention, after she has filled all the punts with the silt to be used for reclamation, to send the remainder outside the heads some three or four miles, and drop it into deep water; to land the whole of the silt this dredge could raise, would involve an additional expenditure of £12,000 per annum—it would be very inexpedient to limit the amount of the dredging, merely to the extent of land which the Government may be authorized to reclaim.

- (4.) Public School, Kirkconnell—Dr. Quinn, Roman Catholic Bishop of Bathurst:—Mr. J. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—If any Report has been made by the Teacher of the Public School at Kirkconnell, to the effect that Dr. Quinn, Bishop of Bathurst, had forbidden the Roman Catholic pupils at that school to continue their attendance thereat?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered.—A report has been received from the Teacher of the Public School at Kirkconnell, which represents that Dr. Quinn has forbidden the attendance of Roman Catholic children at that school. The same thing has been done in other cases. The following is a copy of the report referred to:—

“ Kirkconnell Public School,
“ 17th September, 1867.

“ SIR,

“ I have the honor to inform you that the Roman Catholic Bishop of Bathurst has recently addressed a letter to Mr. James Murray, Kirkconnell, directing that no Roman Catholic children shall attend this school. The letter from his Lordship has already occasioned some of the Catholic children to be withheld from the school. On or about the 14th instant my school was visited, for the purpose of ascertaining the number of Roman Catholic pupils in attendance, by the Rev. Father Walsh, who also, about the same time, visited the Public Schools at Mitchell's Creek and Meadow Flat. Fifty-seven children attend my school, and of these ten are Roman Catholics.

“ I have, &c.,

“ W. J. ADAMS.

“ To the Secretary
“ Council of Education.
“ Sydney.”

2. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to “Lands measured under conditional purchase,” made by this House, on motion of Mr. Nowlan, on 16th July, 1867.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned papers:—

(1.) Return to Address in reference to “Seizure of goods by the late Special Constable Carroll, at the stores of George M'Leod,” adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Josephson, on 20th August, 1867.

(2.) Papers relating to “Roman Catholic Schoolmaster at Bega.” (*In reference to Question (3), in Entry 1 in Votes and Proceedings of 11th September, 1867, asked by Mr. Egan.*)

(3.) Papers relating to “Dismissal of Mr. Robert Halloran, Public School Teacher, Rocky River.” (*In reference to Question, in Entry 1 in Votes and Proceedings of 12th September, 1867, asked by Mr. Pickering.*)

Ordered to be printed.

3. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day withdrawn:—

(1.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Cummings, withdrew the Motion No. 1.

(2.) Mr. Lucas withdrew the Motion No. 2.

4. Panama Mail Service:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—A Return of the cost of the Panama Mail Service, since its commencement to date of Return, specifying the cost for each portion of the line separately, namely,—the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus; the cost across the Isthmus; and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain. Also in each case the cost per month of each mail.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

5. Postponements:—

(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until to-morrow.

(2.) The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report from the Committee of the Whole on the Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at nine minutes before Four o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

Questions :—

1. MR. ALEXANDER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) Why there is no Court of Petty Sessions at Tuena ?
 - (2.) Is he aware that the Police Magistrate of Carcoar, who is paid for presiding at the Tuena Court, never does so ?
 - (3.) That a prisoner has remained in the lock-up over seven days on a trifling charge, because no Magistrate could be found to hear the case ?
 - (4.) Hundreds of pounds have been lost by reason of creditors not being able to get summonses, or, if obtained, there being no Court to try the causes ?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—With reference to an inquiry lately instituted, or understood to have been instituted, by the Government, into the conduct of Dr. Ross, J.P., of Molong, involving the fitness of the said Dr. Ross for the office of Magistrate, what has been the result of the said inquiry, and what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter ?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to a package of registered letters lost, or understood to have been lost, some months ago, and which were sent, or intended to have been sent, by the Panama Mail,—
 - (1.) In what place, or in what stage of transit, did the loss occur ?
 - (2.) What is the number of letters lost ?
 - (3.) What are the number and respective values—so far as the same can be ascertained—of money orders, or of other valuable enclosures lost ?
 - (4.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, by way of recovery of the said letters, or in satisfaction of the claims of parties who have incurred loss thereby ?
4. MR. LANDALE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether he is aware that in consequence of the floods in the Murray River, all traffic across that river is now suspended, owing to the non-erection of the bridge, the money for which was voted in 1862 ?
 - (2.) Are the plans and specifications for the bridge referred to sufficiently complete to enable the Government to call for tenders at once, and if so, is it intended to proceed with the work without further delay ?
5. MR. J. STEWART *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Whether the recently erected addition to the Museum has been leased, lent, or granted, for the purpose of being converted into a ball room, dancing saloon, or other receptacle, for the display of pomps and vanities ?
 - (2.) If so, upon what terms, to whom, and by whom, has this building been diverted from the object to which it was dedicated by law, and erected at the public expense ?
 - (3.) Whether the pomp and vanity exhibition will be open to the public ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Railway Loan ; further consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the following Resolutions :—
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 Upon which Mr. Driver had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months."

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1. MR. DODDS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions and Correspondence in the Lands or Survey Department in reference to the new road, or to the proposal to close up the old road, through the property of Mr. W. Field, at Nandi, Coonabarabran.

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1. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties; and ought therefore to be abolished.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

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1. MR. BURNS to move,—
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New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Petty Sessions Arrangements at Tuena:—Mr. Alexander asked the Attorney-General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

- (1.) Why there is no Court of Petty Sessions at Tuena?
 (2.) Is he aware that the Police Magistrate of Carcoar, who is paid for presiding at the Tuena Court, never does so?
 (3.) That a prisoner has remained in the lock-up over seven days on a trifling charge, because no Magistrate could be found to hear the case?
 (4.) Hundreds of pounds have been lost by reason of creditors not being able to get summonses, or, if obtained, there being no Court to try the causes?

Mr. Martin answered,—Mr. Dulhunty, the Police Magistrate of Carcoar, was, by letter dated the 28th June, 1866, directed to attend at Tuena once a month to hold a Court of Petty Sessions there, receiving for such attendance £25 a-year. He was, on the 1st of August last, relieved from this duty, and Mr. Keightley, the Police Magistrate at Rockley, was instructed to perform it in his stead, at the same remuneration. I have been informed that Mr. Dulhunty did not hold a Court at Tuena since November last, and he has been called upon to state why he did not do so. Mr. Keightley states, in a letter dated 13th August last, that he ought to receive £150 for attending once a month at Tuena, and his letter has been referred to the Inspector-General of Police for his report.

- (2.) Dr. Ross, J.P., Molong:—Mr. Forster asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—With reference to an inquiry lately instituted, or understood to have been instituted, by the Government, into the conduct of Dr. Ross, J.P., of Molong, involving the fitness of the said Dr. Ross for the office of Magistrate, what has been the result of the said inquiry, and what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No inquiry has been instituted by the Government into the conduct of Dr. Ross, J.P., of Molong, involving his fitness for the office of Magistrate. Complaints and recriminations have been received from several Members of the Molong Bench, but the Government has arrived at no determination in the matter.

- (3.) Lost Registered Letters intended for Panama Mail:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—With reference to a package of registered letters lost, or understood to have been lost, some months ago, and which were sent, or intended to have been sent, by the Panama Mail,—

- (1.) In what place, or in what stage of transit, did the loss occur?
 (2.) What is the number of letters lost?
 (3.) What are the number and respective values—so far as the same can be ascertained—of money orders, or of other valuable enclosures lost?
 (4.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, by way of recovery of the said letters, or in satisfaction of the claims of parties who have incurred loss thereby?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) It is impossible to say positively at what stage of transit the loss occurred, but an inquiry which was held into the matter left strong reason to suppose it took place after the letters left the Sydney office.

- (2.) Fifty.

(3.)

(3.) It will be necessary, if I give anything like a full answer to this question, to go at considerable length into detail. I hold in my hand an official return of letters included in this package which was lost, with the contents of each letter as far as they can be ascertained, and the only way that I see of answering the question is to read what were the contents of each letter. No. 1, contained a half sovereign. The contents of Nos. 2 and 3 are unknown. No. 4 contained a Money Order for the sum of £4 9s. No. 5 a small brooch. Nos. 6 and 7, contents not known. No. 8, a letter giving advice of an insurance. No. 9, draft for £40, and a Money Order for £10. No. 10, not known. No. 11, nothing of importance. Nos. 12 and 13, unknown. No. 14, a draft for £1,000. No. 15, a draft, amount unknown. No. 16, draft for the respective amounts of £1,000, £409 6s. 3d., and £36 3s. 9d. Nos. 17 and 18, no enclosures. No. 19, unknown. (No. 20, a Bill of Exchange for £10. No. 21, a Money Order for the sum of £7. Nos. 22, 23, and 24, Government Treasury Bills of the value of £300, issued in solo payable to bearer. No. 25, a collar and cuffs of needlework. No. 26, a Money Order for £1. No. 27, second of Exchange of a draft for £5. No. 28, Money Order for £4. No. 29, draft for £25. No. 30, writing only. No. 31, second of Exchange of draft for £5. No. 32, two sovereigns. Nos. 33, 34, 35, and 36, unknown. No. 37, a draft for £5. No. 38, Money Order for £6. No. 39, draft for the sum of £1. No. 40, a draft for 10s., and a gold keeper. No. 41, nothing of importance. No. 42, second of Exchange of draft for £15. Nos. 43 and 44, not known. No. 45, Money Order for £5. No. 46, not known. No. 47, Money Order for £3. No. 48, Promissory Note, amount not given. Nos. 49 and 50, not known.

(4.) In reply to this question, I am furnished with this information from the General Post-office:—"Immediately on a report of the non-arrival of these letters being received from the London Office, a Board was appointed to investigate and report upon the matter; the London office was communicated with by telegram, for information, as to the condition of bags and seals when received; the matter was placed in the hands of the police; the postal authorities at New Zealand, and the Panama Mail Company were communicated with, and the senders of letters were written to to furnish the particulars of the contents; which particulars, with the addresses of the letters, were forwarded to London, with a request that such steps, as were in the power of the authorities there might be taken to ascertain the fate of these remittances. Up to the date of the latest advice from England, none of the Money Orders or Drafts had been presented for payment, nor had any trace of the letters been detected. Beyond issuing duplicate Orders where Money Orders were forwarded the Government is unable to take any further steps."

(4.) Bridge across the Murray River:—Mr. Landale asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Whether he is aware that in consequence of the floods in the Murray River, all traffic across that river is now suspended, owing to the non-erection of the bridge, the money for which was voted in 1862?

(2.) Are the plans and specifications for the bridge referred to sufficiently complete to enable the Government to call for tenders at once, and if so, is it intended to proceed with the work without further delay?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) No communication has been received by the Government that, in consequence of the floods in the Murray, all traffic across that river is now suspended.

(2.) Plans and specifications for a bridge at Echuca are being prepared by the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways in Melbourne. The money voted in 1862 was for a bridge at Moama, and cannot be expended on the bridge at Echuca without the sanction of the Legislature.

(5.) Loan of Museum Buildings for a Ball, in honour of the Duke of Edinburgh:—Mr. J. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Whether the recently erected addition to the Museum has been leased, lent, or granted, for the purpose of being converted into a ball room, dancing saloon, or other receptacle, for the display of pomps and vanities?

(2.) If so, upon what terms, to whom, and by whom, has this building been diverted from the object to which it was dedicated by law, and erected at the public expense?

(3.) Whether the pomp and vanity exhibition will be open to the public?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The use of the great hall of the Museum was granted by the Trustees to a committee of ladies, which, it was understood at the time, would represent the ladies of the Colony, in order that a Ball, of a more extensive character than could take place elsewhere, might be given in honour of the arrival of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

(2.) I believe persons will be admitted to this Ball in the usual manner.

2. Proposed Alterations in Land Laws:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from J. H. Kemp, as Chairman of a certain public meeting of the Inhabitants of the Macleay River District, complaining of certain alleged evils arising to them from the establishment of the present uniform price of one pound per acre for land, and suggesting certain alterations in this and other respects, as regards the Land Laws; and praying consideration and redress.
Petition received.

3. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2):—Mr. Martin having presented this Bill, intitled “*A Bill to amend the Land Laws and to make better provision for the Freehold Settlement of the Colony,*”—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow week.
4. *Ad-valorem* Duties:—Mr. Joseph presented a Petition from certain merchants and others engaged in commercial pursuits, drawing attention to the entire system of taxation in New South Wales, more particularly with reference to the *Ad-valorem* Duties; and praying the House to repeal the Act imposing *Ad-valorem* Duties, and to devise a more equitable mode of raising revenue.
Petition received.
5. Paper:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to “*Crown Lands Statistics,*” made by this House, on motion of Mr. Robertson, on 3rd September, 1867.
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 The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty-four minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
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8. Mr. R. STEWART, to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions,—
 - (1.) That it is necessary to the adequate representation of the people in this House, that country members of future Parliaments should be compensated to meet the cost of residence in Sydney.
 - (2.) That such compensation should be 20s. per diem, during each Session.
 - (3.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, requesting that steps may be taken to carry out the above Resolutions.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

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No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Impounding of Stock by a Poundkeeper off an adjoining Run:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it considered consistent with the legal and efficient discharge of his duty that a poundkeeper should impound stock off an adjoining run, not held by him?

(2.) Have any complaints been received by the Government of such conduct on the part of any poundkeeper?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) There is nothing in the present Impounding Act to prevent a poundkeeper from impounding stock off an adjoining run, not held by him, if he has received the authority of the owner of such run to do so.

(2.) No.

- (2.) Fortification of South and Middle Heads:—Mr. Tunks asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Do the Government intend to commence erecting a Stockade, and fortifying South and Middle Heads, for which works money was appropriated last session of Parliament; and, if so, when, and if not, for what cause?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—It is not the intention of the Government at present to proceed with these works. It is still a matter of controversy in England what kind of guns and fortifications are best suited for the defence of harbours, and it has been thought prudent to delay the works in question until fuller information can be obtained, and so long as there seems no likelihood of any war arising in which the Home Government would be involved.

- (3.) Government Contributions in aid of Schools of Arts:—Mr. Tunks asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it the intention of the Government to pay the amounts in aid of Schools of Arts for the current year, in accordance with the conditions stated in the Estimates of Expenditure presented to Parliament last Session, or according to the terms of the Appropriation Act of the same Session of Parliament?

Mr. Martin answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to pay the amounts in aid of Schools of Arts for the current year, in accordance with the terms of the Appropriation Act of last Session, for this reason:—The money voted for Schools of Arts was voted in this way—In aid of Educational Institutions in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contribution; but in the Appropriation Act it is thus stated,—“In aid of Educational Institutions on condition that an equal amount be raised by public contributions.” So that it appears that the officers of the House who had the care of preparing the Appropriation Act made a mistake in the insertion of this item, and the Government have thought it their duty to expend this money, not according to the Act, which is thus mistaken, but in accordance with the actual vote of this House.

(4.)

(4.) Amendment of Customs Act (3 Vic., No. 3).—Mr. Joseph asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Does the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer (in accordance with a promise made to a deputation from the Chamber of Commerce in July, 1866) intend, during this Session, to introduce a Bill to amend such portion of the Customs Act, 3 Vic., No. 3, 24 July, 1839, so far as to shorten the period within which consignees of goods should be required to pass import entries?

Mr. Eagar answered,—It is intended, at an early date, to introduce a Bill to amend so much of the Act, 9 Vic., No. 15, as relates to the collection of *Ad valorem* Duties; and in that Bill provision will be made to shorten the period within which consignees of goods will be required to pass import entries. The Act, 3 Vic., No. 3, to which the honorable member alludes, is already repealed in its entirety by the Act, 9 Vic., No. 15.

(5.) Regulation of Qualifications of Chemists and Druggists:—Mr. Roberts asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, this Session, a Bill to regulate the Qualifications of Chemists and Druggists?

Mr. Martin answered,—It is not the intention of Government to introduce, this Session, such a Bill as that to which the honorable member refers.

2. Paper:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Statement of the particulars of the Public Debt of the Colony of New South Wales, on 31st August, 1867. (*In substitution of the Statement of the Public Debt, which was laid, with the Estimates of the Ways and Means, on the Table of the Legislative Assembly, and ordered to be printed, on 12th September, 1867.*)

Ordered to be printed.

3. Proposed alterations in Land Laws (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the petition presented by him on Wednesday, October 2, from certain Inhabitants of the Macleay River District, praying for various amendments in the Land Laws, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

4. *Ad Valorem* Duties (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Joseph moved, pursuant to Notice, That the petition presented by him on the 2nd October, from Merchants and Others of the City of Sydney, praying the repeal of the *Ad-valorem* Duties, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Correspondence between John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, and the Minister for Works, Commissioner for Railways, and Engineer-in-Chief, or other Officer connected with the Department, in relation to the lands taken from Mr. Morrice for Railway purposes; also all communications from and with the Crown Law Officers, in relation to the said lands respectively; all correspondence relative to gates, crossings, and fencing, on and over the said lands respectively; all papers and other documents relating to the arbitrations under the Railway Act as to some of the said lands respectively, between the Commissioner for Railways and Mr. John Morrice; the awards made thereunder by the arbitrators; any correspondence, minutes, or records which may have taken place, been made, or passed between or by the Minister for Works, the Commissioner for Railways, Engineer-in-Chief, and the Crown Law Officers, or either of them, in relation to the said awards; all correspondence between any subordinate officers of the Government and the heads of Departments in relation to the said lands respectively; and, generally, all correspondence between any Government Official and Mr. Morrice in relation to the said lands respectively.

Question put and passed.

6. Railway Loan:—On the Order of the Day being read, for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a loan of £3,000,000, for Railway purposes.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—

the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for such further consideration.

The Chairman reported,—That the Committee had considered the Resolutions referred to them, and had amended the same.

Ordered, That the said Resolutions, as so amended, be received on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at a quarter before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4.

Questions:—

1. MR. DODDS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Are the Government aware that in the grant of Mr. William Field, at Nandi, near Coonabarabran, an allowance of only five acres was made for the old road which passes through the same?
 - (2.) Why the Petition of the inhabitants of the locality, praying amongst other things that Mr. Field may be permitted to take in the old road in return for the new one, which passes through another part of his property, has not been complied with?
 - (3.) What report was furnished by the Government Surveyor as to the necessity of continuing open the old road?
2. MR. RYAN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) If it is true that the same amount is charged for Railway fares from Penrith to Wascoe's, as is charged from Penrith to the Weatherboard?
 - (2.) If so, is it the intention of the Minister to continue such charges?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Presbyterian College Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message of 25th September, relative to the amendments made in this Bill.
3. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
4. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament be now adopted.
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Upon which Mr. Driver had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months."
5. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
6. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill reported; adoption of report.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. J. STEWART to move,—
 - (1.) That edifices and grounds dedicated to the instruction, recreation, or convenience of the public, should not be used for the purpose of holding meetings or exhibitions from which the public are excluded.
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Trustees of the Australian Museum have mistaken their duty in allowing a private party to be held in the Great Hall of the Museum, thereby delaying the opening of the Hall to the public.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Question:—

1. DR. LANG to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of Government to introduce, during the present Session of Parliament, any measure for the equalization in so far of the representation system of the Colony, so as to remove certain at least of the striking anomalies which it presents?

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 - (1.) That it is necessary to the adequate representation of the people in this House, that country members of future Parliaments should be compensated to meet the cost of residence in Sydney.
 - (2.) That such compensation should be 20s. per diem, during each Session.
 - (3.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, requesting that steps may be taken to carry out the above Resolutions.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Railway Loan ; reception of Resolutions from Committee of the Whole.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2.) ; second reading.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. DODDS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions and Correspondence in the Lands or Survey Department in reference to the new road, or to the proposal to close up the old road, through the property of Mr. W. Field, at Nandi, Coonabarabran.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic ; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields ; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties ; and ought therefore to be abolished.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 4 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Road through land granted to Mr. William Field, at Nandi, near Coonabarabran:—

Mr. Dodds asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that in the grant of Mr. William Field, at Nandi, near Coonabarabran, an allowance of only five acres was made for the old road which passes through the same?

(2.) Why the Petition of the inhabitants of the locality, praying amongst other things that Mr. Field may be permitted to take in the old road in return for the new one, which passes through another part of his property, has not been complied with?

(3.) What report was furnished by the Government Surveyor as to the necessity of continuing open the old road?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Yes; the area deducted for the road was five acres.

(2.) Even if it were considered desirable to comply with the prayer of the Petition, I believe the Government could not close the reserved road, after having sold allotments on its continuation on Namoi-street.

(3.) None of the Surveyor's reports bear upon the necessity of keeping open the old road.

- (2.) Railway Fares from Penrith to Wascoe's, and to the Weatherboard, respectively:—Mr. Ryan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) If it is true that the same amount is charged for Railway fares from Penrith to Wascoe's, as is charged from Penrith to the Weatherboard?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Minister to continue such charges?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) There is but one charge between Penrith and the Weatherboard.

(2.) When the line is completed, and prior to its being officially opened, the arrangement of rates will be taken into consideration.

2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Ryan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. Members of Legislative Council as Witnesses:—Mr. Lucas (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee to consider and report upon "St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill," and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable E. Deas Thomson, C.B., and the Honorable John Campbell, Members of the Legislative Council, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Members to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between them and the said Committee.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th October, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Mr. Bartholomew Rush—Electric Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle:—
Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from Bartholomew Rush, of Nattai, contractor, representing that, in the year 1859, he became a Contractor with the Government for the supply of material (wire excepted), and for the workmanship necessary for, the erection of a line of Electric Telegraph from a point upon or near the Blacktown Road to Windsor, and thence *via* Wiseman's Ferry, Wollombi, West Maitland, and Maitland to Newcastle; and that in his absence the Government official superintending the work caused certain timber for the construction thereof to be cut and taken from certain land belonging to Mr. Alexander Walker Scott—for which trespass Petitioner was cast in an action at law in heavy damages;—and praying favorable consideration of the case (as more fully set forth in the petition), and relief in the premises.
Petition received.
5. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) postponed, on motion of *Mr. Martin*, on behalf of Mr. Windeyer, until this day fortnight.
6. Presbyterian College Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 25 September, relative to the amendments made in this Bill.
The Chairman reported as follows:—The Committee does not insist upon its disagreements from, nor its amendments in, the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, excepting as regards its amendments, page 2, clause 5, lines 37, 38, and 39.
Mr. Wilson then moved, That this Report be now adopted by this House.
Question put and passed.
7. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Proceeding^s in Insolvency Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until this day week.
8. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—The Order of the Day having been read, for the Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
(1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
(2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained,—
Upon which Mr. Driver had moved, "That this Debate be now adjourned until this day six months,"—
And no debate ensuing on Mr. Driver's motion,—
Question put,—That this debate be now adjourned until this day six months.
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. White,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lloyd,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Gordon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Driver.

Noes, 14.

Mr. Martin,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Eagar,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Dodds.
Mr. E. Brown,	
Mr. Pickering,	
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Mate,	
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Tighe,	
Mr. Wilson,	
Mr. Isaacs,	

9. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until this day week.
10. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill:—On the Order of the Day, No. 6 of Other Business, being read,—Dr. Lang moved, "That" the Report of the Committee of the Whole on the Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill be now adopted.
Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Bill be re-committed."
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
Question,—That the Bill be re-committed,—put and passed.
Motion then made by Mr. Robertson, and Question put,—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. White,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Eagar,
Dr. Lang,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burnas,	
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Lackey,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Byrnes,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Cunneen.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the re-consideration of the said Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again, so soon as a Question of Order, which had arisen in the Committee, should be decided in the House.

The Chairman reported the Question of Order as follows;—The Bill to repeal the "Act to regulate and restrict the Immigration of Chinese," being under consideration,—is it competent for the Committee to amend the Bill, by introducing the words, "suspended for five years," in place of the word "repealed"?

The Speaker ruled in the affirmative.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House on motion of Dr. Lang, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported (2^o), stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

11. Buildings and Grounds dedicated for Public Instruction, Recreation, or Convenience:—Mr. J. Stewart proceeding to address the House, with a view to making the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day,—

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burnas, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Graham, Mr. Isaacs, Dr. Lang, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. J. Suttor, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes after Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Questions:—

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2. MR. PHELPS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Have any negotiations taken place, or are any now pending, between the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria, relative to the construction, at the joint expense of the two Governments, of a bridge over the River Murray, at Echuca, or Moama?
 - (2.) If such be, has the Minister for Works any objection to inform the House of the nature of such negotiations, and if not, will he do so?
 - (3.) Has the Government of Victoria made any overture to that of New South Wales, touching the joint construction of a bridge over the River Murray, at Echuca, in which Victoria offers to pay one half the expense?
 - (4.) In case New South Wales and Victoria join in the construction of a Bridge over the Murray River, at Echuca, is the £10,000 voted by 25th Victoria, No. 19, in 1862, for a Bridge over the Murray River at Moama available for a such jointly constructed Bridge at Echuca, without the sanction of the Legislature?
 - (5.) If not, are steps about to be taken this Session to make it so available and to obtain such sanction?
 - (6.) Again, if not, what is the object of the £6,000 voted on the Estimates for 1867 for a Bridge over the River Murray, at Echuca, a sum which would not cover one-sixth of the cost of construction?
 - (7.) Has the £10,000, empowered to be raised by Act 25th Victoria, No. 19, in 1862, for a Bridge over the Murray River, at Moama, been so raised?
 - (8.) If not, for what reason has it not been so raised?
 - (9.) If so raised, where is the money now deposited?

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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Question:—

1. Mr. LLOYD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of Government, during the present session, to bring in any measure for the legalization of the fencing on Crown Lands, or for the future authorization of same, or for encouraging the development of capabilities of same by Crown tenants by security or indemnification for outlay, with a view to the eventual alienation of same, by conditional, public, or private sale?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Railway Loan; reception of Resolutions from Committee of the Whole.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. LACKY to move, That the petition presented by him, on the 4th October, from Bartholomew Rush, be printed.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether any, and if any, what objection has been made, and by whom, to Mr. Hickey being permitted to enclose the old road, in return for the new one made through his property at Dagworth?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2.) ; second reading.
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DODDS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions and Correspondence in the Lands or Survey Department in reference to the new road, or to the proposal to close up the old road, through the property of Mr. W. Field, at Nandi, Coonabarabran.
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2.) ; second reading.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
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New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—
(1.) *Dr. Lang not asking the Question No. 1, it dropped.*
(2.) *Mr. Phelps withdrew the Question No. 2.*
2. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 25th September, 1867, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Papers:—
(1.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Mrs. Harriette Nowland," made by this House, on motion of Mr. White, on 25th September, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Patients admitted to Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Burdekin, on 17th September, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2):—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Muswellbrook, against the passing of the said Bill.
Petition received.
5. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day Withdrawn:—
(1.) Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion No. 1.
(2.) Mr. Burns withdrew the Motion No. 2.
6. Mr. Thomas Woore:—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice,—That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Ragar,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Burns,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Rodd,	
Mr. Oatley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. De Salis.

Noes, 2.

Tellers.
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. E. Brown.

7. Cataract Coal Mine Railway Bill:—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from Alfred Reynolds Huntley, of Sydney, gentleman, and John Le Gay Brereton, of same place, physician, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable them to construct a Railway from land near Berrima, belonging to them, to, and to connect the same with, the Great Southern Railway,—
And Mr. Garrett having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and *Southern Argus*, newspapers, containing notices, for four consecutive weeks in the months of September and October, 1867, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—
Petition received.
8. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Despatch, dated 1st August, 1867, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, referring to the proposed retirement of Sir John Young from the Government of this Colony, highly complimenting His Excellency on the many estimable qualities which have distinguished his tenure of office, and announcing the recommendation of the Earl of Belmore as His Excellency's Successor.
Ordered to be printed.
9. Charge for Conveyance of Gold by Escort:—Mr. Rodd moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the charge imposed by Government for the Conveyance of Gold by escort should be reduced.
Debate on this question postponed, on motion of Mr. Bagar, until Friday next.
10. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day withdrawn:—
(1.) Mr. Rodd withdrew the Motion No. 5.
(2.) Mr. Cummings withdrew the Motion No. 6.
11. Regulation of certain Railway Trains by Act of Parliament:—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the fares, the time of arrival at and departure from Sydney, of some of the railway trains, should be regulated by Act of Parliament.
(2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
12. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. R. Stewart withdrew the Motion No. 8, on Notice Paper for to-day.
13. Mr. J. W. Russell and Others:—Mr. Sutherland presented a Petition from Mr. J. W. Russell and others, against a claim set up by a Mr. Thomas Smith relative to leave to reclaim certain water-frontage at Pyrmont—(See Mr. Thomas Smith's Petition, ordered to be printed on 24 September, 1867.)
Petition received.
14. Motion dropped:—Mr. J. Stewart not making the motion No. 9 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
15. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill, on motion of Dr. Lang, read a third time, and passed.
Dr. Lang then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to Repeal the Act to regulate and restrict the Immigration of Chinese.*"
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Dr. Lang moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to Repeal the Act to regulate and restrict the Immigration of Chinese,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th October, 1867.
Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin (after debate), at four minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9.

Questions :—

1. MR. LLOYD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of Government, during the present Session, to bring in any measure for the legalization of the fencing on Crown Lands, or for the future authorization of same, or for encouraging the development of capabilities of same by Crown tenants by security or indemnification for outlay, with a view to the eventual alienation of same, by conditional, public, or private sale?
2. MR. PHELPS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Have any negotiations or correspondence taken place, or are any now pending, between the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria, relative to the construction, at the joint expense of the two Governments, of a bridge over the River Murray, at Echuca, or Moama?
 - (2.) If such be, has the Minister for Works any objection to inform the House of the nature of such negotiations or correspondence, and if not, will he do so?
 - (3.) Has the Government of Victoria made any overture to that of New South Wales, touching the joint construction of a bridge over the River Murray, at Echuca, in which Victoria offers to pay one half the expense?
 - (4.) In case New South Wales and Victoria join in the construction of a Bridge over the Murray River, at Echuca, is the £10,000 voted by 25th Victoria, No. 19, in 1862, for a Bridge over the Murray River at Moama available for a such jointly constructed Bridge at Echuca, without the sanction of the Legislature?
 - (5.) If not, are steps about to be taken this Session to make it so available and to obtain such sanction?
 - (6.) Again, if not, what is the object of the £6,000 voted on the Estimates for 1867 for a Bridge over the River Murray, at Echuca, a sum which would not cover one-sixth of the cost of construction?
 - (7.) Has the £10,000, empowered to be raised by Act 25th Victoria, No. 19, in 1862, for a Bridge over the Murray River, at Moama, been so raised?
 - (8.) If not, for what reason has it not been so raised?
 - (9.) If so raised, where is the money now deposited?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Do the Papers laid upon the Table of the House on Wednesday, Sept. 25, relating to the employment of Special Constables in the Southern Districts, include Copies of all Ministerial or Executive minutes, telegrams, and correspondence, having any reference to that subject, in possession of the Government, to the present date?
4. DR. LANG *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of Government to introduce, during the present Session of Parliament, any measure for the equalization in so far of the representative system of the Colony, so as to remove certain at least of the striking anomalies which it presents?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Railway Loan; reception of Resolutions from Committee of the Whole.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LACKEY *to move*, That the petition presented by him, on the 4th October, from Bartholomew Rush, be printed.
2. MR. BURNS *to move*, That the petition presented by him on the 8th October, from certain Settlers of Muswellbrook, against the passing of the Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2), be printed.
3. MR. J. STEWART *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Council of Education and the Heads of the various Churches in reference to School Books.
4. MR. GARRETT *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Alfred Reynolds Huntley and John Le Gay Brereton, Esquires, of Sydney, to construct a Railway from land near Berrima, belonging to them, to, and to connect the same with, the Great Southern Railway.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Questions :—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether any, and if any, what objection has been made, and by whom, to Mr. Hickey being permitted to enclose the old road, in return for the new one made through his property at Dagworth?

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2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 (1.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to carry into effect the vote arrived at by this House on Wednesday, October 9, in favor of the proposal of raising by loan, £1,000,000, for Railway purposes?
 (2.) Is it intended that the requisite arrangements for raising the said amount shall be made with Messrs. Kohn and Co., or by public competition; or if otherwise, in what way?
 (3.) How is it intended to provide for payment of the interest?
 (4.) Is it intended to provide in any way for the gradual extinction of such loan; and if so, in what way?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—With reference to the vote arrived at by this House on Thursday, October 3, in favor of the proposal of raising by loan, £1,000,000, for Railway purposes,—
 (1.) In what directions, and to what terminal points, is it intended by the Government that the proposed Railway lines shall be constructed or extended?
 (2.) In what proportions is it intended by the Government, that the amount in question, shall be distributed on each line?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2.); second reading.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Question:—

1. MR. STIMPSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to renew the leases, or to otherwise dispose of the Church and School Lands—which leases expire on the 30th June, 1868, by effluxion of time?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
 2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.
 3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
 4. Charge for Conveyance of Gold by Escort; Debate on the motion of Mr. Rodd, That in the opinion of this House, the Charge imposed by Government for the Conveyance of Gold by Escort should be reduced.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. DODDS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions and Correspondence in the Lands or Survey Department in reference to the new road, or to the proposal to close up the old road, through the property of Mr. W. Field, at Nandi, Coonabarabran.
 2. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by escort.
 3. MR. CUMMINGS to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the necessity that exists for the immediate construction of a bridge across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties; and ought therefore to be abolished.
 2. MR. BURNS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House,—
 (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Lands or Survey Department and Mr. Edward Cussen, and any other person or persons, in reference to his Conditional Purchase at Gocup, in the district of Tumut, on the 17th August, 1865.
 (2.) Copies of the proceedings in the cases Smithwick v. Cussen, and Cussen v. Smithwick, tried before the Tumut Bench during the months of February and March, 1867.
 3. MR. DRIVER to move,—
 That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The number and names of steamers surveyed and reported upon during the past two years, by the shipwright and engineer surveyors or inspectors, showing respectively how often, and when, during such period, each steamer has been in a dry dock or on a patent slip; by whom examined; the deficiencies reported to exist; and what has been done thereon.

(2.)

(2.) Also a Return showing the number of reports made during the same period on the deficiencies of steam-ships sent to the Steam Navigation Board; the names of such steamers; the nature of the reports; by whom such reports were forwarded; and what has been done thereon by the said Board.

(3.) Also a Return showing the number and nature of reports to the said Board during the same period, as to deficiencies in the equipment of steam-vessels and alterations suggested, if any, and by whom, and what has been done thereon.

(4.) Also a Return showing the number and nature of reports to the said Board during the same period, as to the watertight compartments or bulk-heads in steam-vessels, specifying the name of the person sending such report, and what has been done thereon.

4. MR. R. STEWART, to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions,—

(1.) That it is necessary to the adequate representation of the people in this House, that country members of future Parliaments should be compensated to meet the cost of residence in Sydney.

(2.) That such compensation should be 20s. per diem, during each Session.

(3.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, requesting that steps may be taken to carry out the above Resolutions.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

2. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—

(1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shewn by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.

(2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.

New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Fencing on Crown Lands:—Mr. Lloyd asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of Government, during the present Session, to bring in any measure for the legalization of the fencing on Crown Lands, or for the future authorization of same, or for encouraging the development of capabilities of same by Crown tenants by security or indemnification for outlay, with a view to the eventual alienation of same, by conditional, public, or private sale?

Mr. Wilson answered,—It is not the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to bring in a measure for the compulsory fencing in of Crown Lands.

- (2.) Bridge across the Murray River:—Mr. Phelps asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Have any negotiations or correspondence taken place, or are any now pending, between the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria, relative to the construction, at the joint expense of the two Governments, of a Bridge over the River Murray, at Echuca, or Moama?

(2.) If such be, has the Minister for Works any objection to inform the House of the nature of such negotiations or correspondence, and if not, will he do so?

(3.) Has the Government of Victoria made any overture to that of New South Wales, touching the joint construction of a Bridge over the River Murray, at Echuca, in which Victoria offers to pay one half the expense?

(4.) In case New South Wales and Victoria join in the construction of a Bridge over the Murray River, at Echuca, is the £10,000 voted by 25th Victoria, No. 19, in 1862, for a Bridge over the Murray River at Moama available for a such jointly constructed Bridge at Echuca, without the sanction of the Legislature?

(5.) If not, are steps about to be taken this Session to make it so available and to obtain such sanction?

(6.) Again, if not, what is the object of the £6,000 voted on the Estimates for 1867 for a Bridge over the River Murray, at Echuca, a sum which would not cover one-sixth of the cost of construction?

(7.) Has the £10,000, empowered to be raised by Act 25th Victoria, No. 19, in 1862, for a Bridge over the Murray River, at Moama, been so raised?

(8.) If not, for what reason has it not been so raised?

(9.) If so raised, where is the money now deposited?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Negotiations took place between this Government and the Government of Victoria, respecting the erection of a Bridge over the River Murray at Echuca or Moama, and at an interview between the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways for Victoria, and the Commissioner and Engineer for Roads, Sydney, it was arranged that an Iron Road and Railway Bridge, with an opening for steamers, should be constructed by the Victorian Government at Echuca, at a cost of £32,000, and that the Government of New South Wales should defray half the cost of same.

(2.)

- (2.) Answered by No. 1.
 (3.) Answered by No. 1.
 (4.) It is thought not; but steps will be taken at once to ascertain the fact.
 (5.) The Victorian Government have indicated their disinclination to join in the construction of the Bridge referred to.
 (6.) The £6,000 voted on the Estimates for 1867 was intended to supplement the £10,000 formerly voted for the Bridge at Moama, making £16,000 as the moiety to be contributed by the Government of the expense of the Bridge intended to be built by the Victorian Government at Echuca; but it has since been considered that the £10,000 cannot be appropriated for this purpose without the sanction of the Legislature.
 (7.) Debentures for the £10,000 have been sold, realizing £9,520.
 (8.) Answered by No. 7.
 (9.) This money, forming part of the realization of a loan for a larger sum, was deposited in the Oriental Bank, London, and is available at any moment at the Treasury here.
- (3.) Detectives for Apprehension of Bushrangers in Southern Districts:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice, No. 3,—Do the Papers laid upon the Table of the House on Wednesday, Sept. 25, relating to the employment of Special Constables in the Southern Districts, include Copies of all Ministerial or Executive minutes, telegrams, and correspondence, having any reference to that subject, in possession of the Government, to the present date? Mr. Parkes answered,—No Ministerial, or Executive Minutes in relation to these appointments are in existence. The papers laid upon the Table include copies of all telegrams, and correspondence of any importance.
- (4.) Equalization of the Representative System of the Colony:—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether it is the intention of Government to introduce, during the present Session of Parliament, any measure for the equalization in so far of the representative system of the Colony, so as to remove certain at least of the striking anomalies which it presents? Mr. Parkes answered,—This subject has been under the consideration of the Government. In the present state of public business, the Government is not prepared to introduce any measure to deal with the inequalities that have grown up in the electoral distribution under the present Act.
2. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Correspondence arising out of the Postal Conference held at Melbourne in March last.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Lloyd moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
4. Presbyterian College Bill—*Conference*:—Mr. Wilson moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly, having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message dated the 25th September last, in reference to the Presbyterian College Bill,—

Does not insist upon its disagreements from, nor its amendments in, the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, excepting as regards its Amendments, page 2, clause 5, lines 37, 38, and 39,—

And the Assembly requests a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of the above-stated exceptions, and has appointed the following of its Members to be managers of such Conference in its behalf:—Dr. Lang, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. J. Stewart.

Legislative Assembly Chamber.

Sydney, 9th October, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

(1.)

JOHN YOUNG,
 Governor.

Message No. 9.

Bills intituled,—

(1.) "*An Act to regulate the Volunteer Force,*"

(2.) "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to the Post Office,*"—

as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bills, and has this day transmitted them to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 9th October, 1867.

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(2.)
JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

Bills intituled,—

(1.) "An Act to authorize the enclosure of a portion of Factory-street in the Town of Parramatta,"

(2.) "An Act to authorize the appointment of Members of the Executive Council to be Members of a Federal Council of the Australasian Colonies,"—

as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bills, and has this day transmitted them to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th October, 1867.

(3.)
JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill intituled "An Act to make preferential the One thousand two hundred and fifty New Shares of Ten pounds each created in the capital of the Clarence and Richmond Rivers Steam Navigation Company by a resolution of the Shareholders of the said Company passed at a Special General Meeting of the said Company holden on the sixth day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five," as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th October, 1867.

6. Messages from Legislative Council:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Gates on Public Roads Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to enable Gates to be erected across Roads in certain cases," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9 October, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

GATES ON PUBLIC ROADS BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act to enable Gates to be erected across Roads in certain cases," returned to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 9th October, 1867.

R. O'CONNOR,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, lines 20 and 21. Omit "cultivated land which is being tilled for the purpose of raising any cereal esculent root or lucerne"
 " clause 2, line 25. Omit "justify" insert "render"
 Page 2, clause 2, line 1. Omit "at the public expense" insert "necessary for the public convenience"
 " " line 2. After "minister" insert "with the consent of the owner of such lands"
 " " lines 3 to 7. After "cost" omit remainder of clause, substitute "Provided that nothing herein contained shall prejudice the right of the Crown to fence off any such road whenever the Minister shall think such fencing necessary or proper nor that of the owner or occupier of the land through which such road shall pass or be intended to pass to require the same to be fenced off pursuant to the Act of Council passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth number eleven"
 Page 2, clause 4, line 18. Omit "his" insert "the"
 " " " After "intention" insert "of the Government"
 " " lines 18 and 19. Omit "by notice in the Gazette revoke the permission given to erect any gates as aforesaid" insert "remove any gate erected as aforesaid whether so erected by his own direction or under any such permission as aforesaid"
 " " lines 20 and 21. Omit "revocation be illegal and the same shall be forthwith" insert "notice be"
 " " line 21. Omit "such gates so" insert "the gates to be"

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- Page 2, clause 4, line 25. *After* "fence" *add*—"Provided always that before the removal of such gates the fencing of the said road shall either have been completed or that in case the Minister shall have elected to pay the estimated value thereof a reasonably sufficient period shall have elapsed after payment for enabling the owner or occupier to complete the same"
- Page 2, clause 7, line 33. *Omit* "having opened" *insert* "shall omit to close"
- " " line 34. *Omit* "shall omit to close the same"
- " " lines 35 and 36. *Omit* "with such vehicles or animals as he may have with him"
- " clause 10, line 49. *After* "committing" *insert* "or having then recently committed"
- " " line 50. *Omit* "four" *insert* "three"
- " " line 52. *After* "abode" *insert* "or shall give a false or fictitious name or place of abode"
- Page 3, clause 12, line 6. *Omit* "the" *before* "owner" *insert* "an"

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, that the consideration, in Committee of the Whole, of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

(2.) Members of Legislative Council as Witnesses:—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 4th October, 1867, requesting leave for the Honorable E. Deas Thomson, C.B., and the Honorable John Campbell, Members of the Legislative Council, to attend and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, appointed to consider and report upon "St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill," the Council acquaints the Assembly that leave has been granted to its said Members to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if they think fit.

Legislative Council Chamber,

T. A. MURRAY,

Sydney, 9th October, 1867.

President.

7. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Eleventh Annual Report from the Registrar General (being for the year 1866).
Ordered to be printed.
8. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill:—Mr. Burns (*with the concurrence of the House*), moved, without Notice, That the second reading of this Bill (*the Report of the Select Committee on which was brought up and ordered to be printed yesterday*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday the 22nd October.
Question put and passed.
9. Waterview Patent Slip Bill:—Mr. Tighe, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 10th September, 1867, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Tighe then moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday week.
Question put and passed.
10. Mr. Bartholomew Rush—Electric Telegraph Line from Blacktown to Newcastle ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th October, from Bartholomew Rush, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
11. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th October, from certain Settlers of Muswellbrook, against the passing of the Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2), be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
12. Cataract Coal Mine Railway Bill:—
(1.) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to enable Alfred Reynolds Huntley and John Le Gay Brereton, Esquires, of Sydney, to construct a Railway from land near Berrima, belonging to them, to, and to connect the same with, the Great Southern Railway.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Garrett having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to enable Alfred Reynolds Huntley and John Le Gay Brereton to construct a Railway from land near Berrima belonging to them to and to connect the same with the Great Southern Railway,—read a first time.
13. Railway Loan (Order of the Day No. 1):—The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole, certain Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a loan of £1,000,000 "for" the completion of the Railway lines already sanctioned.

(2.)

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Resolutions, on motion of Mr. Martin (after debate), read a second time.

Resolutions *amended*, on motion of Mr. Wilson, by substituting the word "towards" for the word "for" in section (1)—

And *as so amended*, agreed to, on motion of Mr. Martin, viz. :—

Resolved,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient to raise a loan of £1,000,000 towards the completion of the Railway lines already sanctioned.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

14. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 2 postponed, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until the Order of the Day No. 3 shall have been disposed of.

15. Ways and Means :—The Order of the Day (No. 3) for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be received to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at thirteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10.

Questions :—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether any, and if any, what objection has been made, and by whom, to Mr. Hickey being permitted to enclose the old road, in return for the new one made through his property at Dagworth?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to carry into effect the vote arrived at by this House on Wednesday, October 9, in favor of the proposal of raising by loan, £1,000,000, for Railway purposes?
 - (2.) Is it intended that the requisite arrangements for raising the said amount shall be made with Messrs. Kohn and Co., or by public competition; or if otherwise, in what way?
 - (3.) How is it intended to provide for payment of the interest?
 - (4.) Is it intended to provide in any way for the gradual extinction of such loan; and if so, in what way?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—With reference to the vote arrived at by this House on Wednesday, October 9, in favor of the proposal of raising by loan, £1,000,000, for Railway purposes,—
 - (1.) In what directions, and to what terminal points, is it intended by the Government that the proposed Railway lines shall be constructed or extended?
 - (2.) In what proportions is it intended by the Government, that the amount in question, shall be distributed on each line?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2.); second reading.
2. Ways and Means; reception of Resolution from Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. GARRETT *to move*,—
 - (1.) That the Cataract Coal Mine Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Morrice, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Mate, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Burns, and the Mover.
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FRIDAY,

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Question :—

1. MR. STIMPSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to renew the leases, or to otherwise dispose of the Church and School Lands—which leases expire on the 30th June, 1868, by effluxion of time?

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1. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
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Question :—

1. DR. LANG to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether he has received any communication from certain persons in Yass, who are interested in the management of the District Hospital in that locality, complaining of certain irregularities of which they conceive they have a right to complain ; and whether it is his intention to offer such persons the redress which they are solicitous of obtaining?

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1. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic ; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields ; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties ; and ought therefore to be abolished.
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WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. J. STEWART to move,—
 - (1.) That edifices and grounds dedicated to the instruction, recreation, or convenience of the public, should not be used for the purpose of holding meetings or exhibitions, from which the public are excluded.
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Waterview Patent Slip Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House, having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shewn by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Road through Mr. Hickey's property at Dagworth:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether any, and if any, what objection has been made, and by whom, to Mr. Hickey being permitted to enclose the old road, in return for the new one made through his property at Dagworth? Mr. Wilson answered,—The objection is a legal one in this case. The fact is that the road sought to be given in lieu of the one taken from Hickey's land being still in the Crown, it is held that the 16th Section of the Act IV William IV No. 11, which is the only legislation under which an exchange could be made, does not apply to the case.

- (2.) Railway Loan:—

- (1.) Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to carry into effect the vote arrived at by this House on Wednesday, October 9, in favor of the proposal of raising by loan, £1,000,000, for Railway purposes?

(2.) Is it intended that the requisite arrangements for raising the said amount shall be made with Messrs. Kohn and Co., or by public competition; or if otherwise, in what way?

(3.) How is it intended to provide for payment of the interest?

(4.) Is it intended to provide in any way for the gradual extinction of such loan; and if so, in what way?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) The present intention of the Government is to introduce, at an early date, a Bill to give effect to the vote of the House.

(2.) It is not intended to raise the loan through Messrs. Kohn & Co., nor otherwise than by public competition.

(3. and 4.) I would prefer to furnish the honorable member and the House with information on the points referred to in these questions, when the proposed Loan Bill is before the House.

- (2.) Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—With reference to the vote arrived at by this House on Wednesday, October 9, in favor of the proposal of raising by loan, £1,000,000, for Railway purposes,—

(1.) In what directions, and to what terminal points, is it intended by the Government that the proposed Railway lines shall be constructed or extended?

(2.) In what proportions is it intended by the Government, that the amount in question, shall be distributed on each line?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) On the Western Line in the direction of Bathurst, and terminating in the town of Bathurst.

On the Southern Line in the direction of Goulburn, and terminating in the town of Goulburn.

(2.) Western Line	£764,507.
Southern Line	179,071.

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Leaving a surplus of	56,422.
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£1,000,000.

The amount at the disposal of the Government for the Northern Line, and which it is expected will complete that line, is £496,034.

2. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Gael Chaplain instigating to Insubordination," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Forster, on 24th September, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Cataract Coal Mine Railway Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That the Cataract Coal Mine Railway Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Morrice, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Mate, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Burns, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
4. School Books—Council of Education ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. J. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Council of Education and the Heads of the various Churches in reference to School Books.
Question put and passed.
5. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2):—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Egan moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "now," with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."
Debate continued.
Motion made by Mr. Burns, That this Debate be now adjourned until "Wednesday" next.
Motion made by Mr. Egan, That the Question for the proposed Adjournment be amended by omitting the word "Wednesday," with a view to inserting in its place the word "Tuesday."
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight;—

FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1867, A.M.:—

Proposed Amendment of Motion for Adjournment of Debate, by leave, withdrawn.
Question, for Adjournment of Debate until Wednesday next, put and passed.
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at ten minutes after Midnight, until Three o'clock, p.m., this day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11.

Question:—

1. MR. STIMPSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to renew the leases, or to otherwise dispose of the Church and School Lands—which leases expire on the 30th June, 1868, by effluxion of time?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15.

Question:—

1. DR. LANG to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether he has received any communication from certain persons in Yass, who are interested in the management of the District Hospital in that locality, complaining of certain irregularities of which they conceive they have a right to complain; and whether it is his intention to offer such persons the redress which they are solicitous of obtaining?

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2.); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, that this Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Egan had moved by way of amendment, that the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words, "this day six months."

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Waterview Patent Slip Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
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1. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Church and School Lands :—Mr. Stimpson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to renew the leases, or to otherwise dispose of the Church and School Lands—which leases expire on the 30th June, 1868, by effluxion of time?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The Church and School Lands, according to the late decision of the Supreme Court, are held by the Crown in trust for the purposes for which they were originally set apart. It is competent, however, for the Legislature of this Colony to deal with them as it may think fit. Until an Act is passed providing for the disposal of them, or of the proceeds arising from their sale, it is not considered expedient to renew the leases which have already fallen, or those which are about to fall, in. Pending the passing of an Act, these lands can only be let, if at all, for periods not exceeding a year. It is not improbable that a Bill will be submitted for the consideration of Parliament in its next Session.

2. Paper :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Address, in reference to "Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta," adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Hart, on 17 July, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Marriage Law :—Mr. Parkes presented a petition from the Bishop, Clergy, and Lay Representatives, of the United Church of England and Ireland within the Colony of New South Wales, in Synod assembled, setting forth certain alleged defects in the Marriage Law now in force in the Colony, and praying for consideration of the matter, and remedy of the evils complained of.
Petition received.
4. Road through Land granted to Mr. William Field, at Nandi, near Coonabarabran ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Petitions and Correspondence in the Lands or Survey Department in reference to the new road, or to the proposal to close up the old road, through the property of Mr. W. Field, at Nandi, Coonabarabran.
Question put and passed.
5. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows :—
(1.) Order No. 1, until this day week. Mr. Josephson.
(2.) Order No. 2, until Tuesday next. Mr. Garrett.
(3.) Order No. 3, until this day week. Mr. Lucas.
(4.) Order No. 4, until Tuesday next. Mr. Eagar.
6. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Rodd withdrew the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

7. Bridge across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains:—Mr. Cummings moved, pursuant to Notice,—That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the necessity that exists for the immediate construction of a bridge across the Fish River, at O'Connell Plains.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion by leave withdrawn.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at one minute before Four o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
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ORDERS

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4. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Yass Hospital:—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,— Whether he has received any communication from certain persons in Yass, who are interested in the management of the District Hospital in that locality, complaining of certain irregularities of which they conceive they have a right to complain; and whether it is his intention to offer such persons the redress which they are solicitous of obtaining?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A letter has been received from the Committee of the Yass Hospital, complaining that the Treasurer refuses to comply with the Rules of the Committee in making payments. The subject of this letter will be referred to the Crown Law Officers for their opinion.

2. Marriage Law (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from the Right Rev. the Bishop of Sydney and others, in reference to the Marriage Law, presented by him on the 11th October, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Rodd withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

4. Motions on the Notice Paper for to-day dropped:—

(1.) Mr. Burns not making the Motion No. 2, it dropped.

(2.) Mr. Driver not making the Motion No. 3, it dropped.

5. Proposed Payment of Country Members of future Parliaments:—Mr. R. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions,—

(1.) That it is necessary to the adequate representation of the people in this House, that country members of future Parliaments should be compensated to meet the cost of residence in Sydney.

(2.) That such compensation should be 20s. per diem, during each Session.

(3.) That an Address be presented to the Governor, requesting that steps may be taken to carry out the above Resolutions.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Forster moved the Previous Question.

Debate ensued.

Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. White,

Tellers.

Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Driver.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Eagar,
Dr. Lang,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Mate,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. Lackey.

Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Graham,
Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. J. Stewart,

Tellers.

Mr. Lord,
Mr. E. Brown.

6. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Rodd withdrew the Motion No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until this day week.
9. Charge for Conveyance of Gold by Escort:—Debate ensued, on the motion of Mr. Rodd,—That in the opinion of this House, the charge imposed by the Government, for the conveyance of Gold by Escort, should be reduced.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.		Noes, 13.	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Martin,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hannell,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Graham,	Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Egan,		Mr. Eagar,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Pickering,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Josephson.	Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. W. Suttor.
Mr. Cummings,		Mr. J. Stewart,	

The Numbers being equal, the Speaker gave his vote with the Noes, and declared the Question to have been negatived.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at two minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16.

Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to the Papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed, on Wednesday, September 25, relating to the employment of Special Constables in the Southern Districts,—
- (1.) Was any telegram or telegrams, not included in the said Papers, sent from or by the Colonial Secretary, or the Executive Government, in reply, or with reference to, the telegrams informing the Government of the murder of Carroll and his party, and specified in Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the 2nd Division, and in pages 6 and 7 of the said Papers; and, if so, what were the nature and effect of any such telegram or telegrams?
- (2.) Was any such Telegram sent, after information so received of the murder of Carroll and his party, ordering the bullets found in the bodies of Carroll and his party to be compared with the bullets used by the Police, with a view to ascertain whether any member of the Police Force had been guilty of, or in any way accessory to, the murders in question?
- (3.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, by way of inquiry into the charges expressed or implied in the letter from Mr. John Carroll to the Principal Under Secretary, specified in No. 4 of the 2nd Division, and in pages 5 and 6 of the said Papers, against the Police and Magistracy of the District, as shewn in the following paragraphs, namely:—
- “It is a matter of surprise to me that, unassisted by legal advice, and opposed directly by local influences, and directly and covertly by several members of the police, I succeeded in getting committals in even three instances”
- And—
- “No Justices of the Peace like, in the first place, to take their seats on the Bench, and, if they do, would rather acquit than commit”
- And in other subsequent paragraphs of the same letter; and, if so, what has been the result of any such inquiry?
- (4.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, by way of inquiry into the nature and extent of the “local influences” referred to in the first of the above paragraphs, by which it is stated, in the same paragraph, the writer of the said letter was “opposed directly;” and, if so, what has been the result of such inquiry?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Comité of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, that this Bill be “now” read a second time,—upon which Mr. Egan had moved by way of amendment, that the word “now” be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words “this day six months.”

3. Ways and Means ; reception of Resolution from Committee.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. J. STEWART to move,—
 - (1.) That edifices and grounds dedicated to the instruction, recreation, or convenience of the public, should not be used for the purpose of holding meetings or exhibitions, from which the public are excluded.
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Trustees of the Australian Museum have mistaken their duty in allowing a private party to be held in the Great Hall of the Museum, thereby delaying the opening of the Hall to the public.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
2. Waterview Patent Slip Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
3. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
4. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shewn by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
3. MR. RODD to move, That in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic ; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields ; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties ; and ought therefore to be abolished.
4. MR. LACKEY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the the circumstances of the dismissal of Edward W. Woodgate, from the office of Parcels Clerk, at the Sydney Railway Station.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Macleay, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Forster, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Roberts, and the Mover.
5. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law as to Imprisonment for Debt in actions for Libel.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Detectives for apprehension of Bushrangers in Southern Districts:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

With reference to the Papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed, on Wednesday, September 25, relating to the employment of Special Constables in the Southern Districts,—

(1.) Was any telegram or telegrams, not included in the said Papers, sent from or by the Colonial Secretary, or the Executive Government, in reply, or with reference to, the telegrams informing the Government of the murder of Carroll and his party, and specified in Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the 2nd Division, and in pages 6 and 7 of the said Papers; and, if so, what were the nature and effect of any such telegram or telegrams?

(2.) Was any such telegram sent, after information so received of the murder of Carroll and his party, ordering the bullets found in the bodies of Carroll and his party to be compared with the bullets used by the Police, with a view to ascertain whether any member of the Police Force had been guilty of, or in any way accessory to, the murders in question?

(3.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, by way of inquiry into the charges expressed or implied in the letter from Mr. John Carroll to the Principal Under Secretary, specified in No. 4 of the 2nd Division, and in pages 5 and 6 of the said Papers, against the Police and Magistracy of the District, as shewn in the following paragraphs, namely:—

“It is a matter of surprise to me that, unassisted by legal advice, and opposed directly by local influences, and directly and covertly by several members of the “police, I succeeded in getting committals in even three instances”

And—

“No Justices of the Peace like, in the first place, to take their seats on the “Bench, and, if they do, would rather acquit than commit”

And in other subsequent paragraphs of the same letter; and, if so, what has been the result of any such inquiry?

(4.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, by way of inquiry into the nature and extent of the “local influences” referred to in the first of the above paragraphs, by which it is stated, in the same paragraph, the writer of the said letter was “opposed directly”; and, if so, what has been the result of such inquiry?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) There are no Copies of telegrams in the Colonial Secretary's Office, such as appear to be contemplated by the honorable member's question.

(2.) After information was received of the murder of Carroll and his party, a telegram was sent by me to Braidwood, directing, among other things, that the bullets found in the bodies of the murdered men should be compared with the bore of the police rifles, not “with a view to ascertain whether any member of the “police force had been guilty of, or in any way accessory to, the murders in “question”; but in order to test the value of secret information supplied to the Government.

(3 and 4.) With reference to the third and fourth Questions, I may say that a Commission was appointed to inquire into the general state of the Braidwood District, including charges made against the Magistracy and the Police. The result of that inquiry has been communicated to Parliament.

2. **St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill**:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from George Robert Whiting, of West Sydney, against the passing of the said Bill. Petition received.
3. **Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2)**:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Albury District, against the passing of the said Bill. Petition received.
4. **Papers**:—
- (1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "School Books—Council of Education," made by this House, on motion of Mr. J. Stewart, on 10th October, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act, 25 Victoria, No. 1, during the period between 10th September and 10th October, 1867.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the said section of the said Act, during the same period.
Ordered to be printed.
5. **Motion for Adjournment**:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. **Postponement**:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Gates on Public Roads Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Wilson, until this day week.
7. **Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2)**:—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, that this Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Egan had moved by way of amendment, that the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months,"—
Resumed and continued.
Motion made by Mr. Windeyer, and Question put (after Debate),—That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Tighe,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Graham,	
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Roberts.
Mr. Lord,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Landale,	
Mr. White,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Joseph.
Mr. Josephson,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Lloyd,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. W. Suttor,	
Mr. Phelps,	

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at three minutes before twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, that this Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Egan had moved by way of amendment, that the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months."
2. Ways and Means; reception of Resolution from Committee.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition presented by him, on the 16th October, from G. R. Whiting, against the Cathedral Close Bill, be printed.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition presented by him, on the 16th October, from residents of Albury, with regard to the Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2), be printed.
3. MR. J. STEWART to move,—
 - (1.) That edifices and grounds dedicated to the instruction, recreation, or convenience of the public, should not be used for the purpose of holding meetings or exhibitions from which the public are excluded:
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Trustees of the Australian Museum have mistaken their duty in allowing a private party to be held in the Great Hall of the Museum, thereby delaying the opening of the Hall to the public.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Waterview Patent Slip Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
4. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DRIVER to move,—

That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—

 - (1.) The number and names of steamers surveyed and reported upon during the past two years, by the shipwright and engineer surveyors or inspectors, shewing respectively how often, and when, during such period, each steamer has been in a dry dock or on a patent slip; by whom examined; the deficiencies reported to exist; and what has been done thereon.
 - (2.) Also a Return shewing the number and nature of reports to the said Board during the same period, as to deficiencies in the equipment of steam-vessels and alterations suggested, if any, and by whom, and what has been done thereon.
 - (3.) Also a Return shewing the number and nature of reports to the said Board during the same period, as to the watertight compartments or bulk-heads in steam-vessels, specifying the name of the person sending such report, and what has been done thereon.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

2. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shewn by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
3. MR. RODD to move, That in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties; and ought therefore to be abolished.
4. MR. LACKEY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the dismissal of Edward W. Woodgate, from the office of Parcels Clerk, at the Sydney Railway Station.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Macleay, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Forster, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Roberts, and the Mover.
5. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law as to Imprisonment for Debt in actions for Libel.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
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New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill:—Mr. Mate, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 17th July, 1867, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Mate then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight.

Question put and passed.

2. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on the 16th October, from G. R. Whiting, against the Cathedral Close Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2):—

(1.) ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Garrett on behalf of Mr. Robertson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Robertson, on the 16th October, from residents of Albury, with regard to the Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2), be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Order of the Day No. 1:—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Martin, that this Bill be "now" read a second time,—upon which Mr. Egan had moved by way of amendment, that the word "now" be omitted, with a view to adding at the end the words "this day six months,"—

Resumed and continued.

The honorable member for The Clarence (Mr. Robertson) having, with reference to an allusion made in debate by the honorable member for Kiama (Mr. Parkes), used certain words which were immediately excepted to,—those words were, at the instance of Mr. Wilson, taken down by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows:—"Whoever says that's a liar and a scoundrel."

Mr. Wilson thereupon moved, That the words used by the honorable member for The Clarence, as taken down by the Clerk, are unparliamentary and highly disorderly, and ought to be retracted.

And a discussion arising upon the Question of Order,—

Mr. Robertson retracted the words excepted to, and apologized to the House for having used them.

Whereupon Mr. Wilson's motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on Main Question continued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight;—

FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1867, A.M.:—

Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Farnell,
Dr. Lang,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Windeyer.
Mr. R. Stewart,	
Mr. Pemell,	
Mr. Sutherland,	

Noes, 32.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. White,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Gordon,	

Question, that the words proposed to be added, be there added, put and passed.

Whereupon, Question put,—That this Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. White,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Dangar,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Eckford,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Joseph.
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Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Tighe,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. J. Stewart.
Mr. Pemell,	
Mr. Oatley,	
Mr. Piddington,	

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty minutes before Two o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Waterview Patent Slip Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
4. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

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That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
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(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Trustees of the Australian Museum have mistaken their duty in allowing a private party to be held in the Great Hall of the Museum, thereby delaying the opening of the Hall to the public.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; reception of Resolution from Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22.

Questions:—

1. **MR. RODD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,**—
(1.) How many Gold Escorts are there maintained at the public expense; what is the cost of each—and the total cost thereof?
(2.) At what period do the Escorts leave the several districts?
2. **MR. TUNKS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,**—
(1.) Is the surveyor employed in surveying the twenty acres or so of land for the proposed General Cemetery, at the North Shore, paid to perform that work by the year or by the job?
(2.) How many months longer is it likely the Lands Department will take to complete the survey of the above mentioned twenty acres, and arrange for a General Cemetery at the North Shore?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. **MR. BURNS to move,**—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. **MR. FORSTER to move,** That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
(1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shewn by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
(2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
3. **MR. RODD to move,** That in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties; and ought therefore to be abolished.
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A statement whether any Board or Boards have been appointed to report on all applications to purchase land under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861; and if so, the names of the persons constituting such Boards; the date of their appointment; their emolument, if any, in connection with such appointment; together with a copy of all Executive or Ministerial Minutes, or other documents defining the duties of such Boards, or approving any regulations adopted by the same for their guidance and uniformity in protecting the interest of the public and carrying out the provisions of the law, together with a copy of all such regulations, if any are in existence.

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A statement of the situation, area, and lineal water frontage of all reserves of land abutting on the Harbour of Port Jackson, including Middle Harbour, Lane Cove, and Parramatta River; and whether formally dedicated to the public or not; and if dedicated to the public, the names of the trustees and the purposes of the the trust or dedication.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended, in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Ministerial Statement—Adjournment:—Mr. Martin, addressing the Speaker, said that in consequence of the Vote arrived at by the House, at an early hour this morning, the Government required a short time to consider the course they should pursue.

Mr. Martin then moved, That this House do now adjourn until Wednesday next. Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned accordingly, at twenty-eight minutes after Three o'clock, until *Wednesday* next at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23.

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(2.) At what period do the Escorts leave the several districts?
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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Also—

A statement whether any Board or Boards have been appointed to report on all applications to purchase land under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861; and if so, the names of the persons constituting such Boards; the date of their appointment; their emolument, if any, in connection with such appointment; together with a copy of all Executive or Ministerial Minutes, or other documents defining the duties of such Boards, or approving any regulations adopted by the same for their guidance and uniformity in protecting the interest of the public and carrying out the provisions of the law, together with a copy of all such regulations, if any are in existence.

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A statement of the situation, area, and lineal water frontage of all reserves of land abutting on the Harbour of Port Jackson, including Middle Harbour, Lane Cove, and Parramatta River; and whether formally dedicated to the public or not and if dedicated to the public, the names of the trustees and the purposes of the trust or dedication.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
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5. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
6. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended, in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Gold Escorts:—Mr. Rodd asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) How many Gold Escorts are there maintained at the public expense; what is the cost of each—and the total cost thereof?

(2.) At what period do the Escorts leave the several districts?

Mr. Bagar answered,—I have been unable to obtain the information required by my honorable friend, so as to be able to answer his question to-day, and shall, therefore, be glad if he will give fresh notice.

- (2.) Proposed General Cemetery, North Shore:—Mr. Tunks asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is the surveyor employed in surveying the twenty acres or so of land for the proposed General Cemetery, at the North Shore, paid to perform that work by the year or by the job?

(2.) How many months longer is it likely the Lands Department will take to complete the survey of the above mentioned twenty acres, and arrange for a General Cemetery at the North Shore?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The Surveyor was not paid an annual salary, or by the job. The time occupied was three days, for which only he was paid at the usual rate.

(2.) The Survey was completed on the 24th ultimo, but no further steps taken, pending the investigation of a Petition, signed by one hundred and four inhabitants, against the proposed Cemetery.

2. Cataract Coal Mine Railway Bill:—Mr. Farnell, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 10th October, 1867, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday week.

Question put and passed.

3. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Tunks moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. Ministerial Statement:—Mr. Martin stated to the House the course which the Government had taken, and intended to take, with reference to the Vote arrived at on the morning of Friday last, relative to the Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2).

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty-two minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gates on Public Roads Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Ways and Means ; reception of Resolution from Committee.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

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5. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding £350 15s. 7d., being the amount of Government Endowment withheld from the Municipal Council of Paddington, in consequence of certain returns required by law not having been sent to the Colonial Treasurer in time.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended, in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); second reading.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cataract Coal Mine Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Reserves of Public Lands," made by this House, on motion of *Mr. Robertson*, on behalf of Mr. Garrett, on 11th September, 1867.
 Ordered to be printed.
2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Morrice moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
3. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, of Government Business, postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Wednesday next.
4. Censure of the Ministry:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the principles of Responsible Government for the present Ministry to continue to hold office, in view of the recently sustained defeats in their most prominent public policy.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Egan moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words, "That this Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to the Governor."
 Debate continued.
 Debate adjourned, on motion of Dr. Lang (after Debate), until to-morrow.
 The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty-three minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
 OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25.

Question:—

1. MR. GARRETT to ask THE MINISTER FOR WORKS,—When will the papers relative to the arbitration cases between the Government and Mr. John Morrice, already ordered, be laid on the Table of this House.

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OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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A statement whether any Board or Boards have been appointed to report on all applications to purchase land under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 ; and if so, the names of the persons constituting such Boards ; the date of their appointment ; their emolument, if any, in connection with such appointment ; together with a copy of all Executive or Ministerial Minutes, or other documents defining the duties of such Boards, or approving any regulations adopted by the same for their guidance and uniformity in protecting the interest of the public and carrying out the provisions of the law, together with a copy of all such regulations, if any are in existence.

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A statement of the situation, area, and lineal water frontage of all reserves of land abutting on the Harbour of Port Jackson, including Middle Harbour, Lane Cove, and Parramatta River ; and whether formally dedicated to the public or not and if dedicated to the public, the names of the trustees and the purposes of the the trust or dedication.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

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New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Lands taken from John Morrice Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes :—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the papers relative to the arbitration cases between the Government and Mr. John Morrice, already ordered, be laid on the Table of this House?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The papers in question are very voluminous, and a portion of them will have to be supplied from the office of the Crown Solicitor; but every effort will be made to have them ready by Friday next.

2. Censure of the Ministry :—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the principles of "Responsible Government for the present Ministry to continue to hold office, in "view of the recently sustained defeats in their most prominent public policy,"—upon which Mr. Egan had moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words, "That this Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to the Governor,"—

Resumed and continued.

Motion made by Mr. R. Stewart, That this Debate be now adjourned until "Wednesday" next.

Mr. Eckford moved, That the Question for the proposed adjournment be amended by omitting the word "Wednesday," with a view to inserting in its place the word "Tuesday."

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit until after midnight;—

SATURDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 1867, A.M. :—

Question put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question for the proposed Adjournment.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Parkes,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Stimpson,	
Mr. Oatley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lord,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. E. Brown.
Mr. Roberts,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Eckford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Pemell,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Thornton,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Smart,	

Question

Question then,—That this Debate be now adjourned until Wednesday next,—put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at four minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

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New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Adjournment:—Mr. Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 17.		Noes, 5.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. J. Stewart,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Isaacs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Burns,
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Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at five minutes after Four o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
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No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—
 Free Selections on Wingecarribee Swamp :—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. Roberts*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Are the Government aware that the tract of country known as the Wingecarribee Swamp has been taken up under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act?
 (2.) Have the Government received any report from the District Surveyor, in reference to the conditional purchase of the said swamp?
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to cancel any such conditional purchases?
Mr. Wilson answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) The legality of these selections on the Wingecarribee Swamp is at present under the consideration of the Crown Law Officers.
2. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day Withdrawn :—
 (1.) *Mr. Macleay*, on behalf of *Mr. Lloyd*, withdrew the Motion No. 1.
 (2.) *Mr. Rodd* withdrew the Motions Nos. 7 and 9.
 (3.) *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. Lackey*, withdrew the Motion No. 8.
 (4.) *Mr. Burns* withdrew the Motion No. 5.
 (5.) *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. Tunks*, withdrew the Motion No. 11.
3. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, of Government Business postponed, respectively, on motion of *Mr. Martin*, until to-morrow.
4. Motion Dropped :—*Mr. Sutherland* not making the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
5. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day Withdrawn :—
 (1.) *Mr. Driver* withdrew the Motion No. 3.
 (2.) *Mr. J. Stewart* withdrew the Motion No. 4.
6. Postponement :—*Mr. Forster* postponed the Motion No. 6, on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
7. Motion Dropped :—*Mr. Samuel* not making the Motion No. 10 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
8. Censure of the Ministry :—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. Robertson*, "That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the principles of Responsible Government for the present Ministry to continue to hold office, in view of the recently sustained defeats in their most prominent public policy,"—upon which *Mr. Egan* had moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words, "That this Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to the Governor,"—
 Resumed and continued.
 Debate adjourned, on motion of *Mr. Macleay* (after Debate), until to-morrow.
9. Presbyterian College Bill—*Conference* :—
 (1.) The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council agrees to the Free Conference, requested by the Legislative Assembly in its Message of the 9th instant, on the subject of the Council's Amendments in the Saint Andrew's College Bill, page 2, clause 5, lines 37, 38, and 39, disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council, and appoints

appoints that the same be held in No. 2 of its Committee Rooms, at the hour of half-past Four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, the 30th instant, and that the Honorable S. D. Gordon, the Honorable John Hay, the Honorable Hugh Wallace, the Honorable James Mitchell, and the Honorable John Macfarlane, be the Managers thereof on its behalf.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23 October, 1867.*

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

The Speaker said that this Message, although dated the 23rd October, was not received until this day, in consequence (as had been explained to him in a private note from the President) of the Council not having met in the interval; and that, when it did reach this House, it was during the Debate just adjourned, and could not, under the Sessional Order respecting the "Transmission of Messages between the two Houses," be reported to the House until too late to be taken advantage of. The Speaker also adverted to an irregularity in the Assembly's Message, to which this was a reply—in appointing only five of its Members as Managers, instead of ten—the number required by the 80th Standing Order.

(2.) Whereupon Mr. Wilson moved (*de novo*) that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly, having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated the 25th September last, in reference to the Presbyterian College Bill,—

Does not insist upon its disagreements from, nor its Amendments in, the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, excepting as regards its Amendments, page 2, clause 5, lines 37, 38, and 39.

And the Assembly requests a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of the above-stated exceptions, and has appointed the following of its Members to be Managers of such Conference in its behalf:—Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Farnell, Dr. Lang, Mr. Robertson, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Windeyer.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30 Oct., 1867.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

10. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the Act to regulate and restrict the Immigration of Chinese*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th October, 1867.*

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twelve minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31.

Question:—

1. MR. ECKFORD to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to lay on the Table of this House any Minutes or Report of the proceedings of the meeting of a section of the Members of this House, held at the Colonial Secretary's Office, on Monday, October 21?
(2.) Who were the Members present at the meeting, and has any Resolution adopted by them been communicated to the Government?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended, in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Ways and Means; reception of Resolution from Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

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OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Censure of the Ministry :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the principles of Responsible Government for the present Ministry to continue to hold office, in view of the recently sustained defeats in their most prominent public policy,"—upon which Mr. Egan had moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words, "That this Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to the Governor."
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
3. Waterview Patent Slip Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
4. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
5. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
6. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
7. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Cataract Coal Mine Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Question :—

1. MR. THORNTON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) The number of Road Committees or Trusts in the Shoalhaven Electorate, and the names of the members of each Committee ?
 - (2.) The amount of money annually entrusted to them under the Minor Roads Act ?
 - (3.) The amount of special grants for the past twelve months ?
 - (4.) The amount granted for the new line of road from Terrara towards Nowra, to date ; and what is the length of the said road ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LLOYD *to move*, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
2. MR. LACKEY *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the the circumstances of the dismissal of Edward W. Woodgate, from the office of Parcels Clerk, at the Sydney Railway Station.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Macleay, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Forster, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Roberts, and the Mover.
3. MR. TUNKS *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return stating the names of all applicants to purchase and reclaim land under the 9th and 12th clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, particularizing each case as under :—
 - (1.) Whether a reserve or a reclamation—the situation, area, and lineal frontage to the water of the land authorized to be sold.
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 - (3.) The amount of money paid, and the rate per foot frontage to the water.
 - (4.) The conditions imposed in the permission to reclaim land from the water.
 - (5.) The nature and the estimated money value of the improvements which have been effected since the sale of the land up to the 30th September last.

Also—

A statement whether any Board or Boards have been appointed to report on all applications to purchase land under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 ; and if so, the names of the persons constituting such Boards ; the date of their appointment ; their emolument, if any, in connection with such appointment ; together with a copy of all Executive or Ministerial Minutes, or other documents defining the duties of such Boards, or approving any regulations adopted by the same for their guidance and uniformity in protecting the interest of the public and carrying out the provisions of the law, together with a copy of all such regulations, if any are in existence.

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A statement of the situation, area, and lineal water frontage of all reserves of land abutting on the Harbour of Port Jackson, including Middle Harbour, Lane Cove, and Parramatta River; and whether formally dedicated to the public or not, and if dedicated to the public, the names of the trustees and the purposes of the trust or dedication.

4. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shewn by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties; and ought therefore to be abolished.
2. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lec, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Alleged Meeting of Members of Legislative Assembly in Colonial Secretary's Office:—Mr. Eckford asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to lay on the Table of this House any Minutes or Report of the proceedings of the meeting of a section of the Members of this House, held at the Colonial Secretary's Office, on Monday, October 21?

(2.) Who were the Members present at the meeting, and has any Resolution adopted by them been communicated to the Government?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I am quite sure the House will not expect me to give any answer to this question.

2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Eckford moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, of Government Business postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Wednesday next.

4. Censure of the Ministry:—The adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Robertson, "That, in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the principles of Responsible Government for the present Ministry to continue to hold office, in view of the recently sustained defeats in their most prominent public policy,"—upon which Mr. Egan had moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words, "That this Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to the Governor,"—

Resumed and continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added—put and passed.

Whereupon Question put,—

(1.) That in the opinion of this House, it is inconsistent with the principles of Responsible Government for the present Ministry to continue to hold office, in view of the recently sustained defeats in their most prominent public policy.

(2.) That this Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Burdekin,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Thornton,	
Mr. Joseph,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Macpherson,	
Mr. Eckford,	
Mr. Pickering,	
Mr. Smart,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Hannell,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Dodds,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stimpson,	
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Tunks,	

5. Presbyterian College Bill—*Conference*:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council agrees to the Free Conference, requested by the Legislative Assembly in its Message of the 30th instant, on the subject of the Council's Amendments in the Saint Andrew's College Bill, page 2, clause 5, lines 37, 38, and 39, disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council, and appoints that the same be held in No. 2 of its Committee Rooms, at the hour of half-past four o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, the 6th proximo:—and that the Honorable S. D. Gordon, the Honorable John Hay, the Honorable John Blaxland, the Honorable James Mitchell, the Honorable John Macfarlane, the Honorable William Byrnes, the Honorable John Campbell, the Honorable Francis Lord, the Honorable George Allen, and the Honorable Elias Carpenter Weekes, be the Managers thereof on its behalf.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 31st October, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at nineteen minutes before Twelve o'clock; until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Questions:—

1. MR. MORRICE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to remit the contributions under the Sheep Disease Prevention Act for the ensuing year?
2. MR. MORRICE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1) When will the Government call for Tenders for the erection of a Passenger and Goods Station at Marulan?
 - (2.) Do the Government intend to delay this matter until the rails are laid for some distance beyond, as in other cases, and put the country to great loss, and the public to inconvenience?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cataract Coal Mine Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Waterview Patent Slip Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.
4. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
5. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
6. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
7. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Question:—

1. MR. THORNTON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) The number of Road Committees or Trusts in the Shoalhaven Electorate, and the names of the members of each Committee?
 - (2.) The amount of money annually entrusted to them under the Minor Roads Act?
 - (3.) The amount of special grants for the past twelve months?
 - (4.) The amount granted for the new line of road from Terrara towards Nowra, to date; and what is the length of the said road?

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1. MR. LLOYD *to move*, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.

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Also—

A statement whether any Board or Boards have been appointed to report on all applications to purchase land under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861; and if so, the names of the persons constituting such Boards; the date of their appointment; their emolument, if any, in connection with such appointment; together with a copy of all Executive or Ministerial Minutes, or other documents defining the duties of such Boards, or approving any regulations adopted by the same for their guidance and uniformity in protecting the interest of the public and carrying out the provisions of the law, together with a copy of all such regulations, if any are in existence.

Also—

A statement of the situation, area, and lineal water frontage of all reserves of land abutting on the Harbour of Port Jackson, including Middle Harbour, Lane Cove, and Parramatta River; and whether formally dedicated to the public or not, and if dedicated to the public, the names of the trustees and the purposes of the trust or dedication.

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 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

MEMO.—*Free Conference with Legislative Council, in No. 2 of its Committee Rooms, on Legislative Council's Amendments in the Presbyterian College Bill, at half-past Four o'clock, p.m.*

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move (*as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply*), That this House disapproves of the financial policy of the Government, inasmuch as it contemplates the continuance of the present five per cent *ad-valorem* duties, which have been found by experience to be of little use for the purposes of revenue or protection, while they have been most injurious to the trade of the port of Sydney.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended, in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Ways and Means; reception of Resolution from Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties; and ought therefore to be abolished.
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
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New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
 - (1.) Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866 :—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Morrice*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to remit the contributions under the Sheep Disease Prevention Act for the ensuing year?
Mr. Wilson answered,—The contributions under the Sheep Disease Prevention Act are not payable till the end of May, 1868; and if the sheep of the Colony remain clean for some months, it is the intention of the Government to reduce the contributions, but of course they cannot remit them entirely.
 - (2.) Railway Station at Marulan :—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Morrice*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
 - (1) When will the Government call for Tenders for the erection of a Passenger and Goods Station at Marulan?
 - (2.) Do the Government intend to delay this matter until the rails are laid for some distance beyond, as in other cases, and put the country to great loss, and the public to inconvenience?
Mr. Byrnes answered,—
 - (1.) The drawings for passengers station and goods shed are now in hand and will be completed, so as to call for tenders, in a fortnight.
 - (2.) The Government do not intend to delay this matter.
2. Cataract Coal Mine Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*), on motion of *Mr. Farnell*, read a second time.
 Whereupon, on motion of *Mr. Farnell*, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.
 The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of *Mr. Farnell*, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
3. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2.) :—*Mr. Windeyer* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate on this question postponed, on motion of *Mr. Martin*, until this day week.
4. Waterview Patent Slip Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*), on motion of *Mr. Farnell*, read a second time.
 Whereupon, on motion of *Mr. Farnell*, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.
 The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of *Mr. Farnell*, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an order of the day for Tuesday next.
5. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, until this day week.
 - (1.) Order No. 4. *Mr. Wilson*.
 - (2.) Order No. 5. *Mr. Garrett*.

6. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*), on motion of Mr. Burns (after Debate), read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Burns, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.

7. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 7, postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at eight minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Question:—

1. MR. THORNTON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) The number of Road Committees or Trusts in the Shoalhaven Electorate, and the names of the members of each Committee?
 - (2.) The amount of money annually entrusted to them under the Minor Roads Act?
 - (3.) The amount of special grants for the past twelve months?
 - (4.) The amount granted for the new line of road from Terrara towards Nowra, to date; and what is the length of the said road?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LLOYD *to move*, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
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- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the dismissal of Edward W. Woodgate, from the office of Parcels Clerk, at the Sydney Railway Station.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Macleay, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Forster, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Roberts, and the Mover.
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Also—

A statement whether any Board or Boards have been appointed to report on all applications to purchase land under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861; and if so, the names of the persons constituting such Boards; the date of their appointment; their emolument, if any, in connection with such appointment; together with a copy of all Executive or Ministerial Minutes, or other documents defining the duties of such Boards, or approving any regulations adopted by the same for their guidance and uniformity in protecting the interest of the public and carrying out the provisions of the law, together with a copy of all such regulations, if any are in existence.

Also—

A statement of the situation, area, and lineal water frontage of all reserves of land abutting on the Harbour of Port Jackson, including Middle Harbour, Lane Cove, and Parramatta River; and whether formally dedicated to the public or not, and if dedicated to the public, the names of the trustees and the purposes of the trust or dedication.

4. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shewn by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
5. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and all other Proceedings in the case of King v. Manning, recently heard before Messrs. Birrell and Smithers, at the Central Police Office, Sydney, with all letters, minutes, and memoranda thereon, if any, by the Crown Law Officers, or either of them?
6. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Cataract Coal Mine Railway Bill; third reading.
2. Waterview Patent Slip Bill; third reading.
3. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Necropolis.
2. MR. EAGAR to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

MEMO.—Free Conference with Legislative Council, in No. 2 of its Committee Rooms, on Legislative Council's Amendments in the Presbyterian College Bill, at half-past Four o'clock, p.m.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move (as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply), That this House disapproves of the financial policy of the Government, inasmuch as it contemplates the continuance of the present five per cent *ad-valorem* duties, which have been found by experience to be of little use for the purposes of revenue or protection, while they have been most injurious to the trade of the port of Sydney.

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1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (as amended, in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee); second reading.
2. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Ways and Means; reception of Resolution from Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
2. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

Question :—

1. MR. RODD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 (1.) How many Gold Escorts are there maintained at the public expense—what is the cost of each, and the total cost thereof?
 (2.) At what period do the Escorts leave the several districts?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties; and ought therefore to be abolished.
2. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
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New South Wales.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Road Trusts, Shoalhaven Electorate—Road from Terrara towards Nowra:—

Mr. Thornton asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of Road Committees or Trusts in the Shoalhaven Electorate, and the names of the members of each Committee?

(2.) The amount of money annually entrusted to them under the Minor Roads Act?

(3.) The amount of special grants for the past twelve months?

(4.) The amount granted for the new line of road from Terrara towards Nowra, to date; and what is the length of the said road?

Mr. Wilson answered,—I will take the first and second questions of the honorable member and answer them as one, which will be the more convenient mode.

(1 and 2.) The roads within the Electorate in question for the maintenance of which money has been voted in Schedule for the current year are:—

From Broughton Creek to the Kangaroo Ground, £63. Trustees—Messrs. Gray, Tate, Milligan, Nugent, and Harper.

From Broughton Village to Bomadery Ferry, £130. Trustees—Bench Kiama, and Bench Shoalhaven. Portion (about 60 miles) of road.

From Nowra *via* Tomerong, &c., to Bateman's Bay, £630. The expenditure of the money voted for this line is entrusted to three separate Trusts, *viz.*—Messrs. Graham, Moss, and M'Guire; Messrs. Walsh, M'Kenzie, and Goodsell; and Bench of Magistrates, Ulladulla.

From Tomerong to Jervis Bay at South Huskisson, £49. Trustees—Messrs. M'Kenzie, Walsh, and Goodsell.

From Tomerong and Jervis Bay Road to North Huskisson, £35. Trustees—Messrs. Powell, Peake, Pearson, and M'Kenzie.

From Nowra to Greenwell Point, £90. Trustees—Messrs. Elyard, Aldcorn, and Monaghan.

Portion (about 35 miles) of the road from Nowra to Braidwood, £252. Trustees—Messrs. Aldcorn, Flynn, and Donnolly.

From Illaroo, *via* Brown's Mountain, to Bomadery Ferry, £56. Trustees—Messrs. J. Frazer, Adams, and Gibson.

(3.) The following sums have, within the last twelve months, been specially appropriated for the roads mentioned, *viz.* :—

Road from Nowra to Terrara, £190. Trustees—Messrs. H. Moss, J. M'Guire, and J. Monaghan.

Road from Terrara to the South Coast Road, £106. Trustees—Messrs. De Mestre, M'Kay, and Brown.

Approaches to Bomadery Ferry, £100. From Nowra to Bomadery Ferry, £68 10s. Trustees—Messrs. Moss, M'Guire, and Monaghan.

From Nowra to Greenwell Point, £140. Trustees—Messrs. Elyard, Aldcorn, and Monaghan.

From Nowra to Burriar, £40. Trustees—Messrs. Thompson and Waddington.

Portion of road between Nowra and Braidwood, £100. Messrs. Aldcorn, Bunn, and M'Grath.

From Currumbene to Conjola Creek, £25. Trustees—Messrs. Walsh, M'Kenzie, and Goodsell.

(4.)

(4.) The amounts granted to date for the line of road from Terrara towards Nowra, appropriated since 1865, are—

For fencing the road, sums amounting to	£132
For forming the road	269
And for maintenance in repair	190
Total	£591

Length of road, about one mile.

2. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

3. Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Expired leases of Church and School Land," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Forster, on behalf of Mr. Nowlan, on 12th September, 1867.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day withdrawn:—

(1.) Mr. Macleay, on behalf of Mr. Lloyd, withdrew the Motion No. 1.

(2.) Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Lackey, withdrew the Motion No. 2.

(3.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Driver, withdrew the Motion No. 5.

5. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill:—

(1.) ("Formal" Motion): Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Windeyer having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to Amend the Fisheries Act of 1865*,"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Friday week.

6. Cataract Coal Mine Railway Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable Alfred Reynolds Huntley and John Le Gay Brereton to construct a Railway from land near Berrima belonging to them to and to connect the same with the Great Southern Railway.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Alfred Reynolds Huntley and John Le Gay Brereton to construct a Railway from land near Berrima belonging to them to and to connect the same with the Great Southern Railway,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th November, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Waterview Patent Slip Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable Thomas Sutcliffe Mort Esquire to close certain ways or streets on and over his property and other land at Waterview Bay and to establish a new road in lieu thereof.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Thomas Sutcliffe Mort Esquire to close certain ways or streets on and over his property and other land at Waterview Bay and to establish a new road in lieu thereof,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th November, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

8. Necropolis Regulation Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Necropolis.

Question put and passed.

9. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Eagar moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.

Question put and passed.

10. Proposed Division of the Electorate of "The Clarence" into two Electorates:—Dr. Lang presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the District of the Richmond River, praying that, for the reasons therein set forth, the District of the Richmond and the Tweed may be separated from the Electoral District of "The Clarence," and erected into a separate and independent electorate.
Petition received.

11. Applications to Purchase and Reclaim Land under 9th and 12th clauses of Crown Lands Alienation Act:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return stating the names of all applicants to purchase and reclaim land under the 9th and 12th clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, particularizing each case as under:—

(1.) Whether a reserve or a reclamation—the situation, area, and lineal frontage to the water of the land authorized to be sold.

(2.) The situation, area, and lineal frontage to the water of the land refused to be sold, and the reason for such refusal.

(3.) The amount of money paid, and the rate per foot frontage to the water.

(4.) The conditions imposed in the permission to reclaim land from the water.

(5.) The nature and the estimated money value of the improvements which have been effected since the sale of the land up to the 30th September last.

Also—

A statement whether any Board or Boards have been appointed to report on all applications to purchase land under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861; and if so, the names of the persons constituting such Boards; the date of their appointment; their emolument, if any, in connection with such appointment; together with a copy of all Executive or Ministerial Minutes, or other documents defining the duties of such Boards, or approving any regulations adopted by the same for their guidance and uniformity in protecting the interest of the public and carrying out the provisions of the law, together with a copy of all such regulations, if any are in existence.

Also—

A statement of the situation, area, and lineal water frontage of all reserves of land abutting on the Harbour of Port Jackson, including Middle Harbour, Lane Cove, and Parramatta River; and whether formally dedicated to the public or not, and if dedicated to the public, the names of the trustees and the purposes of the trust or dedication.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until this day week.

The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

MEMO.—Free Conference with Legislative Council, in No. 2 of its Committee Rooms, on Legislative Council's Amendments in the Presbyterian College Bill, at half-past Four o'clock, p.m.

Question:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to ask THE PREMIER:—

(1.) Have not strong and urgent representations been frequently made to the Government within the last four years, by Judges, Magistrates, and others in authority, as to the want of suitable accommodation for holding Courts of Justice in Wagga Wagga?

(2.) Do the Government intend to provide the requisite buildings, and if so, when?

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move (as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply), That this House disapproves of the financial policy of the Government, inasmuch as it contemplates the continuance of the present five per cent *ad-valorem* duties, which have been found by experience to be of little use for the purposes of revenue or protection, while they have been most injurious to the trade of the port of Sydney.

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended, in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Ways and Means; reception of Resolution from Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
6. Necropolis Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Necropolis.
7. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of introducing a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th November, from five hundred and seventy residents on the Richmond River, praying for the erection of that part of the Clarence River electorate into a separate electorate, may be printed.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
2. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TUNKS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith, ordered to be printed on the 24th September last.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Joseph, Mr. Samuel, Mr. S. Brown, Dr. Lang, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Mate, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Graham, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

Question :—

1. MR. RODD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER;—
 - (1.) How many Gold Escorts are there maintained at the public expense—what is the cost of each, and the total cost thereof?
 - (2.) At what period do the Escorts leave the several districts?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties; and ought therefore to be abolished.
2. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.
3. MR. JOSEPHSON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of George M'Leod for compensation for an illegal seizure, made by the late Special Constable Carroll and his assistants, at the stores in Braidwood of the said George M'Leod, of ale, wine, rum, brandy, whiskey, and other liquids, and also of baskets, spirit measures, and other goods.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. De Salis, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Graham, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Neale, Mr. Smart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tunks, and the Mover.
4. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, being the amount of Government Endowment withheld from the Municipal Council of Paddington, in consequence of certain Returns required by law not having been sent to the Colonial Treasurer in time.

5. MR. THORNTON to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of all Correspondence between the Minister for Lands, the Attorney General, and any other person or persons, and all other official documents relating to the claim and dispute to a Water Right on the Burrangong Gold Fields, between M'Grain and party and Deering.
6. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
7. MR. LACKEY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the dismissal of Edward W. Woodgate, from the office of Parcels Clerk, at the Sydney Railway Station.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Macleay, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Forster, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Roberts, and the Mover.
8. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and all other Proceedings in the case of King v. Manning, recently heard before Messrs. Birrell and Smithers, at the Central Police Office, Sydney, with all letters, minutes, and memoranda thereon, if any, by the Crown Law Officers, or either of them?

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shewn by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.

New South Wales.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1867.

There being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—
Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Graham, Mr.
Lord, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Martin, Mr. McKay, Mr. Neale, Mr. Phelps, Mr.
Piddington, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Wilson, and Mr.
Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until
To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Question :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to ask THE PREMIER,—
(1.) Have not strong and urgent representations been frequently made to the Government within the last four years, by Judges, Magistrates, and others in authority, as to the want of suitable accommodation for holding Courts of Justice in Wagga Wagga?
(2.) Do the Government intend to provide the requisite buildings, and if so, when?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. MACLEAY to move (as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply); That this House disapproves of the financial policy of the Government, inasmuch as it contemplates the continuance of the present five per cent *ad-valorem* duties, which have been found by experience to be of little use for the purposes of revenue or protection, while they have been most injurious to the trade of the port of Sydney.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (as amended, in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee); second reading.
2. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
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1. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th November, from five hundred and seventy residents on the Richmond River, praying for the erection of that part of the Clarence River electorate into a separate electorate, may be printed.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
2. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
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(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith, ordered to be printed on the 24th September last.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Joseph, Mr. Samuel, Mr. S. Brown, Dr. Lang, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Mate, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Graham, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

Question:—

1. MR. RODD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) How many Gold Escorts are there maintained at the public expense—what is the cost of each, and the total cost thereof?
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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties; and ought therefore to be abolished.
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(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. De Salis, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Graham, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Neale, Mr. Smart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tunks, and the Mover.
4. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, being the amount of Government Endowment withheld from the Municipal Council of Paddington, in consequence of certain Returns required by law not having been sent to the Colonial Treasurer in time.
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8. **MR. DRIVER** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and all other Proceedings in the case of King v. Manning, recently heard before Messrs. Birrell and Smithers, at the Central Police Office, Sydney, with all letters, minutes, and memoranda thereon, if any, by the Crown Law Officers, or either of them?

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BURNS** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. FORSTER** to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.

New South Wales.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Accommodation for holding Courts of Justice in Wagga Wagga :—Mr. Macleay asked the Premier, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have not strong and urgent representations been frequently made to the Government within the last four years, by Judges, Magistrates, and others in authority, as to the want of suitable accommodation for holding Courts of Justice in Wagga Wagga?

(2.) Do the Government intend to provide the requisite buildings, and if so, when?

Mr. Martin answered,—Several representations have within the last four years been made to the Government in reference to the want of suitable accommodation for holding Courts of Justice in Wagga Wagga. In January last I visited the Court House in that town in company with the Police Magistrate, and, on my return to Sydney, I submitted certain proposed additions to it to the Department of Public Works. The Colonial Architect had, previously to those proposed additions being submitted, partially prepared plans of additions to the Court House, but they were not completed in consequence of the difficulty of making those additions without pulling down the building used as a Telegraph Office and the expense which such pulling down would have involved. Plans and specifications are now in course of preparation for the necessary addition to the Wagga Wagga Court House and for a new Telegraph Station and Post Office adjoining to it. Those plans and specifications will, I am told, be ready in about a fortnight, and the works will then be proceeded with, without delay.

2. Paper :—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes,"—made by this House, on motion of Mr. Garrett, on 3rd October, 1867.
3. Dr. F. Beer—Clerk to return Papers laid before Select Committee :—Mr. Forster (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Clerk have leave to return to Dr. Frederick Beer, the undermentioned Documents handed in by him for the use of the Committee on "Dr. F. Beer" in the Session of 1861-62.
 - (1.) Declaration of John Williams, dated 6 December, 1861.
 - (2.) Two Declarations of George Russell, dated respectively, 14 February, 1861, and 16 November, 1861.
 - (3.) Affidavit of John Redhead, dated 27 August, 1860.
 - (4.) Certified copy of Sir Benjamin Brodie's letter to Francis Beer, Esq., dated Glasgow, September, 1857.

Question put and passed.
4. Municipalities Bill :—Mr. Parkes having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to establish Municipalities*,"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
5. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Wisdom moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. Presbyterian (otherwise St. Andrew's) College Bill :—Mr. Wilson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

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MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly not having met yesterday for the dispatch of Business, in consequence of the want of a Quorum, renews the request made in its Message to the Legislative Council of the 30th ultimo, for a Free Conference with the Council on the subject of certain Amendments in the Presbyterian (otherwise called the St. Andrew's) College Bill, disagreed to by the Assembly, and insisted on by the Council,—and appoints as its Managers the Members already named in its said Message.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th November, 1867.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Proposed Division of the Electorate of "The Clarence" into two Electorates ("Formal" Motion):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th November, from five hundred and seventy residents on the Richmond River, praying for the erection of that part of the Clarence River electorate into a separate electorate, may be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended, in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*), on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
9. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows:—
 - (1.) No. 2, until Wednesday next. Mr. Wilson.
 - (2.) Nos. 3 and 4, until Wednesday next. Mr. Eagar.
 - (3.) No. 5, until Nos. 6 and 7 shall have been disposed of. Mr. Eagar.
10. Necropolis Regulation Bill (Order No. 6):—
 - (1.) On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of the propriety of introducing a Bill to regulate the Necropolis. The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—
Resolved, That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to regulate the Necropolis.
Mr. Wilson then moved, That this Resolution be now adopted.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the Necropolis*,"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
11. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (Order No. 7):—On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of the expediency of introducing a Bill to Amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be now received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved, That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to Amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time, and agreed to.
12. Supply:—On the postponed Order of the Day (No. 5) for the resumption of the Committee of Supply being read, Mr. Eagar moved "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to *Contingent Notice*, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That" with a view to inserting in their place the words "this House disapproves of the financial policy of the Government, inasmuch as it contemplates the continuance of the present five per cent *ad-valorem* duties, which have been found by experience to be of little use for the purposes of revenue or protection, while they have been most injurious to the trade of the port of Sydney."
Debate ensued.
Motion made by Mr. Burdekin,—That this Debate be now adjourned until "Wednesday next."
Mr. Martin moved, That the question for the proposed adjournment be amended by omitting the words "Wednesday next," with a view to inserting in their place the word "To-morrow."
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight ;—

FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1867, A.M.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question for the proposed adjournment,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the word proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Whereupon, Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned until To-morrow,—put and passed.

The House adjourned, at six minutes after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., this day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to a Petition from certain residents at or near Port Macquarie, forwarded to the Government on or about September 24th, embodying a prayer to the effect that better provision might be made for repairing, or rendering more available for increased traffic, the road between Armidale and Port Macquarie?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, towards repairing, or rendering more available for increased traffic, the two roads, namely—
(1.) Between New England and the River Manning?
(2.) Between New England and the River Macleay?
3. MR. HART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—If he has abandoned his intention to appeal to the Privy Council against the late decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Michael Murphy, who was charged with the murder of one Samuel Hassen at South Creek?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
2. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. TUNKS to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith, ordered to be printed on the 24th September last.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Joseph, Mr. Samuel, Mr. S. Brown, Dr. Lang, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Mate, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Graham, and the Mover.
2. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Documents laid on the Table of this House on the 7th November, relative to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes," be printed.
3. MR. PHELPS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit the supplying of Intoxicating Liquors to the Aboriginal Natives of New South Wales in any quantity that shall produce intoxication.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Eagar, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair—upon which Mr. Macleay had moved by way of amendment, the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the following words, *viz.* :—"this House disapproves of the financial policy of the Government, inasmuch as it contemplates the continuance of the present five per cent. *ad-valorem* duties, which have been found by experience to be of little use for the purposes of revenue or protection, while they have been most injurious to the trade of the Port of Sydney."

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

Questions :—

1. MR. RODD to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) How many Gold Escorts are there maintained at the public expense—what is the cost of each, and the total cost thereof?
(2.) At what period do the Escorts leave the several districts?
2. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, for the establishment of a Free Public Library, for which the sum of £25,000 was voted by this House in the year 1861?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. RODD to move, That in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties; and ought therefore to be abolished.
2. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.
3. MR. JOSEPHSON to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of George M'Leod for compensation for an illegal seizure, made by the late Special Constable Carroll and his assistants, at the stores in Braidwood of the said George M'Leod, of ale, wine, rum, brandy, whiskey, and other liquids, and also of baskets, spirit measures, and other goods.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. De Salis, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Graham, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Neale, Mr. Smart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tunks, and the Mover.
4. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, being the amount of Government Endowment withheld from the Municipal Council of Paddington, in consequence of certain Returns required by law not having been sent to the Colonial Treasurer in time.
5. MR. THORNTON to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of all Correspondence between the Minister for Lands, the Attorney General, and any other person or persons, and all other official documents relating to the claim and dispute to a Water Right on the Burrangong Gold Fields, between M'Grain and party and Deering.
6. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
7. MR. LACKEY to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the dismissal of Edward W. Woodgate, from the office of Parcels Clerk, at the Sydney Railway Station.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Macleay, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Forster, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Roberts, and the Mover.
8. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and all other Proceedings in the case of King v. Manning, recently heard before Messrs. Birrell and Smithers, at the Central Police Office, Sydney, with all letters, minutes, and memoranda thereon, if any, by the Crown Law Officers, or either of them?

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Has any representation been made to the Government, showing the necessity or desirability of providing a Court-house at Cundletown, for purposes of Petty Sessions?
(2.) Is the Government aware that there is no suitable place or building for the purposes in question?
(3.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
2. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); to be further considered in Committee.
3. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

4. Ways and Means ; reception of Resolution from Committee.
5. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
6. Necropolis Regulation Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and documents in connection with Richard Peard's claim under the Superannuation Act—Also letters from the Inspector General of Police to the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Goulburn respecting the said claim.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shewn by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.

New South Wales.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
Mr. Forster withdrew the Questions Nos 1 and 2.
 (1.) *Re Michael Murphy, charged with Murder of Samuel Hassen.*—(Administration of Justice) :—Mr. Hart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—If he has abandoned his intention to appeal to the Privy Council against the late decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Michael Murphy, who was charged with the murder of one Samuel Hassen at South Creek?
 Mr. Martin answered,—I have not abandoned my intention to appeal to the Privy Council against the late decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Michael Murphy, who was charged with the murder of one Samuel Hassen at South Creek. The Petition to the Privy Council left by the last Panama Mail, and no steps whatever have been taken to countermand that Petition.
2. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Macpherson moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
3. Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith (“*Formal*” Motion) :—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith, ordered to be printed on the 24th September last.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Joseph, Mr. Samuel, Mr. S. Brown, Dr. Jang, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Mate, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Graham, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
4. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Phelps withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
5. Postponements :—
 (1.) The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, until this day week :—
 (1.) Order No. 1. Mr. Martin.
 (2.) Order No. 2. Mr. Josephson.
 (3.) Order No. 3. Mr. Garrett.
 (4.) Order No. 4. Mr. Burns.
 (2.) Mr. Garrett postponed the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
6. Supply :—The Adjourned Debate on motion of Mr. Eagar, “That” the Speaker do now leave the Chair—upon which Mr. Macleay had moved by way of amendment, the omission of all the words after the word “That” with a view to inserting in their place the following words, *viz.* :—“this House disapproves of the financial policy of the Government, inasmuch as it contemplates the continuance of the present five per cent. *ad-valorem* duties, which have been found by experience to be of little use for the purposes of revenue or protection, while they have been most injurious to the trade of the port of Sydney,”—
 Resumed.
 Motion made by Mr. Garrett, and Question put (after Debate) that this Debate be now adjourned until Wednesday next.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Burdekin,

Tellers.

Mr. Burns,
Mr. Hart.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Isaacs,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Dignam,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Stimpson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. McKay,	

Debate on Main Question continued.

Debate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Wisdom (*made with the concurrence of the House*), until Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at five minutes after Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

Questions:—

1. MR. RODD *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) How many Gold Escorts are there maintained at the public expense—what is the cost of each, and the total cost thereof?
(2.) At what period do the Escorts leave the several districts?
2. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, for the establishment of a Free Public Library, for which the sum of £25,000 was voted by this House in the year 1861?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to a Petition from certain residents at or near Port Macquarie, forwarded to the Government on or about September 24th, embodying a prayer to the effect that better provision might be made for repairing, or rendering more available for increased traffic, the road between Armidale and Port Macquarie?
4. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, towards repairing, or rendering more available for increased traffic, the two roads, namely—
(1.) Between New England and the River Manning?
(2.) Between New England and the River Macleay?
5. MR. R. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
(1.) Why proceedings were instituted in the Equity Court in 1864—the Attorney General *v.* Elliott and others?
(2.) Have the proceedings been conducted under the supervision of an officer of the Attorney General's Department?
(3.) Why have upwards of three years been occupied by the plaintiff in this case?
6. MR. WINDEYER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
(1.) By whose order were the documents in the case of Eckhart *v.* Eckhart, tried at the Central Police Office last week, allowed to be copied for publication in a newspaper?
(2.) Is the Attorney General aware that it is the practice at the Central Police Office to furnish to the press, without payment, depositions and documents which the parties interested therein cannot obtain without payment?
7. MR. LORD *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—When is it the intention of the Government to make such additions to the gaol at Dubbo, as will afford the proper and necessary accommodation to parties confined in that building?
8. MR. WINDEYER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Has the Attorney General taken any steps to bring to justice a person named Yates, prosecuted at the Central Police Office, for throwing a corrosive liquid over the face of a young woman, but who was discharged by the magistrate trying the case, notwithstanding a strong *prima facie* case was made out against him?

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. RODD to move, That in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties; and ought therefore to be abolished.
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 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. De Salis, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Graham, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Neale, Mr. Smart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tunks, and the Mover.
4. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, being the amount of Government Endowment withheld from the Municipal Council of Paddington, in consequence of certain Returns required by law not having been sent to the Colonial Treasurer in time.
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9. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all School Books, the use of which has been authorized by the Council of Education for purposes of Public Instruction in Public Schools.
10. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to further amend the District Courts Act of 1858.
11. MR. PHELPS to move, That this House, will on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the propriety of introducing a Bill to prohibit the supply of intoxicating liquors to the Aboriginal Natives of New South Wales in any quantity that shall produce intoxication.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Has any representation been made to the Government, showing the necessity or desirability of providing a Court-house at Cundletown, for purposes of Petty Sessions?
 - (2.) Is the Government aware that there is no suitable place or building for the purposes in question?
 - (3.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to the Return laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 17, shewing Classification, Salaries, &c., of Teachers under the Council of Education—Under what circumstances, upon what principle, and by what authority, are the fees received in certain Schools distributed to the Teachers in amounts not in proportion to their respective salaries, and therefore in apparent contravention of Regulation

45, under the Public Schools Act of 1866, as for instance in the cases specified below, from the said Return, namely:—

Page 2.	Salaries.			Fees.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balmain—						
Jno. D. Bradley	9	10	1	13	13	2
Emily Heydon	7	0	0	6	7	0
Bourke-street—						
John Salier	9	0	0	19	13	4
John Watson	5	0	0	6	6	0
Cleveland-street—						
Fred. Bridges	6	10	0	29	4	9
Johanna Ryan	7	0	0	9	4	2
Fort-street—						
John W. Alpass	3	17	1	35	9	7
Edwin Banks	5	0	0	4	11	6
Elizh. Mactaggart	2	0	0	21	17	4
Kate Finigan	5	0	0	8	19	7
Eliza Druery	3	0	0	5	7	9
Kate M'Donough	2	0	0	16	16	0

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Glebe—	Salaries.	Fees.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Jas. Buckland	13 8 5	11 0 8
Sarah Freeman	7 0 0	3 5 2

and in other cases of a similar kind included in the said return?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
2. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); to be further considered in Committee.
3. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Ways and Means; reception of Resolution from Committee.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. BURNS to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
4. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
5. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. GARRETT to move, That the Documents laid on the Table of this House on the 7th November, relative to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes," be printed.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.

New South Wales.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Gold Escorts :—Mr. Rodd asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) How many Gold Escorts are there maintained at the public expense—what is the cost of each, and the total cost thereof?

(2.) At what period do the Escorts leave the several districts?

Mr. Eagar answered,—As the most convenient mode of answering the Questions of the honorable member, I have caused a Return to be prepared, shewing,—

1. The number of Gold Escorts maintained at the public expense.

2. The total cost thereof.

3. The periods at which the Escorts leave their several districts.

As the account of the cost of each Escort is not kept separately (the service being carried on as a whole), I am unable to furnish the honorable member with any precise information as to such separate cost. The Return, however, which I shall presently lay upon the Table, gives the required information as nearly as practicable, and it will be seen that, at the rates for which the whole service is at present being performed, a reduction has been made upon last year's expenditure.

- (2.) Free Public Library :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, for the establishment of a Free Public Library, for which the sum of £25,000 was voted by this House in the year 1861?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The amount voted by Parliament would be insufficient for the establishment of a Free Library on a plan commensurate with the wants of this community. Some time ago the subject was under the consideration of the Government, and it was not thought expedient to ask further grants from Parliament in the present financial state of the colony.

- (3.) Road between Armidale and Port Macquarie :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to a Petition from certain residents at or near Port Macquarie, forwarded to the Government on or about September 24th, embodying a prayer to the effect that better provision might be made for repairing, or rendering more available for increased traffic, the road between Armidale and Port Macquarie?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The increase in classification of road will be considered when next road schedule is being prepared. Plans are in preparation and tenders will be invited immediately for bridge over Deep Creek. Section has been taken for bridge over the Ellenborough River—when drawing and estimate are made, the Government will be in a position to determine whether the sum required should be placed on the estimates or not.

- (4.) Roads between New England and the Rivers Manning and Macleay :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4.—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, towards repairing, or rendering more available for increased traffic, the two roads, namely—

(1.) Between New England and the River Manning?

(2.) Between New England and the River Macleay?

Mr.

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) There is no through road between New England and the Manning River, and it is not at present proposed to make one.

(2.) A considerable sum has been expended in improvements on the Range between Armidale and the Guy Fawkes, and between the Guy Fawkes and Kempsey. The amount voted by Parliament has been expended in permanent improvements, chiefly in the vicinity of Nulla Nulla.

(5.) Proceedings in Equity Court—Attorney General *v.* Elliott and others :—Mr. R. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Why proceedings were instituted in the Equity Court in 1864—the Attorney General *v.* Elliott and others ?

(2.) Have the proceedings been conducted under the supervision of an officer of the Attorney General's Department ?

(3.) Why have upwards of three years been occupied by the plaintiff in this case ?

Mr. Martin answered,—

(1.) The proceedings in Attorney General *v.* Elliott have been instituted by Mr. Hutchinson, who, under the authority of the Sign Manual, has obtained Letters of Administration of the goods of John Tebbutt, deceased, (a legatee under the will of Sophia Beeson)—whose interest has escheated to the Crown. Instructions for these proceedings were received by Mr. Hutchinson from the solicitor to the Treasury, England. The Attorney General is plaintiff, *pro forma* only.

(2.) The proceedings have been conducted by Mr. Hutchinson's solicitor, who has kept me informed of any steps taken in the suit.

(3.) The case has been delayed, by reason of the deaths of parties to the suit, and the taking of evidence. I am told that it will shortly be set down for hearing.

(6.) Documents in Police Office case—Eckhart *v.* Eckhart :—Mr. Windeyer asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) By whose order were the documents in the case of Eckhart *v.* Eckhart, tried at the Central Police Office last week, allowed to be copied for publication in a newspaper ?

(2.) Is the Attorney General aware that it is the practice at the Central Police Office to furnish to the press, without payment, depositions and documents which the parties interested therein cannot obtain without payment ?

Mr. Martin answered,—I am informed by Captain Scott, that the documents in the case of Eckhart *v.* Eckhart were not allowed to be copied in his office for publication. Captain Scott further states that there were two reporters present taking notes ; that the letters read out in Court were afterwards returned to the defendant's attorney, and that copies of the depositions were furnished, by request, to the attorneys on each side, and paid for. It appears to be the practice at the Central Police Office to allow newspaper reporters to look over the depositions daily taken there, to enable them to give correct reports. It appears also to be the practice at that Office to permit the clerks, after office hours, to give, on payment of a small fee, copies of such depositions as may be required by persons, whether interested or not. I consider the practice of giving copies of the depositions, and of the documents referred to in the depositions in any case, to persons not interested in such case, objectionable, and I shall direct it to be discontinued.

(7.) Gaol at Dubbo :—Mr. Lord asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—When is it the intention of the Government to make such additions to the gaol at Dubbo, as will afford the proper and necessary accommodation to parties confined in that building ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Plans for improving and extending the accommodation in the Gaol at Dubbo are in preparation, and will shortly be ready. So soon as these plans are completed and approved, the works will be commenced.

(8.) *Re Yates*—Police Office case :—Mr. Windeyer asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—Has the Attorney General taken any steps to bring to justice a person named Yates, prosecuted at the Central Police Office, for throwing a corrosive liquid over the face of a young woman, but who was discharged by the magistrate trying the case, notwithstanding a strong *prima facie* case was made out against him ?

Mr. Martin answered,—I have requested the Inspector General of Police to take such further proceedings as he may think necessary, after inquiry into the circumstances of the case to which the honorable member refers. I have looked into the depositions, and the case disclosed in them does not appear to be of such a character as the honorable member's question would imply.

2. Paper :—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Tabular Statements, (*in reference to Question No. 1 above*) containing,—

(1.) Return of Gold Escorts maintained at the Public Expense—(Estimated) cost and total cost thereof.

(2.) Periods at which the Escorts leave the several districts.
Ordered to be printed.

3. Water Right, Burrangong Gold Fields—M'Grain and party and Deering (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of all Correspondence between the Minister for Lands, the Attorney General, and any other person or persons, and all other official documents relating to the claim and dispute to a Water Right on the Burrangong Gold Fields, between M'Grain and party and Deering.
Question put and passed.

4. Motions on Notice Paper for to-day Withdrawn :—
 (1.) *Mr. Phelps*, on behalf of *Mr. Lloyd*, withdrew the Motion No. 6.
 (2.) *Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. Lackey*, withdrew the Motion No. 7.
5. School Books authorized by Council of Education (*“Formal” Motion*) :—*Mr. Forster* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all School Books, the use of which has been authorized by the Council of Education for purposes of Public Instruction in Public Schools.
 Question put and passed.
6. District Courts Act further Amendment Bill (*“Formal” Motion*) :—*Mr. Windeyer* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to further amend the District Courts Act of 1858.
 Question put and passed.
7. Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Aborigines Bill (*“Formal” Motion*) :—*Mr. Phelps* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, will on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the propriety of introducing a Bill to prohibit the supply of intoxicating liquors to the Aboriginal Natives of New South Wales in any quantity that shall produce intoxication.
 Question put and passed.
8. District Courts Act further Amendment Bill :—*Mr. Windeyer* having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled *“A Bill to further amend the District Courts Act of 1858,”* read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday week.
9. Export Duty on Gold :—*Mr. Rodd* moved, pursuant to Notice, That in the opinion of this House, the present Export Duty on Gold is unjust and impolitic; is injurious to the prosperity of our Gold Fields; a tax on an industry pursued under great difficulties; and ought therefore to be abolished.
 Debate ensued.
Mr. Burns moved the Previous Question.
 Debate ensued.
 Previous Question,—That that Question be now put,—put and negatived.
10. Motion Withdrawn :—*Mr. Rodd* withdrew the Notice No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
11. Seizure at Stores of George M'Leod, Braidwood :—*Mr. Josephson* moved, pursuant to Notice, *as amended with the concurrence of the House*,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to consider and report upon the claim of George M'Leod for compensation for an illegal seizure, made by the late Special Constable Carroll and his assistants, at the stores in Braidwood, of the said George M'Leod, of ale, wine, rum, brandy, whiskey, and other liquids, and also of baskets, spirit measures, and other goods.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. De Salis*, *Mr. Egan*, *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Graham*, *Mr. Lucas*, *Mr. Neale*, *Mr. Smart*, *Mr. Parkes*, *Mr. Tunks*, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
12. Government Endowment, Municipal Council of Paddington :—*Mr. Sutherland* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, being the amount of Government Endowment withheld from the Municipal Council of Paddington, in consequence of certain Returns required by law not having been sent to the Colonial Treasurer in time.
 Question put and passed.
13. Motion Withdrawn :—*Mr. Garrett* on behalf of *Mr. Driver*, withdrew the Motion No. 8 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
14. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of *Mr. Garrett*, until Friday next.
 The House adjourned, at thirteen minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Questions :—

1. **MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**
(1.) Has any representation been made to the Government, showing the necessity or desirability of providing a Court-house at Cundletown, for purposes of Petty Sessions?
(2.) Is the Government aware that there is no suitable place or building for the purposes in question?
(3.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
2. **MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—**With reference to the Return laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 17, shewing Classification, Salaries, &c., of Teachers under the Council of Education—
Under what circumstances, upon what principle, and by what authority, are the fees received in certain Schools distributed to the Teachers in amounts not in proportion to their respective salaries, and therefore in apparent contravention of Regulation 45, under the Public Schools Act of 1866, as for instance in the cases specified below, from the said Return, namely :—

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Balmain—						
Jno. D. Bradley	9	10	1	13	13	2
Emily Heydon	7	0	0	6	7	0
Bourke-street—						
John Salier	9	0	0	19	13	4
John Watson	5	0	0	6	6	0
Cleveland-street—						
Fred. Bridges	6	10	0	29	4	9
Johanna Ryan	7	0	0	9	4	2
Fort-street—						
John W. Alpass	3	17	1	35	9	7
Edwin Banks	5	0	0	4	11	6
Blizh. Mactaggart	2	0	0	21	17	4
Kate Finigan	5	0	0	8	19	7
Eliza Druery	3	0	0	5	7	9
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and in other cases of a similar kind included in the said return?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. EAGAR to move,** That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
2. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); to be further considered in Committee.
3. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Ways and Means; reception of Resolution from Committee.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
6. Necropolis Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Supply; resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Eagar, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair—upon which Mr. Macleay had moved by way of amendment, the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the following words, *viz.* :—"this House disapproves of the financial policy of the Government, inasmuch as it contemplates the continuance of the present five per cent. *ad-valorem* duties, which have been found by experience to be of little use for the purposes of revenue or protection, while they have been most injurious to the trade of the Port of Sydney."

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. **MR. BURNS to move,—**
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

2. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all correspondence and documents in connection with Richard Peard's claim under the Superannuation Act—Also letters from the Inspector General of Police to the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Goulburn respecting the said claim.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Questions:—

1. MR. WISDOM to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS.—What steps have been taken with regard to the Petition, presented by Mr. Wisdom to the Secretary for Lands, praying for the opening of a public road from Denman to Muswellbrook through the Merton Estate?
2. MR. WISDOM to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS.—What course do the Government intend to pursue with respect to the appraisal and re-letting of those Runs the leases of which terminate with the present year?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyor, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
4. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
5. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Aborigines Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to prohibit the supply of intoxicating liquors to the Aboriginal Natives of New South Wales in any quantity that shall produce intoxication.
7. Government Endowment, Municipal Council of Paddington; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, being the amount of Government Endowment withheld from the Municipal Council of Paddington, in consequence of certain Returns required by law not having been sent to the Colonial Treasurer in time.
8. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Documents laid on the Table of this House on the 7th November, relative to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes," be printed.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
3. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.
4. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and all other Proceedings in the case of King v. Manning, recently heard before Messrs. Birrell and Smithers, at the Central Police Office, Sydney, with all letters, minutes, and memoranda thereon, if any, by the Crown Law Officers, or either of them?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1867.

I. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Court-house at Cundletown:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has any representation been made to the Government, showing the necessity or desirability of providing a Court-house at Cundletown, for purposes of Petty Sessions?

(2.) Is the Government aware that there is no suitable place or building for the purposes in question?

(3.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No representation appears to have been made to the Government on the subject. There is a Court-house at Wingham, twenty-two miles from Cundletown, and also at Tarce, recently erected, distant only seven miles from Cundletown.

(2.) Salaries and Fees of Teachers under Council of Education:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—With reference to the Return laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on July 17, shewing Classification, Salaries, &c., of Teachers under the Council of Education—Under what circumstances, upon what principle, and by what authority, are the fees received in certain Schools distributed to the Teachers in amounts not in proportion to their respective salaries, and therefore in apparent contravention of Regulation 45, under the Public Schools Act of 1866, as for instance in the cases specified below, from the said Return, namely:—

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and in other cases of a similar kind included in the said return?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have received a letter from the Secretary to the Council of Education, of which the following is an extract:—" Under the late Board of National Education one-fourth of the school fees paid in the six vested National Schools in Sydney was reserved and applied to various purposes in connection with the Schools, the remaining three-fourths being distributed among the Teachers in the rates of their respective salaries. When the Public Schools Act came into operation this arrangement was necessarily discontinued, inasmuch as Section 16 requires that all fees collected in any school shall be paid to the Teacher, and in consequence an additional sum of about £70 per month became payable to the Teachers in these schools. Pending the adoption of a scale of Teachers' salaries, and the determination of the number and rank of the Teachers to be employed in each school, the Council, early in the month of January, 1867, found it necessary, in consequence of the circumstances before stated, to pass a resolution limiting the remuneration of Teachers to the same rates as they received in 1866. This arrangement could be carried into effect only by deducting from the monthly salary of each Teacher the additional sum paid as school fees, which course the Council accordingly resolved to adopt."

2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Eagar moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
Question put and passed.
3. Richard Peard ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Neale, on behalf of Mr. Alexander, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all correspondence and documents in connection with Richard Peard's claim under the Superannuation Act—Also letters from the Inspector General of Police to the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Goulburn respecting the said claim.
Question put and passed.
4. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 6, inclusive, postponed respectively, until to-morrow; No. 2 on motion of Mr. Wilson, and all the others on motion of Mr. Martin.
5. Supply:—The Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Eagar, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair—upon which Mr. Macleay had moved by way of amendment, the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the following words, *viz.*:—" this House disapproves of the financial policy of the Government, inasmuch as it contemplates the continuance of the present five per cent. *ad-valorem* duties, which have been found by experience to be of little use for the purposes of revenue or protection, while they have been most injurious to the trade of the Port of Sydney,—"
Resumed and continued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight;—

THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1867, A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Driver, and Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow,—put (after debate) and negatived.

Debate on main Question continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Eagar,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Roberts,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stimpson,	
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Sutherland.
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Lee,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Lucas,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Hart.

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

6. Presbyterian (otherwise called Saint Andrew's) College Bill—*Free Conference*:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council agrees to the Free Conference requested by the Legislative Assembly in its Message of the 7th instant, on the subject of certain Amendments in the Saint Andrew's College Bill, disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council,—and appoints the same to be held in No. 2 of its Committee Rooms, at the hour of half-past Four o'clock in the afternoon of Thursday, the 14th instant; and that the Managers thereof, on behalf of the Council, be the Members named to manage the Free Conference agreed to for Wednesday, the 6th instant.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th November, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

The House adjourned at twenty-nine minutes after Three o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., this day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

MEMO.:—*Free Conference with Legislative Council, in No. 2 of its Committee Rooms, on Legislative Council's Amendments in the Presbyterian (otherwise called Saint Andrew's) College Bill, at half-past Four o'clock, p.m.*

Questions:—

1. MR. WISDOM to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What steps have been taken with regard to the Petition, presented by Mr. Wisdom to the Secretary for Lands, praying for the opening of a public road from Denman to Muswellbrook through the Merton Estate?
2. MR. WISDOM to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What course do the Government intend to pursue with respect to the appraisalment and re-letting of those Runs the leases of which terminate with the present year?
3. MR. MACPIERSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
(1.) Whether any complaint has been made to the Government against an employé on the Great Northern Railway, named Daniel Wallwork, with reference to the circulation of blasphemous tracts along the line?
(2.) If any inquiry has taken place, what has been the result of such inquiry?
4. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—With reference to the Road between Armidale and Port Macquarie, alluded to in my Question No. 3 on the Paper of November 12—Is it the intention of the Government, or is it not, to make provision for repairing, or rendering more available for increased traffic, the road or any part of the road in question?
5. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—With reference to the Road between New England and the Macleay River, alluded to in my Question No. 4 on the Paper of November 12—Is it the intention of the Government, or is it not, to make provision for repairing, or rendering more available for increased traffic, the road or any part of the road in question?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
2. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); to be further considered in Committee.
3. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Ways and Means; reception of Resolution from Committee.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
6. Necropolis Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Question :—

1. MR. STIMPSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government intend to have the necessary repairs, required to be done to the Carcoar Court-house, carried out without delay?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; second reading.
4. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
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8. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Documents laid on the Table of this House on the 7th November, relative to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes," be printed.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
(1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
(2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
3. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.
4. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and all other Proceedings in the case of King v. Manning, recently heard before Messrs. Birrell and Smithers, at the Central Police Office, Sydney, with all letters, minutes, and memoranda thereon, if any, by the Crown Law Officers, or either of them?
5. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove and to provide for the remedy of certain anomalies in the representation of the Colony.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Road from Denman to Muswellbrook, through Merton Estate:—Mr. Wisdom asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—What steps have been taken with regard to the Petition, presented by Mr. Wisdom to the Secretary for Lands, praying for the opening of a public road from Denman to Muswellbrook through the Merton Estate?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The petition referred to is one of three which have been received, each advocating a different line of communication between the two places mentioned. The matter is under reference to the local surveyor for a report which is expected to determine which of the three lines will be proclaimed.

Mr. Wisdom withdrew the Question No. 2.

- (2.) Alleged Circulation of Blasphemous Tracts on Railway Line—Daniel Wallwork:—*Mr. Forster*, on behalf of Mr. Macpherson, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Whether any complaint has been made to the Government against an employé on the Great Northern Railway, named Daniel Wallwork, with reference to the circulation of blasphemous tracts along the line?

(2.) If any inquiry has taken place, what has been the result of such inquiry?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—No complaint of the nature referred to has been received.

- (3.) Road between Armidale and Port Macquarie:—Mr. Forster asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—With reference to the Road between Armidale and Port Macquarie, alluded to in my Question No. 3 on the Paper of November 12—Is it the intention of the Government, or is it not, to make provision for repairing, or rendering more available for increased traffic, the road or any part of the road in question?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Tenders will be invited at once for Bridge over Deep Creek. A sum will be placed on Estimates for Bridge over the Ellenborough River, and the amount on Schedule for 1868 (£910) will be expended when voted. The increase in classification will be taken into consideration when Estimates for 1869 are being prepared.

- (4.) Road between New England and Macleay River:—Mr. Forster asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—With reference to the Road between New England and the Macleay River, alluded to in my Question No. 4 on the Paper of November 12—Is it the intention of the Government, or is it not, to make provision for repairing, or rendering more available for increased traffic, the road or any part of the road in question?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The amount on Estimates for 1868 for road Kempsey to Armidale will be expended when voted, together with the due proportion of vote for road Armidale to Grafton (£1,350), on the length from Armidale to the Guy Fawkes. The increase in classification will be taken into consideration when Estimates for 1869 are being prepared.

2. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Burns withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

3. Aborigines:—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from the Rev. Robert Steel, as Moderator, in name and by authority of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, praying that, for the reasons therein set forth, the sale of intoxicating liquors to the Aborigines may be prohibited by legislation.

Petition received.

4. Paper :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Report, dated March 1, 1866, to the Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty to inquire into the Education given in Schools in England not comprised within Her Majesty's two recent Commissions, and to the Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty to inquire into the Schools in Scotland, on the Common School System of the United States and of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada. By the Rev. James Fraser, M.A., Assistant Commissioner. (*Presented to both Houses of the Imperial Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.*)
Ordered to be printed.
5. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows :—
(1.) Order No. 1, to follow next after Order No. 6. Mr. Parkes.
(2.) Orders Nos. 2 and 3. Until Wednesday next. Mr. Wilson.
6. Ways and Means :—The Chairman of Committees reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
(1.) Resolved,—That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1868, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £1,455.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time, and agreed to.
7. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 5 postponed, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until Wednesday next.
8. Necropolis Regulation Bill (Order No. 6) :—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
- Interruption.*
9. Presbyterian (otherwise called Saint Andrew's) College Bill—*Free Conference* :—The time having arrived for holding the Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of certain Amendments in the Presbyterian (otherwise called Saint Andrew's) College Bill, as fixed by the Council's Message of 13th instant (*See Entry 6 in Votes and Proceedings of yesterday*), the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, called over the names of the Managers appointed on behalf of the Assembly.
And Mr. Dodds not answering,—Mr. R. Stewart was appointed in his place, on motion of Mr. Wilson.
The Managers then proceeded to the Free Conference,—the Business of the House being suspended during their absence.
The Managers being returned, Mr. Wilson, on their behalf, reported as follows :—
“ Certain arguments having been urged by the Managers delegated by the Assembly to conduct the Free Conference, the Managers from the Legislative Council agreed to report the views of the Assembly to the Council, in order that they might receive the final instructions of the Council upon the subject.”
10. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Dignam moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. Necropolis Regulation Bill (Order No. 6) :—The Debate on the Question, That this Bill be now read a second time (which was interrupted by the proceedings recorded in Entry 9 above) resumed and continued.
Question put and passed.
And Bill read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
12. Point of Order—Railway Loan (*Entry 6 in Votes and Proceedings No. 49*) :—The Speaker—referring to the Point of Order reported to the House from the Committee of the Whole, on Thursday, 26 September, and his opinion then expressed thereon—said that, after a more careful consideration of the rules applicable to the case, he was of opinion that the second Amendment submitted ought not to have been entertained by the Chairman.
13. Postponement :—The Order of the Day, No. 1, *further* postponed, until Wednesday next, on motion of Mr. Parkes.
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at five minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Question :—

1. MR. STIMPSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government intend to have the necessary repairs, required to be done to the Carcoar Court-house, carried out without delay ?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move (as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply)*, That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill ; second reading.
4. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
5. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Aborigines Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to prohibit the supply of intoxicating liquors to the Aboriginal Natives of New South Wales in any quantity that shall produce intoxication.
7. Government Endowment, Municipal Council of Paddington ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, being the amount of Government Endowment withheld from the Municipal Council of Paddington, in consequence of certain Returns required by law not having been sent to the Colonial Treasurer in time.
8. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. GARRETT *to move*, That the Documents laid on the Table of this House on the 7th November, relative to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes," be printed.
2. MR. SUTHERLAND *to move*, That the petition presented by him on the 8th of October, from William Russell and others, against a claim set up by a Mr. Thomas Smith, relative to leave to reclaim certain water frontage at Pymont, be printed and referred to the Committee now sitting on the "Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith."
3. MR. WILSON *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th November, from the Moderator of General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, in favour of legislation for the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors to the Aborigines, be printed.
4. MR. TUNKS *to move*, That the name of Mr. Mate be discharged from the Committee now sitting on the petition of Mr. Thomas Smith, and that of Mr. Wilson be added to the said Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Necropolis Regulation Bill ; third reading.
2. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Questions :—

1. MR. STIMPSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Does the Government contemplate the erection of the Great Western Railway Terminus upon the Kelso side of the Macquarie River—if not, has the Government fixed upon a site for the Railway Terminus on the Bathurst side of the Macquarie River ?
2. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What amount of Debentures has been sold to the Mutual Provident Society during the present year ?
 - (2.) What was the date of such sale ?
 - (3.) What was the net amount realized from such sale ?
3. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What were the Balances at the debit or credit of the Government in the various Banks, on the 31st October last ?
4. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether he intends to lay upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government, or any Members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, relating to the past or future Financial arrangements of the Colony, since the 1st October, 1865 ?

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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
3. MR. ROND to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.
4. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and all other Proceedings in the case of King v. Manning, recently heard before Messrs. Birrell and Smithers, at the Central Police Office, Sydney, with all letters, minutes, and memoranda thereon, if any, by the Crown Law Officers, or either of them?
5. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove and to provide for the remedy of certain anomalies in the representation of the Colony.
6. MR. LACKEY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush to compensation for damages sustained by him, at law, as Contractor for the Northern line of Telegraph extension from Blacktown Road, *via* Wiseman's Ferry, to Maitland and Newcastle.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Forster, Mr. Roberts, and the Mover.
7. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion that the assumption by the Council of Education of a power to regulate the distribution of fees to the Teachers of Public Schools, otherwise than in accordance with the 45th Regulation under the Public Schools Act of 1866, is illegal and dangerous, and that it is the duty of the Government to take whatever steps may be necessary to prevent the exercise of any such power in future, and to secure to the Teachers such remuneration as they are entitled to both in law and justice.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
2. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); to be further considered in Committee.
3. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

Question :—

1. MR. WISDOM to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What course do the Government intend to pursue with respect to the appraisal and re-letting of those Runs the leases of which terminate with the present year?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Mr. Stimpson withdrew the Question.

2. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill:—Mr. Lucas, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on 8th August, 1867, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lucas then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

3. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Joseph moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. Mr. J. W. Russell and others—"Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith" ("*Formal Motion*"):—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th of October, from William Russell and others, against a claim set up by a Mr. Thomas Smith, relative to leave to reclaim certain water frontage at Pyrmont, be printed, and referred to the Committee now sitting on the "Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith."

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed, and referred accordingly.

5. Aborigines ("*Formal Motion*"):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th November, from the Moderator of General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, in favour of legislation for the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors to the Aborigines, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

6. "Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith" ("*Formal Motion*"):—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the name of Mr. Mate be discharged from the Committee now sitting on the Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith, and that of Mr. Wilson be added to the said Committee.

Question put and passed.

7. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Garrett withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

8. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Windeyer moved, That this Bill "be" now read a second time.

Mr. Lucas moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "be," with a view to inserting in their place the words,—“referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

“(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.—Mr. Alexander, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cummings, and the Mover.”

Debate ensued.

Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn.

Original Question then put and passed.

And Bill read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Windeyer, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.

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The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Windeyer, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

9. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 2 postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until this day week.
10. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Burns moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill, on motion of Mr. Josephson, read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Josephson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Josephson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
12. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 4 and 5 postponed, respectively, until this day week;—No. 4 on motion of Mr. Garrett, and No. 5 on motion of Mr. Burns.
13. Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Aborigines Bill:—
(1.) On motion of Mr. Phelps, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to prohibit the supply of intoxicating liquors to the Aboriginal Natives of New South Wales in any quantity that shall produce intoxication.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved, That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to prohibit the supply of intoxicating liquors to the Aboriginal Natives of New South Wales in any quantity that shall produce intoxication.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Phelps, read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Phelps having *presented* this Bill, intitled "*A Bill to prohibit the supply of intoxicating Liquors to the Aboriginal Natives of New South Wales in any quantity that shall produce intoxication*"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
14. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows:—
(1.) Order No. 7. Until this day week. Mr. Sutherland.
(2.) Order No. 8. Until Tuesday next. Mr. Burdekin.
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at one minute after Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Questions:—

1. MR. STIMPSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Does the Government contemplate the erection of the Great Western Railway Terminus upon the Kelso side of the Macquarie River—if not, has the Government fixed upon a site for the Railway Terminus on the Bathurst side of the Macquarie River?
2. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) What amount of Debentures has been sold to the Mutual Provident Society during the present year?
(2.) What was the date of such sale?
(3.) What was the net amount realized from such sale?
3. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What were the Balances at the debit or credit of the Government in the various Banks, on the 31st October last?
4. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether he intends to lay upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government, or any Members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, relating to the past or future Financial arrangements of the Colony, since the 1st October, 1865?

5. MR. STIMPSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Do the Government intend to have the necessary repairs, required to be done to the Carcoar Court-house, carried out without delay?
6. MR. R. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—With reference to Mr. R. Stewart's question on the Business Paper of Tuesday, 12th November, No. 5—"The Attorney General *v.* Elliott and others,"—
 - (1.) Is the Attorney General aware, or is it the fact, that Mrs. Tebbutt applied for, and obtained the sanction of the Crown, in 1857, to have the goods of her son, John Tebbutt, infant, deceased, handed over to her?
 - (2.) Was it the instruction of the Solicitor to the Treasury, England, to proceed in this matter, and have it closed at the earliest possible period, with the view of enabling Mrs. Tebbutt to receive the goods of her infant son?
 - (3.) Why did Mr. Hutchinson continue to receive payments for upwards of (6) six years after he administered, before commencing this proceeding in the Equity Court?
 - (4.) What amount of money has been received from Elliott by Mr. Hutchinson, as administrator of John Tebbutt?
 - (5.) How has the money so received been appropriated?
7. MR. THORNTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—In charging the Package Duty, have the Customs authorities been instructed to charge the rate of 1s. each for parcels *bound into one package*, for example—one package, iron-bound, and strapped, containing ten cases of brandy—would that have to pay 1s. or 10s.?
8. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—With reference to the subject of my question to the Colonial Secretary of November 13th, numbered 2 on the Paper,—
 - (1.) Has there been any revision of the salaries of Teachers of Public Schools?
 - (2.) If so, when was that revision made, and what was its effect?
 - (3.) Does not the Return referred to in the said question include revised salaries, and exhibit a new mode of allotting fees, adopted since such revision?
9. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) If he has received any communication from Mr. Reynolds in the case, Dennis *v.* Kell, which case was to be heard on Wednesday, 13th November, at the Police Court, Parramatta?
 - (2.) If he intends to ask the Magistrates on what grounds they postponed the case for a week, although all parties were present before the Court with their witnesses?
 - (3.) And why the Magistrates neglected to take bail in the same case, as by law required?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move* (*as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply*), That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. LLOYD *to move*, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
3. MR. ROBB *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.
4. MR. DRIVER *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and all other Proceedings in the case of King *v.* Manning, recently heard before Messrs. Birrell and Smithers, at the Central Police Office, Sydney, with all letters, minutes, and memoranda thereon, if any, by the Crown Law Officers, or either of them?
5. DR. LANG *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to remove and to provide for the remedy of certain anomalies in the representation of the Colony.
6. MR. LACKEY *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush to compensation for damages sustained by him, at law, as Contractor for the Northern line of Telegraph extension from Blacktown Road, *via* Wiseman's Ferry, to Maitland and Newcastle.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Forster, Mr. Roberts, and the Mover.

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8. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Letters, or other Correspondence, between the Government and any person or or persons, or between the Council of Education and any person or persons, and of all Minutes of Proceedings of the said Council, having reference to any charges made by the Rev. John M'Gibbon against Mr. Charles Tibbey, formerly Teacher of a Denominational School in Palmer-street, Woolloomooloo; or by the said Mr. Charles Tibbey against the Rev. John M'Gibbon; or to the proposed dismissal of the said Mr. Charles Tibbey from his office of Teacher.
9. MR. ROND to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased, to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and all other Papers connected with the case of James Duffy, who was convicted for cattle stealing, at the Yass General Sessions, on the 7th of October last.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
3. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill; third reading.
4. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Necropolis Regulation Bill; third reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
2. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); to be further considered in Committee.
3. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

Question:—

1. MR. WISDOM to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What course do the Government intend to pursue with respect to the appraisement and re-letting of those Runs the leases of which terminate with the present year?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Aborigines Bill; second reading.
6. Government Endowment, Municipal Council of Paddington; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, being the amount of Government Endowment withheld from the Municipal Council of Paddington, in consequence of certain Returns required by law not having been sent to the Colonial Treasurer in time.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Documents laid on the Table of this House on the 7th November, relative to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes," be printed.
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
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New South Wales.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Great Western Railway Terminus:—Mr. Stimpson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Does the Government contemplate the erection of the Great Western Railway Terminus upon the Kelso side of the Macquarie River—if not, has the Government fixed upon a site for the Railway Terminus on the Bathurst side of the Macquarie River?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—It is not contemplated to erect the Great Western Railway Terminus upon the Kelso side of the Macquarie River, the site for the same having been fixed upon the Bathurst side of the Macquarie River.

- (2.) Government Debentures sold to Australian Mutual Provident Society:—Mr. Joseph, on behalf Mr. Samuel, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What amount of Debentures has been sold to the Mutual Provident Society during the present year?

(2.) What was the date of such sale?

(3.) What was the net amount realized from such sale?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) £135,000.

(2.) 9th August, 1867.

(3.) These Debentures were sold at £88 per £100, and, deducting Brokerage, realized £118,125.

- (3.) Government Balances in Various Banks:—Mr. Joseph, on behalf of Mr. Samuel, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What were the Balances at the debit or credit of the Government in the various Banks on the 31st October last?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

Bank of New South Wales,—Debit Balance on 31st October, 1867.

On General Account	£3,488	2	9
On Special Advance Account	£100,000	0	0

Total Debit Balance	£103,488	2	9
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- Oriental Bank Corporation, London,—Credit Balance on 26th September, 1867. (being the latest day of advice)
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| | £274,100 | 2 | 5 |
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- (4.) Correspondence with Oriental Bank Corporation relating to Financial Arrangements:—Mr. Joseph, on behalf of Mr. Samuel, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether he intends to lay upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government, or any Members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, relating to the past or future Financial Arrangements of the Colony, since the 1st October, 1865?

Mr. Eagar answered,—The papers referred to by the honorable member will be laid upon the Table in the course of the afternoon.

- (5.) Carcoar Court-House:—Mr. Stimpson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Do the Government intend to have the necessary repairs required to be done to the Carcoar Court-house carried out without delay?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Tenders were accepted on the 3rd September last, but the work has been delayed by wet weather. It is now, however, in progress, and will be completed during the present month.

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The Speaker stating that, in his opinion, the Question No. 6 was irregular, it dropped.

Mr. Thornton not asking the Question No. 7, it dropped.

- (6.) Salaries and Fees of Teachers under Council of Education :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—With reference to the subject of my question to the Colonial Secretary of November 13th, numbered 2 on the Paper,—

- (1.) Has there been any revision of the salaries of Teachers of Public Schools?
- (2.) If so, when was that revision made, and what was its effect?
- (3.) Does not the Return referred to in the said question include revised salaries, and exhibit a new mode of allotting fees, adopted since such revision?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have obtained the following information from the Secretary to the Council of Education.

- (1.) There has been a temporary re-arrangement of salaries of teachers in six Public Schools in Sydney.
- (2.) This re-arrangement was made on 31st May last, and its effect was,—
 - (1.) To give teachers the same emoluments as they enjoyed in 1866, and—
 - (2.) To save the trouble of a monthly adjustment which would otherwise have been required to effect that object.
- (3.) The Return referred to does include revised salaries and an alteration in the apportionment of fees.

All these arrangements were of a temporary nature, as no final revision could be made until the *number* and *rank* of the teachers to be employed in each school had been determined. The *rank* of the teachers again depended upon the classification they might gain by examination, and up to the end of July it was intended that all teachers should undergo examination for this purpose. But, owing to the amount of business to be transacted, it was found impracticable to carry out this design during the current year.

- (7.) Parramatta Police Office Case, *Dennis v. Kell* :—Mr. Tunks asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 9,—

- (1.) If he has received any communication from Mr. Reynolds in the case *Dennis v. Kell*, which case was to be heard on Wednesday, 13th November, at the Police Court, Parramatta?
- (2.) If he intends to ask the Magistrates on what grounds they postponed the case for a week, although all parties were present before the Court with their witnesses?
- (3.) And why the Magistrates neglected to take bail in the same case, as by law required?

Mr. Martin answered,—I have received such a communication as that to which the honorable member refers. I do not intend to ask the Magistrates on what grounds they postponed the case for a week. I am not aware that any one was in custody in the case referred to.

2. Papers :—

- (1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

- (1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic., No. 1, during the period from 10th October to 8th November, 1867.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with same section of same Act, during same period.

Ordered to be printed.

- (3.) Return to Order, in reference to "Road through land granted to Mr. William Field, at Nandi, near Coonabarabran," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Dodds, on 11th October, 1867.

- (2.) Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, respecting "Financial Arrangements," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Samuel, on 27th August, 1867. (*See answer to Question No. 4 above.*)

Ordered to be printed.

3. Municipalities Bill :—Mr. J. Stewart presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipality of Wollongong, under the signature of the Mayor and the Seal of the Corporation, praying that the present Session may not be allowed to terminate without a well-considered measure for regulating local self-government being passed into law.
Petition received.

4. Motions Withdrawn :—The undermentioned Motions on the Notice Paper for to-day, withdrawn, respectively, by the Members named :—

- (1.) Motions Nos. 1 and 7. By Mr. Forster.
- (2.) Motion No. 2. By Mr. Macleay, on behalf of Mr. Lloyd.
- (3.) Motion No. 5. By Dr. Lang.
- (4.) Motion No. 6. By Mr. Lackey.

5. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" *Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Windeyer, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Windeyer then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, Mr. Windeyer moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865*," presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 19th November, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation Bill ("*Formal*" *Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Josephson, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Josephson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to Facilitate Proceedings in Insolvency*."

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Josephson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to Facilitate Proceedings in Insolvency*," returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 19th November, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Rodd withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

8. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Driver not making the Motion No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

9. Rev. John M'Gibbon and Mr. Charles Tibbey:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Letters, or other Correspondence, between the Government and any person or persons, or between the Council of Education and any person or persons, and of all Minutes of Proceedings of the said Council, having reference to any charges made by the Rev. John M'Gibbon against Mr. Charles Tibbey, formerly Teacher of a Denominational School in Palmer-street, Woolloomooloo; or by the said Mr. Charles Tibbey against the Rev. John M'Gibbon; or to the proposed dismissal of the said Mr. Charles Tibbey from his office of Teacher.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. *Re* James Duffy—Yass General Sessions Case:—Mr. Rodd moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and all other Papers connected with the case of James Duffy, who was convicted for cattle stealing at the Yass General Sessions, on the 7th of October last.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

11. Postponements:—

(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) postponed, on motion of Mr. Lucas, until Friday next.

(2.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Arbitrations Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Friday next.

12. Necropolis Regulation Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill being read,—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be "now" read a third time.

Mr. Martin moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "now," with a view to inserting in their place the words "recommitted, in order to the reconsideration of clause 13, and the insertion of a new clause."

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Dignam,	
Mr. McKay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Lackey,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Garrett,

Tellers.

Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Driver.

Question then,—That this Bill be now recommitted, in order to the reconsideration of clause 13, and the insertion of a new clause,—put and passed.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

The Chairman reporting that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee,—the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported the Bill with further amendments; and the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported 2^o, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at fourteen minutes after Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Questions :—

1. MR. BURDEKIN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—When will he introduce the promised measure to amend the Lunacy Law?
2. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—When will the Bill to amend the Slaughtering Act be introduced?
3. MR. MACLEAY *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) If he has received a letter from Mr. John Spencer, of Gundagai, dated 16th May, 1867, claiming compensation for losses sustained by him in the year 1854, owing to the action of the Government?
 - (2.) If so, why has that letter not been answered?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move (as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply)*, That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
2. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); to be further considered in Committee.
3. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill; second reading.
6. Necropolis Regulation Bill; third reading.
7. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. J. STEWART *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on 19th November, from the Mayor and Aldermen of Wollongong, in favour of Municipal Legislation, be printed.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

Questions :—

1. MR. WISDOM *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What course do the Government intend to pursue with respect to the appraisal and re-letting of those Runs the leases of which terminate with the present year?
2. DR. LANG *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the requisite steps have been taken, or are about to be taken, by the Government, for the removal of the Punt from Casino, on the Richmond River, to the junction of the two great arms of the river at Coraki, farther down?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.

3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Aborigines Bill; second reading.
6. Government Endowment, Municipal Council of Paddington; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, being the amount of Government Endowment withheld from the Municipal Council of Paddington, in consequence of certain Returns required by law not having been sent to the Colonial Treasurer in time.
7. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
8. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion that the assumption by the Council of Education of a power to regulate the distribution of fees to the Teachers of Public Schools, otherwise than in accordance with the 45th Regulation under the Public Schools Act of 1866, is illegal and dangerous, and that it is the duty of the Government to take whatever steps may be necessary to prevent the exercise of any such power in future, and to secure to the Teachers such remuneration as they are entitled to both in law and justice.
2. MR. LACKEY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush to compensation for damages sustained by him, at law, as Contractor for the Northern line of Telegraph extension from Blacktown Road, *via* Wiseman's Ferry, to Maitland and Newcastle.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Forster, Mr. Roberts, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Documents laid on the Table of this House on the 7th November, relative to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes," be printed.
2. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
3. DE. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Representation of the Colony.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.

New South Wales.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
 - (1.) Lunacy Law :—Mr. Burdekin asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When will he introduce the promised measure to amend the Lunacy Law?
Mr. Martin answered,—On this day week.
 - (2.) Slaughtering Act :—Mr. Garrett asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2.—When will the Bill to amend the Slaughtering Act be introduced?
Mr. Martin answered,—On this day week.
 - (3.) Mr. John Spencer :—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
 - (1.) If he has received a letter from Mr. John Spencer, of Gundagai, dated 16th May, 1867, claiming compensation for losses sustained by him in the year 1854, owing to the action of the Government?
 - (2.) If so, why has that letter not been answered?
 Mr. Parkes answered,—A letter from Mr. Spencer, dated May 16th, was received at the Colonial Secretary's Office. It was submitted to me with the following Minute of the Under Secretary "The claim of Mr. Spencer was disposed of ten years ago, and can hardly be re-opened now—moreover the business pertains to the department of the Honorable the Treasurer, to whom perhaps this letter may be forwarded." The letter was referred by me to the Treasury on the 11th June last.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill :—
 - (1.) On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved, That it is desirable to introduce a Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time, and agreed to.
 - (2.) Mr. Eagar, having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the reduction and gradual abolition of the Duty on Gold*,"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
3. Presbyterian (otherwise called St. Andrew's) College Bill :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Report of the Managers on its behalf of the Free Conference with the Legislative Assembly, held on Thursday, the 14th instant, on the subject of the Council's Amendments in the St. Andrew's College Bill, page 2, clause 5, lines 37, 38, and 39, disagreed to by the Assembly, and insisted on by the Council, does not adhere to its said Amendments so disagreed to.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20 November, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

4. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows :—
- (1.) Order No. 2, until to-morrow. Mr. Wilson.
 - (2.) Order No. 3, until to-morrow. Mr. Wilson.
 - (3.) Order No. 4, until to-morrow. Mr. Eagar.
 - (4.) Order No. 5, to follow Order No. 6. Mr. Parkes.

5. Necropolis Regulation Bill (Order No. 6), on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to regulate the Necropolis.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the Necropolis,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th November, 1867.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Municipalities Bill (*postponed* Order No. 5.) :—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And Bill read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

7. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 7 postponed, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until to-morrow.

8. Municipalities Bill :—Mr. J. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th November, from the Mayor and Aldermen of Wollongong, in favour of Municipal Legislation, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, (after debate) at six minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

Questions :—

1. MR. WISDOM *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What course do the Government intend to pursue with respect to the appraisalment and re-letting of those Runs the leases of which terminate with the present year?
2. DR. LANG *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the requisite steps have been taken, or are about to be taken, by the Government, for the removal of the Punt from Casino, on the Richmond River, to the junction of the two great arms of the river at Coraki, farther down?
3. MR. PIDDINGTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What is the amount of the debt due by the City of Sydney to the Government of the Colony for arrears of interest?
 - (2.) What course does the Government intend to take to enforce the repayment of the debt due to the country by the City of Sydney?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move (as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply)*, That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); to be further considered in Committee.
2. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the entire number of the leases or licenses to occupy Crown Lands in the second class settled and unsettled districts of the Colony, expiring on and from December 31, 1867, to December 31, 1868, inclusive, showing :—
 - (1.) The district in which the run is situated.
 - (2.) The name of the run.
 - (3.) The name of the present lessee or tenant.
 - (4.) The estimated area.
 - (5.) The total amount now payable either for rental, or for rental and assessment combined.
 - (6.) The date of the commencement of the present tenure.
 - (7.) The term of the present tenure.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Aborigines Bill; second reading.
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 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Forster, Mr. Roberts, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Documents laid on the Table of this House on the 7th November, relative to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes," be printed.
2. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
3. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Representation of the Colony.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.

New South Wales.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Appraisement and re-letting of certain Runs:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. Wisdom*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—What course do the Government intend to pursue with respect to the appraisement and re-letting of those Runs the leases of which terminate with the present year?

Mr. Wilson answered,—It is the intention of the Government to appraise the Runs in question, 123 in number, with a view to the renewal of the leases under the provisions of the present Act.

(2.) Removal of Punt from Casino to Coraki, Richmond River:—*Dr. Lang* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether the requisite steps have been taken, or are about to be taken, by the Government, for the removal of the Punt from Casino, on the Richmond River, to the junction of the two great arms of the river at Coraki, farther down?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Instructions to remove this Punt were issued some time ago, and the officer in charge only wants favourable weather for doing so.

(3.) Debt due to Government by City of Sydney for Interest:—*Mr. Piddington* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) What is the amount of the debt due by the City of Sydney to the Government of the Colony for arrears of interest?

(2.) What course does the Government intend to take to enforce the repayment of the debt due to the country by the City of Sydney?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) The amount due for arrears of interest, up to the half-year ended 30 June last, is £74,895 13s. 2d.

(2.) I am unprepared, at this short notice, to state what course the Government intend to take in the matter referred to by the honorable member.

2. Leases or Licenses to occupy Crown Lands (*"Formal" Motion*):—*Mr. Piddington* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the entire number of the leases or licenses to occupy Crown Lands in the second class settled and unsettled districts of the Colony, expiring on and from December 31, 1867, to December 31, 1868, inclusive, showing:—

(1.) The district in which the run is situated.

(2.) The name of the run.

(3.) The name of the present lessee or tenant.

(4.) The estimated area.

(5.) The total amount now payable either for rental, or for rental and assessment combined.

(6.) The date of the commencement of the present tenure.

(7.) The term of the present tenure.

Question put and passed.

3. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, until Wednesday next, on motion of the Members named:—

(1.) Orders Nos. 1 and 2. *Mr. Wilson*.

(2.) Order No. 3. *Mr. Eagar*.

4. Municipalities Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

5. Chinese Immigration Act Repeal Bill :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker :—

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to repeal the Act to regulate and restrict the Immigration of Chinese,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th November, 1867.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

Questions :—

1. MR. R. STEWART to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the quantity of spurious copper coinage now in circulation?
 - (2.) Are the parties issuing these coins liable to any penalty?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to check this system of fraud on the public?
2. MR. J. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) If the Public School Inspectors have in any case been refused permission to inspect any school?
 - (2.) If so, by whom, and what school, or under what circumstances?

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move (*as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply*), That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Aborigines Bill; second reading.
6. Government Endowment, Municipal Council of Paddington; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, being the amount of Government Endowment withheld from the Municipal Council of Paddington, in consequence of certain Returns required by law not having been sent to the Colonial Treasurer in time.
7. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
8. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion that the assumption by the Council of Education of a power to regulate the distribution of fees to the Teachers of Public Schools, otherwise than in accordance with the 45th Regulation under the Public Schools Act of 1866, is illegal and dangerous, and that it is the duty of the Government to take whatever steps may be necessary to prevent the exercise of any such power in future, and to secure to the Teachers such remuneration as they are entitled to both in law and justice.
2. MR. LACKEY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush to compensation for damages sustained by him, at law, as Contractor for the Northern line of Telegraph Extension from Blacktown Road, *via* Wiseman's Ferry, to Maitland and Newcastle.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Forster, Mr. Roberts, and the Mover.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Municipalities, except the City of Sydney, constituted or purporting to have been constituted, or expressly proposed to be constituted, under the existing Act, or under the Bill now before the House relating to Municipalities, shewing in each case the total area in square miles; the area in square acres of enclosed and cultivated land, respectively; the population, male and female; and the number of ratepayers, male and female.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. GARRITT to move, That the Documents laid on the Table of this House on the 7th November, relative to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes," be printed.
2. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
3. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Representation of the Colony.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
2. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); to be further considered in Committee.
3. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Question:—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) The quantity of Coal shipped at Newcastle for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Petropaulovski, United States, Java, Valparaiso, Victoria, New Zealand, Queensland, Tasmania, and South Australia, respectively, and for any other foreign or inter-colonial destination, from the 1st October to the 31st December, 1866; and also from the 1st January to the 30th September, 1867.
 - (2.) The like information in reference to the exports *via* Sydney, during the latter period.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What amount, tendered for the renewal of their leases by the tenants of the Church and School Lands, was refunded during the period from the 1st October, 1866, to the 30th September, 1867?
 - (2.) What steps have been taken, or is it intended to take, for the sale or re-letting of such of the lands in question as are now yielding no revenue?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. RODD *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.

New South Wales.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 22 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Mr. R. Stewart withdrew the Question No. 1.

- (1.) Obstruction to Public School Inspectors :—Mr. J. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) If the Public School Inspectors have in any case been refused permission to inspect any School?

(2.) If so, by whom, and what School, or under what circumstances?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I regret to say that the Inspectors have been refused permission to conduct the examination required by law, in a Certified Roman Catholic Denominational School, in the City of Sydney. The School in question was brought under the operation of the Public Schools Act in the ordinary manner. The Teachers in it are servants of the Council of Education, receiving salaries from the Public funds, at the following rates :—

Head Teacher (female)	...	...	...	£72 per annum
Assistant do	do	...	...	50 "
Infant do	do	...	...	60 "
Pupil do	do	...	...	15 "
Do	do	do	...	15 "
Total...	...	...	...	£212

As the matter may be followed by important results. I think it will be best to place the House in possession of full particulars. I will, therefore, with permission, read the Minutes of the Officers concerned.

“ Council of Education,

“ 20/11/67.

“ Memorandum to the Secretary.

“ In accordance with our programme of inspection, Mr. Jones and myself “ visited the certified Denominational Roman Catholic School at Pitt-street south “ this day, for the purpose of holding an examination. We find the School con- “ ducted in a manner as if the Council of Education had no existence. The more “ important regulations are not observed, and the spirit of the Public Schools Act “ is disregarded. The religious teaching is not confined to the time prescribed in “ article 72, section 6, of the regulations, but is continued during other parts of “ the day. For example—the Rev. J. F. Sheridan conducted a service at 11:20 “ A.M., which lasted at least for half an hour. This was in addition to the special “ religious instruction given from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Books of a purely “ religious character, as Reeve’s History of the Bible, are used during the hours “ required by the Council to be devoted to secular instruction. The Teacher has “ made no application for approved school books, nor, as she informs me, does she “ intend to apply for them, inasmuch as they have not been sanctioned by His “ Grace the Archbishop. The instruction is not regulated by the necessary “ documents—Time Table excepted.

“ In endeavouring to carry out the inspection we have met with great obstruc- “ tion, so that although we hoped to have finished the examination in one day, it is “ not likely to be finished, at the rate we are proceeding, in three.

“ Notwithstanding

“ Notwithstanding that our demeanour has been most conciliatory, the manner of the principal Teacher, and of one of the assistants, has been very offensive. Mr. Jones came into the Girls' School during the morning to complain that the former had, without being previously spoken to, and without the least provocation, rushed into the room where he was conducting the examination, and addressed him in language which he regarded as insulting. In consequence of this rudeness, he expressed to me a desire to discontinue the examination; but, being anxious to avoid any unpleasantness, I persuaded him to re-consider the matter, and to try, if possible, to finish the work he had begun. This he consented to do with great reluctance. At his most urgent request, I remained with him for a part of the time while the examination lasted.

“ At the close of the examination this evening, Mr. Jones repeated to me his wish, in order to avoid being subjected to further insults and annoyances, not to resume the examination of the School to-morrow; and as I have myself experienced discourteous and unladylike treatment from the Teacher in charge, I feel bound to join with him in requesting your advice, under the circumstances. It seems to me that there is an evident intention, on the part of those engaged in the teaching of the School, to render inspection next to impossible.

“ (Signed) E. JOHNSON,
“ Inspector, Sydney District.

“ Sydney, 19th Nov., 1867.”

“ SYDNEY DISTRICT.

“ Memorandum to Inspector.

“ Your Memo. of this date on Pitt-street South R.C. School.

“ Although the proceedings you report have the appearance of pre-concerted obstruction, I think it would be well to make another effort to carry on the examination. By maintaining the conciliatory demeanour you have hitherto exhibited the opposition to your inspection may be softened, and the remainder of the work may be found more easy of accomplishment.

“ But should you find the obstruction and annoyance continued when you resume your duties in the School to-morrow, I advise that you should at once withdraw, and apply to the Council for directions.

“ I do not feel at liberty, without reference to the Council, to give you positive directions on this important matter.

“ (Signed) W. WILKINS,
“ Secretary.

“ Council of Education Office,
“ Sydney, 19th November, 1867.”

“ Memorandum to the Secretary.

“ Pitt-street South R.C.

“ In accordance with the advice received from you yesterday, Mr. Jones and myself called again at this School this morning, for the purpose of completing, if possible, the examination. An incident occurred soon after my arrival, which will serve to exhibit to the Council the sort of treatment the Teachers consider proper and becoming in them to accord to the Council's officers. Upon my entering the Infant Class-room, the pupils—no doubt wishing to show the usual respect to a Visitor—attempted to rise, but the Teacher no sooner perceived the movement than, looking from me to the children, she called out to the latter, in loud and angry tones, “ Sit down! sit down!” Following the line of conduct I had mentally mapped out to myself, I took no notice of the circumstances, but passed out of the room. Shortly afterwards, whilst speaking to Mr. Jones in the Class-room, the principal Teacher abruptly entered and said, in a curt and unceremonious manner, that the Vicar General wanted us. Naturally struck with the mode in which it was sought to subject us to a species of indignity, we hesitated for a moment, but bearing in mind your advice, that we should continue to exhibit a conciliatory demeanour, we decided to put ceremony aside and obey the summons. The Vicar General, in the presence of another ecclesiastic and a layman—the Teachers and the bulk of the pupils being in the same room—then informed us that he had called at the School on the previous evening, for the purpose of learning the results of the examination; that complaints were then made to him respecting the manner in which the examination had been conducted; and that, in consequence of those complaints, he would not permit the examination to proceed. As he declined, in the most haughty and peremptory manner, to state in what way we had given offence, notwithstanding that I respectfully requested him to do so, we took our departure from the premises.

“ In justice to myself and my colleague, I cannot let this opportunity pass without appealing to the Council for protection against the discourteous and ungentlemanly treatment which, to-day and on Monday last, we have received from the Very Rev. the Vicar General. The manner in which he endeavoured to humiliate us to-day, in the presence of another ecclesiastic, a layman, the Teachers and the children of the School, I have already described. But on Monday

“ last

“last, whilst conducting the examination of the Surry Hills Roman Catholic School, the very reverend gentleman walked into the School at 4 p.m., and, without addressing himself either to me or to Mr. Jones, said to the Teacher, in the hearing of all the pupils, that he wanted the boys, and that they had no business in the School-room, as it was past four o'clock; words which the Teacher repeated to me.

“ (Signed) E. JOHNSON,
“ Inspector, Sydney District.

“ 20th November, 1867.”

“ SYDNEY DISTRICT.

“ Memorandum to Inspector.

“ Pitt-street South R.C.

“ Your Memorandum 20th November instant.

“ Pending receipt of instructions from the Council, you should discontinue the examination of certified Roman Catholic Denominational Schools, and proceed with the other duties on your programme.

“ Mr. Jones should be informed to the same effect.

“ W. WILKINS,
“ Secretary.

“ Council of Education Office,
“ Sydney, 21st November, 1867.”

2. Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to “Leases or Licenses to occupy Crown Lands,” made by this House, on motion of Mr. Piddington, on 21st November, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Tighe presented a Petition from Edward Knox, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to amend an Act intituled “An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” and to repeal an Act assented to on the sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, intituled “An Act to amend an Act intituled ‘An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney’ and for other purposes therein mentioned,”—
And Mr. Tighe having produced the New South Wales *Government Gazette*, containing notices for four consecutive weeks in the month of November, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Empire* newspapers, containing notices similarly consecutive in the months of October and November of the present year, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—
Petition received.
4. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day, of Other Business, postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, until this day week:—
(1.) Order No. 1. Mr. Wilson.
(2.) Order No. 2. Mr. Burns.
(3.) Order No. 3. Mr. Lucas.
5. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Burns, under the requirement of the 65th Standing Order, produced a Certificate of the Payment of a further sum of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, towards meeting the expenses attendant upon this Bill.
(2.) On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill, without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Burns, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
6. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Aborigines Bill:—Mr. Phelps moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
And Bill read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Phelps, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill, with certain Amendments, and *had also amended the Title*, the House, on motion of Mr. Phelps, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

8. Further Provision for Reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh:—
The following Message from his Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Eagar, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

The Governor recommends the appropriation by Parliament of the further sum of Five Thousand Pounds (£5,000), to provide for the proper reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, on the occasion of his intended visit to this Colony.

*Government House,
Sydney, November 22nd, 1867.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Eagar, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on Wednesday next.

9. Government Endowment, Municipal Council of Paddington:—On motion of Mr. Sutherland, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, being the amount of Government Endowment withheld from the Municipal Council of Paddington, in consequence of certain Returns required by law not having been sent to the Colonial Treasurer in time.
The Chairman reported That the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be received on Tuesday next.
10. Postponements:—
(1.) The Orders of the Day, Nos. 7 and 8 of Other Business, postponed, respectively, until Tuesday next,—No. 7 on motion of Mr. Lucas, and No. 8 on motion of Mr. Garrett.
(2.) Mr. Forster postponed the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
11. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush:—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush to compensation for damages sustained by him, at law, as Contractor for the Northern line of Telegraph Extension from Blacktown Road, *viâ* Wiseman's Ferry, to Maitland and Newcastle.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Byrnes, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Forster, Mr. Roberts, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. Municipalities, except the City of Sydney:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, as amended with the concurrence of the House, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Municipalities, except the City of Sydney, constituted or purporting to have been constituted, under the Law relating to Municipalities, shewing in each case the total area in square miles; the area in acres as nearly as can be ascertained of enclosed and cultivated land, respectively; the population, male and female; and the number of ratepayers, male and female.
Question put and passed.
13. Municipalities Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Municipalities Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for such further consideration.
The Chairman reporting that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee,—the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at nineteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

Question :—

1. MR. R. STEWART to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the quantity of spurious copper coinage now in circulation?
 - (2.) Are the parties issuing these coins liable to any penalty?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to check this system of fraud on the public?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move (*as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply*), That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Documents laid on the Table of this House on the 7th November, relative to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes," be printed.
2. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
3. DR. LANG to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Representation of the Colony.
4. MR. TIGHE to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney and for other purposes therein mentioned," and to repeal an Act assented to on the sixth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six intituled "An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company' called the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned."
5. MR. R. STEWART to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) A copy of the instructions from the Solicitor to the Treasury, England, or any other person on behalf of the Crown, to Mr. Hutchinson, on the subject of the administration of the goods of John Tebbutt, deceased, a legatee under the will of Sophia Beeson, whose interest had escheated to the Crown.
 - (2.) A copy of all Correspondence between the Solicitor to the Treasury, England, or any other person on the part of the Crown, and Mr. Hutchinson, on the above subject.
 - (3.) The amount received by the administrator from Elliott, and how the amount so received has been appropriated.
6. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House is of opinion that the assumption by the Council of Education of a power to regulate the distribution of fees to the Teachers of Public Schools, otherwise than in accordance with the 45th Regulation under the Public Schools Act of 1866, is illegal and dangerous, and that it is the duty of the Government to take whatever steps may be necessary to prevent the exercise of any such power in future, and to secure to the Teachers such remuneration as they are entitled to both in law and justice.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill ; third reading.
2. Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Aborigines Bill ; third reading.
3. Government Endowment, Municipal Council of Paddington ; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
5. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
2. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*) ; to be further considered in Committee.

3. Gates on Public Roads Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Further Provision for Reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the Governor's Message, No. 13, on this subject.
6. Municipalities Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) The quantity of Coal shipped at Newcastle for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Petropaulovski, United States, Java, Valparaiso, Victoria, New Zealand, Queensland, Tasmania, and South Australia, respectively, and for any other foreign or inter-colonial destination, from the 1st October to the 31st December, 1866; and also from the 1st January to the 30th September, 1867.
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OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What amount, tendered for the renewal of their leases by the tenants of the Church and School Lands, was refunded during the period from the 1st October, 1866, to the 30th September, 1867?
 - (2.) What steps have been taken, or is it intended to take, for the sale or re-letting of such of the lands in question as are now yielding no revenue?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. RONN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.

New South Wales.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—
Spurious Copper Coin:—Mr. R. Stewart asked the Government, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the quantity of spurious copper coinage now in circulation?
(2.) Are the parties issuing these coins liable to any penalty?
(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to check this system of fraud on the public?
Mr. Eagar answered,—
(1.) The attention of the Government was called some time ago to the circumstance mentioned by the honorable member.
(2.) The issue being in the nature of a trade token, and not of a copper coin, the parties issuing such tokens are not subject to penalty.
(3.) As the best means of checking such a practice, arrangements have been made with the Royal Mint for the importation of a sufficient quantity of copper coin to meet the requirements of the Colony.
2. Paper:—Mr. Martin laid upon the Table, Return to Address, in reference to "Persons committed for trial by Courts of Petty Sessions at Bourke," adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Josephson, on 9th July, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
3. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill:—Mr. Smart presented a Petition from Mr. Edmund Thomas Blacket, against the passing of this Bill, *as amended in Select Committee*.
And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—
Petition received.
4. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Macleay, on behalf of Mr. Lloyd, withdrew the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
5. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney and for other purposes therein mentioned," and to repeal an Act assented to on the sixth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six intituled "An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned."
Question put and passed.
6. Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time and passed.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable James Brown Alexander Brown and Stephen Foyle to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to and to connect the same with the Great Northern Railway.*"
Question put and passed.
Whereupon, Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

Mr.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to enable James Brown Alexander Brown and Stephen Foyle to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to and to connect the same with the Great Northern Railway,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th November, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Aborigines Bill ("*Formal*" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Phelps, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Phelps then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to prohibit the supply of Intoxicating Liquors to the Aboriginal Natives of New South Wales.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Phelps moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to prohibit the supply of Intoxicating Liquors to the Aboriginal Natives of New South Wales,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th November, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

8. Railway Loan Bill:—

(1.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Eagar, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message No. 14.

In compliance with the opinion conveyed in the Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 9th October, 1867, the Governor recommends that the necessary provision be made for raising a loan of One Million Pounds, towards the completion of the Railway Lines already sanctioned.

Government House,
Sydney, 26 November, 1867.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Eagar, to be printed, and taken into consideration with a proposed Bill on the subject.

(2.) Mr. Eagar having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan of £1,000,000 towards the completion of the Railway Lines already sanctioned,*"—read a first time

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

9. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Eagar having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

10. Waterview Patent Slip Bill:—Mr. Tighe, under the requirement of the 65th Standing Order, produced the certificate of the payment of a further sum of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, towards meeting the expenses attendant upon this Bill.

11. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Garrett withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

12. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Tighe having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney and for other purposes therein mentioned' and to repeal an Act assented to on the sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six intituled 'An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned,'*"—read a first time.

13. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill:—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Representation of the Colony.
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

14. *Re* John Tebbutt, Legatee of Sophia Beeson:—Mr. R. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, as amended with the concurrence of the House,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—

(1.) A copy of the instructions from the Solicitor to the Treasury, England, or any other person, on behalf of the Crown, to Mr. Hutchinson, on the subject of the administration of the goods of John Tebbutt, deceased, a legatee under the will of Sophia Beeson, whose interest had escheated to the Crown.

(2.) A copy of all Correspondence between the Solicitor to the Treasury, England, or any other person on the part of the Crown, and Mr. Hutchinson, on the above subject

(3.)

(3.) A copy of all Correspondence between J. E. Elliott and Mr. Hutchinson on the same subject.

(4.) The amount received by the administrator from Elliott, and how the amount so received has been appropriated.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. McKay,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Dignam,
Mr. J. Stewart,

Tellers.

Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. De Salis.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Smart,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Gordon,

Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Isaacs,

Tellers.

Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Hart.

15. Distribution of Fees to Teachers of Public Schools:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House is of opinion that the assumption by the Council of Education of a power to regulate the distribution of fees to the Teachers of Public Schools, otherwise than in accordance with the 45th Regulation under the Public Schools Act of 1866, is illegal and dangerous, and that it is the duty of the Government to take whatever steps may be necessary to prevent the exercise of any such power in future, and to secure to the Teachers such remuneration as they are entitled to both in law and justice.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Hart,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Driver,

Tellers.

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Hurley.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Byrnes,
Dr. Lang,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. McKay,
Mr. Stimpson,

Mr. Lord,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Isaacs,

Tellers.

Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. J. Stewart.

16. Government Endowment, Municipal Council of Paddington (Order of the Day No. 3 of Other Business):—The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, being the amount of Government Endowment withheld from the Municipal Council of Paddington, in consequence of certain Returns required by law not having been sent to the Colonial Treasurer in time.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Sutherland, read a second time, and agreed to.

17. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows:—

(1.) Order No. 4. Until Tuesday next. Mr. Lucas.

(2.) Order No. 5. Until Friday next. Mr. Burdekin.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

Questions:—

1. MR. S' BROWN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) Is it true that any complaint has been made to the Government of the conduct of an Inspector sent by the Council of Education to inspect the Protestant Orphan School at Parramatta?

(2.) If so, who was the Inspector, by whom was the complaint made, what was its nature, and what course did the Government adopt in consequence?

2. MR. SAMUEL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) Was the charge for brokerage on the sale of £135,000 of Debentures by the Government to the Mutual Provident Society an allowance to that Society, or a payment to brokers?
 - (2.) If the latter, why was the intervention of brokers necessary in the sale of Debentures which were held by the Society as security for an advance made upon them?
 - (3.) What was the amount of brokerage, and who were the brokers?
 - (4.) What was the amount of accrued interest allowed to the Mutual Provident Society upon each £100 purchased by them?
 - (5.) Deducting the accrued interest, brokerage, and discount, what is the actual amount realized to the Government for every £100 Debentures sold to the Mutual Provident Society?
3. MR. SAMUEL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
- (1.) Whether the Correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, respecting Financial Arrangements, is a full compliance with the Order of this House, made on the 27th August, 1867,—“That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government, or any Members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, relating to the past or future Financial Arrangements of the Colony, since the 1st October, 1865”?
 - (2.) And whether there are not a number of letters which have passed between the dates mentioned in the Order of this House, copies of which have not been laid on the Table?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move (as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply), That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law for the Care and Treatment of the Insane.
2. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the laws for regulating Slaughter-houses.
3. MR. WILSON to move for leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the Sale of certain Improved Lands.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
2. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee) ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Gates on Public Roads Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Further Provision for Reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of the Governor's Message, No. 13, on this subject.
6. Municipalities Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SMART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th November, against the passing of the St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill, as amended in Select Committee, from E. T. Blacket, Esq., be printed.
2. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of two Letters sent by Mr. E. H. Hargraves to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, dated respectively 10th March, 1866, and 13th September, 1867.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Railway Loan Bill ; second reading.
2. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) The quantity of Coal shipped at Newcastle for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Petropaulovski, United States, Java, Valparaiso, Victoria, New Zealand, Queensland, Tasmania, and South Australia, respectively, and for any other foreign or inter-colonial destination, from the 1st October to the 31st December, 1866; and also from the 1st January to the 30th September, 1867.
 - (2.) The like information in reference to the exports *via* Sydney, during the latter period.

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OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What amount, tendered for the renewal of their leases by the tenants of the Church and School Lands, was refunded during the period from the 1st October, 1866, to the 30th September, 1867 ?
 - (2.) What steps have been taken, or is it intended to take, for the sale or re-letting of such of the lands in question as are now yielding no revenue ?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted, by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.
3. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
4. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Documents laid on the Table of this House on the 7th November, relative to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes," be printed.
5. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all papers, minutes, and correspondence relating to the borrowing of £100,000 by the Government from the Mutual Provident Society, and having reference to the Debentures deposited with that Society as security for such loan.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all papers, agreements, minutes, and correspondence relating to the sale of £135,000 Debentures to the Mutual Provident Society.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

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No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta—Council of Education :—Mr. S. Brown asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it true that any complaint has been made to the Government of the conduct of an Inspector sent by the Council of Education to inspect the Protestant Orphan School at Parramatta?

(2.) If so, who was the Inspector, by whom was the complaint made, what was its nature, and what course did the Government adopt in consequence?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) No Inspector has been sent by the Council of Education to inspect the Protestant Orphan School at Parramatta. The Council has no control over that Institution.

(2.) No complaint has been made to the Government of the conduct of any Inspector in connection with the Protestant Orphan School at Parramatta.

(3.) No complaint has been made to the Government, at any time, of the conduct of any officer of the Council of Education.

- (2.) Government Debentures sold to Australian Mutual Provident Society :—*Mr. Joseph*, on behalf of Mr. Samuel, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Was the charge for brokerage on the sale of £135,000 of Debentures by the Government to the Mutual Provident Society an allowance to that Society, or a payment to brokers?

(2.) If the latter, why was the intervention of brokers necessary in the sale of Debentures which were held by the Society as security for an advance made upon them?

(3.) What was the amount of brokerage, and who were the brokers?

(4.) What was the amount of accrued interest allowed to the Mutual Provident Society upon each £100 purchased by them?

(5.) Deducting the accrued interest, brokerage, and discount, what is the actual amount realized to the Government for every £100 Debentures sold to the Mutual Provident Society?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) A payment to brokers.

(2.) Towards the close of 1866, owing to the difficulty and uncertainty attending the disposal of Government Debentures by our Financial Agents in London, it became necessary to endeavour to effect sales here; and by Executive Minute of 18th December, 1866, Messrs. Lennon and Cape were appointed the Official Brokers for the sale of Public Securities in this Colony, on account of the Government, and in such capacity they effected (among other sales) the sale referred to. I may add, that this £135,000 formed part of a Loan of £219,450, (29 Vic., No. 9.) which had been placed for realization in the hands of the Government Brokers.

(3.) £675; Messrs. Lennon and Cape.

(4.) £1 6s. 3½d.

(5.) £86 8s. 8½d.

(3.)

- (3.) Correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, respecting Financial Arrangements :—*Mr. Joseph*, on behalf of *Mr. Samuel*, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
- (1.) Whether the Correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation, respecting Financial Arrangements, is a full compliance with the Order of this House, made on the 27th August, 1867,—“ That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government, or any Members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, relating to the past or future Financial Arrangements of the Colony, since the 1st October, 1865 ”?
- (2.) And whether there are not a number of letters which have passed between the dates mentioned in the Order of this House, copies of which have not been laid on the Table?
- Mr. Eagar* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
2. Motion for Adjournment :—*Mr. Joseph* moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.
3. Tolls charged at Richmond Bridge, over River Hawkesbury :—*Mr. Piddington* presented a Petition from certain Landed Proprietors and Residents of North Richmond, Enfield, Kurrajong, and those parts of the County of Cook which are approached by the Richmond Bridge over the River Hawkesbury, setting forth the excessive rate of tolls charged at that bridge; and praying that a Resolution may be passed by this House which will have the effect of placing the Petitioners in as favourable a position with regard to the tolls chargeable at the said bridge as other landholders and residents of the Colony whose properties or residences are similarly situated to those of the Petitioners. Petition received.
4. Paper :—*Mr. Parkes* laid upon the Table, Despatch, dated 6th September, 1867, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the cessation of Transportation to Western Australia. Ordered to be printed.
5. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill :—*Dr. Lang* having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Representation of the Colony,* ” read a first time. Ordered, on motion of *Dr. Lang* (after Debate), to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday week.
6. Treatment of Insane Persons Law Amendment Bill (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—*Mr. Martin* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law for the Care and Treatment of the Insane. Question put and passed.
7. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—*Mr. Martin* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the laws for regulating Slaughter-houses. Question put and passed.
8. Sale of Improved Lands Bill (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—*Mr. Wilson* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to authorize the Sale of certain Improved Lands. Question put and passed.
9. St. Andrew’s Cathedral Close Bill (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—*Mr. Tighe*, on behalf of *Mr. Smart*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 26th November, against the passing of the St. Andrew’s Cathedral Close Bill, as amended in Select Committee, from *E. T. Blacket, Esq.*, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed.
10. *Mr. E. H. Hargraves* (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—*Mr. Josephson* moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of two Letters sent by *Mr. E. H. Hargraves* to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, dated respectively 10th March, 1866, and 13th September, 1867. Question put and passed.
11. Sale of Improved Lands Bill :—*Mr. Wilson* having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to authorize the Sale of certain Improved Lands,* ”—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
12. Cataract Coal Mine Railway Bill :—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
- MR. SPEAKER,
- The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to enable Alfred Reynolds Huntley and John Le Gay Brereton to construct a Railway from land near Berrima belonging to them to and to connect the same with the Great Southern Railway,* ” returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber, T. A. MURRAY,
Sydney, November 27, 1867. President.
13. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, consecutively, on motion of the Members named, until to-morrow :—
- (1.) Orders Nos. 1 and 4. *Mr. Eagar.*
- (2.) Orders Nos. 2 and 3. *Mr. Wilson.*

14. Further Provision for Reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh :—
On motion of Mr. Martin (after Debate), the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of the Governor's Message, No. 13, on this subject.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), That the said Resolution be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—That, with reference to the Governor's Message No. 13, of 22nd November, 1867, an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates the further sum of five thousand pounds (£5,000), to provide for the proper reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, on the occasion of his intended visit to this Colony, with an assurance that this House will make good the same.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a second time, and agreed to.
15. Municipalities Bill :—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at Twenty-two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

Questions :—

1. MR. S. BROWN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When will the Great Western Railway be finished to One Tree Hill?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present session, any Bill to amend the Superannuation Act?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move (*as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply*), That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Railway Loan Bill ; second reading.
2. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*) ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Gates on Public Roads Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
6. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
7. Municipalities Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. TIGHE to move,—
 - (1.) That the Bill to amend an Act intituled “ An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney and for other purposes therein mentioned,” and to repeal an Act assented to on the 6th day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six intituled “ An Act to amend an Act intituled ‘ An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney and for other purposes therein mentioned,’ ” be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Neale, Mr. Josephson, and the Mover.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) The quantity of Coal shipped at Newcastle for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Petropaulovski, United States, Java, Valparaiso, Victoria, New Zealand, Queensland, Tasmania, and South Australia, respectively, and for any other foreign or inter-colonial destination, from the 1st October to the 31st December, 1866; and also from the 1st January to the 30th September, 1867.
 - (2.) The like information in reference to the exports *via* Sydney, during the latter period.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What amount, tendered for the renewal of their leases by the tenants of the Church and School Lands, was refunded during the period from the 1st October, 1866, to the 30th September, 1867?
 - (2.) What steps have been taken, or is it intended to take, for the sale or re-letting of such of the lands in question as are now yielding no revenue?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.
3. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.

4. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Documents laid on the Table of this House on the 7th November, relative to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes," be printed.
5. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all papers, minutes, and correspondence relating to the borrowing of £100,000 by the Government from the Mutual Provident Society, and having reference to the Debentures deposited with that Society as security for such loan.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all papers, agreements, minutes, and correspondence relating to the sale of £135,000 Debentures to the Mutual Provident Society.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Sale of Improved Lands Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill; second reading.

[Price, 6d.]

New South Wales.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
 - (1.) Great Western Railway :—Mr. S. Brown asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When will the Great Western Railway be finished to One Tree Hill?
Mr. Byrnes answered,—It is expected to be completed about the middle of January next; but certainly not later than the 1st of February, 1868.
Mr. Forster not asking the Question No. 2, it dropped.
2. Claim of Mr. Benjamin Richards to lease of "Yaraldool" Run :—Mr. Thornton, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this matter was referred on 27th August, 1867, together with Appendix.
3. Paper :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Address in reference to "Mr. E. H. Hargraves," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Josephson, on 27th November, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Samuel moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That the Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney and for other purposes therein mentioned," and to repeal an Act assented to on the 6th day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-six intituled "An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney and for other purposes therein mentioned,'" be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Neale, Mr. Josephson, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
6. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows :—
 - (1.) Order No. 1, to stand next after Order No. 7. Mr. Eagar.
 - (2.) Orders No. 2 and 3, until Wednesday next. Mr. Eagar.
 - (3.) Order No. 4, to stand next after Order No. 1 (as postponed). Mr. Wilson.
 - (4.) Order No. 5, to stand next after Order No. 4 (as postponed). Mr. Wilson.
 - (5.) Order No. 6, until Wednesday next. Mr. Eagar.

7. Municipalities Bill :—On the Order of the Day (No. 7) for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow. The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at Twenty-three minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29.

Questions :—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) The quantity of Coal shipped at Newcastle for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Petropaulovski, United States, Java, Valparaiso, Victoria, New Zealand, Queensland, Tasmania, and South Australia, respectively, and for any other foreign or inter-colonial destination, from the 1st October to the 31st December, 1866; and also from the 1st January to the 30th September, 1867.
(2.) The like information in reference to the exports *via* Sydney, during the latter period.
2. MR. WISDOM to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to place guards on the mail coaches running between Tamworth and Armidale?
3. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
(1.) Has it been determined by the Government that publicans shall not be allowed to retain the position of Trustees for the expenditure of Minor Road Grants?
(2.) If so, when was that determination arrived at?
4. DR. LANG to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Have any charges been made against Mr. Sub-Inspector Keegan, lately in charge of the Clarence District?
(2.) Have any complaints reached the Government relative to the management of the Police in the Clarence District during the period Mr. Keegan was in charge of the District?
(3.) Have any steps been taken by the Government to hold an investigation into such charges and complaints?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move (as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply), That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 27th November, from the residents of North Richmond and the Kurrajong, against the scale of tolls on the Richmond Bridge, be printed.

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Municipalities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Railway Loan Bill; second reading.
3. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); to be further considered in Committee.
4. Gates on Public Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Question:—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What amount, tendered for the renewal of their leases by the tenants of the Church and School Lands, was refunded during the period from the 1st October, 1866, to the 30th September, 1867?
 - (2.) What steps have been taken, or is it intended to take, for the sale or re-letting of such of the lands in question as are now yielding no revenue?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867; having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. RODD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.
3. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
4. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Documents laid on the Table of this House on the 7th November, relative to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes," be printed.
5. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all papers, minutes, and correspondence relating to the borrowing of £100,000 by the Government from the Mutual Provident Society, and having reference to the Debentures deposited with that Society as security for such loan.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all papers, agreements, minutes, and correspondence relating to the sale of £135,000 Debentures to the Mutual Provident Society.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Question:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any Bill to amend the Superannuation Act?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sale of Improved Lands Bill; second reading.
2. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Coal Shipped at Newcastle for various Ports :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) The quantity of Coal shipped at Newcastle for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Petropaulovski, United States, Java, Valparaiso, Victoria, New Zealand, Queensland, Tasmania, and South Australia, respectively, and for any other foreign or intercolonial destination, from the 1st October to the 31st December, 1866; and also from the 1st January to the 30th September, 1867.

(2.) The like information in reference to the exports *via* Sydney, during the latter period.

Mr. Eagar answered,—The information asked by the honorable member is comprised in a somewhat lengthy return which I hold in my hand; and perhaps the best mode of furnishing the information would be to lay this document on the Table, and move that it be printed, which I shall presently do.

- (2.) Guards on Mail Coaches between Tamworth and Armidale :—Mr. Wisdom asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to place guards on the mail coaches running between Tamworth and Armidale?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Postmaster General is of opinion that guards should be placed on the mail coaches running between Tamworth and Armidale, and the necessary instructions will be given to carry out this recommendation.

- (3.) Publicans as Trustees of Minor Roads :—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has it been determined by the Government that publicans shall not be allowed to retain the position of Trustees for the expenditure of Minor Road Grants?

(2.) If so, when was that determination arrived at?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Instructions have been issued that, in future, publicans are not to be appointed as Trustees for the expenditure of Minor Roads Grants.

(2.) These instructions were dated 16th instant, and for this reason—that the Government considered it advisable to take this course.

- (4.) Mr. Sub-Inspector Keegan—(Management of Police in Clarence District) :—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Have any charges been made against Mr. Sub-Inspector Keegan, lately in charge of the Clarence District?

(2.) Have any complaints reached the Government relative to the management of the Police in the Clarence District during the period Mr. Keegan was in charge of the District?

(3.) Have any steps been taken by the Government to hold an investigation into such charges and complaints?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have received the following statement from the Inspector General of Police :—

“(1.) Charges have been made against Sub-Inspector Keegan, which have been investigated. One of perjury was heard before the Bench of Magistrates at Grafton, and dismissed.

“(2.)

" (2.) Complaints have been made regarding the management of the Police in the Clarence District, in connection with the charges preferred against Mr. Keegan, by some of the residents there; but prior to the period when the complaints were first made against Mr. Keegan, I was informed from all quarters that both officer and men were most efficient. Many of the Magistrates and others still maintain this opinion.

" (3.) The charges have been investigated, as far as practicable. The most serious complaint forms the subject of an action at law, in which Mr. Keegan, as plaintiff, recently received damages; but it is understood that a new trial will be moved for. Sub-Inspector Keegan has been removed from the district.

" (Signed), Jno. McLERIE,
" Inspector General of Police."

2. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "School Books authorized by Council of Education," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Forster, on 12th November, 1867 (*comprising Twenty-one Books, and a Letter and accompanying List*).

Letter and List ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return of the quantity of Coal shipped at Newcastle, from 1st October to 31st December, 1866; and also from 1st January to 30th September, 1867. (*In reference to Question (1) above.*)

Ordered to be printed.

3. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush:—Mr. Lackey (*with the concurrence of the House*), moved, without Notice, That the Petition from Mr. Bartholomew Rush, presented on the 4th October last, be referred to the Committee now sitting on "Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush," and that the said Committee have power to send for persons and papers.

Question put and passed.

4. Tolls charged at Richmond Bridge over River Hawkesbury ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Piddington, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 27th November, from the residents of North Richmond and the Kurrajong, against the scale of tolls on the Richmond Bridge, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows:—

(1.) Order No. 1, until Friday next. Mr. Wisdom.

(2.) Order No. 2, until Friday next. Mr. Burns.

(3.) Order No. 3, until Tuesday next. Mr. Garrett.

6. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill, on motion of Mr. Burdekin (after Debate), read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Burdekin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

7. Postponement:—Mr. Burns postponed the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day fortnight.

8. Municipalities Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain Amendments.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, that the Adoption of this Report stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

9. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, until Wednesday next:—

(1.) Order No. 2. Mr. Eagar.

(2.) Order No. 3. Mr. Wilson.

10. Gates on Public Roads Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some, amended others, and disagreed to others, of the said Amendments.

Mr. Wilson then moved, That this Report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at half-past Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Questions:—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) What amount, tendered for the renewal of their leases by the tenants of the Church and School Lands, was refunded during the period from the 1st October, 1866, to the 30th September, 1867?
(2.) What steps have been taken, or is it intended to take, for the sale or re-letting of such of the lands in question as are now yielding no revenue?
2. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
(1.) Have any complaints been received by the Government of the conduct of any publican or publicans acting as Trustees for the expenditure of Minor Road Grants?
(2.) If so, against whom, and by whom were such complaints preferred?
3. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Has it been determined by the Government that persons who cannot read or write shall not be allowed to retain the position of Trustees for the expenditure of Minor Road Grants?
4. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to remove all publicans from existing Minor Road Trusts, and also all persons who cannot read or write?

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move (as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply), That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
(1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
(2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. ROND to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.
3. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
4. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Documents laid on the Table of this House on the 7th November, relative to "Lands taken from John Morrice, Esq., of Browley, for Railway purposes," be printed.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill (as amended in Select Committee); second reading.
2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WILSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Prohibit the Importation of Vines, Vine-cuttings, and Grapes.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Question :—

MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any Bill to amend the Superannuation Act?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sale of Improved Lands Bill ; second reading.
2. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill reported ; adoption of report.
6. Railway Loan Bill ; second reading.
7. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*) ; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Question :—

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Has application been made to the Imperial Government for an alteration of the Constitution Act with respect to the imposition of Differential Duties, between the several Colonies of Australia, on all goods the produce of said Colonies, as stated by the Colonial Secretary on 20th November, 1866, to be intended?
 - (2.) If such application has been made, has a reply been received?
 - (3.) If a reply has been received, has the Colonial Secretary any objection to inform the House of the nature of the communication?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LACKEY to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that, before any fresh leases of Crown Lands are issued, certain blocks of country shall be withdrawn from lease, with a view to their occupation in the combined pursuits of agriculture and grazing.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Church and School Lands :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What amount, tendered for the renewal of their leases by the tenants of the Church and School Lands, was refunded during the period from the 1st October, 1866, to the 30th September, 1867?

(2.) What steps have been taken, or is it intended to take, for the sale or re-letting of such of the lands in question as are now yielding no revenue?

Mr. Eggar answered,—

(1.) Applications have been made—chiefly verbally, and some in writing—for the renewal of leases of Church and School Lands; but no amounts have been tendered for such renewals, and, consequently, no refunds of money have taken place.

(2.) No steps have yet been taken for the sale or re-letting of the lands referred to, but it is probable that arrangements will be made for issuing leases for a year, pending the introduction of an Act on the subject.

Mr. Garrett not asking the Questions Nos. 2, 3, and 4, they dropped.

2. Paper :—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Flood Relief, Hunter River Districts," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Burns, on 24th July, 1867.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Motions on Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day withdrawn :—

(1.) Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion No. 1.

(2.) *Mr. Macleay*, on behalf of Mr. Lloyd, withdrew the Motion No. 3.

4. Vines and Grapes Importation Prohibition Bill ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to Prohibit the Importation of Vines, Vine-cuttings, and Grapes.

Question put and passed.

5. Gold conveyed by Escort :—Mr. Rodd moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should become responsible for the safe delivery of Gold conveyed by Escort.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9:

Mr. Samuel,
Mr. McKay,
Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Forster,
Dr. Lang,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Pickering,

Tellers.

Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Rodd.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Eggar,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. White,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Sutherland,

Mr. Neale,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Byrnes,

Tellers.

Mr. Tighe,
Mr. De Salis.

6. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Garrett not making the Motion, No. 4 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.

7. Australian Mutual Provident Society (Loan of £100,000) :—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all papers, minutes, and correspondence relating to the borrowing of £100,000 by the Government from the Mutual Provident Society, and having reference to the Debentures deposited with that Society as security for such loan.
Question put and passed.
8. Government Debentures (Sale of £135,000 to Australian Mutual Provident Society) :—Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all papers, agreements, minutes, and correspondence relating to the sale of £135,000 Debentures to the Mutual Provident Society.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. Papers :—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table the undermentioned papers :—
(1.) Return to Order, in reference to "Australian Mutual Provident Society (Loan of £100,000)," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Samuel, this day. (*See Entry No. 7, above*).
(2.) Return to Order, in reference to "Government Debentures (Sale of £135,000 to Australian Mutual Provident Society)," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Samuel, this day. (*See Entry No. 8, above*).
(3.) Correspondence, &c., relative to the Appointment of Messrs. Lennon and Cape as Government Brokers.
Ordered to be printed.
10. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 and 2 of Other Business, postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Lucas, until Friday next.
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty-eight minutes after Four o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any Bill to amend the Superannuation Act?
2. MR. JOSEPHSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Government have considered the claim of Mr. A. E. Bush, recommended to its favorable consideration by the Report of the Select Committee adopted by this Honorable House on the 16th September, 1862?
3. MR. OATLEY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Do the Government intend to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill to amend the Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act?
4. MR. THORNTON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the Gold Fields Commons be proclaimed, and especially the Common at the Ironbarks, Stoney Creek Gold Fields?
5. MR. SAMUEL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Has the Oriental Bank Corporation given notice to the Government of their intention to give up the financial agency of the Colony?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move (*as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply*), That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Monday be an additional sitting day of this House, and that Government business take precedence of all other business on that day.
2. MR. PARKES to move, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the "Military Contribution Act of 1865."

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sale of Improved Lands Bill ; second reading.
2. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Municipalities Bill reported ; adoption of report.
6. Railway Loan Bill ; second reading.
7. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*) ; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Question :—

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Has application been made to the Imperial Government for an alteration of the Constitution Act with respect to the imposition of Differential Duties, between the several Colonies of Australia, on all goods the produce of said Colonies, as stated by the Colonial Secretary on 20th November, 1866, to be intended?
 - (2.) If such application has been made, has a reply been received?
 - (3.) If a reply has been received, has the Colonial Secretary any objection to inform the House of the nature of the communication?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
5. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Report of the Select Committee, on the "Claim of Mr. Benjamin Richards to Lease of 'Yaraldool' run," be printed.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LACKEY to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that, before any fresh leases of Crown Lands are issued, certain blocks of country shall be withdrawn from lease, with a view to their occupation in the combined pursuits of agriculture and grazing.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.
2. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
3. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, complete copies, without any omissions, of all Correspondence, since the 1st January, 1866, to the present date, between the Government or any members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any of the officers of that institution.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.

New South Wales.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Mr. Forster withdrew the Question No. 1.

- (1.) Mr. A. E. Bush :—*Mr. Forster*, on behalf of Mr. Josephson, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—If the Government have considered the claim of Mr. A. E. Bush, recommended to its favorable consideration by the Report of the Select Committee adopted by this Honorable House on the 16th September, 1862?

Mr. Parkes answered,—From such inquiries as I have been able to make, it does not appear that the claims of this gentleman have at any time been considered by the Government, as I find no Address was adopted transmitting the Resolution of this House to His Excellency; and that may account for the circumstance that his case has never been considered.

- (2.) Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust :—Mr. Oatley asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Do the Government intend to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill to amend the Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act?

Mr. Wilson answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce such a Bill.

- (3.) Gold Fields Commons :—Mr. Thornton asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—When will the Gold Fields Commons be proclaimed; and especially the Common at the Ironbarks, Stoney Creek Gold Fields?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Stoney Creek includes the Ironbark. The temporary commonage at Stoney Creek Gold Field appeared in the *Gazette* No. 218, 3rd December, 1867. Young: The permanent common has been dedicated; the temporary commonage and commoners' boundaries appeared in *Gazette*, No. 46, 15th March, 1867. Forbes, Kiandra, and Ophir: Notices of Dedication will appear in Friday's *Gazette*, and the temporary commons and commoners' boundaries in each case will afterwards shortly appear.

- (4.) Oriental Bank Corporation :—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Has the Oriental Bank Corporation given notice to the Government of their intention to give up the financial agency of the Colony?

Mr. Eagar answered,—A Notice of the kind referred to has been given by the Oriental Bank, and I shall presently lay upon the Table the Correspondence that has taken place upon the subject.

2. Papers :—

- (1.) Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Paper entitled "Financial Agents of the Government of New South Wales in London (termination of Agreement with the Oriental Bank Corporation)" (*In reference to Question 4 above*).

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Despatch from Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 2nd September, 1867 (with enclosures), respecting the Gilchrist Educational Trust.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.)

(3.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Return to Order in reference to "Mr. Thomas Logan," made by this House, on motion of *Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Mr. Burdekin, on 23rd August, 1867.

(2.) Return to Order, in reference to "Free Selection Case—Hamilton, Macdonald, and Mackie," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Morrice, on 13th September, 1867.

3. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Tighe, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 28th November, 1867. *Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Tighe, that the Report and accompanying documents be printed, and that the second reading of this Bill, *as amended in Select Committee*, stand an Order of the Day for Friday week.

4. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the "Military Contribution Act of 1865."

Question put and passed.

5. Additional Business Day—for precedence of Government Business (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Monday be an additional sitting day of this House, and that Government Business take precedence of all other business on that day.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Luckey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. White,	Mr. De Salis.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. S. Brown,	
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Thornton.
Mr. Josephson,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Pickering,	
Mr. Garrett,	

6. Railway Loan Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Eagar, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,

Message No. 15.

Governor.

With reference to Message No. 14, dated 26 November, 1867, wherein it is recommended that provision be made for raising a Loan of One Million Pounds towards the completion of the Railway Lines already sanctioned, the Governor further recommends that appropriation be made of £50,000 for the payment of interest on the Loan, yearly, from 1st January, 1868, to 31st December, 1871, and of £70,000, yearly, from 1st January, 1872, to 31st December, 1897,—to be paid and applied in the following manner:—

1. To the payment of Interest on the Loan.
2. Towards the reduction and final extinction of the Loan by the payment of Twenty Thousand Pounds, in each year, as a Sinking Fund of Two per cent.—and
3. To the purchase of the Debentures of the Loan.

Government House,

Sydney, 4 December, 1867.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Eagar, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on the Railway Loan Bill.

7. Disease in Grape Vines:—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from certain Proprietors of Vineyards and others interested in the Cultivation of the Vine in New South Wales, praying that, under the circumstances therein set forth, with a view to prevent the introduction of disease into the Vineyards of the Colony, an Act be passed which shall authorize the Officers of Customs and Police to seize and destroy all "Vine Cuttings and fresh Grapes" which may be attempted to be introduced into New South Wales from the neighbouring colonies or other parts of the world.

Petition received.

8. Sale of Improved Lands Bill (Order of the Day No. 1), on motion of Mr. Wilson, (after Debate), read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Eagar, as follows:—

- (1.) Order No. 2, to stand next after Order No. 6.
- (2.) Order No. 3, to stand next after Order No. 2, as *postponed*.
- (3.) Order No. 4, to stand next after Order No. 3, as *postponed*.

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10. Municipalities Bill Reported (Order No. 6):—Mr. Parkes moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the Whole be now adopted.

Mr. Wilson moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words thereof after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words, "the Municipalities Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of re-considering Clauses "3, '8,' 16, 19, 26, 27, 31, 37, 42, 45, 46, 52, 54, 57, 69, 81, 137, 151, 165, 172, "186, 197, 198, 200, and Schedules K."

Debate ensued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Mr. Piddington then moved, That the proposed Amendment be amended by omitting the number '8.'

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That the number '8' stand part of the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 2.

Mr. Parkes,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Josephson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. White,	Mr. De Salis.

Tellers.
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Burns.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Municipalities Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of re-considering Clauses 3, 8, 16, 19, 26, 27, 31, 37, 42, 45, 46, 52, 54, 57, 69, 81, 137, 151, 165, 172, 186, 197, 198, 200, and Schedules K.—put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for such re-consideration.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Parkes, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported 2^o, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

11. Waterview Patent Slip Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable Thomas Sutcliffe Mort Esquire to close certain ways or streets on and over his property and other land at Waterview Bay and to establish a new road in lieu thereof;*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, December 4, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

12. Railway Loan Bill (Order No. 6):—Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed,—

And Bill read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

13. Adjournment:—Mr. Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight;—

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1867, A.M.:—

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at six minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any Bill to amend the Superannuation Act?
2. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
(1.) Have any complaints been received by the Government of the conduct of any publican or publicans acting as Trustees for the expenditure of Minor Road Grants?
(2.) If so, against whom, and by whom were such complaints preferred?
3. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Has it been determined by the Government that persons who cannot read or write shall not be allowed to retain the position of Trustees for the expenditure of Minor Road Grants?
4. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Is it the intention of the Government to remove all publicans from existing Minor Road Trusts, and also all persons who cannot read or write?
5. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Did Messrs. Lennon and Cape, the Government Brokers, receive written instructions relative to the sale of £219,000 Government Debentures, of which £135,000, sold to the Mutual Provident Society, formed part?
6. MR. WHITE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
(1.) What is the date of the new Contract for the Permanent Way on the Railway line from Singleton to Muswellbrook?
(2.) What time has been allowed for the completion of the Contract?
(3.) Have the Contractors yet commenced the works?
(4.) When will Tenders be called for the erection of Station Buildings at Muswellbrook and along the line?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to move (as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply)*, That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the "Military Contribution Act of 1865."
2. Sale of Improved Lands Bill; third reading.
3. Municipalities Bill; third reading.
4. Railway Loan Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
7. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
8. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*); to be further considered in Committee.
9. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILSON *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th December, from the Proprietors of Vineyards and others interested in the cultivation of the vine, be printed.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Question :—

1. MR. PHELPS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Has application been made to the Imperial Government for an alteration of the Constitution Act with respect to the imposition of Differential Duties, between the several Colonies of Australia, on all goods the produce of said Colonies, as stated by the Colonial Secretary on 20th November, 1866, to be intended?
(2.) If such application has been made, has a reply been received?
(3.) If a reply has been received, has the Colonial Secretary any objection to inform the House of the nature of the communication?

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OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
5. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Report of the Select Committee, on the "Claim of Mr. Benjamin Richards to Lease of 'Yaraldool' run," be printed.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LACKEY to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that, before any fresh leases of Crown Lands are issued, certain blocks of country shall be withdrawn from lease, with a view to their occupation in the combined pursuits of agriculture and grazing.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.
2. MR. LOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
3. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, complete copies, without any omissions, of all Correspondence, since the 1st January, 1866, to the present date, between the Government or any members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any of the officers of that institution.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.

New South Wales.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Superannuation Act of 1864:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, any Bill to amend the Superannuation Act?
Mr. Parkes answered,—About a year ago an Actuary was appointed to inquire into the state and prospects of the Superannuation Fund. This gentleman's report estimates the value of present liabilities under the Act at not less than £290,000, and suggests that any Bill to amend the law should provide for the payment of all pensions and allowances that have hitherto arisen, or that may arise during the next ten years, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. These statements and propositions, made apparently on authority, are sufficient to suggest great difficulties in effectually dealing with the question; and the Government, after much consideration, is of opinion that Parliamentary inquiry ought to precede legislation. As it is desirable that the present session should be brought to a close, and Parliament convened early next year, it does not appear expedient to make any attempt, in the existing state of things, which would probably fail in leading to a satisfactory settlement.
- (2.) Trustees for Minor Road Grants:—
- (1.) Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
- (1.) Have any complaints been received by the Government of the conduct of any publican or publicans acting as Trustees for the expenditure of Minor Road Grants?
(2.) If so, against whom, and by whom were such complaints preferred?
Mr. Wilson answered,—
- (1.) Complaints of the nature indicated have been made.
(2.) As no good can arise from giving the honorable member the information asked for, I must decline doing so.
- (2.) Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Has it been determined by the Government that persons who cannot read or write shall not be allowed to retain the position of Trustees for the expenditure of Minor Road Grants?
Mr. Wilson answered,—It has been determined by the Government, that persons who cannot read and write shall not, in future, be appointed Trustees for the expenditure of Minor Road Grants.
- (3.) Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Is it the intention of the Government to remove all publicans from existing Minor Road Trusts, and also all persons who cannot read or write?
Mr. Wilson answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to interfere with the Trustees who have the expenditure of the present grants.
- (3.) Messrs Lennon and Cape, as Government Brokers:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Did Messrs. Lennon and Cape, the Government Brokers, receive written instructions relative to the sale of £219,000 Government Debentures, of which £135,000, sold to the Mutual Provident Society, formed part?

Mr.

Mr. Eagar answered,—No written instructions were furnished to Messrs. Lennon and Cape, as Mr Lennon was daily in attendance at the Treasury for the purpose of personal conference with me.

(4.) Railway Line from Singleton to Muswellbrook :—Mr. White asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) What is the date of the new Contract for the Permanent Way on the Railway line from Singleton to Muswellbrook?

(2.) What time has been allowed for the completion of the Contract?

(3.) Have the Contractors yet commenced the works?

(4.) When will Tenders be called for the erection of Station Buildings at Muswellbrook and along the line?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) The date of new Contracts for the Permanent Way is 1st November, 1867.

(2.) The time allowed for the completion of the Contract is 14 months from 1st October last.

(3.) The Contractors have not yet commenced laying the Permanent Way, but I am informed they have contracted for 4,500 sleepers, to be delivered at different stations along the line,—a portion of which has already been delivered at Singleton.

(4.) Tenders will be invited for the erection of the Station Buildings not later than the 24th instant, which will afford ample time to have them completed simultaneously with the Permanent Way.

2. Gates on Public Roads Bill :—Mr. Wilson moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly, having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 9th October, 1867, requesting its concurrence in certain Amendments made by the Council in the Gates on Public Roads Bill,—

Disagrees from the Amendment in page 1, clause 1, lines 20 and 21,—Because the interpretation of "Cultivated land" becomes necessary under clause 2, as passed the Assembly.

Disagrees from the Amendment in page 1, clause 2, line 25,—Because the fencing is required not for the public convenience but for the protection of the owner of the land.

Disagrees from the Amendment in page 2, clause 2, line 1,—for the like reason.

Disagrees from the Amendment in page 2, clause 2, line 2,—Because the proposed Amendment would seriously interfere with the working of the Act.

Disagrees from the Amendment in page 2, clause 2, lines 3 to 7,—Because the clause as originally passed is more in accordance with the intention of the Bill.

Amends the Proviso proposed to be added at the end of clause 2, by inserting between the words "the" and "right" the words "now existing"; by converting the word "right" into "rights"; by omitting the words "of the Crown to fence off any such road whenever the Minister shall think such fencing necessary or proper nor that"; by omitting the words "or be intended to pass to require the same to be fenced off pursuant to"; and by inserting the word "under" before the words "the Act of Council "passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William "the Fourth,"—in which Amendments it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council,—Because the Proviso, as amended, while it protects all existing rights, is more in accordance with the spirit of the Bill.

Disagrees from the Amendments in page 2, clause 4, line 18,—Because the clause as passed the Assembly is more consistent with clause 2 as now amended.

Disagrees from the Amendment in page 2, clause 4, lines 18 and 19,—for the like reason.

Disagrees from the Amendment in page 2, clause 4, lines 20 and 21,—for the like reason.

Disagrees from the Amendment in page 2, clause 4, line 21,—for the like reason.

Disagrees from the Amendment which proposes to add a Proviso at the end of clause 4,—Because the proposed Proviso is not necessary under the Bill as now amended.

And agrees to all the remaining Amendments.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

3. Treatment of Insane Persons Law Amendment Bill :—Mr. Martin having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the law for the care and treatment of the Insane"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

4. Vines and Grapes Importation Prohibition Bill :—Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to prohibit the Importation of Vines Vine-cuttings and Grapes"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

5. Cornelius O'Brien :—Mr. Martin presented a Petition from Cornelius O'Brien, of Emu Creek Gold Field, Gold-miner, representing that he was the first discoverer of gold on the said Gold Field; but that he has failed to obtain any special advantage from the Government on account of such discovery; and praying relief.
Petition received.
6. Mr. John Burnley :—Mr. Tighe presented a Petition from John Burnley, of Lambton, in the Colony of New South Wales, setting forth great alleged losses and inconveniences sustained by him, arising out of a free selection of land made by him near Lake Macquarie; and praying relief.
Petition received.
7. Seizure at Stores of George M'Leod, Braidwood :—Mr. Josephson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to an Address in reference to "Seizure at Stores of George M'Leod, Braidwood," laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on 1st October last, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.
Question put and passed.
8. Sale of Improved Lands Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day) :—On motion of Mr. Wilson, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Improved Lands.*"
Question put and passed.
Whereupon, Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Improved Lands,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1867. Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
9. Disease in Grape Vines ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th December, from the Proprietors of Vineyards and others interested in the cultivation of the vine, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
10. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill :—
(1.) On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the "Military Contribution Act of 1865."
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), That the said Resolution be *now* received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved, That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to amend the "Military Contribution Act of 1865."
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Parkes, read a second time, and agreed to.
(2.) Mr. Parkes having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Military Contribution Act of 1865,*"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.
11. Municipalities Bill :—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Lackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Dodds.
Mr. Tunks,	
Dr. Lang,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Forster,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lucas.

Bill, thereupon, read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Parkes, *passed*.
Mr. Parkes then moved, that the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to establish Municipalities.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to establish Municipalities*," presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1867.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

12. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Despatch, Correspondence, &c., respecting Battery of Artillery stationed at Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.
13. Fisheries Act Amendment Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5 December, 1867.*

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

14. Railway Loan Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for such further consideration. The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an Amendment.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Eagar, that the adoption of this Report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
15. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 5, 6, 7, and 8, postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until to-morrow.
16. Supply:—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply being read, Mr. Eagar moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair. Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "this Order of the Day stand an Order of the Day for Monday next."
Debate ensued.
Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn.
Original Motion by leave withdrawn.
Order of the Day then postponed, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until Wednesday next.
The House adjourned, at twenty-two minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6.

Question:—

1. MR. PHELPS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Has application been made to the Imperial Government for an alteration of the Constitution Act with respect to the imposition of Differential Duties, between the several Colonies of Australia, on all goods the produce of said Colonies, as stated by the Colonial Secretary on 20th November, 1866, to be intended?
 - (2.) If such application has been made, has a reply been received?
 - (3.) If a reply has been received, has the Colonial Secretary any objection to inform the House of the nature of the communication?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
5. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Report of the Select Committee, on the "Claim of Mr. Benjamin Richards to Lease of 'Yaraldool' run," be printed.
2. MR. TIGHE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th December, from Mr. John Burnley, respecting his Free Selection Case near Lake Macquarie, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Railway Loan Bill reported ; adoption of report.
2. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*) ; to be further considered in Committee.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Treatment of Insane persons Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Vines and Grapes Importation Prohibition Bill ; second reading.
3. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LACKEY to move,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that, before any fresh leases of Crown Lands are issued, certain blocks of country shall be withdrawn from lease, with a view to their occupation in the combined pursuits of agriculture and grazing.
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.
2. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
3. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, complete copies, without any omissions, of all Correspondence, since the 1st January, 1866, to the present date, between the Government or any members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any of the officers' of that institution.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move (*as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply*), That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.
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[Price, 6d.]

New South Wales.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Alteration of Constitution Act—Differential Duties :—Mr. Phelps asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has application been made to the Imperial Government for an alteration of the Constitution Act with respect to the imposition of Differential Duties, between the several Colonies of Australia, on all goods the produce of said Colonies, as stated by the Colonial Secretary, on 20th November, 1866, to be intended?

(2.) If such application has been made, has a reply been received?

(3.) If a reply has been received, has the Colonial Secretary any objection to inform the House of the nature of the communication?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A Despatch, covering a Minute of the Government, and dated December 22nd, 1866, was addressed by His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State, in which reasons were urged in favour of an alteration of the Constitution Act, enabling the Parliament of this Colony to impose Differential Duties on goods the produce of the Colonies, conveyed across the River Murray. No reply has been received.

2. Claim of Mr. Benjamin Richards to Lease of "Yaraldool" Run ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee, on the "Claim of Mr. Benjamin Richards to Lease of 'Yaraldool' run," be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Mr. John Burnley ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th December, from Mr. John Burnley, respecting his Free Selection case near Lake Macquarie, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day, of Other Business, postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows :—

(1.) Orders Nos. 1 and 2, until this day week. Mr. Burns.

(2.) Order No. 3, to stand next after Order No. 5 of Other Business. Mr. Garrett.

5. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) (Order No. 4 of Other Business) :—Mr. Lucas moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued.

Motion made by Mr. Burns, and Question put (after Debate), That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Tighe,
Mr. J. Stewart,

Tellers.

Mr. Burns,
Mr. Dignam.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Hart,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Bardekin,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. McKay,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. White,	

Main

Main Question then put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. White,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Driver,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. McKay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hart.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Tighe,
Tellers.
Mr. Burns,
Mr. J. Stewart.

Bill then read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lucas, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*), with certain Amendments,—the House, on motion of Mr. Lucas, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

6. Postponement:—The Order of the Day, No. 5 of Other Business, postponed, on motion of Mr. Lucas, until Friday next.
7. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill:—On the (postponed) Order of the Day (No. 3 of Other Business) for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for such further consideration.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Burdekin, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.
8. Railway Loan Bill Reported:—On the Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business being read, Mr. Eagar moved, That the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the Whole be now adopted.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Eagar then moved, That the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.
Question put and passed.
9. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 2, 3 and 4, postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until Monday next.
10. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill (*as amended in the Body and the Title, in Select Committee*) (Order No. 5 of Government Business):—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.
The Chairman reporting that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee,—the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill, with certain Amendments.
Mr. Wilson moved, That this Report be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Neale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummeen,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. McKay.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Burns,
Tellers.
Mr. Hart,
Mr. Lucas.

Ordered then, on motion of Mr. Wilson, that the third reading of this Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-three minutes before Six o'clock, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Treatment of Insane persons Law Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Vines and Grapes Importation Prohibition Bill; second reading.
3. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Railway Loan Bill; third reading.
5. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
6. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
7. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
8. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; third reading.
 2. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill; third reading.
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. LACKEY to move,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that, before any fresh leases of Crown Lands are issued, certain blocks of country shall be withdrawn from lease, with a view to their occupation in the combined pursuits of agriculture and grazing.
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.
2. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
3. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, complete copies, without any omissions, of all Correspondence, since the 1st January, 1866, to the present date, between the Government or any members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any of the officers of that institution.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill; second reading.
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move (*as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply*), That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); Debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
4. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

NOTICE

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—

(1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.

(2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Treasury Bills:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Eagar, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

It being found expedient to raise an amount of money, not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand pounds, for the payment of services already sanctioned by the Legislature, and it being considered advisable to provide such amount by the issue of New South Wales Treasury Bills, the Governor submits the subject to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, and recommends that provision be made accordingly.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th December, 1867.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Eagar, to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

2. Railway Loan Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Eagar then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan of £1,000,000 towards the completion of the Railway Lines already sanctioned.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan of £1,000,000 towards the completion of the Railway Lines already sanctioned,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th December, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

3. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to regulate Oyster Fisheries and to encourage the formation of Oyster Beds.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed A Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate Oyster Fisheries and to encourage the formation of Oyster Beds,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th December, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Lucas, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lucas then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other public purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Lucas moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other public purposes,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th December, 1867.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

5. Arbitrations Facilitation Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Burdekin, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Burdekin then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to make Arbitrations more effectual.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Burdekin moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to make Arbitrations more effectual,*" returns the same to the Legislative Council without Amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th December, 1867.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

6. Treatment of Insane Persons Law Amendment Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And Bill read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin (after Debate), the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

7. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly a Bill "to amend the Military Contribution Act of 1865," and to make provision for the necessary expenses in connexion therewith.

*Government House,
Sydney, 9th December, 1867.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to be printed, and taken into consideration with the said Bill.

8. Vines and Grapes Importation Prohibition Bill:—Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill "be" now read a second time.

Mr. Hart moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "be," with a view to inserting in their place the words "referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report."

"(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Burns, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Smart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Wilson, and the Mover."

Debate ensued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Original Question then put and passed.

And Bill read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

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The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain Amendments, *and had amended the Title*,—the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at a quarter after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LACKEY to move,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that, before any fresh leases of Crown Lands are issued, certain blocks of country shall be withdrawn from lease, with a view to their occupation in the combined pursuits of agriculture and grazing.
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.
2. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
3. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, complete copies, without any omissions, of all Correspondence, since the 1st January, 1866, to the present date, between the Government or any members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any of the officers of that institution.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Act known as the Old Botany, Randwick, and Coogee Roads Trust Act, 18 Vic. No. 14.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Vines and Grapes Importation Prohibition Bill ; third reading.
2. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
5. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Question :—

1. MR. MCKAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government finally determined on the site of the Bathurst Station of the Great Western Railway, and if so, where?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move (*as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply*), That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Treatment of Insane persons Law Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Question :—

1. MR. J. STEWART *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) To which of the public purposes, or for which of the Sites specified in Section 5 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, have 13 acres and 23 perches of Crown Land near Goulburn been dedicated to a Roman Catholic Episcopal Residence?
 - (2.) What words in Section 5 of the Act aforesaid authorize the dedication of 18 acres 3 roods and 1 perch of Crown Land near Goulburn for a Roman Catholic Diocesan Seminary?
 - (3.) On what authority, in what manner, and for what purpose, have 24 acres of the Parramatta Domain been dedicated to the Roman Catholic Orphan School?
 - (4.) Have these lands been vested in the Clergy solely, or have the laity any right or interest in them?
 - (5.) How many separate portions of land have been dedicated to public recreation within the Town of Kiama?
 - (6.) What is the total area of land dedicated to public recreation, to water supply, and commonage in Kiama?

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
4. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BURNS *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, against the passing of this Bill, were presented, respectively, by the Members named:—
(1.) From certain merchants, bankers, traders, freeholders, agents, and other citizens of Sydney. By Mr. Joseph.
(2.) From certain inhabitants of Goulburn. By Mr. Alexander.
(3.) From certain bankers, merchants, traders, freeholders, agents, and other citizens of Sydney. By Mr. Hart.
Petitions received.
2. Motions on Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day withdrawn:—
(1.) Mr. Lackey withdrew the Motion No. 1.
(2.) *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Lloyd, withdrew the Motion No. 2.
(3.) *Mr. Forster*, on behalf of Mr. Samuel, withdrew the Motion No. 3.
3. Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Act known as the Old Botany, Randwick, and Coogee Roads Trust Act, 18 Vic., No. 14.
Question put and passed.
4. Vines and Grapes Importation Prohibition Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to prohibit the Importation of Grape-vines Grape-vine cuttings and Grapes.*"
Question put and passed.
Whereupon, Mr. Wilson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to prohibit the Importation of Grape-vines Grape-vine cuttings and Grapes,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th December, 1867. Speaker.
5. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill:—Dr. Lang moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Whereupon, the Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely, Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Bagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Josephson, Dr. Lang, Mr. Lord, Mr. Martin, Mr. McKay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tighe, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at six minutes before Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Question :—

1. MR. MCKAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the Government finally determined on the site of the Bathurst Station of the Great Western Railway, and if so, where?

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. SAMUEL to move (*as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply*), That, in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for the years 1867 and 1868.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Treatment of Insane persons Law Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Act known as the Old Botany, Randwick, and Coogee Roads Trust Act, 18 Vic., No. 14.
4. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
7. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. HART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th December, from certain bankers and others, against the proposed Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act, be printed.
2. MR. JOSEPH to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th December, from certain merchants, bankers, traders, freeholders, agents, and other citizens of Sydney, against the amended Stamp Act, be printed.
3. MR. ALEXANDER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th December, and signed by certain of the inhabitants of Goulburn, against the passing of the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
4. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, complete copies, without any omissions, of all Correspondence, since the 1st January, 1866, to the present date, between the Government, or any members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any of the officers of that institution.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Question :—

1. MR. J. STEWART to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) To which of the public purposes, or for which of the Sites specified in Section 5 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, have 13 acres and 23 perches of Crown Land near Goulburn been dedicated to a Roman Catholic Episcopal Residence ?
 - (2.) What words in Section 5 of the Act aforesaid authorize the dedication of 18 acres 3 roods and 1 perch of Crown Land near Goulburn for a Roman Catholic Diocesan Seminary ?
 - (3.) On what authority, in what manner, and for what purpose, have 24 acres of the Parramatta Domain been dedicated to the Roman Catholic Orphan School ?
 - (4.) Have these lands been vested in the Clergy solely, or have the laity any right or interest in them ?
 - (5.) How many separate portions of land have been dedicated to public recreation within the Town of Kiama ?
 - (6.) What is the total area of land dedicated to public recreation, to water supply, and commonage in Kiama ?

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.
2. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.

4. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. Burns to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. Mr. Forster to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. Mr. Lackey to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that, before any fresh leases of Crown Lands are issued, certain blocks of country shall be withdrawn from lease, with a view to their sale and occupation in the combined pursuits of agriculture and grazing.
 (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.
3. Mr. Lloyd to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Great Western Railway:—Mr. McKay asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government finally determined on the site of the Bathurst Station of the Great Western Railway, and if so, where?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Yes. The site fixed for the station is the land lying between Havannah-street and the Police Paddock, in the Town of Bathurst.

2. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill:—Mr. Martin having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Laws for regulating Slaughter-houses,*" read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" Motions):—

(1.) Mr. Hart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th December, from certain bankers and others, against the proposed Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Samuel, on behalf of Mr. Joseph, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Joseph on the 10th December, from certain merchants, bankers, traders, freeholders, agents, and other citizens of Sydney, against the amended Stamp Act, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

(3.) Mr. Neale, on behalf of Mr. Alexander, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Alexander on the 10th December, and signed by certain of the inhabitants of Goulburn, against the passing of the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Supply:—On the Order of the Day No. 1, for the resumption of the Committee of Supply, being read,—Mr. Eagar moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair. Mr. Samuel moved, pursuant to *Contingent* Notice, that the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "in the opinion of this House, the Ways and Means, as estimated "by the Colonial Treasurer, are inadequate to meet the proposed expenditure for "the years 1867 and 1868."

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Wilson,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Hammell,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Femell,	
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Lord,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Macpherson,	
Mr. Josephson,	
Mr. Thornton,	
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Cunneen,	

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Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

5. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Aborigines Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to prohibit the supply of Intoxicating Liquors to the Aboriginal Natives of New South Wales*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11 December, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

(2.) Hartley Vale Colliery Railway Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable James Brown Alexander Brown and Stephen Foyle to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to and to connect the same with the Great Northern Railway*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11 December, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin (after Debate), at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Question:—

1. MR. J. STEWART to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) To which of the public purposes, or for which of the Sites specified in Section 5 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, have 13 acres and 23 perches of Crown Land near Goulburn been dedicated to a Roman Catholic Episcopal Residence?
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 - (3.) On what authority, in what manner, and for what purpose, have 24 acres of the Parramatta Domain been dedicated to the Roman Catholic Orphan School?
 - (4.) Have these lands been vested in the Clergy solely, or have the laity any right or interest in them?
 - (5.) How many separate portions of land have been dedicated to public recreation within the Town of Kiama?
 - (6.) What is the total area of land dedicated to public recreation, to water supply, and commonage in Kiama?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ISAACS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Real Property Act.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Treatment of Insane persons Law Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Act known as the Old Botany, Randwick, and Coogee Roads Trust Act, 18 Vic., No. 14.
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6. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
7. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. DR. LANG to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Representation Amendment Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 10th December, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
2. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, complete copies, without any omissions, of all Correspondence, since the 1st January, 1866, to the present date, between the Government, or any members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any of the officers of that institution.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
4. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Certain Lands specially dedicated:—Mr. J. Stewart asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) To which of the public purposes, or for which of the Sites specified in Section 5 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, have 13 acres and 23 perches of Crown Land near Goulburn been dedicated to a Roman Catholic Episcopal Residence?

(2.) What words in Section 5 of the Act aforesaid authorize the dedication of 18 acres 3 roods and 1 perch of Crown Land near Goulburn for a Roman Catholic Diocesan Seminary?

(3.) On what authority, in what manner, and for what purpose, have 24 acres of the Parramatta Domain been dedicated to the Roman Catholic Orphan School?

(4.) Have these lands been vested in the Clergy solely, or have the laity any right or interest in them?

(5.) How many separate portions of land have been dedicated to public recreation within the Town of Kiama?

(6.) What is the total area of land dedicated to public recreation, to water supply, and commonage in Kiama?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The land in question has been dedicated under the 5th Clause of the Alienation Act, as being for a public purpose, and being of a kindred character to the purposes therein specified. It has been the practice of all Governments to make grants for the residence of Bishops and Clergymen.

(2.) The words for any "College, School, Mechanics' Institute, Public Library, Museum," &c.

(3.) By the passing of the Act 20 Vict, No. 55., the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, was empowered to dispose of the Parramatta Domain as waste lands of the Crown, with the exception of a portion thereof, not less than 200 acres, to be reserved for a park. The land above referred to does not form a part of that which has since been appropriated for a park, and the dedication has been carried out in accordance with the 5th Section of the Alienation Act. The land has been given as an addition to the 29a. 2r. 28p. dedicated in 1864, and which is to be used for farm purposes in connection with the Roman Catholic Orphan School.

(4.) The lands, although dedicated, have not been granted. For the land dedicated for an Episcopal Residence, a grant will issue to the Bishop and his successors. The land given to the Orphan School will be granted to Trustees, to be approved of by the Government.

(5.) Nine:—

Kiama	Camden		a.	r.	p.	
		Between Farmer and Barney streets, and between Bourrool-street and the sea.	5	2	0	Public Recreation.
do	do	Between Barney and Bourrool streets and the sea.	4	3	0	do
do	do	Between the south sides of Bong Bong and Bourrool streets and the sea.	2	0	0	do
do	do	Between the north sides of Bong Bong and Bourrool streets and the sea.	2	2	0	do
do	do	Between Terralong and Mimmurra streets; and between Shoalhaven-street and the sea.	1	2	0	do
do	do	Between Barney-street and the sea beach, from Bourrool-street to the Baptist Church site.	0	1	8	do
do	do	Between Hutchinson-street and the sea, from Riddell to Panama streets.	33	0	0	do
do	do	To the south of the intersection of Bland and Shoalhaven streets.	0	2	0	do
do	do	To the south of the intersection of Farmer and Bourrool streets.	0	0	28	do

(6.)

- (6.) 56a. 2r. 36p. have been dedicated to water supply and recreation. The Terragong Swamp, about a mile and a half from Kiama, and which contains 795 acres, has been dedicated as a permanent Common for Kiama and Shoalhaven.
2. Papers:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act, 25 Victoria, No. 1, during the period between 8th November and 6th December, 1867.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the said section of the said Act, during the same period.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Singleton and its vicinity, against the passing of the said Bill.
Petition received.
4. Mr. E. H. Hargraves, Discoverer of Gold:—Mr. Cunneen presented a Petition from Edward Hammond Hargraves, of Noraville, Gosford, Brisbane Water, setting forth his claims as discoverer of gold in the Colonies of New South Wales and Victoria, and that the rewards which he has received for such discovery have been inadequate; and praying that this House will favourably consider the premises, and take such steps in the matter as may seem just.
Petition received.
5. Real Property Act Amendment Bill:—
- (1.) Mr. Isaacs moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Real Property Act.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Isaacs having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Real Property Act,*" read a first time.
Ordered (after Debate) to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.
6. Supply; resumption of the Committee (Order of the Day No. 1):—Mr. Eagar moved, That this Order of the Day stand next after Order of the Day No. "3."
Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the number "3," with a view to inserting in its place the number "5."
Debate ensued.
Question put, That the number "3" stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Martin,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hamell,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Tuunks,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. White,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Thornton.
Mr. Burdckin,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Macpherson,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Egan,	
Mr. Pickering,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Driver,	

Original Question then put and passed.

7. Assent to Bills, viz., Proceedings in Insolvency Facilitation—Fisheries Act Amendment—Waterview Patent Slip—Presbyterian (otherwise called St. Andrew's) College—Cataract Coal Mine Railway:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker:—

JOHN YOUNG,
*Governor.**Message No. 18.*

Bills intituled,—

1st. "*An Act to facilitate proceedings in Insolvency,*"2nd. "*An Act to amend the Fisheries Act of 1865,*"—

as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bills, and now transmits them to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,**Sydney, 12th December, 1867.*

JOHN YOUNG,

*Message No. 19.**Governor.*

A Bill intituled "*An Act to enable Thomas Sutcliffe Mort Esquire to close certain ways or streets on and over his property and other land at Waterview Bay and to establish a new road in lieu thereof,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,**Sydney, 12th December, 1867.*

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JOHN YOUNG,
Governor:

Message No. 20.

Bills intituled,—

1st. "An Act to Incorporate Saint Andrew's College as a College within the University of Sydney,"

2nd. "An Act to enable Alfred Reynolds Huntley and John Le Gay Brereton to construct a Railway from land near Berrima belonging to them to and to connect the same with the Great Southern Railway,"—

as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bills, and has this day transmitted them to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 12th December, 1867.

8. Necropolis Regulation Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to regulate the Necropolis," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th December, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

NECROPOLIS REGULATION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled,—“An Act to regulate the Necropolis,” returned to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 12th December, 1867.

R. O'CONNOR,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 7, line 52. After "performed" add "Provided also that no rite or ceremony shall be performed in any portion of the Cemetery set apart for the use of the members of the Church of England and the Church of Rome except according to the duly authorized usage of such denominations respectively and by a recognized Minister of the same."

Page 6, Schedule A. At the end of Schedule A add "And any other denomination approved by the Governor and Executive Council."

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

9. Treatment of Insane Persons Law Amendment Bill:—On the Order of the Day (No. 2) for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for such further consideration.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill, with certain Amendments.

Mr. Martin moved, "That" this report be now adopted.

Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of re-considering clauses 10 and 33."

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be re-committed, for the purpose of re-considering clauses 10 and 33,—put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for such re-consideration.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Martin, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported 2^d, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Bill (Order No. 3):—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for consideration of the propriety of introducing a Bill to amend the Act known as the Old Botany, Randwick, and Coogee Roads Trust Act, 18 Vic., No. 14.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (made with the concurrence of the House), that the said Resolution be now received.

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The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is desirable to introduce a Bill to amend the Act known as the Old Botany, Randwick, and Coogee Roads Trust Act, 18 Vic., No. 14.

Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a second time, and agreed to.

11. Supply:—The (postponed) Order of the Day (No. 1) for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reporting that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee,—The Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour this day.

The Chairman then reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee as follows:—

The honorable member for The Lachlan had said in reference to certain remarks of the honorable member for The Hastings, "Sir, you are a liar." The said words, so used by the honorable member for The Lachlan were taken down, and ordered to be reported to the House.

The honorable member for the Lachlan having, upon being called upon by the Speaker, admitted the correctness of the words as reported, withdrew.

Whereupon, Mr. S. Brown moved, That the words reported as used by the honorable member for The Lachlan to the honorable member for The Hastings, namely, "Sir, you are a liar," are disorderly, and ought to be withdrawn.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight;—

FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1867, A.M.:—

Debate ensued.

Mr. Piddington moved the Previous Question.

Debate ensued.

Leave being desired by the respective Movers to withdraw both the Previous Question and the Original Motion, and an honorable member objecting to such proposed withdrawal,—

Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Samuel,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. White,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Macpherson.
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Driver,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Campbell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Hannell.
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Windeyer,	

12. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Macleay moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the Speaker counted the House; and, there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hannell, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Martin, Mr. Oatley, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Walker, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wisdom,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-one minutes after Three o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
2. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
4. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BURNS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the means most likely to prevent the recurrence of the disastrous consequences hitherto experienced from Floods in the districts of the Hunter.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lee, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Robertson, Mr. White, and the Mover.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition presented by him on 12th December, from the Mayor of Singleton and other Inhabitants of, or in the vicinity of, the said Town, in Public Meeting assembled, against the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill, now before the House, be printed.
3. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th December, from Mr. E. H. Hargraves, in reference to the discovery of gold in New South Wales and Victoria, be printed.
4. DR. LANG to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Representation Amendment Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 10th December, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
5. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, complete copies, without any omissions, of all Correspondence, since the 1st January, 1866, to the present date, between the Government, or any members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any of the officers of that institution.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Treatment of Insane persons Law Amendment Bill; third reading.
2. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
3. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

 MONDAY, DECEMBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Necropolis Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. LACKEY to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that, before any fresh leases of Crown Lands are issued, certain blocks of country shall be withdrawn from lease, with a view to their sale and occupation in the combined pursuits of agriculture and grazing.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.
3. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.

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OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Burns withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
2. Treatment of Insane Persons Law Amendment Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Martin, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Martin then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law for the care and treatment of the Insane.*"
Question put and passed.
Whereupon, Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law for the care and treatment of the Insane,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th December, 1867. Speaker.
3. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*), on motion of Mr. Tighe, read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Tighe, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Tighe, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.
4. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, until this day week:—
(1.) Orders Nos. 2 and 3. Mr. Burns.
(2.) Order No. 4. Mr. Lucas.
5. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th December, from the Mayor of Singleton and other Inhabitants of, or in the vicinity of, the said Town, in Public Meeting assembled, against the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill, now before the House, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Mr. E. H. Hargraves:—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th December, from Mr. E. H. Hargraves, in reference to the discovery of gold in New South Wales and Victoria, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill:—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Representation Amendment Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 10th December, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
8. Postponements:—
(1.) *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Samuel, postponed the Motion No. 5, on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
(2.) The Order of the Day, No. 2 of Government Business, postponed, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until Monday next. 9.

9. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Motion made by Mr. Driver, and Question put (after debate), That the debate of this Question be adjourned until this day week.
The House divided.

Ayes, 8.
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. J. Stewart,
Tellers.
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Egan.

Noes, 23.
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Phelps,
Mr. White,
Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Smart,
Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Wisdom,
Tellers.
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. De Salis.

Main Question then put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Smart,
Mr. Phelps,
Mr. White,
Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Byrnes,
Tellers.
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. De Salis.

Noes, 7.
Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Garrett,
Tellers.
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Lucas.

Bill then read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Parkes, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

10. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Returns for 1866 under the Real Property Act.

Ordered to be printed.

11. Sale of Improved Lands Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the sale of certain Improved Lands,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13 December, 1867.*

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

12. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 4, 5, and 6 of Government Business, postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until Wednesday next (No. 4 after Debate).

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Eagar (after Debate), at six minutes after Seven o'clock, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Necropolis Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill; third reading.

TUESDAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
 - (2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.
2. MR. LACKEY to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that, before any fresh leases of Crown Lands are issued, certain blocks of country shall be withdrawn from lease, with a view to their sale and occupation in the combined pursuits of agriculture and grazing.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.
3. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
4. MR. J. STEWART to move,—
 - (1.) That the dedication or alienation of Crown Lands otherwise than in accordance with law is detrimental to the public interests and subversive of all faith in the Government.
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is not lawful to dedicate any portion of the Crown Lands for an Episcopal residence.
 - (3.) That the dedication of 13 acres and 23 perches of Crown Land near Goulburn, for an Episcopal residence, ought to be revoked.
5. MR. THORNTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the names and also the religious persuasions of all persons who have been in training as Teachers under the Council of Education, from the commencement of the operation of the Act up to this date.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, complete copies, without any omissions, of all Correspondence, since the 1st January, 1866, to the present date, between the Government, or any members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any of the officers of that institution.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1867.

There being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—
Mr. Burnis, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lord, Mr. Martin, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Rodd, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Tunks, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—
 - (1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.
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5. MR. THORNTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the names and also the religious persuasions of all persons who have been in training as Teachers under the Council of Education, from the commencement of the operation of the Act up to this date.
6. MR. SAMUEL to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, complete copies, without any omissions, of all Correspondence, since the 1st January, 1866, to the present date, between the Government, or any members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any of the officers of that institution.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Necropolis Regulation Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill; third reading.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions, against the passing of the said Bill, were presented, respectively, by the Members named:—
(1.) From certain Traders, Frecholders, Agents, and others, residents of the Town of Wollongong. By Mr. J. Stewart.
(2.) From J. S. Willis, as Chairman of a certain Public Meeting of the Citizens of Sydney, stated to have been held at the Exchange. By Mr. Joseph.
Petitions received.
2. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill:—The undermentioned Petitions against the said Bill, were presented, respectively, by the Members named:—
(1.) From Phillip McCarroll, of Redfern, near the City of Sydney, wholesale and retail Butcher. By Mr. Lucas.
Petition received.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lucas, (*made with the concurrence of the House*), to be printed.
(2.) From certain Butchers residing in the Municipality of St. Leonards (special prayer). By Mr. Tunks.
Petition received.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Tunks, (*made with the concurrence of the House*), to be printed.
(3.) From William Peisley and Alfred Davis, of Sydney, Cattle Salesmen (special prayer). By Mr. Hart.
Petition received.
(4.) From Alfred Davis, of Newtown, near the City of Sydney, wholesale Butcher. By Mr. S. Brown.
Petition received.
3. Motion Withdrawn:—*Mr. Macleay*, on behalf of Mr. Lloyd, withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
4. Teachers under Council of Education ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. Thornton* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the names and also the religious persuasions of all persons who have been in training as Teachers under the Council of Education, from the commencement of the operation of the Act up to this date.
Question put and passed.
5. Correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. Joseph*, on behalf of Mr. Samuel, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, complete copies, without any omissions, of all Correspondence, since the 1st January, 1866, to the present date, between the Government, or any members thereof, and the Oriental Bank Corporation, or any of the officers of that institution.
Question put and passed.
6. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Tighe, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Tighe then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company 'called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned and to repeal an Act assented to on the sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six intituled 'An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned.'*"
Question put and passed.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, Mr. Tighe moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned and to repeal an Act assented to on the sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six intituled 'An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned,'" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th December, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Defalcations in Railway Department:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House having considered the papers laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on 26th July, 1867, having reference to the defalcations of Charles Woodman Eastwood and others, in the Railway Department, is of opinion—

(1.) That the inquiry into the matter instituted by the Government, as shown by the said papers, was incomplete and unsatisfactory.

(2.) That the Government took a wrong course in compelling, under a pretence of permitting, the resignation of his office of Accountant, by Mr. Robert Cooper Walker, accompanied by a recommendation that he be considered eligible for future employment in some other branch of the Public Service.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Joseph,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. De Salis,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rodd,	
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Farnell.

8. Withdrawal of Crown Lands from Lease with a view to Sale and Occupation for Agriculture and Grazing pursuits:—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that, before any fresh leases of Crown Lands are issued, certain blocks of country shall be withdrawn from lease, with a view to their sale and occupation in the combined pursuits of agriculture and grazing.

(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, embodying the foregoing resolution.

Mr. Wilson moved the Previous Question.

Debate ensued.

Previous Question, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

9. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Richard Peard," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Neale, on behalf of Mr. Alexander, on 13th November, 1867.

Ordered to be printed.

10. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. J. Stewart withdrew the Motion, No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

11. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill:—Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read.

Debate resumed on the Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the Speaker counted the House; and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Egan, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Josephson, Dr. Lang, Mr. Martin, Mr. Morrice, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Rodd, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-three minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
6. Necropolis Regulation Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
7. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
8. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill ; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. S. BROWN to move, That the Petition presented by him on 17th December, respecting the Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill, from Mr. Alfred Davis, of Newtown, be printed.
2. MR. J. STEWART to move, That the Petition presented by him on 17th December, from certain traders, freeholders, agents, and others, inhabitants of Wollongong, against the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
3. MR. JOSEPH to move, That the Petition presented by him on 17th December, from the Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Citizens of Sydney, against the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
4. MR. HART to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th December, from Messrs. William Peisley and Alfred Davis, against the passing of the Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill, be printed.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Question :—

1. MR. LUCAS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether he will lay on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the amounts of the receipts during the last week, from each of the railway trains which arrive in Sydney at 8.40, 9.34, 12.5, 12.55, 2.25, 3.47, 4.25, 6.29, 7.52, and 9.15 ; also, those which leave Sydney at 8.35, 10.15, 12, 1.15, 2, 3, 4, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, 7, and 10 ?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2) ; debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. J. STEWART to move,—
 - (1.) That the dedication or alienation of Crown Lands otherwise than in accordance with law is detrimental to the public interests and subversive of all faith in the Government.
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is not lawful to dedicate any portion of the Crown Lands for an Episcopal residence.
 - (3.) That the dedication of 13 acres and 23 perches of Crown Land near Goulburn, for an Episcopal residence, ought to be revoked.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. OATLEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Council of Education and the Head of the Roman Catholic Church, relating to charges made by His Grace Archbishop Folding, and the Very Rev. Mr. Sheehy, against certain Public School Inspectors, and to the alleged misconduct of Inspectors at the Roman Catholic School, Pitt-street South.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Bill:—Mr. Wilson having presented this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Act known as the Old Botany Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act 18 Victoria No. 14,*"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
2. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages (received yesterday) from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Gates on Public Roads Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 5th December, 1867, in reference to the Gates on Public Roads Bill, insists upon its Amendments in the said Bill:—

Because it considers that such Amendments, whilst preserving and improving the valuable features of the Bill, are necessary for saving private rights.

And disagrees to the Assembly's Amendments in the Proviso at the end of Clause 2;—

Because the Proviso as proposed to be altered—when read in connection with the prior words which the Assembly proposes by its disagreement from the Council's Amendments to restore, and which expressly extinguish the existing statutory right to fencing—would prove to a great extent inoperative and illusory.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17 December, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, that the said Message from the Legislative Council be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole to-morrow.

(2.) Vines and Grapes Importation Prohibition Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to prohibit the Importation of Grape Vines Grape Vine-cuttings and Grapes,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17 December, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

(3.) Railway Loan Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan of One Million Pounds towards the completion of the Railway Lines already sanctioned,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17 December, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

3. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill:—Dr. Lang (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Representation Amendment Bill, the Debate on which was interrupted by the House being counted out on December 10 and 17, respectively, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
Question put and passed.

4. Shipwrecks and Loss of Life on the Coast :—Mr. R. Stewart, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 3rd September, 1867; together with Appendix. Ordered to be printed.
5. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill:—
 (1.) Mr. R. Stewart presented a Petition from certain Butchers, residing in and carrying on their business in the City of Sydney and its suburbs, praying for delay in the second reading of the said Bill.
 Petition received.
 Ordered, on motion of Mr. R. Stewart (*made with the concurrence of the House*), to be printed.
 (2.) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. S. Brown on 17th December, respecting the Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill, from Mr. Alfred Davis, of Newtown, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (3.) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Hart, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Hart on the 17th December, from Messrs. William Peisley and Alfred Davis, against the passing of the Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
6. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill:—
 (1.) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. J. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 17th December, from certain traders, freeholders, agents, and others, inhabitants of Wollongong, against the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (2.) ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Samuel, on behalf of Mr. Joseph, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Joseph on 17th December, from the Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Citizens of Sydney, against the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (3.) Order of the Day (No. 1), for the second reading of the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill, read:—Mr. Eagar moved, That this Order of the Day be discharged.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion made by Mr. Samuel, and Question put (after Debate),—That this House do now adjourn.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Joseph,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Josephson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. White,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Tunks,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Dodds,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lee.
Mr. Pemell,	

Debate on Main Question continued.

Motion made by Mr. Robertson, and Question put (after Debate),—That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Cumteen,
Mr. Josephson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Morrice,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Egan,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Dodds,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Pemell,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Burns,	

Debate on Main Question continued.

Main Question put and passed.

Bill then withdrawn, on motion of Mr. Eagar.

7. Municipalities Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR.

MR. SPEAKER,—

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "An Act to establish Municipalities," with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18 December, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

MUNICIPALITIES BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act to establish Municipalities," returned to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 18th December, 1867.

R. O'CONNOR,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 3, clause 10, line 45. After "provision" insert "hereinafter contained"
line 46. Omit "hereinafter contained"
- Page 8. After clause 35 insert the following new clause:—
"Provided that no minister of religion and no person disabled by deaf-
ness blindness or other permanent infirmity of body nor any person above Persons exempt
from office.
"the age of sixty years or who shall have already served the like office
"within three years next before the day on which he shall be elected or
"shall have paid the fine for not accepting or for resigning such office or
"for absence therefrom within the same period nor any Member or Officer
"of the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly nor any person whose
"usual place of abode is not situate within the Municipality for which he
"shall have been elected shall be liable to any fine or penalty for neglect-
"ing or refusing to serve as Councillor or Mayor."
- Page 9, clause 41, line 29. Omit "at the hour of noon"
After "day" insert "and at an hour"
- " clause 42. Omit clause 42.
- Page 10, clause 52, line 55. Omit "any one"
line 58. Omit "any one"
- Page 11, " line 1. Omit "any one"
" line 4. Omit "any one"
" line 27. After "and" insert "shall not in any case be entitled
"to a cumulative vote and"
- Page 13, clause 62, line 46. After "ward and" omit "to"
- Page 15, clause 67, line 16. Omit "that"
line 19. Omit "that"
" clause 70, line 57. Omit "four" insert "three"
- Page 17, clause 81, line 42. After "first" insert "and second"
Omit "two latter" insert "third"
- Page 23, clause 114, line 8. Before "Gazette" insert "Government"
line 12. Before Gazette insert "Government"
- Page 24, clause 119, line 34. After "any" insert "road"
- Page 30. After clause 146 insert the following new clauses:—
"The Councils of any two or more Municipalities may unite in Two or more
Municipalities
may unite in
establishing Free
Infant Schools.
"establishing Free Infant Schools as hereinbefore provided for the common
"use and advantage of such Municipalities and may from time to time
"appoint joint committees of management for the proper conduct of the
"same Provided that no person shall be a member of any such joint
"committee of management who is not an Alderman of one of the
"Municipalities so uniting in the establishment of any such School."
"All by-laws for the regulation of any Free Infant School which may By-laws of Free
Infant Schools in
certain cases to
be confirmed by
two or more
Councils.
"be established by the united action of two or more Municipalities shall
"be confirmed by the Council of each of such Municipalities."
Page 30. After clause 147 insert the following new clauses:—
"In any Borough possessing a population according to the most recent A Health Officer
shall be appointed
in certain
Boroughs.
"Census of not less than three thousand inhabitants and incorporated as
"a Municipality under this Act the Council thereof shall appoint an
"Officer of Health with such salary as may be deemed sufficient and such
"salary shall be in lieu of all fees perquisites and other emoluments what-
"soever."
"The Officer of Health so to be appointed shall be a duly qualified Duties of Health
Officer.
"Medical Practitioner and be subject to approval by the Governor with
"the advice of the Executive Council and he shall perform the following
"duties within the Municipality for which he shall be appointed that is to
"say he shall ascertain the existence and character of diseases especially
"those deemed epidemic or contagious and point out any nuisances or
"other local causes tending to produce aggravate or continue such diseases
"or otherwise injure the health of the inhabitants and devise and recom-
"mend to the Council of such Municipality from time to time the best
"means of preventing the spread of such diseases and also the best means
"of ventilating schools lodging houses and public buildings within the same
"and

- “ and shall perform any other duties of a like nature required of him and
“ once in every quarter or oftener if required by the said Council shall
“ report to such Council on the state of health generally in such Municipi-
“ pality as indicated by the presence or absence of such diseases and on the
“ means adopted or in progress to prevent as far as may be their recurrence.”
- Page 32, clause 156, line 32. *Before* “ Gazette ” insert “ Government ”
“ clause 157, line 36. *Before* “ Gazette ” insert “ Government ”
- Page 33, clause 160, line 17. *Before* “ Gazette ” insert “ Government ”
“ ” line 18. *Before* “ Gazette ” insert “ Government ”
“ clause 161, line 27. *After* “ reserved ” insert “ or vested in Trustees.”
“ ” line 32. *Omit* “ and public ” insert “ all ”
“ ” *After* “ Schools ” insert “ subject to the pro-
“ visions of the Public Schools Act of 1866.”
- Page 34, clause 162, line 17. *After* “ fit ” add “ And also further provided that
“ in Municipalities consisting of two or more wards it shall not be lawful to
“ expend in any ward in improvements the funds raised in another ward
“ without the consent of the Councillors for the ward in which such funds
“ may have been raised ”
“ *After* clause 165 insert the following new clause :—
“ The special and general rates taken together for any Municipality
“ shall not at any one time exceed two shillings in the pound of the
“ assessment of the rateable property and no special rate shall at any time
“ be made so that together with any special rates theretofore made and
“ for the time in force it shall exceed one shilling in the pound of such
“ assessment for the time being.”
- Page 36, clause 173, line 32. *Omit* “ any ” insert “ the Court of Petty Sessions
“ or District Court for the district within which the assessed property
“ shall be situate or in any other ”
- “ 37, clause 180, line 46. *Before* “ Gazette ” insert “ Government ”
“ ” 181, line 57. *Before* “ Gazette ” insert “ Government ”
“ 38, clause 184, line 15. *Before* “ Gazette ” insert “ Government ”

Limitation of
Rates.

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

8. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows :—
(1.) Order No. 2, to stand next after Order No. 8. Mr. Eagar.
(2.) Order No. 3, to stand next after Order No. 2, *as postponed*. Mr. Eagar.
(3.) Order No. 4, to stand next after Order No. 6. Mr. Wilson.
(4.) Order No. 5, to stand next after Order No. 4, *as postponed*. Mr. Isaacs.
9. Necropolis Regulation Bill (Order No. 6) :—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
- The Chairman having reported that the Committee had disagreed to the said Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that report.
10. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 4, further postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until to-morrow.
11. Real Property Act Amendment Bill (Order No. 5) :—Mr. Isaacs moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Motion made by Mr. Hart, and Question put and negatived (after Debate),—That this Debate be now adjourned until Monday next.

Main Question put.

The House divided.

And the Tellers handing in their Lists as follows :—

Ayes, 16.		Noes, 2.
Mr. Martin,	Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Tighe,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Burns,	Mr. J. Stewart,	
Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Josephson,		
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Hannell,	
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. De Salis.	

And it appearing from the said Lists that there was not a Quorum present,—
The Speaker adjourned the House, at seventeen minutes before Nine o'clock,
until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19.

Questions :—

1. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) During what hours, and on what days, are Clerks of Petty Sessions required to attend to the duties of their offices at the respective Court-houses of the Colony?
(2.) Are Clerks of Petty Sessions allowed to absent themselves from duty without permission?
2. MR. EGAN *to ask* THE PREMIER,—Whether the Government intend to cause the children in the country districts, attending schools, to be entertained on some given day after the arrival of the Duke of Edinburgh in Sydney, or is the entertainment to be exclusively for the City?
3. MR. J. STEWART *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
(1.) If Mr. Attorney General Hargrave was ever required to give his opinion whether the Terragong Swamp could be lawfully dedicated as a Common for the inhabitants of Kiama?
(2.) If so, what was his opinion?
(3.) Was Mr. Attorney General Darvall of the same opinion?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN *to move* for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law relating to Preferable Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Bill ; second reading.
2. Gates on Public Roads Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message of 17th December, relative to the Amendments made in this Bill.
3. Municipalities Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
6. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill ; third reading.
7. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
8. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LLOYD *to move*, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.
2. MR. LEE *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
(1.) A list of land claims taken for Railway purposes settled by arbitration since 1st April, 1859, to this date.
(2.) Names of claimants.
(3.) Amount claimed.
(4.) Amount offered by the Government.
(5.) Amount awarded by arbitration in each case.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Questions :—

1. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether he will lay on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the amounts of the receipts during the last week, from each of the railway trains which arrive in Sydney at 8.40, 9.34, 12.5, 12.55, 2.25, 3.47, 4.25, 6.29, 7.52, and 9.15 ; also, those which leave Sydney at 8.35, 10.15, 12, 1.15, 2, 3, 4, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, 7, and 10?
2. MR. WINDEYER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) By whose authority were the proprietors of the horse and cattle ferry, running between Milsom's Point and the Circular Quay, allowed to form a landing place near the Government Boat-sheds?
(2.) Is anything paid to the Government for the exercise of such right of landing?
(3.) Are the proprietors of the said ferry, in consideration of their having such right of landing, bound by the Government to the observance of any conditions insuring in any way the accommodation of the public?
(4.) Are the Government aware that much inconvenience is caused to the public by the steam-ferry there plying being often taken off for other purposes?
(5.) As there is no public ferry across the Harbour between the City and the North Shore, will the Government consider the propriety of leasing the said landing place on conditions ensuring the convenience of the public, or the propriety of establishing a public steam-ferry?

OTHER

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 - (1.) That the dedication or alienation of Crown Lands otherwise than in accordance with law is detrimental to the public interests and subversive of all faith in the Government.
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is not lawful to dedicate any portion of the Crown Lands for an Episcopal residence.
 - (3.) That the dedication of 13 acres and 23 perches of Crown Land near Goulburn, for an Episcopal residence, ought to be revoked.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. OATLEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Council of Education and the Head of the Roman Catholic Church, relating to charges made by His Grace Archbishop Polding, and the Very Rev. Mr. Sheehy, against certain Public School Inspectors, and to the alleged misconduct of Inspectors at the Roman Catholic School, Pitt-street South.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Clerks of Petty Sessions:—Mr. Garrett asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) During what hours, and on what days, are Clerks of Petty Sessions required to attend to the duties of their offices at the respective Court-houses of the Colony?

(2.) Are Clerks of Petty Sessions allowed to absent themselves from duty without permission?

Mr. Martin answered,—

(1.) Clerks of Petty Sessions are required to attend to the duties of their respective offices, at the respective Court-houses of the Colony, on all days other than holidays and Sundays, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

(2.) Clerks of Petty Sessions are not allowed to absent themselves from duty without permission.

Mr. Egan not asking the Question No. 2, it dropped.

- (2.) Terragong Swamp, Kiama:—Mr. J. Stewart asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) If Mr. Attorney General Hargrave was ever required to give his opinion whether the Terragong Swamp could be lawfully dedicated as a Common for the inhabitants of Kiama?

(2.) If so, what was his opinion?

(3.) Was Mr. Attorney General Darvall of the same opinion?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The opinion of Mr. Attorney General Hargrave was not taken as to whether these lands could be dedicated as a Common, but generally as to their position, and whether they might be sold as Crown Lands.

(2.) His opinion was that they could be sold as waste lands of the Crown.

(3.) Mr. Darvall's opinion was of similar purport; and he states that he sees no objection to the swamp being treated as any other Crown Land.

2. Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Water Right, Burrangong Gold Fields—M^cGrain and Party, and Deering,"—made by this House, on motion of Mr. Thornton, on 12th November, 1867.

3. Necropolis Regulation Bill:—Mr. Wilson moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 12th December, 1867, requesting its concurrence in certain Amendments made by the Council in the Necropolis Regulation Bill,—

Disagrees from the Amendment which proposes to add a Proviso at the end of clause 7,—Because it would unnecessarily interfere with the custom of the Masonic and some other bodies, who perform ceremonies at the burial of members of their respective orders in addition to the religious rites of the persuasions to which such members belong.

Disagrees from the Amendment which proposes to add the following words at the end of Schedule A,—“and any other denomination approved by the Governor and Executive Council,”—Because the land is already divided, as shewn in the Schedule.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1867.*

Question put and passed.

Speaker.

4. Messages from the Governor :—The undermentioned Messages from his Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Eagar, and read by the Speaker :—

(1.) Vote of Credit :—

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony, from the 1st January, to the 30th April, in the year 1868, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1867.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th December, 1867.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Eagar, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

(2.) Treasury Bills :—

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

With reference to Message, No. 16, dated 9th instant, wherein it was recommended that an amount of money, not exceeding Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds, for the payment of services already sanctioned by the Legislature should be provided, by the issue of Treasury Bills ;—the Governor now submits for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, and recommends that a further amount of money not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds, for the like services, should also be provided,—in a similar manner, namely :—by the issue of New South Wales Treasury Bills.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th December, 1867.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Eagar, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Ways and Means.

5. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Lee presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of West Maitland and its environs, against the passing of the said Bill. Petition received.
6. Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep Law Amendment Bill (“*Formal*” Motion) :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Law relating to Preferable Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep. Question put and passed.
7. Railway Land Claims settled by Arbitration :—
- (1.) (“*Formal*” Motion) :—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
- (1.) A list of land claims taken for Railway purposes settled by arbitration since 1st April, 1859, to this date.
 - (2.) Names of claimants.
 - (3.) Amount claimed.
 - (4.) Amount offered by the Government.
 - (5.) Amount awarded by arbitration in each case.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Paper :—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Return to Address, in reference to “*Railway Land Claims settled by Arbitration*,” adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Lee this day (*see preceding Entry*).
Ordered to be printed.
8. Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep Law Amendment Bill :—Mr. Martin having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Preferable Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep*,”—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.
9. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Wilson, as follows :—
- (1.) Order No. 1, to stand next after Order No. 3.
 - (2.) Order No. 2, to stand next after Order No. 1, *as postponed*.
10. Municipalities Bill (Order No. 3) :—On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to some and disagreed to others of the said Amendments,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Report be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Bill (*postponed* Order No. 1) :—Mr. Wilson moved, “*That*” this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. Hart moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Monday week."

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Original Question then put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Parnell,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Penell,	
Mr. Dodds,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. S. Brown.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Burns,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Morrice,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Hart.

Bill then read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with certain Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

12. Gates on Public Roads Bill (*postponed* Order No. 2):—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message of 17th December, relative to the Amendments made in this Bill.

The Chairman reported as follows:—

The Committee insists upon its disagreements to the Council's Amendments made in this Bill in clauses 1, 2, and 4, and also upon the Assembly's Amendments to the Proviso proposed by the Council to be added to clause 2.

Mr. Wilson then moved, That this report be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

13. Municipalities Bill:—Mr. Parkes moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 18th December, 1867, requesting its concurrence in certain Amendments made by the Council in the Municipalities Bill,—

Disagrees from the Amendment which proposes to add two new clauses, to the following effect, after clause 147—"A Health Officer shall be appointed in certain Boroughs," and "Duties of Health Officer,"—Because the advantages to be obtained from the appointment of any such officer would not be commensurate with the cost of such appointment, which cost must necessarily diminish the Municipal Revenue for other useful purposes, and because the power is given in other provisions to adopt necessary measures for the preservation of the public health.

Disagrees from the Amendment which proposes to add a further Proviso at the end of clause 162,—Because any such provision would impair the action of Municipalities for general municipal purposes, and would render it impossible to carry out, in particular localities, important improvements for the general benefit; and because it would in effect be prejudicial to the public interest by converting the wards of a Municipality into separate municipal bodies.

And agrees to all the other Amendments made by the Council in the Bill.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

14. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, until to-morrow:—

(1.) Order No. 4. Mr. Martin.

(2.) Order No. 5. Mr. Eagar.

15. Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill (Order No. 6):—Mr. Parkes moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. J. Stewart moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day six months."

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Dodds,	
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Walker.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Hart,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Driver,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. R. Stewart.

Original Question then put and passed.

And Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Parkes, *passed.*

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Military Contribution Act of 1865.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Military Contribution Act of 1865,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th December, 1867.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at half-past Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20.

Questions:—

1. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether he will lay on the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the amounts of the receipts during the last week, from each of the railway trains which arrive in Sydney at 8.40, 9.34, 12.5, 12.55, 2.25, 3.47, 4.25, 6.29, 7.52, and 9.15; also, those which leave Sydney at 8.35, 10.15, 12, 1.15, 2, 3, 4, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, 7, and 10?
2. MR. WINDEYER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) By whose authority were the proprietors of the horse and cattle ferry, running between Milsom's Point and the Circular Quay, allowed to form a landing place near the Government Boat-sheds?
 - (2.) Is anything paid to the Government for the exercise of such right of landing?
 - (3.) Are the proprietors of the said ferry, in consideration of their having such right of landing, bound by the Government to the observance of any conditions insuring in any way the accommodation of the public?
 - (4.) Are the Government aware that much inconvenience is caused to the public by the steam-ferry there plying being often taken off for other purposes?
 - (5.) As there is no public ferry across the Harbour between the City and the North Shore, will the Government consider the propriety of leasing the said landing place on conditions ensuring the convenience of the public, or the propriety of establishing a public steam-ferry?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2); debate on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. J. STEWART to move,—
 - (1.) That the dedication or alienation of Crown Lands otherwise than in accordance with law is detrimental to the public interests and subversive of all faith in the Government.
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is not lawful to dedicate any portion of the Crown Lands for an Episcopal residence.
 - (3.) That the dedication of 13 acres and 23 perches of Crown Land near Goulburn, for an Episcopal residence, ought to be revoked.
2. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That this House will, on Tuesday, the 24th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £1000, as a final compensation to E. H. Hargraves, Esq., for the discovery of Gold in New South Wales, in 1851, and its subsequent development.
3. MR. LEE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 19th December, from certain inhabitants of West Maitland, against the passing of the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
4. MR. TIGHE to move,—
 - (1.) That the Petition presented by him, and ordered to be printed on 6th December, relating to a selection of land at Lake Macquarie, made by Mr. John Burnley, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Burns, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hannell, Mr. Neale, Mr. Oatley, Mr. Tunks, Mr. J. Stewart, and the Mover.
5. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency Sir John Young, on his departure from the Colony.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Samuel, Dr. Lang, and the Mover.
2. MR. ISAACS to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Real Property Act Amendment Bill, which lapsed on the 18th December by the House being counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 8th January, 1868.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Bill ; third reading.
2. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
5. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. OATLEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Council of Education and the Head of the Roman Catholic Church, relating to charges made by His Grace Archbishop Polding, and the Very Rev. Mr. Sheehy, against certain Public School Inspectors, and to the alleged misconduct of Inspectors at the Roman Catholic School, Pitt-street South.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1868.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Robbery with Arms Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1867.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Mr. Lucas not asking the Question No. 1, it dropped.

- (1.) Horse and Cattle Ferry between Milsom's Point and Circular Quay:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. Windeyer*, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) By whose authority were the proprietors of the horse and cattle ferry, running between Milsom's Point and the Circular Quay, allowed to form a landing place near the Government Boat-sheds?

(2.) Is anything paid to the Government for the exercise of such right of landing?

(3.) Are the proprietors of the said ferry, in consideration of their having such right of landing, bound by the Government to the observance of any conditions insuring in any way the accommodation of the public?

(4.) Are the Government aware that much inconvenience is caused to the public by the steam-ferry there plying being often taken off for other purposes?

(5.) As there is no public ferry across the Harbour between the City and the North Shore, will the Government consider the propriety of leasing the said landing place on conditions ensuring the convenience of the public, or the propriety of establishing a public steam-ferry?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) By the authority of the Government.

(2.) No. The landing is effected on that portion of the Quay which is set apart as a general landing place for all harbour steamers free of charge.

(3.) No. The proprietors of the ferry are only bound to the same observances as are exacted from the proprietors of other steamboats which make use of the wharf.

(4.) No complaints have been received on the subject.

(5.) The landing-stage is private property, and, therefore, the Government could scarcely interfere otherwise than to compel the proprietors to remove it altogether. Such a course it is considered, under present circumstances, would be a great public inconvenience. The policy of the Government with reference to the steam-ferries in Port Jackson is to avoid unnecessary interference, and to give every facility to public competition.

2. Special Adjournment:—*Mr. Martin* (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn to Wednesday, the 8th of January next.

Question put and passed.

3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. Lee*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by *Mr. Lee* on the 19th December, from certain inhabitants of West Maitland, against the passing of the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

4. *Mr. John Burnley* ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. Tighe* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Petition presented by him, and ordered to be printed on 6th December, relating to a selection of land at Lake Macquarie, made by *Mr. John Burnley*, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—*Mr. Burns*, *Mr. Cunneen*, *Mr. De Salis*, *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Hannell*, *Mr. Neale*, *Mr. Oatley*, *Mr. Tunks*, *Mr. J. Stewart*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

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5. Motion Withdrawn:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Lloyd*, withdrew the Motion No. 5 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
6. District Courts Act Further Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of *Mr. Burns*.
Bill then discharged, on motion of *Mr. Burns*.
7. Common Carriers Bill (No. 2):—The Order of the Day for the Debate on the motion of *Mr. Windeyer*, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—discharged, on motion of *Mr. Martin*.
Bill then discharged, on motion of *Mr. Martin*.
8. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 3 of Other Business postponed, on motion of *Mr. Garrett*, until Wednesday, the 8th January.
9. Electoral Representation Amendment Bill:—Debate resumed on the motion,—That this Bill be now read a second time.
Motion made by *Mr. Walker*, and Question put (after Debate), That this Debate be now adjourned until Wednesday, the 8th of January.
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. White,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Macleay,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Robertson,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Pemell,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. Terry.
Mr. Lord,	

Debate on Main Question continued.
Main Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. E. Stewart,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Terry,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Egan.
Mr. Pemell,	
Mr. Josephson,	
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Garrett,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. White,	Mr. Tighe.
Mr. Gordon,	

10. Special Dedication or Alienation of Crown Lands:—*Mr. J. Stewart* moved, pursuant to Notice, *as amended with the concurrence of the House*,—
(1.) That the dedication or alienation of Crown Lands otherwise than in accordance with law is detrimental to the public interests and subversive of all faith in the Government.
(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is not lawful to dedicate any portion of the Crown Lands for an Episcopal residence.
Debate on this Question postponed, on motion of *Mr. Samuel*, until Thursday, the 9th January.
11. Postponement:—*Mr. Cunneen* postponed the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until the 8th January.
12. Valedictory Address to his Excellency Sir John Young:—*Mr. Martin* moved, pursuant to Notice, and *Mr. Robertson* seconded the motion,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Excellency Sir John Young, on his departure from the Colony.
(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Parkes*, *Mr. Robertson*, *Mr. Phelps*, *Mr. Samuel*, *Dr. Lang*, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
And the Committee withdrew to prepare the Address.
Mr. Martin having brought up the Address prepared by the Committee, the same was read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows:—

" To His Excellency the Right Honorable SIR JOHN YOUNG, Baronet, Knight
" Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross
" of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Captain
" General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales, and
" Vice-Admiral of the same.

" We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in
" Parliament assembled, desire, on the eve of your Excellency's departure from
" this Colony, to give expression to our deep sense of the courtesy and considera-
" tion by which your intercourse with us has been at all times marked.

" We attribute the fact, that no circumstance has occurred, during your
" Excellency's administration, to interrupt the cordial feeling which has from the
" first subsisted between your Excellency and us, to your Excellency's desire to
" be guided by strictly constitutional principles.

" In

" In bidding your Excellency farewell, we beg you to believe that you carry with you our entire good wishes for your Excellency's welfare; and we venture to express the hope that our Most Gracious Sovereign will continue to repose in you that confidence to which, apart from what you may have done elsewhere, your public services in this Colony have entitled you."

Mr. Martin then moved, and Mr. Robertson seconded the motion,—That the Address, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted, and be presented by the Speaker to His Excellency the Governor.

Question put and passed.

13. Real Property Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Isaacs moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Real Property Act Amendment Bill, which lapsed on the 18th December by the House being counted out, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 8th January.

Question put and passed.

14. Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Bill, on motion of Mr. Wilson, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wilson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Act known as the Old Botany Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act 18 Victoria No. 14.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Wilson moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Act known as the Old Botany Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act 18 Victoria No. 14,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th December, 1867.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

15. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, until Wednesday, the 8th January:—

(1.) Order No. 2. Mr. Martin.

(2.) Orders Nos. 3, 4, and 5. Mr. Eagar.

16. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate Oyster Fisheries and to encourage the formation of Oyster beds,*" with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20 December, 1867.*

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

OYSTER FISHERIES PROTECTION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate Oyster Fisheries and to encourage the formation of Oyster beds," returned to the Legislative Assembly, with Message of 20th December, 1867.

R. O'CONNOR,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 7, line 47. Omit "five" insert "ten"
" clause 8. Omit clause 8.

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday, the 8th January.

(2.) St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other Public purposes,*" with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20 December, 1867.*

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

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ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL CLOSE BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other Public purposes," returned to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 20th December, 1867.

R. O'CONNOR,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, preamble, line 18. *Omit "and be" insert "and a portion thereof dedicated to the enlargement of George-street and another portion thereof to the connection of the several parts of Clarence-street on either side thereof and the residue thereof"*

Page 2, clause 2, line 17. *After "Sydney" insert "that part of"*

" " line 19. *After "Sydney" insert "which is described in the first Schedule hereto and in like manner to grant to the Bishop of Sydney and his successors in trust for the purposes of the Cathedral the land described in the second Schedule to this Act"*

" clause 2, line 21. *After "residue" insert "subject to the provisions hereinafter contained"*

" clause 4, line 40. *After "said" insert "subject to the provisions herein after contained"*

After clause 4 insert the following new clauses:—

Enlargement of
George-street.

" 5. The said Municipal Council shall be bound to enlarge George-street on its western side along the entire length of the lands so granted respectively and thence to Bathurst-street to the satisfaction of the Minister for Lands."

Continuation of
Clarence-street.

" 6. The said Municipal Council shall be at liberty to continue and connect the several parts of Clarence-street on either side of the said Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close and shall when such street shall be so continued and connected be entitled to sell and convey so much of the land to be so granted to the Municipal Council as lies to the west of the line of Clarence-street as so continued and connected."

After Clause 7 insert the following Schedules:—

FIRST SCHEDULE.

"All that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement one acre three roods and thirty-eight perches situate in the parish of Saint Andrew City of Sydney County of Cumberland and Colony of New South Wales commencing at the intersection of the south building alignment of Druitt-street with the west building alignment of George-street and bounded thence on the east by the western building alignment of George-street being a line bearing south three degrees east two hundred and fifty-one feet thence on the south by a line bearing south eighty-four degrees ten minutes west two hundred and sixty-four feet thence again on the east by a line bearing south fifteen degrees east sixty-two feet thence again on the south by part of the northern boundary of allotment number nine granted for a Presbyterian Church being a line bearing south eighty-three degrees forty-five minutes west one hundred and two feet thence on the west by a line bearing north twelve degrees west one hundred and forty feet six inches forming the eastern boundary of allotment number nine aforesaid and of allotments numbers eight seven six five four and three to the southern building line of Druitt-street and thence on the north by that building line being a line bearing north eighty-two degrees forty minutes east three hundred and thirty-four feet to point of commencement."

SECOND SCHEDULE.

"All that piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement one rood and seventeen and a half perches situate in the parish of Saint Andrew City of Sydney County of Cumberland and Colony of New South Wales commencing at a point on the west building alignment of George-street bearing north three degrees west from the intersection of the south building alignment of Druitt-street with the west building alignment of George-street and distant two hundred and fifty-one feet from that point and bounded thence on the east by a line bearing south three degrees east sixty feet thence on the south by a line bearing south eighty-three degrees forty-five minutes east two hundred and fifty-one feet thence on the west by a line bearing north fifteen degrees west sixty-two feet and thence on the north by a line bearing north eighty-four degrees ten minutes east two hundred and sixty-four feet to the point of commencement."

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lucas, That the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday, the 10th January.

(3.) Western Kerosene Oil Company's Incorporation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to incorporate the 'Western Kerosene Oil Company Limited' and to enable the said Company better to carry on and transact the business of the same,*" presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a Copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a Copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20 December, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Tighe, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, the 8th January.

(4.) Municipalities Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 19th December, 1867, disagreeing to the Amendment which proposes to insert two new clauses to follow after clause 147, and to the Amendment which proposes to add a further Proviso at the end of clause 162, but agreeing to all the other Amendments made by the Council in the Municipalities Bill, does not insist upon its said Amendments so disagreed to.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20 December, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

(5.) Necropolis Regulation Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 19th December, 1867, disagreeing to the Amendments made by the Council in the Necropolis Regulation Bill, does not insist upon its said Amendments so disagreed to.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20 December, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

(6.) Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned' and to repeal an Act assented to on the sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six intituled 'An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned,'*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20 December, 1867.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes before Six o'clock, until *Wednesday, the 8th January, 1868*, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1868.

Questions :—

1. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Land Agent at Shoalhaven, Mr. W. Lovegrove, has selected land at or adjoining Brundee Swamp in his own name or his children's?
- (2.) What is the quantity selected?
- (3.) If in his children's names, how is the residence clause being carried out?
- (4.) Have the Government entered into any arrangement with the selector or selectors, or W. Lovegrove, in regard to improving the said swamp land so selected?
- (5.) Does the Government consider it consistent with the duties and position of a Land Agent, to permit him to act in this matter in the way stated?
- (6.) Will the Government state the names of all parties who have selected on the said Brundee Swamp; the area selected by each; if any of the said selections have been transferred; to whom, and when?

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2. MR. EGAN to ask THE PREMIER,—Whether the Government intend to cause the children in the country districts, attending schools, to be entertained on some given day after the arrival of the Duke of Edinburgh in Sydney, or is the entertainment to be exclusively for the City?
3. MR. TERRY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Was there a vote of £10,000 passed in April, 1866, for the purpose of providing Railway waggons for the Government Railways?
 - (2.) Were these waggons, or any part thereof, ordered from England in compliance with the above vote?
 - (3.) The date upon which the order for these waggons, or any part thereof, was sent.
 - (4.) Were any part of the waggons ordered in the colony; the date of such order; and when completed?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
6. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
7. Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £1000, as a final compensation to E. H. Hargraves, Esq., for the discovery of Gold in New South Wales, in 1851, and its subsequent development.
2. MR. OATLEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Council of Education and the Head of the Roman Catholic Church, relating to charges made by His Grace Archbishop Polding, and the Very Rev. Mr. Sheehy, against certain Public School Inspectors, and to the alleged misconduct of Inspectors at the Roman Catholic School, Pitt-street South.
3. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. Western Kerosene Oil Company's Incorporation Bill; second reading.
3. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Special dedication or alienation of Crown Lands; Debate on the motion of Mr. J. Stewart,—
 - (1.) That the dedication or alienation of Crown Lands otherwise than in accordance with law is detrimental to the public interests and subversive of all faith in the Government.
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is not lawful to dedicate any portion of the Crown Lands for an Episcopal residence.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 JANUARY, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Land Selected on Brundee Swamp—Mr. W. Lovegrove, Land Agent, Shoal-

haven:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
(1.) Is it true that the Land Agent at Shoalhaven, Mr. W. Lovegrove, has selected land at or adjoining Brundee Swamp in his own name or his children's?

(2.) What is the quantity selected?

(3.) If in his children's names, how is the residence clause being carried out?

(4.) Have the Government entered into any arrangement with the selector or selectors, or W. Lovegrove, in regard to improving the said swamp land so selected?

(5.) Does the Government consider it consistent with the duties and position of a Land Agent, to permit him to act in this matter in the way stated?

(6.) Will the Government state the names of all parties who have selected on the said Brundee Swamp; the area selected by each; if any of the said selections have been transferred; to whom, and when?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1, 2, 3, and 4.) No.

(5.) Instructions have been issued by Government, that Land Agents are not allowed to purchase land; but in one or two special cases permission has been asked and granted.

(6.) The only selection made in this locality is sixty-six acres, by John Lamond, of which no transfer has been made.

- (2.) School Children proposed to be entertained in honor of the arrival of the Duke of Edinburgh:—Mr. Egan asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether the Government intend to cause the children in the country districts, attending schools, to be entertained on some given day after the arrival of the Duke of Edinburgh in Sydney, or is the entertainment to be exclusively for the City?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The school children in the Public and Denominational Schools within the Sydney district will be invited to form part of the procession or assemblage that may be formed for the reception of Prince Alfred; but as it would be impracticable to bring the children from the country districts to form part of this public reception, I believe that whatever entertainment is given will be confined to children who will be thus invited, and who will thus form part of this public reception.

Mr. Terry not asking the Question No. 3 it dropped.

2. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill:—Mr. Forster presented, respectively, the undermentioned Petitions against the passing of the 19th Section of the said Act:—

(1.) From certain residents on the banks of the Macleay River in the vicinity of Warneton.

(2.) From John Warne, of Warneton, Macleay River, in the Colony of New South Wales, grazier, storekeeper, farmer, and proprietor of a slaughtering establishment.

Petitions received.

3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Egan presented a Petition from certain residents of Cooma and its vicinity, District of Monaro, against the passing of the said Bill.

And the same having been read at length by the Clerk by direction of the Speaker,—

Mr. Egan moved, That the said Petition be received.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4.

4. Valedictory Address to His Excellency Sir John Young:—The Speaker reported that he had presented to the late Governor, Sir John Young, at Government House, on the day of his departure from the Colony, the Valedictory Address voted to His Excellency by this House on its last day of meeting, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply thereto:—

“ MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

“ I feel gratified by the testimony you have put on record in favour of my demeanour towards you, and of the constitutional principles by which I have been guided.

“ I offer you many thanks in return for your good wishes, and earnestly hope that your councils may, under the Divine guidance, establish upon sure foundations the happiness and prosperity of those whom you represent.

“ JOHN YOUNG.

“ *Government House,
Sydney, 24th December, 1867.*”

5. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 1 and 2 of Government Business, postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Monday next.

6. Supply:—On the Order of the Day (No. 3 of Government Business) for the resumption of the Committee of Supply being read,—Mr. Eager moved, “That” the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Samuel moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words thereof after the word “That,” with a view to inserting in their place the words “this House declines to go into Committee of Supply until more fully informed how the Government proposes to provide the Ways and Means to meet the “Estimated Expenditure.”

Debate ensued.

Motion made by Mr. Driver, and Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week,—put and negatived (after Debate).

Main Question stated.

Debate continued.

Motion made by Mr. Garrett, and Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived (after Debate).

Main Question stated.

Debate continued.

Motion made by Mr. Robertson, and Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Josephson,	
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Forster,	

Noes, 24.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. McKay,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Pemell,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. J. Suttor,	Mr. Byrnes,
Dr. Lang,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Oatley.
Mr. Dodds,	

Main Question stated.

Debate continued.

Motion made by Mr. Hurley, and Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived (after Debate).

Main Question stated.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

The Chairman reported that the following Question of Order had arisen in the Committee, and been referred for decision to the House, viz.:—Whether it be competent for this Committee,—having entered on consideration of the Supplementary Estimates, and having agreed to one item,—to proceed, before disposing of the remaining items on the Supplementary Estimates, to the consideration of the Question of Expenditure submitted by the Governor’s Message No. 21, which recommends a Vote of Credit. (*See Votes and Proceedings, No. 98, Entry 4.*)

The Speaker ruled in the affirmative.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty-seven minutes before Twelve o’clock, until To-morrow, at Three o’clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9.

Questions :—

1. **MR. NEALE** to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government immediately to re-appoint the Water Commission, in order that they may complete their investigations respecting the best means of securing a reliable and plentiful supply of pure water to the city and suburbs of Sydney?
2. **MR. FARNELL** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the alignment of the streets in the Municipality of Albury be proclaimed?
3. **MR. FARNELL** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether he is aware that the approaches to the Albury Bridge, on the Victoria side of the river, have been destroyed by floods, and that all applications to the proper authorities in Victoria to repair the damage have failed; and that the public of the Border Districts have been compelled to make temporary repairs at their own cost to keep the traffic open?
 - (2.) Whether the Minister is aware that, unless permanent repairs are immediately commenced, there will be no time to effect the same before the rising of the river next winter?
 - (3.) Whether, under these circumstances, it is the intention of the Government to pay over to the Government of Victoria the usual moiety of the Bridge Tolls collected at Albury?
 - (4.) Relative to the former portion of the question, will the Government have any objection to communicate at once with the Victorian Government, with the view of having all damages to the Albury Bridge repaired, and the traffic across the Border resumed as early as possible?
4. **DR. LANG** to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates for the present, or on the Supplementary Estimate for the past year, any sum of money as a gratuity to the widow of the late Mr. Grenfell, who was shot by an armed bushranger when in the heroic discharge of his duty as an officer of the Government of this Colony?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. **MR. EAGAR** to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act to provide for the General Regulation of the Customs in New South Wales as to the time allowed for entering goods.
2. **MR. EAGAR** to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the service of the year 1868, and will also admit of the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which the said Resolutions shall be come to by the said Committees respectively.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. **MR. FORSTER** to move, That the two petitions presented by him on 8th January, from Mr. J. Warne, and from certain residents on the Macleay River, respectively, against the Slaughter-House Regulation Laws Amendment Bill, be printed.
2. **MR. EGAN** to move, That the petition presented by him on the 8th January, from the inhabitants of Cooma, and the residents of the surrounding district of Monaro, against the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
3. **MR. CUNNEEN** to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £1000, as a final compensation to E. H. Hargraves, Esq., for the discovery of Gold in New South Wales, in 1851, and its subsequent development.
4. **MR. OATLEY** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Council of Education and the Head of the Roman Catholic Church, relating to charges made by His Grace Archbishop Polding, and the Very Rev. Mr. Sheehy, against certain Public School Inspectors, and to the alleged misconduct of Inspectors at the Roman Catholic School, Pitt-street South.
5. **MR. LLOYD** to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.

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 - (1.) That the dedication or alienation of Crown Lands otherwise than in accordance with law is detrimental to the public interests and subversive of all faith in the Government.
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is not lawful to dedicate any portion of the Crown Lands for an Episcopal residence.
 2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
 3. Western Kerosene Oil Company's Incorporation Bill ; second reading.
 4. Robbery with Arms Bill ; second reading.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LORD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence between certain parties at Bourke, and in the Warrego District, and the Attorney General, relative to charges made by them against Mr. Garrett, P.M., at Bourke.
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MONDAY, JANUARY 13.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
 2. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 JANUARY, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Water Supply for Sydney and Suburbs:—Mr. Neale asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government immediately to re-appoint the Water Commission, in order that they may complete their investigations respecting the best means of securing a reliable and plentiful supply of pure water to the city and suburbs of Sydney?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Commission appointing certain gentlemen to inquire into the Water Supply for the City of Sydney expired about the end of last year. A letter from the Commissioners advised that the Commission should be re-appointed, stating that it was very desirable the inquiry should be conducted to a much greater extent, and the Commission has been re-appointed for a period of six months.

(2.) Alignment of Streets, Municipality of Albury:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When will the alignment of the streets in the Municipality of Albury be proclaimed?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The alignment of the Town of Albury coming under the provisions of the Act 19th Vic., No. 10, no proclamation is necessary. The Surveyor has been instructed to mark the position of the posts and point them out to the Municipal authorities.

(3.) Albury Bridge:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Whether he is aware that the approaches to the Albury Bridge, on the Victoria side of the river, have been destroyed by floods, and that all applications to the proper authorities in Victoria to repair the damage have failed; and that the public of the Border Districts have been compelled to make temporary repairs at their own cost to keep the traffic open?

(2.) Whether the Minister is aware that, unless permanent repairs are immediately commenced, there will be no time to effect the same before the rising of the river next winter?

(3.) Whether, under these circumstances, it is the intention of the Government to pay over to the Government of Victoria the usual moiety of the Bridge Tolls collected at Albury?

(4.) Relative to the former portion of the question, will the Government have any objection to communicate at once with the Victorian Government, with the view of having all damages to the Albury Bridge repaired, and the traffic across the Border resumed as early as possible?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1. and 2.) Yes.

(3.) The Assistant Commissioner for Roads, Melbourne, in reply to a telegram, stated that no objection would be made to an equitable reduction from rent.

(4.) No objection whatever—Steps have already been taken to communicate with the Victorian Government.

(4.) Widow of Mr. Grenfell:—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to place upon the Estimates for the present, or on the Supplementary Estimate for the past year, any sum of money as a gratuity to the widow of the late Mr. Grenfell, who was shot by an armed bushranger when in the heroic discharge of his duty as an officer of the Government of this Colony?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—This case has been under the consideration of the Government, and in view of all the circumstances of the case the Government does not feel that it would be justified in placing upon the Estimates any sum as a gratuity to Mrs. Grenfell.

2. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill :—Mr. Lee presented a Petition from the Municipality of Maitland, under the signature of the Mayor and the Seal of the Corporation, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the better supply of West Maitland with pure and wholesome water, and to enable the Municipal Council thereof to embank and otherwise provide against inundation by flood and for other purposes therein set forth.

And Mr. Lee having produced the *New South Wales Government Gazette*, and *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *Maitland Mercury*, newspapers, containing Notices for four consecutive weeks in the month of December last, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—

Petition received.

3. Assent to Bills, viz. :—Railway Loan—Sale of Improved Lands—Necropolis Regulation—Municipalities—Supply of Intoxicating Liquors to Aborigines—Vines and Grapes Importation Prohibition—Arbitrations Facilitation—Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Incorporation Act Amendment—Hartley Vale Colliery Railway. The following Messages from His Excellency the late Governor (Sir John Young) were delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker :—

(1.)

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan of One Million Pounds towards the completion of the Railway Lines already sanctioned,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1867.

(2.)

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message No. 24.

A Bill intituled,—

1st. "*An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Improved Lands,*"

2nd. "*An Act to regulate the Necropolis,*"

3rd. "*An Act to establish Municipalities,*"

as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bills, and has this day transmitted them to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1867.

(3.)

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message No. 25.

A Bill intituled,—

1st. "*An Act to prohibit the supply of Intoxicating Liquors to the Aboriginal Natives of New South Wales,*"

2nd. "*An Act to prohibit the Importation of Grape-vines Grape-vine Cuttings and Grapes,*"

3rd. "*An Act to make Arbitrations more effectual,*"—

as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bills, and has this day transmitted them to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1867.

(4.)

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned' and to repeal an Act assented to on the sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six intituled 'An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Banking Company called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned,'*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented

presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1867.*

(5.)

JOHN YOUNG,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to enable James Brown Alexander Brown and Stephen Foyle to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to and to connect the same with the Great Northern Railway,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 23rd December, 1867.*

4. Assumption of the Administration of the Government by the Right Honorable the Earl of Belmore:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor (the Right Honorable the Earl of Belmore) was delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

The Earl of Belmore has the honor to inform the Legislative Assembly that Her Majesty, by a Commission bearing date at Westminster, the nineteenth day of August last, has appointed him Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales, and that, in virtue of such Commission, he has assumed the Government of the Colony accordingly.

*Government House,
Sydney, 9th January, 1868.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Martin, to be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.

5. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Copy of Commission, dated 19th August, 1867, under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, appointing the Right Honorable the Earl of Belmore to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales.

(2.) Copy of Instructions, dated 19th August, 1867, passed under the Royal Sign Manual and Signet, to the Right Honorable the Earl of Belmore, as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales.

(3.) Return (in part) to Address, in reference to "Letters of Registration of Inventions," adopted by the Legislative Assembly, on motion of Mr. Hart, on 10th May, 1861, A.M.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act, 25 Victoria, No. 1, during the period between 10th December, 1867, and 1st January, 1868.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the said section of the said Act, during the same period.

Ordered to be printed.

6. Widow of Mr. Grenfell:—Dr. Lang presented a Petition from Susan Grenfell, widow of the late John Granville Grenfell, Crown Lands Commissioner, representing that her late husband, while defending Her Majesty's Mails from an attack of armed bushrangers in the interior of this country, was killed by a gunshot wound, whereby she was left with three young children without the means of support; and praying consideration of her case and such redress as to this House may seem just.

Petition received.

7. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Eagar withdrew the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day.

8. Slaughter-House Regulation Laws Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two petitions presented by him on 8th January, from Mr. J. Warne, and from certain residents on the Macleay River, respectively, against the Slaughter-House Regulation Laws Amendment Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

9. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Egan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th January, from the inhabitants of Cooma, and the residents of the surrounding district of Monaro, against the Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

10. Customs General Regulation Act Amendment Bill :—
 (1.) Mr. Eagar moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act to provide for the General Regulation of the Customs in New South Wales as to the time allowed for entering goods.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Eagar having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend 'An Act to provide for the General Regulation of the Customs in New South Wales, as to the time allowed for entering Goods,'"—read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
11. Supply :—The Order of the Day, No. 1 of Government Business, having been read,—
 Mr. Eagar moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair and the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Eagar,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. McKay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Walker.
Mr. J. Suttor,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Morrice,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Josephson,
Mr. S. Brown.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee continued to sit, without reporting, until Three o'clock P.M., on Friday the 10th January, 1868,—at which time the Speaker took the Chair. (See *Votes and Proceedings*, No. 102.)

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to any communications or remonstrances they may have lately received about the site and construction of the Wharf at the foot of Belgrave-street, Kempsey, Macleay River?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to the establishment of a Police Station, or of a Court of Petty Sessions on the Bellinger River?
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 (1.) Have the Government granted, or do they purpose granting, any sum from the public funds towards the erection of the Pavilion, now being put up on Hyde Park; and if so, what sum?
 (2.) In such event, have the Government reserved to themselves any control over the said Pavilion, when finished?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Special dedication or alienation of Crown Lands; Debate on the motion of Mr. J. Stewart,—
 (1.) That the dedication or alienation of Crown Lands otherwise than in accordance with law is detrimental to the public interests and subversive of all faith in the Government.
 (2.) That in the opinion of this House, it is not lawful to dedicate any portion of the Crown Lands for an Episcopal residence.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Western Kerosene Oil Company's Incorporation Bill; second reading.
5. Robbery with Arms Bill; second reading.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. LORD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence between certain parties at Bourke, and in the Warrego District, and the Attorney General, relative to charges made by them against Mr. Garrett, P.M., at Bourke.
2. MR. LEE to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the better supply of West Maitland with pure and wholesome water and to enable the Municipal Council thereof to embank and otherwise provide against inundation by flood and for other purposes therein set forth.
3. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th January, from Mrs. Susan Grenfell, the widow of the late John Granville Grenfell, be printed.
4. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £1000, as a final compensation to E. H. Hargraves, Esq., for the discovery of Gold in New South Wales, in 1851, and its subsequent development.
5. MR. OATLEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Council of Education and the Head of the Roman Catholic Church, relating to charges made by His Grace Archbishop Polding, and the Very Rev. Mr. Sheehy, against certain Public School Inspectors, and to the alleged misconduct of Inspectors at the Roman Catholic School, Pitt-street South.
6. MR. LLOYD to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, all Correspondence and Documents relative to the cancellation of the conditional purchase of John Carter, upon Maule's Creek, Namoi River.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. EAGAR to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the service of the year 1868, and will also admit of the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which the said Resolutions shall be come to by the said Committees respectively.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Assumption of the Administration of the Government by the Right Honorable the Earl of Belmore ; consideration of His Excellency's Message No. 1.
2. Customs General Regulation Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
4. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
5. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
6. Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

 MONDAY, JANUARY 13.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

 FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 10 JANUARY, 1868.

1. The Speaker, pursuant to Sessional and Standing Orders of the House, took the Chair at Three o'clock, P.M., (the House being still in Committee of Supply).
(See last entry in Votes and Proceedings, No. 101).
Questions on Notice Paper for to-day withdrawn, as follows:—
Nos. 1 and 2, by Mr. Forster.
No. 3, by Mr. S. Brown, on behalf of Mr. Egan.
2. Messages from Legislative Council:—The Speaker reported the undermentioned Messages from the Legislative Council:—
 - (1.) Treatment of Insane Persons Law Amendment Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law for the care and treatment of the Insane,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, T. A. MURRAY,
Sydney, 10 January, 1868. President.
 - (2.) Military Contribution Act Amendment Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Military Contribution Act of 1865,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without Amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, T. A. MURRAY,
Sydney, 10 January, 1868. President.
3. Mr. Garrett, P.M. for Bourke ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence between certain parties at Bourke, and in the Warrego District, and the Attorney General, relative to charges made by them against Mr. Garrett, P.M. at Bourke.
Question put and passed.
4. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Eagar withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day.
5. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill:—
 - (1.) ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the better supply of West Maitland with pure and wholesome water and to enable the Municipal Council thereof to embank and otherwise provide against inundation by flood and for other purposes therein set forth.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Lee having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony,—Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the better supply of West Maitland with pure and wholesome water and to enable the Municipal Council thereof to embank and otherwise provide against inundation by flood and for other purposes therein set forth,*"—read a first time.
6. Widow of Mr. Grenfell ("*Formal*" Motion):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 9th January, from Mrs. Susan Grenfell, the widow of the late John Granville Grenfell, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

7. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill :—On motion of Mr. Driver, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.
8. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, until Tuesday next.
(1.) Order No. 2. Mr. J. Stewart.
(2.) Order No. 3. Mr. S. Brown.
9. Western Kerosene Oil Company's Incorporation Bill, on motion of Mr. Tighe, read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Tighe, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
10. Robbery with Arms Bill :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. Martin.
Bill then discharged, on motion of Mr. Martin.
11. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Cunneen withdrew the Motion No. 4 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
12. Motions Dropped :—
(1.) Mr. Oatley not making the Motion No. 5 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
(2.) Mr. Lloyd not making the Motion No. 6 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
13. Assumption of the Administration of the Government by the Right Honorable the Earl of Belmore :—Mr. Martin moved, That His Excellency's Message, No. 1, be read.
Question put and passed.
And Message (as recorded in the Votes and Proceedings, No. 101, Entry 4) read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, accordingly.
Mr. Martin then moved, That the following Address, in acknowledgment of His Excellency's Message, be adopted by this House, and presented to His Excellency :—
" To His Excellency the Right Honorable the EARL OF BELMORE, Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council in Ireland, Governor and Commander in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies.
" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—
" We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, in Parliament assembled, " desire to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Message, informing us that " you have assumed the Government of the Colony, in virtue of a Commission " from Her Most Gracious Majesty, appointing you Governor and Commander-in-Chief.
" We beg your Excellency to accept our cordial congratulations on your " assumption of the Government of New South Wales. The choice made by Her " Majesty, in filling the high Office of Her Representative in this Colony, affords " a gratifying evidence that the welfare and best interests of Her Australian " subjects are anxiously considered, and will, we feel assured, tend to strengthen " the loyal attachment of all classes to Her Majesty's Throne and Person."
Question put and passed.
14. Paper :—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to " Government Debentures sold in London in May last," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Thornton, on 27th August, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
15. Adjournment :—Mr. Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present,—the Speaker counted the House, and there being only twelve Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely :—Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Eckford, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hart, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Robertson, Mr. J. Stewart, and Mr. Terry,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty six minutes before Four o'clock, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to any communications or remonstrances they may have lately received about the site and construction of the Wharf at the foot of Belgrave-street, Kempsey, Macleay River?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to the establishment of a Police Station, or of a Court of Petty Sessions on the Bellinger River?
3. MR. EGAN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Have the Government granted, or do they purpose granting, any sum from the public funds towards the erection of the Pavilion, now being put up on Hyde Park; and if so, what sum?
 - (2.) In such event, have the Government reserved to themselves any control over the said Pavilion, when finished?
4. MR. TERRY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Was there a vote of £10,000 passed in April, 1866, for the purpose of providing Railway waggons for the Government Railways?
 - (2.) Were these waggons, or any part thereof, ordered from England, in compliance with the above vote?
 - (3.) The date upon which the order for these waggons, or any part thereof, was sent?
 - (4.) Were any part of the waggons ordered in the Colony; the date of such order; and when completed?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MARTIN *to move*,—That the following shall be a Sessional Order for the remainder of the present Session:—When the debate on any question, including any amendments that may have been moved thereon, and any motions for adjournment or for the determination of any point of order or privilege that may be raised during such debate, shall have continued either in the House or in a Committee of the Whole for a period of two hours from the time of such Question being first stated by the Speaker or the Chairman, any Member may, whether any one is addressing the House or not, require that it be submitted to the House or Committee whether the question shall not be at once put, and the Speaker or Chairman shall thereupon, without debate, put the question "That the question be now put," and if such question be carried, the original question and any amendments moved thereon shall, without further debate, be put in the usual way.
2. MR. EGAN *to move*, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the service of the year 1868, and will also admit of the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which the said Resolutions shall be come to by the said Committees respectively.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Customs General Regulation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
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7. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
8. Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep Law Amendment Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LEE *to move*,—
 - (1.) That the West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Tighe, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. B. Stewart, Mr. Pemell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Burns, and the Mover; with power to send for persons and papers.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. Mr. MACPHERSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to recommend by Message to this House, the permanent appropriation out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the sum of £28,000 annually for defraying the expense of Public Worship.
2. Mr. CUNNEEN to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £1000, as a final compensation to E. H. Hargraves, Esq., for the discovery of Gold in New South Wales, in 1851, and its subsequent development.

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1. Special dedication or alienation of Crown Lands ; Debate on the motion of Mr. J. Stewart,—
 - (1.) That the dedication or alienation of Crown Lands otherwise than in accordance with law is detrimental to the public interests and subversive of all faith in the Government.
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3. Western Kerosene Oil Company's Incorporation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 103.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 13 JANUARY, 1868.

1. The House met, pursuant to adjournment.
Unavoidable absence of the Speaker:—The Clerk informed the House that the Speaker was unavoidably absent in consequence of severe illness, and read the following extract from a note (addressed to himself) which he had just received from Mr. Speaker:—

“ Monday, ¼ to 3.”

“ I find that I shall be prevented by illness from taking the chair to-day.
“ I have waited till the last moment, hoping for an improvement which might enable me to do so, but I am quite unable to leave my bed.”

Whereupon, pursuant to the second Standing Order of the Assembly, Mr. Garrett, the Chairman of Committees, took the Chair of the House for to-day.
2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Interruption.
3. Assumption of the Administration of the Government by the Right Honorable the Earl of Belmore:—Mr. Martin announced that the Governor would be prepared to receive at Government House, at a quarter before Four o'clock, P.M., to-morrow, the Address voted by this House, on Friday last, in acknowledgment of His Excellency's Message No. 1, (*see Votes and Proceedings No. 102, Entry 13.*)
4. Motion for Adjournment:—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Robertson, That this House do now adjourn, (which was interrupted by the proceeding recorded in Entry 3 above)—resumed.
Notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present,—The Deputy Speaker counted the House, and there being only sixteen Members present, exclusive of the Deputy Speaker, namely, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Graham, Mr. Hannell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Martin, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Ryan, Mr. J. Suttor, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Windeyer,—The Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes after Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

THOMAS GARRETT,
Deputy Speaker.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14.

MEMO:—The Governor will be prepared to receive, at Government House, at a quarter before Four o'clock, To-day, the Address voted by this House in acknowledgment of His Excellency's Message No. 1, announcing his assumption of the Government. Carriages will be provided for Honorable Members as usual.

NOTICES

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4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MARTIN *to move*,—That the following shall be a Sessional Order for the remainder of the present Session :—When the debate on any question, including any amendments that may have been moved thereon, and any motions for adjournment or for the determination of any point of order or privilege that may be raised during such debate, shall have continued either in the House or in a Committee of the Whole for a period of two hours from the time of such Question being first stated by the Speaker or the Chairman, any Member may, whether any one is addressing the House or not, require that it be submitted to the House or Committee whether the question shall not be at once put, and the Speaker or Chairman shall thereupon, without debate, put the question "That the question be now put," and if such question be carried, the original question and any amendments moved thereon shall, without further debate, be put in the usual way.

2. MR. EAGAR to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the service of the year 1868, and will also admit of the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which the said Resolutions shall be come to by the said Committees respectively.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Customs General Regulation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
6. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
7. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
8. Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill ; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Continued Indisposition of the Speaker:—The Clerk informed the House that the Speaker was still absent in consequence of continued indisposition, and read the following note (addressed to himself), which he had just received.

“ $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3, Tuesday.”

“I regret that continued illness will again cause my unavoidable absence to-day.”

Mr. Martin, thereupon, (in accordance with the provision contained in the Second Standing Order of the Assembly) moved, That Mr. Garrett, the Chairman of Committees, do take the Chair of this House for to-day.

Question put by the Clerk, by authority of the House, and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Garrett took the Speaker's Chair for to-day.

2. Assumption of the Administration of the Government by the Right Honorable the Earl of Belmore:—Mr. Martin (at half-past three o'clock) moved, That this House do now proceed to Government House, there to present to the Governor the Address voted to His Excellency on Friday last, in acknowledgment of his Message No. 1, announcing his Assumption of the Government—and that the Address be presented by the Deputy Speaker.

Question put and passed.

And the House proceeded to Government House accordingly;—

And being returned, the Deputy Speaker reported That, accompanied by the House, he had proceeded to Government House, and there presented the said Address to the Governor, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply thereto:—

“MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—

“The ready acquiescence which you express in the choice which Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to make, in appointing a successor to Sir John Young, in the office of Her Representative in New South Wales, evinces the devotion and loyal attachment which you and those of Her Australian subjects whom you represent, bear towards Her Throne and Person.

“Accept my warmest thanks for your congratulations. I receive them as an augury of the kind assistance and generous interpretation which I may count upon receiving at your hands in the discharge of the duties entrusted to me by Her Majesty.”

“Government House,

“Sydney, 14th January, 1868.”

3. Ministerial Statement and Proposal—Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Martin made a Ministerial statement and proposal, and moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day.

(1.) Wharf at Kempsey, Macleay River:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to any communications or remonstrances they may have lately received about the site and construction of the Wharf at the foot of Belgrave-street, Kempsey, Macleay River?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The communications referred to were forwarded to the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, who reported in favour of carrying out the original plan, which is being done accordingly.

(2.)

- (2.) Police and Petty Sessions, Bellinger River :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to the establishment of a Police Station, or of a Court of Petty Sessions on the Bellinger River?
Mr. Parkes answered,—The propriety of establishing a Court of Petty Sessions and a Police Station on the Bellinger River has been considered, and the Colonial Architect has been requested to report on the erection of the necessary buildings.
- (3.) Pavilion, Hyde Park :—Mr. Egan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—
(1.) Have the Government granted, or do they purpose granting, any sum from the public funds towards the erection of the Pavilion, now being put up on Hyde Park; and if so, what sum?
(2.) In such event, have the Government reserved to themselves any control over the said Pavilion, when finished?
Mr. Parkes answered,—
(1.) It is intended to contribute a sum towards the cost of erecting the Pavilion in Hyde Park.
(2.) The Government has not considered it necessary to stipulate for any control over the Pavilion, but there is no doubt that any suggestions from the Government, if any should be necessary, would receive due attention at the hands of the Civic authorities.
- (4.) Railway Waggon :—Mr. Cunneen, on behalf of Mr. Terry, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—
(1.) Was there a vote of £10,000 passed in April, 1866, for the purpose of providing Railway waggon for the Government Railways?
(2.) Were these waggon, or any part thereof, ordered from England, in compliance with the above vote?
(3.) The date upon which the order for these waggon, or any part thereof, was sent?
(4.) Were any part of the waggon ordered in the Colony; the date of such order; and when completed?
Mr. Byrnes answered,—
(1.) Yes, which formed part of the sum of £758,000, authorized to be raised by Act of Parliament 2 Vic. No. 23, but no account has yet been received of the sale of the Debentures for this amount.
(2.) The wheels, axles, and springs only were ordered from England.
(3.) The 24th February, 1867.
(4.) Yes, the whole of the waggon, with the exception of the wheels, axles, and springs. Messrs. P. N. Russell and Co.'s, tender accepted for 70 (to be delivered in Sydney), and Mr. D. Sims' tender for 30 (to be delivered at Newcastle) were accepted in March, 1867. The 70 for Sydney are all delivered, and only require to be fitted on the wheels, 20 of which have just arrived, and 12 of those in the hands of Sims are delivered, and only require to be mounted on wheels.
5. Reverend James White :—Mr. Dodds presented a Petition from James White, of Singleton, Clerk, complaining of hardship sustained by him, as therein set forth, in connection with the opening up of a road through certain land, belonging to him, near Singleton; and praying that this House will deal with the facts as so set forth as to the House may seem meet.
Petition received.
6. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Lee moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Tighe, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Penell, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Burns, and the Mover; with power to send for persons and papers.
Question put and passed.
7. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Macpherson withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
8. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Cunneen not making the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
9. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named as follows :—
(1.) Order No. 1, until this this day week. Mr. J. Stewart.
(2.) Order No. 2, until Friday next. Mr. Lucas.
10. Deputy Chairman of Committees :—*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Wilson, that Mr. Farnell do take the Chair of Committees of the whole House for this day only.
11. Western Kerosene Oil Company's Incorporation Bill :—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.
The Deputy Chairman of Committees having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Tighe, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand on Order of the Day for to-morrow.

12. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 4 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Lucas, until Friday next.
13. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Martin withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at seven minutes after Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

THOMAS GARRETT,
Deputy Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to any complaints or representations made to them in the cases of conditional or quasi-conditional purchase specified below, namely, of,—
 - (1.) John Warne, of Warneton, Macleay River, complaining of illegal conditional Purchase by John Henry Mowle ;
 - (2.) Benjamin Cook, as set forth in the Petition presented to this House ;
 - (3.) William Robertson, claiming conditional purchase on an island in the Wilson River ?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What course do the Government intend taking with reference to certain anomalies alleged, by the Report of the Select Committee on the subject laid upon the Table of this House, on 13th December, 1866, to exist in the representation of the Electoral Districts of the Hastings, the Clarence, the Lachlan, and the Bogan ?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What course do the Government intend pursuing with reference to certain exemptions from the operation of the Stamp Duties Act of 1865, as authorized by the Government under the Minute of the Executive Council, laid upon the Table of this House and ordered to be printed on 3rd July, 1867 ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. EAGAR *to move*, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the service of the year 1868, and will also admit of the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which the said Resolutions shall be come to by the said Committees respectively.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Customs General Regulation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
5. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
6. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
7. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
8. Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep Law Amendment Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence between the Executive Government and any person or persons—Also of any letter or Minute of Sir John Young, late Governor of this Colony—having reference to the inequality or undue severity of sentences passed by Judges of Criminal Courts.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Western Kerosene Oil Company's Incorporation Bill ; third reading.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16.

Question:—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER.—Whether the Government intend to make any, and if any, what provision by way of pension or otherwise, for Captain Shanks, late Pilot, who was nearly drowned in performing his duty on the occasion of the late gale at the Heads, and has since become insane?

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
3. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. EGAN *to move*,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should grant no public money for the erection of the Pavilion in Hyde Park, without some control as to what purposes it should be used for.
 - (2.) And that any use of the same should be only for public purposes during the stay of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and that no charge should be made for the use of the same, beyond that of the expenses incurred for use.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Special dedication or alienation of Crown Lands; Debate on the motion of Mr. J. Stewart,—
 - (1.) That the dedication or alienation of Crown Lands otherwise than in accordance with law is detrimental to the public interests and subversive of all faith in the Government.
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is not lawful to dedicate any portion of the Crown Lands for an Episcopal residence.

New South Wales.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 JANUARY, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Continued Indisposition of the Speaker:—The Clerk having informed the House of the continued absence of the Speaker, through indisposition,—

Mr. Martin, (in accordance with the provision contained in the Second Standing Order of the Assembly) moved, That Mr. Garrett, the Chairman of Committees, do take the Chair of this House for to-day.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Garrett took the Speaker's Chair for to-day.

2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day.

(1.) Certain Conditional Purchases of Land:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to any complaints or representations made to them in the cases of conditional or quasi-conditional purchase specified below, namely, of,—

(1.) John Warne, of Warneton, Macleay River, complaining of illegal conditional purchase by John Henry Mowle ;

(2.) Benjamin Cook, as set forth in the Petition presented to this House ;

(3.) William Robertson, claiming conditional purchase on an island in the Wilson River ?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Mr. Warne having stated that neither Mowle nor his wife has ever resided on her conditional purchase, Mowle was, on the 9th instant, called upon to furnish the certificate of at least two respectable parties as to his having resided thereon continuously, failing in which the purchase will be declared forfeited.

(2.) Mr. Warne was, on the 12th June last, informed that the law provides for no other course than that Cook should re-select and carry out afresh the residence condition. No steps have been taken since the 12th June.

(3.) William Robertson was, on the 26th November last, informed that all islands are exempt from conditional purchase until their reservation is specially cancelled by Notice in the *Government Gazette*.

(2.) Proposed Electoral Alterations:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—What course do the Government intend taking with reference to certain anomalies alleged, by the Report of the Select Committee on the subject laid upon the Table of this House, on 13th December, 1866, to exist in the representation of the Electoral Districts of the Hastings, the Clarence, the Lachlan, and the Bogan ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is not intended by the Government to take any steps in this matter during the present Session.

(3.) Stamp Duties Act of 1865:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What course do the Government intend pursuing with reference to certain exemptions from the operation of the Stamp Duties Act of 1865, as authorized by the Government under the Minute of the Executive Council, laid upon the Table of this House and ordered to be printed on 3rd July, 1867 ?

Mr. Bagar answered,—At present I am only prepared to say, that a Bill to provide for the object referred to by the honorable member will be submitted to Parliament after the contemplated recess.

3. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Eagar withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day.
4. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill :—Mr. Burdekin presented a Petition from certain butchers and others, residing in and carrying on their business in the City of Sydney and its suburbs, against the passing of the said Bill.
Petition received.
5. Railway Line from Muswellbrook to Murrurundi—thence to Armidale :—Mr. Wisdom presented a Petition from certain residents of the Town and District of Armidale, praying for the speedy completion of the line of Railway from Muswellbrook to Murrurundi, and, under a certain contingency therein alluded to, the construction of a cheap line of Railway from Murrurundi to Armidale.
And the same having been read at length by the Clerk by direction of the Deputy Speaker,—
Petition received.
6. Sentences passed by Judges of Criminal Courts (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence between the Executive Government and any person or persons—Also of any letter or Minute of Sir John Young, late Governor of this Colony—having reference to the inequality or undue severity of sentences passed by Judges of Criminal Courts.
Question put and passed.
7. Western Kerosene Oil Company's Incorporation Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Tighe, read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Tighe then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the 'Western Kerosene Oil Company Limited' and to enable the said Company better to carry on and transact the business of the same.*"
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Tighe moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to incorporate the 'Western Kerosene Oil Company Limited' and to enable the said Company better to carry on and transact the business of the same,*" returns the same to the Legislative Council without Amendment.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th January, 1868. Deputy Speaker.
8. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Bill :—The Deputy Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Act known as the Old Botany Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act 18 Victoria No. 14,*" with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council Chamber, T. A. MURRAY,
Sydney, 15th January, 1868. President.

AMENDED RANDWICK AND COOGEE ROADS TRUST BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Act known as the Old Botany Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act 18 Victoria No. 14," returned to the Legislative Assembly with Message of 15th January, 1868.

R. O'CONNOR,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 4, line 22. Omit "marked C."
" " " line 25. After "day" add "Provided further that all licensed
" " " " vehicles which during any day on which an advertised race shall be run
" " " " on the Randwick Race-course shall pass through any of such toll-gates
" " " " shall be liable to the payment of toll at half the rate mentioned in the
" " " " said Schedule for every journey they may perform to and fro notwith-
" " " " standing that toll may have been previously paid thereon on the same
" " " " day."

Page 2, clause 5. line 27. After "second" insert "paragraph of"

" " " " After "Schedule" insert "A 1"

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Page 2. *After* clause 5 *insert* the following new clause :—

6. " Any person being an uncertificated insolvent or under composition ^{Disqualification.}
 " with his creditors by any deed of assignment duly executed by him in
 " pursuance of the provisions of any Act relating to insolvency in force for
 " the time being shall be disqualified from acting as trustee under this Act.
 Page 2, clause 8, lines 37 and 38. *Omit* " on the first day of January one thousand
 eight hundred and sixty-eight" *insert* " from and after the passing thereof."
 " Schedule C. *Omit* " C"
 " " line 42, *Omit* " 3" *insert* " 2"

Examined,—

GEORGE ALLEN,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Wilson, that the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

10. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business (Nos. 1 and 2) postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Martin until to-morrow.
11. Deputy Chairman of Committees :—*Ordered*, on motion of Mr. Martin, that Mr. Farnell do take the Chair of Committees of the Whole House for this day only.
12. Supply :—On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.
 The Deputy Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Eagar (*made with the concurrence of the House*), That the said Resolution be *now* received.
 The Deputy Chairman of Committees then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
 (2.) Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £228,218 6s. 10d., be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony, from the 1st January to the 29th February in the year 1868.
 Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time, and agreed to.
13. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Eagar, as follows :—
 (1.) Order No. 4, to stand next after Order No. 6.
 (2.) Order No. 5, until to-morrow.
14. Ways and Means (Order No. 6) :—On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.
 The Deputy Chairman of Committees reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Deputy Chairman of Committees (*made with the concurrence of the House*), That the said Resolution be *now* received.
 The Deputy Chairman of Committees then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
 (2.) Resolved, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the services of the year 1868 the sum of £228,218 6s. 10d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
 Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time, and agreed to.
15. Customs General Regulation Laws Amendment Bill (*postponed* Order No. 4), on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time (after Debate).
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Eagar, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.
 The Deputy Chairman of Committees having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Eagar, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
16. Oyster Fisheries Protection Bill :—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
 The Deputy Chairman of Committees having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that report, and ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate Oyster Fisheries and to encourage the formation of Oyster-beds."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 15th January, 1868.

Deputy Speaker.

17. Liens on Wool and Mortgages on Sheep Laws Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a second time.
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Deputy Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.

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The Deputy Chairman of Committees having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Martin, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned, at four minutes after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

THOMAS GARRETT,
Deputy Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16.

Questions :—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether the Government intend to make any, and if any, what provision by way of pension or otherwise, for Captain Shanks, late Pilot, who was nearly drowned in performing his duty on the occasion of the late gale at the Heads, and has since become insane?
2. MR. ECKFORD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether any portion of the Supply asked for is to be appropriated towards the erection of a New Court-house at West Maitland, on the premises of Alderman Gorrick.
3. MR. BURDEKIN *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—What steps have been taken by the Government to carry out the recommendation of the President and Speaker, in reference to the appointment of a Librarian made in pursuance of a resolution of this House.
4. MR. MORRICE *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) When does the contract for laying the permanent way, by Messrs. Larkin and Wakeford, on the Great Southern Railway from Nattai to Bowral, Sutton Forest Station to Faviell's contract, terminate, or when should it, according to their contract with the Government, and how long a time did the Government delay them by not supplying them with materials in proper time to go on with the work, and how much longer time do they claim in consequence?
 - (2.) Is it because Messrs. Larkin and Wakeford are using the Railway daily to Sutton Forest, that the public are deprived of the use of it and put to inconvenience?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to alter the present charges and Time Table on the Great Southern Line?
5. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE MINISTER REPRESENTING THE POST OFFICE,—Whether he will lay on the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The dates of departure from England and the arrival in Sydney—also the dates of departure from Sydney and arrival in England, of each mail *via* Panama, during the year 1867?
 - (2.) The number of letters and newspapers, forwarded by each mail boat, to and from New South Wales—also the number and class of passengers by each boat to and from Sydney?
 - (3.) The like information with reference to the P. and O. Company's mail boats?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. EAGAR *to move*, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the service of the year 1868.
2. MR. MARTIN *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of his visit to this Colony.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Burdekin, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
5. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
6. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
7. Customs General Regulation Laws Amendment Bill; third reading.
8. Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep Law Amendment Bill; third reading.

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WISDOM to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 15th January, in favour of the extension of the Great Northern Railway to Armidale, be printed.
2. MR. DONNS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th January, from the Rev. J. S. White, praying that inquiry may be made into the fact that certain allotments, his property, in the Town of Singleton, have been taken by the Government for a public road, and praying relief, be printed.
3. MR. BURDEKIN to move, That the Petition against the passing of the Slaughterhouse Regulation Laws Amendment Bill, from certain Butchers and others in Sydney, presented by him on 15th January, be printed.
4. MR. OATLEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Council of Education and the Head of the Roman Catholic Church, relating to charges made by His Grace Archbishop Polding and the Very Reverend Mr. Sheehy against certain Public School Inspectors, and to the alleged misconduct of Inspectors at the Roman Catholic School, Pitt-street South.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
3. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. EGAN to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should grant no public money for the erection of the Pavilion in Hyde Park, without some control as to what purposes it should be used for.
 - (2.) And that any use of the same should be only for public purposes during the stay of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and that no charge should be made for the use of the same, beyond that of the expenses incurred for use.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Special dedication or alienation of Crown Lands; Debate on the motion of Mr. J. Stewart,—
 - (1.) That the dedication or alienation of Crown Lands otherwise than in accordance with law is detrimental to the public interests and subversive of all faith in the Government.
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is not lawful to dedicate any portion of the Crown Lands for an Episcopal residence.

New South Wales.

No. 106.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 JANUARY, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

The Speaker, immediately on taking the Chair, expressed to the House his regret for his recent unavoidable absence of three days in consequence of ill-health, and thanked the House for its kind indulgence during that interval.

2. Questions on Notice Paper for to-day.

(1.) Captain Shanks, late Pilot:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether the Government intend to make any, and if any, what provision, by way of pension or otherwise, for Captain Shanks, late Pilot, who was nearly drowned in performing his duty on the occasion of the late gale at the Heads, and has since become insane?

Mr. Bagar answered,—It is intended to submit, for the approval of Parliament, in a Supplementary Estimate, a sum of money in the case referred to; but the amount is not yet determined.

(2.) Court-house, West Maitland:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Eckford, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether any portion of the Supply asked for is to be appropriated towards the erection of a New Court-house at West Maitland, on the premises of Alderman Gorrick?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—No.

(3.) Parliamentary Librarian:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Burdekin, asked the Government, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What steps have been taken by the Government to carry out the recommendation of the President and Speaker, in reference to the appointment of a Librarian, made in pursuance of a resolution of this House?

Mr. Parkes answered,—With respect to the Question of the honorable and learned member, I can only state generally what has taken place. Under date of 25th October a letter was received, signed by the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of this House, recommending for the office of Librarian Mr. Robert Cooper Walker. With reference to this letter, a Minute was written by myself and referred for the consideration of the President and the Speaker. That Minute I think I had better read. “With reference to the appointment of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, and the recommendation of Mr. R. C. Walker for this office by the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council and the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, it appears to the Government that certain special qualifications, which are rarely acquired, apart from the peculiar taste that leads to their acquisition, are almost indispensable in the person to be appointed. No objection to Mr. Walker on any personal ground is raised, but it is submitted that the convenience to honorable members and the general advantage to the Library would be great, if a gentleman of some literary ability, and especially with a bibliographical knowledge of authors and the various editions of their works could be secured for this office. The Colonial Secretary is of opinion, speaking rather as a Member of Parliament than as a Minister, that complaints may be justly made of the manner in which the Library is managed. There is a want of methodical arrangement of the books, and the attendance has certainly been irregular and unsatisfactory. Nor have the new books added from time to time been of a character, even in politics and history, to keep the Library up to the level of contemporaneous literature.”

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"The Colonial Secretary is anxious to recommend for this appointment a gentleman who has received the entire approval of the President and Speaker, but he hopes the suggestions which he now offers will receive their consideration." In reference to this Minute, a communication was received from the President of the Legislative Council generally admitting the objections taken to be valid, and indeed concurring in them.

At that point the matter rested for some time, when the question was submitted to members of the Government, and at this meeting of the Cabinet, the Government came to the decision that, if the recommendation of Mr. Walker were still pressed by the President and the Speaker, they would raise no further objection but recommend his appointment to the Executive Council. But when this communication was made to the President and Speaker, the President adhered to his concurrence in the objections taken by the Colonial Secretary, and the Honorable the Speaker wrote a separate letter stating his entire approval of the character of Mr. Walker and his fitness for the office. The President on the other hand, who had already concurred in the objections raised by myself, adhered to his concurrence in those objections; and so the matter now stands.

If I might be allowed, although I am at all times slow to express an opinion at variance with the opinion of the Honorable the Speaker of this House, I should say that the Assistant Librarian might for some time continue to conduct the duties of Librarian.

(4.) Great Southern Railway Line, Nattai—Bowral—Sutton Forest:—Mr. Morrice asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) When does the contract for laying the permanent way, by Messrs. Larkin and Wakeford, on the Great Southern Railway from Nattai to Bowral, Sutton Forest Station, to Faviell's contract, terminate, or when should it, according to their contract with the Government, and how long a time did the Government delay them by not supplying them with materials in proper time to go on with the work, and how much longer time do they claim in consequence?

(2.) Is it because Messrs. Larkin and Wakeford are using the Railway daily to Sutton Forest, that the public are deprived of the use of it and put to inconvenience?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to alter the present charges and Time Table on the Great Southern Line?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) To Bowral and Sutton Forest on the 2nd July, 1867, and to the end of the contract (the commencement of Mr. Faviell's contract) on 2nd March, 1868. As the time for the execution of the works commenced from the date on which the contractors received notice of the permanent way materials having arrived in the Colony (2nd March, 1867), no delay was occasioned by the Government. The contractors have not applied for an extension of time.

(2.) The public are not deprived of the use of the Railway to Sutton Forest, to which trains run in accordance with published Time Tables.

(3.) The subject is under the consideration of the Government.

(5.) Panama and P. and O. Company's Mail Services:—Mr. Lucas asked the Minister representing the Post Office, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Whether he will lay on the Table of this House, a Return shewing,—

(1.) The dates of departure from England and the arrival in Sydney—also the dates of departure from Sydney and arrival in England—of each mail *via* Panama, during the year 1867?

(2.) The number of letters and newspapers, forwarded by each mail boat, to and from New South Wales—also the number and class of passengers by each boat to and from Sydney?

(3.) The like information with reference to the P. and O. Company's mail boats?

Mr. Eagar answered,—There will be no objection to lay these Returns on the Table, with the exception of those which relate to passengers. The arrangements of these companies as to passengers are not subject to the control of the Postmaster General and consequently there are no materials for furnishing an answer with reference to that point.

3. Paper:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return to Order, in reference to "Correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Joseph, on behalf of Mr. Samuel, on 17th December, 1867.

Ordered to be printed.

4. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill:—Mr. Lee brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 14 January, 1868.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lee then moved, That the second reading of this Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Question put and passed.

5. Railway Arrangements:—Mr. Lucas presented a Petition from certain farmers, graziers, and timber cutters, complaining of the railway arrangements for the carriage of timber, &c., at certain stations on the Western Line, and of the want of telegraphic communication in connection with their traffic; and praying relief. And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—

Petition received.

6. Customs General Regulation Laws Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" Order of the Day):—

Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put, and Division called for; but there being no Tellers for the Noes, no Division could be had, and the Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the affirmative.

Bill then read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Eagar, *passed*.

Mr. Eagar then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend 'An Act to provide for the general Regulation of the Customs in New South Wales' as to the time allowed for entering Goods.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Eagar moved, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend 'An Act to provide for the general Regulation of the Customs in New South Wales' as to the time allowed for entering Goods,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th January, 1868.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep Law Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Martin, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Martin then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the law relating to preferable Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Martin moved, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to preferable Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16th January, 1868.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

8. Railway Line from Muswellbrook to Murrurundi—thence to Armidale ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Wisdom, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Wisdom on the 15th January, in favour of the extension of the Great Northern Railway to Armidale, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

9. Reverend James White ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th January, from the Rev. J. S. White, praying that inquiry may be made into the fact that certain allotments, his property, in the Town of Singleton, have been taken by the Government for a public road, and praying relief, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

10. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Burdekin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition against the passing of the Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill, from certain Butchers and others in Sydney, presented by him on 15th January, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

11. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

(1) Suspension of Standing Orders:—Mr. Eagar moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the service of the year 1868.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Noes, 2.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Outley,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Samuel,	Tellers.
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Tighe.
Mr. Josephson,	

Tellers,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Forster.

- (2.) Mr. Eagar then moved, That leave be granted to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution (2) of Ways and Means, to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1868.
Question put and passed.
- (3.) Mr. Eagar having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1868,*"—read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later hour to-day.
12. Address to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on his Visit to the Colony:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Committee be appointed to prepare an Address to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of his visit to this Colony.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Samuel, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Burdekin, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
And the Committee withdrew to prepare the Address.
Mr. Martin having brought up the Address prepared by the Committee, the same was read by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows:—
To His Royal Highness Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, Duke of Edinburgh, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, &c.
MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—
WE, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, avail ourselves of the occasion of your Royal Highness's visit to this Colony, to give renewed expression to the feelings of loyalty and devotion to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen by which we and those whom we represent have been at all times animated.
We recognize in the fact of your Royal Highness's presence here, a new proof of Her Majesty's regard for the welfare of Her subjects in this portion of Her widely extended Empire.
We most cordially bid you welcome, and we trust that your stay amongst us will be as agreeable to you as it is gratifying to us.
Mr. Martin then moved, and Mr. Robertson seconded the motion, That the Address, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted, and be presented by this House to His Royal Highness on such day as may be appointed by him for such purpose.
Question put and passed.
13. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Eagar, adopted that Report, and (after Debate) ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for a later hour to-day.
14. Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the said Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Wilson, adopted that report, and ordered that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Act known as the Old Botany Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act 18 Victoria, No. 14.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 16th January, 1868. Speaker.
15. Paper:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Return (in part) respecting "*Panama and P. and O. Company's Postal Services,*" (in reference to Question (5) in Entry 2 above.)
Ordered to be printed.
16. Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Eagar then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1868.*"
Question put and passed.
Whereupon, Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT.
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1868,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 16th January, 1868. Speaker.
Question put and passed.

17. Paper :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Letter from F. J. Scudamore, Esq., General Post Office, London, to Postmaster General, Sydney, dated 26 November, 1867, with accompanying Time Table, respecting Mail Service between the United Kingdom and India and China.
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at eight minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17.

Question :—

1. MR. TUNKS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
(1.) Are the Government aware that, beneath the surface of the footway in Macquarie-street, opposite the Circular Quay, in the City of Sydney, a cellar or steam-engine boiler room is being made?
(2.) If so, do the Government intend to take any steps to prevent the 29th section of the Act 4 Wm. 4 No. 7, being openly violated?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
3. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. EGAN to move,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should grant no public money for the erection of the Pavilion in Hyde Park, without some control as to what purposes it should be used for.
(2.) And that any use of the same should be only for public purposes during the stay of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, and that no charge should be made for the use of the same, beyond that of the expenses incurred for use.
2. MR. LUCAS to move, That the Petition presented by him, on 16 January, from certain graziers, farmers, and timber cutters, residing at Blacktown, Rooty Hill, and South Creek, with reference to the management of the Railways, be printed.
3. MR. JOSEPHSON to move,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is essentially necessary to the useful and proper discharge of its duties, that the Estimates of Expenditure for the then ensuing year shall be presented to this House, for its consideration, within four weeks immediately after the opening of Parliament, or of any Session thereof.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. DR. LANG to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the presentation of a Petition, and the bringing in of a Bill, to vest all trusts under the marriage settlement of T. A. Murray, in the Supreme Court or in any two gentlemen their Honors the Chief Justice and Judges may appoint, so that they may be administered under the direction or surveillance of the Court.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all persons appointed Members of the Council of Education or of any of the Public School Boards throughout the Colony—specifying in each case the name and official position, if any, in full—designation of the school—the district or locality—the date of appointment—and the religious denomination so far as known or ascertainable.
6. MR. OATLEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Council of Education and the Head of the Roman Catholic Church, relating to charges made by His Grace Archbishop Polding and the Very Reverend Mr. Sheehy against certain Public School Inspectors, and to the alleged misconduct of Inspectors at the Roman Catholic School, Pitt-street South.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House at its rising do adjourn until Thursday, the 23rd instant, at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
5. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Special dedication or alienation of Crown Lands ; Debate on the motion of Mr. J. Stewart,—
 - (1.) That the dedication or alienation of Crown Lands otherwise than in accordance with law is detrimental to the public interests and subversive of all faith in the Government.
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is not lawful to dedicate any portion of the Crown Lands for an Episcopal residence.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House at its rising, do adjourn until Tuesday, the 25th February next.

New South Wales.

No. 107.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 17 JANUARY, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—
Cellar beneath footway in Macquarie Street :—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of *Mr. Tunks*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Are the Government aware that, beneath the surface of the footway in Macquarie-street, opposite the Circular Quay, in the City of Sydney; a cellar or steam-engine boiler room is being made?
(2.) If so, do the Government intend to take any steps to prevent the 29th section of the Act 4 Wm. 4 No. 7, being openly violated?
Mr. Wilson answered,—
(1.) The Government are not directly cognizant of the fact, but the circumstance was alluded to in a recent correspondence with the Corporation of Sydney.
(2.) No; the matter is altogether in the hands of the City Corporation.
2. Papers :—
(1.) *Mr. Wilson* laid upon the Table, Road Trust Accounts for the half-year ending 30th June, 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) *Mr. Egar* laid upon the Table, "Correspondence between the Government and the Oriental Bank Corporation,"—*in substitution for Paper laid upon the Table by him yesterday*, and ordered to be printed. (*See Votes and Proceedings, No. 106, Entry 3*).
3. Motion Withdrawn :—*Mr. Egan* withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
4. Railway Arrangements ("Formal" Motion) :—*Mr. Lucas* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on 16 January, from certain graziers, farmers, and timber cutters, residing at Blacktown, Rooty Hill, and South Creek, with reference to the management of the Railways, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Motion Withdrawn :—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Josephson*, withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
6. Persons appointed Members of Council of Education, or of Public School Boards ("Formal" Motion) :—*Mr. Forster* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all persons appointed Members of the Council of Education or of any of the Public School Boards throughout the Colony—specifying in each case the name and official position, if any, in full—designation of the school—the district or locality—the date of appointment—and the religious denomination so far as known or ascertainable.
Question put and passed.
7. Special Adjournment ("Formal" Motion) :—*Mr. Martin* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising do adjourn until Thursday, the 23rd instant, at Eleven o'clock, a.m.
Question put and passed.
8. Motion for Adjournment :—*Mr. White* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

9. Assent to Bills, viz.:—Treatment of Insane Persons Law Amendment—Military Contribution Act Amendment. The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker:—

(1.)

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law for the care and treatment of the Insane,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th January, 1868.

(2.)

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Military Contribution Act of 1865,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 17th January, 1868.

10. Privilege—Parliamentary Librarian:—The Speaker (*in reference to the Question and Answer recorded in Entry No. 2 (3), in the Votes and Proceedings of yesterday*) asked the Colonial Secretary whether he had any objection to lay upon the Table of the House the Papers referred to in that Answer. Mr. Parkes replied that he had no objection to lay upon the Table Copies of all Papers in his possession relative to the vacant office of Parliamentary Librarian—and would do so at the next meeting of the House. The Speaker then addressed the House on the subject; and Mr. Martin, replying, was interrupted by notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present. Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and, there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely, Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Graham, Dr. Lang, Mr. Lord, Mr. Martin, Mr. McKay, Mr. Oatley, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tighe, Mr. White, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at two minutes before Six o'clock, until *Thursday next, the 23rd January, at Eleven o'clock A.M.*

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23.

MEMO.—*The House to meet at Eleven o'clock a.m. this day.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23.

Question:—

- I. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
- (1.) Has the Honorable the Attorney General read the depositions taken before D. C. F. Scott, Esq., P.M., at the Police Office, Sydney, on the 29th day of November last, and the 4th, 10th, and 16th days of December last, in the case of Frederick Beer, M.D. against Michael George Brown, for perjury alleged to have been committed by the said Michael George Brown in the month of March, 1856, in his depositions sworn before J. S. Dowling, Esq., Police Magistrate, at the Central Police Court, Sydney, on the hearing of an information exhibited by the said Michael George Brown against the said Frederick Beer for feloniously and unlawfully administering to and causing to be taken by one Phillis Brown, a large quantity of a certain noxious thing called belladonna, to wit half a drachm, with intent to procure the miscarriage of the said Phillis Brown,—which case was dismissed by the said D. C. F. Scott, P.M., on the 18th day of December last?
- (2.) Does the Honorable the Attorney General intend to take any further proceedings against the said Michael George Brown for the alleged perjury?

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

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3. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move,—
 - (1.) That the means adopted by the Oriental Banking Company for the sale in London, in May last, of £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures were most unwise, evincing an amount of carelessness, and disregard of the Colony's interests, on the part of the Bank authorities, for which they are highly blameable.
 - (2.) That the results of such sale are unsatisfactory and disastrous.

New South Wales.

No. 108.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 23 JANUARY, 1868.

1. The House met at *Half-past Eleven o'clock*, A.M., pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Correspondence, &c., connected with the vacant office of Parliamentary Librarian (*in reference to Entry 10 in Votes and Proceedings, No. 107, of 17th January*).

Ordered to be printed.

2. Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Re Beer v. Brown (Administration of Justice):—Mr. Driver asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Honorable the Attorney General read the depositions taken before D. C. F. Scott, Esq., P.M., at the Police Office, Sydney, on the 29th day of November last, and the 4th, 10th, and 16th days of December last, in the case of Frederick Beer, M.D., against Michael George Brown, for perjury alleged to have been committed by the said Michael George Brown in the month of March, 1856, in his depositions sworn before J. S. Dowling, Esq., Police Magistrate, at the Central Police Court, Sydney, on the hearing of an information exhibited by the said Michael George Brown against the said Frederick Beer for feloniously and unlawfully administering to and causing to be taken by one Phillis Brown, a large quantity of a certain noxious thing called belladonna, to wit half a drachm, with intent to procure the miscarriage of the said Phillis Brown,—which case was dismissed by the said D. C. F. Scott, P.M., on the 18th day of December last?

(2.) Does the Honorable the Attorney General intend to take any further proceedings against the said Michael George Brown for the alleged perjury?

Mr. Martin answered,—

(1.) I have not read the depositions referred to.

(2.) As at present advised, it is not my intention to take any proceedings against the said Michael George Brown for alleged perjury.

3. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council (received on the last day of sitting):—

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1868,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16 January, 1868.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

(2.) Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep Law Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Preferable Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16 January, 1868.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

(3.)

(3.) Customs General Regulation Laws Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend 'An Act to provide for the general Regulation of the Customs in New South Wales' as to the time allowed for entering goods,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16 January, 1868.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

4. Special Adjournment ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Tuesday, the 25th February next.

Question put and passed.

5. Suspension of Standing Orders—Murray's Marriage Settlement Trust Bill ("*Formal*" Motion):—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the presentation of a Petition, and the bringing in of a Bill, to vest all trusts under the marriage settlement of T. A. Murray in the Supreme Court, or in any two gentlemen their Honors the Chief Justice and Judges may appoint, so that they may be administered under the direction or surveillance of the Court.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. J. Suttor,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. White,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Neale,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Eagar,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Campbell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Oatley.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Samuel,
Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Eckford,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Josephson.

6. Address to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on his Visit to the Colony:—
On motion of Mr. Martin (at half-past Eleven o'clock) the House proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Duke of Edinburgh the Address voted to His Royal Highness by this House, on the 16th January. (*See Votes and Proceedings, No. 106, Entry 12*):—

And, being returned, the Speaker reported that the House had proceeded and presented the Address accordingly, and that His Royal Highness had been pleased to make the following reply thereto:—

"GENTLEMEN,

"It will be most gratifying to the Queen to learn that Her motive in permitting me to visit this Colony is so well understood by you, as the evidence of Her Majesty's affectionate regard for Her subjects in Australia; and that you are so eager, in return, to assure her Majesty, through me, of the devoted loyalty which animates all Her subjects in New South Wales.

"I thank you heartily for your kind wishes, and I can assure you that the period of my visit to Australia has been among the most interesting and enjoyable of my life.

"ALFRED.

"To the Members of the
"Legislative Assembly of
"New South Wales."

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at Thirteen minutes after Twelve o'clock, *standing adjourned until Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of February next, at Three o'clock, p.m.*

W. M. ARNOLD
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move,—
(1.) That the means adopted by the Oriental Banking Company for the sale in London, in May last, of £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures were most unwise, evincing an amount of carelessness, and disregard of the Colony's interests, on the part of the Bank authorities, for which they are highly blameable.
(2.) That the results of such sale are unsatisfactory and disastrous.
2. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and other Proceedings in the case of Frederick Beer against Michael George Brown, for perjury, heard at the Central Police Court, Sydney, on the 29th November, and the 4th, 10th, and 16th December last.
3. MR. JOSEPHSON to move,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is essentially necessary to the useful and proper discharge of its duties, that the Estimates of Expenditure for the then ensuing year shall be presented to this House, for its consideration, within four weeks immediately after the opening of Parliament, or of any Session thereof.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
4. MR. OATLEY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Council of Education and the Head of the Roman Catholic Church, relating to charges made by His Grace Archbishop Polding and the Very Reverend Mr. Sheehy against certain Public School Inspectors, and to the alleged misconduct of Inspectors at the Roman Catholic School, Pitt-street South.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill; second reading.
2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
3. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
5. Special dedication or alienation of Crown Lands; Debate on the motion of Mr. J. Stewart,—
(1.) That the dedication or alienation of Crown Lands otherwise than in accordance with law is detrimental to the public interests and subversive of all faith in the Government.
(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is not lawful to dedicate any portion of the Crown Lands for an Episcopal residence.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Slaughter-house Regulation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
4. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
5. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
(1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
(2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.

New South Wales.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
- Papers:—Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Further Correspondence relative to Oriental Bank Corporation.
 - (2.) Correspondence with Bank of New South Wales, relative to conduct of Government Agency in England.
 - (3.) Correspondence with Bank of New South Wales, relative to negotiation of Railway Loan of £1,000,000.
 - (4.) Despatch from Secretary of State, dated 10th November, 1867, with Enclosure containing report on weight and fineness of gold coins produced at the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint during the six months ended 30th June last.
 - (5.) Abstracts of Returns of Bank Liabilities and Assets, for Quarters ended, respectively, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December, 1867.
 - (6.) Civil Service Superannuation Fund (27 Vic., No. 11.)—Receipts and Disbursements in the year 1867.
- Ordered to be printed.

2. Assent to Bills, viz:—Oyster Fisheries Protection; Amended Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust; Customs General Regulation Laws Amendment; Western Kerosene Oil Company's Incorporation; Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep Law Amendment; Consolidated Revenue Fund:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker:—

(1.)

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate Oyster Fisheries and to encourage the formation of Oyster-beds,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st February, 1868.

(2.)

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Act known as the Old Botany Randwick and Coogee Roads Trust Act 18 Victoria No. 14,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st February, 1868.

(3.)

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend 'An Act to provide for the general Regulation of the Customs in New South Wales' as to the time allowed for entering Goods,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented

presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 1st February, 1868.*

(4.)

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to incorporate the 'Western Kerosene Oil Company' Limited and to enable the said Company better to carry on and transact the business of the same,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 1st February, 1868.*

(5.)

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Preferable Liens on Wool and Mortgages of Sheep,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 1st February, 1868.*

(6.)

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1868,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 1st February, 1868.*

3. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain ratepayers of the Borough of West Maitland, against the passing of the said Bill.
Petition received.
4. Papers:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Despatch (circular), dated 11th December, 1867, from the Secretary of State, respecting Treasonable Offences.
 - (2.) Regulations for the Volunteer Force, under Act 31 Vic. No. 5, Sec. 50.
 - (3.) Return to Order, in reference to "Teachers under Council of Education," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Thornton, on 17th December, 1868.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Motions Withdrawn:—The undermentioned Motions on the Notice Paper for to-day were withdrawn, respectively, by the Members named:—
 - (1.) Motion No. 1. Mr. Thornton.
 - (2.) Motion No. 3. Mr. Josephson.
 - (3.) Motion No. 2. Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Driver.
6. Charges made by Roman Catholic Dignitaries against Public School Inspectors:—Mr. Oatley moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Council of Education and the Head of the Roman Catholic Church, relating to charges made by His Grace Archbishop Polding and the Very Reverend Mr. Sheehy against certain Public School Inspectors, and to the alleged misconduct of Inspectors at the Roman Catholic School, Pitt-street South.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
7. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill "be discharged."
Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the words "be discharged," with a view to inserting in their place the words "stand an Order of the Day for Friday next."
Debate ensued.

Question

Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Mr. Hurley,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Thornton,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Josephson,	
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Farnell.
Mr. Macpherson,	

Noes, 6.

Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Garrett,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Driver.

Original Question then put and passed.

Bill then discharged, on motion of Mr. Martin.

8. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business, postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows :—
- (1.) Order No. 2 until Friday week. Mr. Lucas.
 - (2.) Order No. 3 until Friday next. Mr. Lucas.
 - (3.) Order No. 4 until Friday next. Mr. Burns.
9. Special Dedication or Alienation of Crown Lands :—Debate ensued on the motion of Mr. J. Stewart,—
- (1.) That the dedication or alienation of Crown Lands otherwise than in accordance with law is detrimental to the public interests and subversive of all faith in the Government.
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is not lawful to dedicate any portion of the Crown Lands for an Episcopal residence.
- Mr. Josephson moved the Previous Question.
Debate ensued.
Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Alexander,
Dr. Lang,
Mr. Driver,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Tighe,
Mr. J. Stewart.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Lloyd,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Josephson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. McKay,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hart.

10. Postponement :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Real Property Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until to-morrow week.
11. Slaughter House Regulation Laws Amendment Bill :—Mr. Martin moved, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill be discharged.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill then discharged, on motion of Mr. Martin.
12. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day, Nos. 3, 4, and 5 of Government Business, postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until to-morrow.
- The House adjourned at One minute before Seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

Questions:—

1. MR. THORNTON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
(1.) If he is aware that quantities of the refuse from the Kerosene Works, on the North Shore, are thrown into the harbour, causing injury to various properties and persons, contaminating the waters, destroying the fish, and creating a great nuisance in the vicinity?
(2.) Will the Minister cause immediate inquiry to be made, with the view to a suppression of the evils complained of?
2. MR. J. STEWART *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether there is any, and what truth in the following statement, reported in the *Herald* of January 23rd as a speech made by Sir A. Stephen, when pronouncing judgment on Kelly and Payne, at Deniliquin,—
“A new wing was at present being completed at Darlinghurst.
“This wing contained ranges of solitary cells, some of which were under ground, out of sight and hearing from above; and in these cells would be placed prisoners misbehaving themselves; and if they there made any noise they would be gagged and left to lie there for days—sometimes a week, and even a fortnight, in total darkness.
“He hoped that, at the next Sessions of Parliament, the same Bill would be introduced here for the suppression of Bushranging, as now in force in England for the suppression of Garotting—there a garotter is sentenced to fifteen years penal servitude, but before commencing his sentence is flogged with a cat-o'-nine-tails (a hard knot being tied on the end of each lash and intermixed with wire) until the blood pours off the culprit's back in streams”?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th February from certain ratepayers of West Maitland, against the West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill, be printed.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

Question:—

1. DR. LANG *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Whether Government are aware that a system of piracy and kidnapping has been in progress for years past, on the most specious pretences, in various groups of islands in the Southern Pacific Ocean, principally under the British, but also under the American and French flags?
(2.) Whether Government have brought the subject under the notice of the naval authorities on this station, so as to put an end to the atrocious proceedings that are perpetrated, from time to time, by unprincipled men on the native inhabitants of various groups of islands in the Pacific?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. THORNTON *to move*, That the means adopted by the Oriental Banking Company for the sale in London, in May last, of £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures were most unwise, evincing an amount of carelessness, and disregard of the Colony's interests, on the part of the Bank authorities, for which they are highly blameable.
2. MR. NEALE *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—
(1.) The number and names of prisoners confined in the various Gaols of the Colony within the last two years, who have died in Gaol, or who have been sent to a Lunatic Asylum; and also, how many of those sent to a Lunatic Asylum have been punished while in Gaol for breach of the Gaol Regulations, stating respectively the number of cases that have occurred in each Gaol, the nature of Gaol offence, the punishment inflicted, and by whose order.
(2.) Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents that have passed between the Inspector of Prisons and other Gaol officials, or any of them, in reference to any of the above cases.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and other Proceedings in the case of Frederick Beer against Michael George Brown, for perjury, heard at the Central Police Court, Sydney, on the 29th November, and the 4th, 10th, and 16th December last.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.

New South Wales.

No. 110.

VOTES, AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Refuse from Kerosene Works thrown into the Harbour :—Mr. Thornton asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) If he is aware that quantities of the refuse from the Kerosene Works, on the North Shore, are thrown into the harbour, causing injury to various properties and persons, contaminating the waters, destroying the fish, and creating a great nuisance in the vicinity?

(2.) Will the Minister cause immediate inquiry to be made, with the view to a suppression of the evils complained of?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) The attention of the Government was drawn to this matter by the Engineer in Chief for Harbours and Rivers, on the 19th instant.

(2.) The Crown Solicitor has been invited to take the necessary steps to remedy the evil complained of, and I may add that the Police have been put in motion.

- (2.) Alleged statement by Chief Justice at Deniliquin, in delivering judgment on Kelly and Payne :—Mr. J. Stewart asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether there is any, and what truth in the following statement, reported in the *Herald* of January 23rd as a speech made by Sir A. Stephen, when pronouncing judgment on Kelly and Payne, at Deniliquin,—

“ A new wing was at present being completed at Darlinghurst.

“ This wing contained ranges of solitary cells, some of which were under ground, out of sight and hearing from above; and in these cells would be placed prisoners misbehaving themselves; and if they there made any noise they would be gagged and left to lie there for days—sometimes a week, and even a fortnight, in total darkness.

“ He hoped that, at the next Sessions of Parliament, the same Bill would be introduced here for the suppression of Bushranging, as now in force in England for the suppression of Garotting—there a garotter is sentenced to fifteen years penal servitude, but before commencing his sentence is flogged with a cat-o'-nine-tails (a hard knot being tied on the end of each lash and intermixed with wire) until the blood pours off the culprit's back in streams”?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Of course I cannot be expected to answer for the accuracy of the report of what His Honor may have said at Deniliquin. There certainly are no such cells as are here spoken of in the Darlinghurst Gaol. Some time ago—I think about eighteen months ago—it was determined to erect a new portion of that prison, consisting of three wings in the form of the letter Y. This form was adopted to suit the peculiar shape of the vacant piece of ground. The longer of these wings is built and now occupied. There are no cells of any description whatever in the wing, except the ordinary living cells, all of which are uniform in size and arrangement; but in one of the short wings it is intended to have six dark cells, just the same kind of cells which are built in all the more improved prisons of the mother country, and which honorable members may see in the gaol at Berrima. This portion of the new building as yet is not commenced, and when these dark cells are erected they will be all above ground, or on the same floor as the first course of ordinary cells. As to the intention of gagging, no such system as that prevails in Darlinghurst prison, and of course it cannot prevail in these dark cells which, as yet, only exist on the plans of the new improvements.

2. **Tariff** :—Mr. Lucas presented a Petition from certain Journeymen Confectioners of New South Wales, complaining of the existing Tariff as regards certain articles connected with their trade, and praying relief.
And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—
Petition received.
3. **Papers** :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
(1.) Documents in reference to Inquiry into the condition and management of Lunatic Asylums in Great Britain, and the appointment of Dr. Manning as Commissioner thereof.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Return to Order, in reference to "Charges made by Roman Catholic Dignitaries against Public School Inspectors," made by this House, on motion of Mr. Oatley, on 25th February, 1868.
The Speaker's attention being called to the fact that the honorable member for West Maitland (Mr. Lee), had committed an assault upon the honorable member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson),—
And a discussion arising,—
Mr. Samuel moved, That the conduct of the honorable member for West Maitland (Mr. Lee) in striking the honorable member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) within the precincts of this House, is in the highest degree disorderly, disgraceful, and reprehensible.
Debate ensued.
And Mr. Robertson proposing to amend the Question by the addition of the words,—“and that the honorable member be expelled from this House,”—which proposed Amendment was objected to by Mr. Martin as inadmissible,—
And Mr. Lee having offered his apologies to the House for what had occurred, and withdrawn,—
Mr. Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-five minutes after Five o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

Question :—

1. **DR. LANG** to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Whether Government are aware that a system of piracy and kidnaping has been in progress for years past, on the most specious pretences, in various groups of islands in the Southern Pacific Ocean, principally under the British, but also under the American and French flags?
(2.) Whether Government have brought the subject under the notice of the naval authorities on this station, so as to put an end to the atrocious proceedings that are perpetrated, from time to time, by unprincipled men on the native inhabitants of various groups of islands in the Pacific?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. **MR. LUCAS** to move, That the Petition presented by him on 26th February, from Certain Journeymen Confectioners of New South Wales, on the subject of the existing Tariff, be printed.
2. **MR. ROBERTSON** to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th February, from certain ratepayers of West Maitland, against the West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill, be printed.

FRIDAY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That the means adopted by the Oriental Banking Company for the sale in London, in May last, of £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures were most unwise, evincing an amount of carelessness, and disregard of the Colony's interests, on the part of the Bank authorities, for which they are highly blameable.
2. MR. NEALE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The number and names of prisoners confined in the various Gaols of the Colony within the last two years, who have died in Gaol, or who have been sent to a Lunatic Asylum; and also, how many of those sent to a Lunatic Asylum have been punished while in Gaol for breach of the Gaol Regulations, stating respectively the number of cases that have occurred in each Gaol, the nature of Gaol offence, the punishment inflicted, and by whose order.
 - (2.) Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents that have passed between the Inspector of Prisons and other Gaol officials, or any of them, in reference to any of the above cases.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and other Proceedings in the case of Frederick Beer against Michael George Brown, for perjury, heard at the Central Police Court, Sydney, on the 29th November, and the 4th, 10th, and 16th December last.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.

New South Wales.

No. 111.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—
Piracy and Kidnapping in Islands in South Pacific Ocean :—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Secretary pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Whether Government are aware that a system of piracy and kidnapping has been in progress for years past, on the most specious pretences, in various groups of islands in the Southern Pacific Ocean, principally under the British, but also under the American and French flags?
(2.) Whether Government have brought the subject under the notice of the naval authorities on this station, so as to put an end to the atrocious proceedings that are perpetrated, from time to time, by unprincipled men on the native inhabitants of various groups of islands in the Pacific?
Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government is aware that persons have been taken away from the islands in the Pacific Ocean for some years past, in a similar manner to the manner referred to by the honorable and reverend Member. This matter of the natives of these islands being, as it is thought, decoyed away for different purposes, has recently been brought under the notice of the Government by His Excellency the Governor himself, and the Government is now in communication with the naval authorities on the subject.
2. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill :—Mr. Dodds presented a Petition from certain Landholders and Tenants residing on the Hunter River, in the district of Maitland, against the present passing of the said Bill with the proposed extensive powers of embankment.
Petition received.
3. Yesterday's Adjournment :—Mr. Martin made to the House an explanation of the course taken by him in moving its adjournment yesterday.
4. Privilege (Disorderly Conduct of Yesterday) :—Dr. Lang moved, "That" Mr. Lee, the Member for West Maitland, and Mr. Macpherson, one of the Members for Central Cumberland, having each committed an assault,—the one on a Member in the presence of the House, and the other on a Member in the immediate precincts of the House,—are both guilty of a high offence against the dignity of this House,—and that for such offence this House directs the Attorney General to prosecute them.
And the honorable members referred to in the said Motion having respectively, in their places, expressed regret for the said disorders,—
Debate ensued.
Mr. Lucas moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the first word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words,—“the conduct of the honorable member for West Maitland (Mr. Lee) in striking the honorable member for Central Cumberland (Mr. Macpherson) in this House, is in the highest degree disorderly, disgraceful, and reprehensible, and this House instructs the Sergeant-at-Arms to prevent the honorable member for West Maitland (Mr. Lee) from entering this Chamber during the next three months.”
Debate continued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Tunks,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Ryan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Nowlan.
Mr. Lord,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Egan.
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Macleay,	

Original Question then put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Tunks,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Lackey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Walker,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Nowlan.
Mr. Mate,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Cummings.
Mr. Gordon,	

5. *Tariff ("Formal" Motion)*:—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th February, from certain Journeymen Confectioners of New South Wales, on the subject of the existing Tariff, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
6. *West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill ("Formal" Motion)*:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th February, from certain ratepayers of West Maitland, against the West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
7. *Supply*:—Mr. Eagar moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. McKay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. J. Stewart.
Mr. Walker,	
Mr. Mate,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Egan,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hart,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Macpherson.
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Lloyd,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Hurley,	

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned on motion of Mr. Eagar, at Thirteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

Questions:—

1. MR. LORD to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to refund a sum of eighty-three pounds, being the balance between the appraised rent of the Toogong Run, and the rent paid 1866, viz., £83.
(2.) Why the £80 paid into the Treasury on the 30th August last has not been returned as promised.
(3.) Is it intended to pay the former lessee the value of his improvements.
(4.) Is it intended to grant Mr. John Smith pre-emptive lease of the land applied for by him out of the Toogong Run, on the 29th May last, viz., 4,884 acres adjoining his purchased land?
2. MR. WALKER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to reduce the fares for passengers on the Railways, and if so, when?

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Monday week.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That the means adopted by the Oriental Banking Company for the sale in London, in May last, of £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures were most unwise, evincing an amount of carelessness, and disregard of the Colony's interests, on the part of the Bank authorities, for which they are highly blameable.
2. MR. NEALE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—
(1.) The number and names of prisoners confined in the various Gaols of the Colony within the last two years, who have died in Gaol, or who have been sent to a Lunatic Asylum; and also, how many of those sent to a Lunatic Asylum have been punished while in Gaol for breach of the Gaol Regulations, stating respectively the number of cases that have occurred in each Gaol, the nature of Gaol offence, the punishment inflicted, and by whose order.
(2.) Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents that have passed between the Inspector of Prisons and other Gaol officials, or any of them, in reference to any of the above cases.
3. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Motion arrived at by this House, on the 27th February, with regard to Messrs. Lee and Macpherson's conduct as Members of this House, be rescinded.
4. MR. DODDS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th February, from certain freeholders and tenant farmers, in the District of the Hunter, against the West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and other Proceedings in the case of Frederick Beer against Michael George Brown, for perjury, heard at the Central Police Court, Sydney, on the 29th November, and the 4th, 10th, and 16th December last.

2. Mr. ROBERTSON to move,—That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows:—
 “That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.

New South Wales.

No. 112.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Toogong Run—Mr. John Smith :—Mr. Lord asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to refund a sum of eighty-three pounds, being the balance between the appraised rent of the Toogong Run, and the rent paid 1866, viz., £83.

(2.) Why the £80 paid into the Treasury on the 30th August last has not been returned as promised.

(3.) Is it intended to pay the former lessee the value of his improvements.

(4.) Is it intended to grant Mr. John Smith pre-emptive lease of the land applied for by him out of the Toogong Run, on the 29th May last, viz., 4,884 acres adjoining his purchased land?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The Government has refused to refund any portion of the rent paid for 1866, the same having been paid a considerable time prior to Mr. Smith's application for a re-valuation.

(2.) This sum has not been repaid, because it has been ascertained that Mr. Smith was in occupation of the Toogong Run during the year 1867.

(3.) The former lessee has no claim to be paid the value of his improvements, but will be permitted to purchase the portions of land containing them, as applied for by him prior to the forfeiture of his lease.

(4.) Mr. John Smith in his application to pre-lease did not give the name of the original grantee of part of the land he applied in virtue of, and he was written to in October last to supply the information, and has not yet answered. Apparently, however, there is no objection to the pre-lease being approved of.

- (2.) Railway Passenger Fares :—Mr. Walker asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Is it the intention of the Government to reduce the fares for passengers on the Railways, and if so, when?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—New reduced rates have just been sanctioned, and will come into operation on the 1st of March.

2. Papers :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

(1.) Despatch dated 30th September, 1867, (with Enclosures,) from Secretary of State, respecting Naval and Military Defences of the Colony.

(2.) By-Law of the Borough of Balmain (presented pursuant to 31 Vic., No. 12, Sec. 158.)

Ordered to be printed.

3. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th February, from certain freeholders and tenant farmers, in the District of the Hunter, against the West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Special Adjournment :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Monday week.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Lucas,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. W. Suttor,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Dodds.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Hurley,
<i>Tellers,</i>
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Driver.

5. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain ratepayers of the Borough of West Maitland, against the passing of the said Bill.
Petition received.
6. Mr. Lachlan M'Lauchlan:—Dr. Lang presented a Petition from Lachlan M'Lauchlan, of Adelaide, praying for leave to place before the Government and this House a certain measure of Financial Reform contemplated by him, as in the said Petition more particularly referred to.
And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—
Petition received.
7. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.
The Chairman reported that it was found upon Division that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Whereupon the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday, the 10th March.
8. Postponements:—
 - (1.) The Order of the Day No. 2 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Tuesday, the 10th March.
 - (2.) The Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day postponed, by Mr. Thornton, until Friday week.
9. Gaol Statistics:—Mr. Neale moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing,—
 - (1.) The number and names of prisoners confined in the various Gaols of the Colony within the last two years, who have died in Gaol, or who have been sent to a Lunatic Asylum; and also, how many of those sent to a Lunatic Asylum have been punished while in Gaol for breach of the Gaol Regulations, stating respectively the number of cases that have occurred in each Gaol, the nature of Gaol offence, the punishment inflicted, and by whose order.
 - (2.) Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents that have passed between the Inspector of Prisons and other Gaol officials, or any of them, in reference to any of the above cases.
 Question put and passed.
10. Proposed Rescission of Vote. (Privilege, &c. *See Entry 4 in Votes and Proceedings of yesterday*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Motion arrived at by this House, on the 27th February, with regard to Messrs. Lee and Macpherson's conduct as Members of this House, be rescinded.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Thornton,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Neale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. J. Stewart.
Mr. Cunneen,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Roberts,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Farnell,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Dodds,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stimpson,	
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Windeyer.
Mr. Mate,	

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The numbers being equal, the Speaker, who said he would not be justified in reversing a decision already arrived at by the House, gave his vote with the Noes, and declared the Question to have been negatived.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight :—

SATURDAY, 29 FEBRUARY, 1868, A.M. :—

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at Ten minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m.,—standing adjourned until Three o'clock on *Monday, the 9th March.*

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, MARCH 9.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move, That the Papers laid on the Table, February 26th, relating to charges made against certain School Inspectors, and to the withdrawal of the Council of Education's Certificate from the Roman Catholic Denominational School in Pitt-street South, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him, on the 28th February, from Mr. Lachlan M'Lauchlan, of the City of Adelaide, on the subject of Financial Reform, be printed.
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th February, from certain ratepayers of the Borough of West Maitland, against the West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill, be printed.
3. MR. DRIVEE to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and other Proceedings in the case of Frederick Beer against Michael George Brown, for perjury, heard at the Central Police Court, Sydney, on the 29th November, and the 4th, 10th, and 16th December last.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows :—
“ That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”
5. MR. RYAN to move,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the tolls now levied for the use of the bridge across the Nepean at Penrith is illegal, contrary to the custom in like cases in other parts of this country, and in the highest degree unjust, and should therefore be forthwith abolished.
(2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, MARCH 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a tabular return shewing,—
 - (1.) The names of all Societies certified under the Friendly Societies Act, the date of certificate, the amount of fees, and to what fund placed.
 - (2.) A similar return of all Branch Societies.
 - (3.) A similar return of all alterations or amendments in the rules of these Societies or branches thereof.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. DODDS to move,—
 - (1.) That the Petition presented to this House from the Rev. J. S. White, on the 14th January, 1868, in reference to certain land at Singleton taken by the Government for public purposes without affording compensation to the owner thereof, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Dr. Lang, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Burns, Mr. White, Mr. Tighc, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
2. MR. THORNTON to move, That the means adopted by the Oriental Banking Company for the sale in London, in May last, of £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures were most unwise, evincing an amount of carelessness, and disregard of the Colony's interests, on the part of the Bank authorities, for which they are highly blameable.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 113.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 9 MARCH, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other Public purposes, in accordance with the 4th Section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1, during the period from 1st January to 22nd February, 1868.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Charges made by Roman Catholic Dignitaries against Public School Inspectors (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Papers laid on the Table, February 26th, relating to charges made against certain School Inspectors, and to the withdrawal of the Council of Education's Certificate from the Roman Catholic Denominational School in Pitt-street South, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
3. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th February, from certain ratepayers of the Borough of West Maitland, against the West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the Resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Eagar moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply.
Motion made by Mr. Samuel, and Question put (after debate), That this House do now adjourn.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Samuel,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Pickering,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Egan,	
Mr. Cummings,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Isaacs,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Nowlan,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Tighe,	
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Mate,	

Main Question stated.

Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight."
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight:—

TUESDAY, 10 MARCH, 1868, A.M.:—

Debate adjourned, on motion of Dr. Lang, until Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at thirteen minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., this day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10.

Questions:—

1. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been or are intended to be taken, with reference to the extension of the telegraph line from Kiama to Jervis Bay light-house?
2. MR. THORNTON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) When will the "One-tree Hill Station," on the Bathurst Road, be opened for traffic?
 - (2.) When will the Railway to Bathurst be probably completed and opened for public use?
 - (3.) Will the Honorable the Minister inform the House of the present state of the contracts for completion of the Railway to Bathurst?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a tabular return shewing,—
 - (1.) The names of all Societies certified under the Friendly Societies Act, the date of certificate, the amount of fees, and to what fund placed.
 - (2.) A similar return of all Branch Societies.
 - (3.) A similar return of all alterations or amendments in the rules of these Societies or branches thereof.
2. MR. DRIVER to move, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the presentation of a Petition, and the bringing in of a Bill to amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act.
3. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing:—
 - (1.) The number of burglaries reported to the Detective Police as having been committed in the City of Sydney during the past twelve months.
 - (2.) The number of prosecutions instituted in respect of such reports, and the result thereof.
 - (3.) The number of detectives employed in the city of Sydney during the same period, with the total amount of salaries paid to them.
4. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the boundaries of the City of Sydney.
5. DR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him, on the 23rd February, from Mr. Lachlan M'Lauchlan, of the City of Adelaide, on the subject of Financial Reform, be printed.
6. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and other Proceedings in the case of Frederick Beer against Michael George Brown, for perjury, heard at the Central Police Court, Sydney, on the 29th November, and the 4th, 10th, and 16th December last.
7. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows:—

"That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."
8. MR. RYAN to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the tolls now levied for the use of the bridge across the Nepean at Penrith is illegal, contrary to the custom in like cases in other parts of this country, and in the highest degree unjust, and should therefore be forthwith abolished.
 - (2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11.

Questions:—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When the Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on his survey of the Hunter will be laid on the Table?
2. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—When will he be in a position to give his opinion in the matter referred to him by the Chairman of the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith?
3. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in reference to the Petition recently presented to them by the Trustees and Commoners of the Field of Mars and Eastern Farms Common?
4. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the Director of the Botanic Gardens make known to the public the result of his inquiries in Spain or Portugal as to the cultivation and management of the Orange plant in those countries?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply: Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Egar, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply,—upon which Mr. Driver had moved, by way of Amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to inserting in their place the words, "the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight."

FRIDAY, MARCH 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. DODDS *to move*,—
 - (1.) That the Petition presented to this House from the Rev. J. S. White, on the 14th January, 1868, in reference to certain land at Singleton taken by the Government for public purposes without affording compensation to the owner thereof, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Dr. Lang, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Burns, Mr. White, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
2. MR. THORNTON *to move*, That the means adopted by the Oriental Banking Company for the sale in London, in May last, of £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures were most unwise, evincing an amount of carelessness, and disregard of the Colony's interests, on the part of the Bank authorities, for which they are highly blameable.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 114.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 MARCH, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
 - (1.) Telegraphic Extension from Kiama to Jervis Bay Lighthouse :—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—What steps have been or are intended to be taken, with reference to the extension of the telegraph line from Kiama to Jervis Bay light-house?
Mr. Byrnes answered,—£2,500, the amount required for the extension of the telegraph line from Kiama to Jervis Bay Light-house, will be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1868.
 - (2.) Bathurst Line of Railway :—Mr. Thornton asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—
 - (1.) When will the "One-tree Hill Station," on the Bathurst Road, be opened for traffic?
 - (2.) When will the Railway to Bathurst be probably completed and opened for public use?
 - (3.) Will the Honorable the Minister inform the House of the present state of the contracts for completion of the Railway to Bathurst?
Mr. Byrnes answered,—
 - (1.) About Tuesday, the 31st instant.
 - (2.) 31st May, 1871.
 - (3.) The permanent way is complete nearly up to One-tree Hill (Mount Victoria Station). The works from Mount Victoria to the end of Contract No. 4 are finished, and about three-fifths of the works on Contract No. 5 have been executed. On Contract No. 6 very little has yet been done, the contractor having abandoned the works. I may, however, state that the Government have employed the men until a new contract can be taken.
2. Papers :—
 - (1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
 - (1.) Report from the Director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, on the state of the Orange Plantations in Portugal and Spain.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands proposed to be dedicated to Religious and Public purposes, in accordance with the 5th Section of the Act 25 Victoria, No. 1.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
 - (1.) By-law of the Borough of Albury (presented pursuant to 31 Victoria, No. 12, Sec. 158.)
 - (2.) Further Correspondence connected with the vacant office of Parliamentary Librarian. (*See Entry 1 in Votes and Proceedings, No. 108.*)
Ordered to be printed.
3. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Robertson withdrew the Motion No. 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
4. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill :—
 - (1.) ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the boundaries of the City of Sydney.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Windeyer having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend the boundaries of the City of Sydney," read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday week.
5. Friendly Societies :—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a tabular return shewing,—
 - (1.) The names of all Societies certified under the Friendly Societies Act, the date of certificate, the amount of fees, and to what fund placed.
 - (2.) A similar return of all Branch Societies.
 - (3.) A similar return of all alterations or amendments in the rules of these Societies or branches thereof.

Mr.

Mr. Martin moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of section (3). Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment by leave withdrawn.

Question then, as amended by consent, viz. :—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a tabular return shewing,—

- (1.) The names of all Societies certified under the Friendly Societies Act, the date of certificate, the amount of fees, and to what fund placed.
 - (2.) A similar return of all Branch Societies.
 - (3.) A similar return of the number of all alterations or amendments in the rules of these Societies, or branches thereof ;—put and passed.
6. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill—Suspension of Standing Orders :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent the presentation of a Petition, and the bringing in of a Bill to amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act.
Question put and passed.
7. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Driver withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Mr. Lachlan M'Lauchlan :—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him, on the 28th February, from Mr. Lachlan M'Lauchlan, of the City of Adelaide, on the subject of Financial Reform, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
9. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Driver withdrew the Motion No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
10. Tolls over Nepean Bridge at Penrith :—Mr. Ryan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the imposition of the tolls now levied for the use of the bridge across the Nepean at Penrith is illegal, contrary to the custom in like cases in other parts of this country, and in the highest degree unjust, and should therefore be forthwith abolished.
(2.) That the foregoing resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Martin moved the Previous Question.
Debate ensued.
Previous Question,—That that Question be now put—put and negatived.
11. Mr. Samuel Gordon :—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from Samuel Gordon, Esquire, of Newcastle, in the Colony of New South Wales, stating that he has failed to obtain justice in Courts of Law, in reference to certain claims as therein set forth, and praying inquiry into the allegations contained in his Petition, or further or other redress, as to this House, in its wisdom and justice, may seem meet.
Petition received.
12. Postponements :—The undermentioned Orders of the Day, postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows :—
(1.) Order No. 1, until Friday next. Mr. Lucas.
(2.) Order No. 2, until this day fortnight. Mr. Dodds.
(3.) Order No. 3, until Friday week. Mr. Lucas.
- The House adjourned, at four minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11.

Questions :—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When the Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on his survey of the Hunter will be laid on the Table?
2. MR. TUNKS to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—When will he be in a position to give his opinion in the matter referred to him by the Chairman of the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith?
3. MR. TUNKS to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in reference to the Petition recently presented to them by the Trustees and Commoners of the Field of Mars and Eastern Farms Common?
4. MR. TUNKS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the Director of the Botanic Gardens make known to the public the result of his inquiries in Spain or Portugal as to the cultivation and management of the Orange plant in those countries?

5. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) Has any application been made to the Government for money to be expended in repairing the road or street between Kempsey, Macleay River, and the Court House and Public School?
 - (2.) Has any money been granted or appropriated, or is it intended by the Government to propose any grant or appropriation for the purpose in question?
 - (3.) Otherwise, what steps have been or are intended to be taken by the Government for repairing the said road or street, or for expending money thereon, so as to render it available for traffic?
6. MR. MACPHERSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
- (1.) What is the amount per year received by the Government for the Tolls upon the road between Parramatta on the one hand, and Ryde and Pennant Hills on the other?
 - (2.) In what way is the said amount expended?
 - (3.) Is the said amount, or any portion thereof, expended upon the road above specified?
 - (4.) Has any application or memorial been received by the Government having reference to the said Tolls?
7. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—With reference to my question, and the answer of the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer thereto, numbered 3 among the Votes and Proceedings of this House, on Wednesday, 15th January, having reference to the Stamp Duties Act of 1865,—Is it the intention of the Government to fulfil the promise given or implied in the said answer of the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer; and if so, when, and in what manner?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply: Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Eagar, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply,—upon which Mr. Driver had moved, by way of Amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to inserting in their place the words, "the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight."
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition presented by him on March 10th, from Samuel Gordon, of Newcastle, be printed.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Has any application or petition been received by the Government, praying for the establishment of a Post Office on the River Nambuccra, in the Electoral District of the Hastings.
 - (2.) If so, what steps have been or are intended to be taken by the Government in the matter?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been or are intended to be taken by the Government in the expenditure of the sum of £5,000, voted by this House for Improving the Navigation of the River Macleay?
3. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Has any application been made to the Government by Mr. J. Warne, of Warneton, Macleay River, or any other person, on behalf of the tenants, or the widow and children of a conditional purchaser, or quasi-conditional purchaser, in the same neighbourhood, named Michael Gleason, lately deceased, formerly of Dungay Creek, Macleay River, praying the Government to waive the forfeiture of the said Michael Gleason's conditional purchase, or quasi-conditional purchase, and with that view to accept from the said Michael Gleason's representatives payment of interest or other arrears, and to admit secondary evidence of the said Michael Gleason's right or claim, in consideration of having occupied a certain time, and made the necessary improvements?
 - (2.) If so, what course has been or is intended to be taken in the matter?
 - (3.) What is the nature of the laches or default committed by the said Michael Gleason?
 - (4.) How many, if any, of the declarations required by law have been omitted by the said Michael Gleason?
 - (5.) What amount of arrears, if any, are due on account of the said Michael Gleason?
4. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Clerk of Petty Sessions at Grenfell?
 - (2.) If so, when?

FRIDAY, MARCH 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. DODDS to move,—
 - (1.) That the Petition presented to this House from the Rev. J. S. White, on the 14th January, 1868, in reference to certain land at Singleton taken by the Government for public purposes without affording compensation to the owner thereof, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Dr. Lang, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Burns, Mr. White, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
2. MR. THORNTON to move, That the means adopted by the Oriental Banking Company for the sale in London, in May last, of £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures were most unwise, evincing an amount of carelessness, and disregard of the Colony's interests, on the part of the Bank authorities, for which they are highly blameable.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows:—

“That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”
2. MR. GARRETT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government, the Mayor of Kiama, Mr. Samuel Charles, or other persons; and also, all Minutes of the Executive Council with reference to the removal of Mr. Charles from the Commission of the Peace.
3. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of the Information, Depositions, and other Proceedings in the case of Frederick Beer against Michael George Brown, for perjury, heard at the Central Police Court, Sydney, on the 29th November, and the 4th, 10th, and 16th December last.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.
2. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all charges and other documents laid before the Governor in Council in connection with the dispensing of the services of William Bennett Hull, late District Engineer of No. 5 and No. 6 Sections on the Great Western Railway—the above papers to include the testimonials presented to Mr. Hull by the former and present Engineer-in-Chief for Victoria. 2.

2. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing:—
- (1.) The number of burglaries reported to the Detective Police as having been committed in the City of Sydney during the past twelve months.
 - (2.) The number of prosecutions instituted in respect of such reports, and the result thereof.
 - (3.) The number of detectives employed in the city of Sydney during the same period, with the total amount of salaries paid to them.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.
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FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 115.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

Mr. Burns withdrew the Question No. 1.

- (1.) Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith:—Mr. Tunks asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When will he be in a position to give his opinion in the matter referred to him by the Chairman of the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith?

Mr. Martin answered,—In a few days.

Mr. Tunks withdrew the Questions Nos. 3 and 4.

- (2.) Road at Kempsey, Macleay River:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Has any application been made to the Government for money to be expended in repairing the road or street between Kempsey, Macleay River, and the Court House and Public School?

(2.) Has any money been granted or appropriated, or is it intended by the Government to propose any grant or appropriation for the purpose in question?

(3.) Otherwise, what steps have been or are intended to be taken by the Government for repairing the said road or street, or for expending money thereon, so as to render it available for traffic?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) No special application of the kind has been received apparently.

(2 and 3.) No money has been appropriated for the purpose, nor is it in contemplation to make any grant of the kind.

- (3.) Tolls on Road between Parramatta, Ryde, and Pennant Hills:—Mr. Macpherson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) What is the amount per year received by the Government for the Tolls upon the road between Parramatta on the one hand, and Ryde and Pennant Hills on the other?

(2.) In what way is the said amount expended?

(3.) Is the said amount, or any portion thereof, expended upon the road above specified?

(4.) Has any application or memorial been received by the Government having reference to the said Tolls?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The rental of the Toll-bar at the junction of the road from Parramatta to Ryde, with the road leading thence to Pennant Hills is £40.

(2 and 3.) The money has not been, but will be, expended on the road, which is regularly supported by an allowance as per Schedule.

(4.) A memorial on the subject of the removal of the Toll-bar to a different site has been presented by Mr. Lackey.

- (4.) Stamp Duties Act of 1865:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—With reference to my question, and the answer of the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer thereto, numbered 3 among the Votes and Proceedings of this House, on Wednesday, 15th January, having reference to the Stamp Duties Act of 1865,—Is it the intention of the Government to fulfil the promise given or implied in the said answer of the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer; and if so, when, and in what manner?

Mr. Eagar answered,—It is the intention of the Government to fulfil the promise given by it at an early date during the present Session.

2. Papers:—
- (1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Amended Gold Fields Regulations (dated 10th March, 1868), under the Act 30 Vict., No. 8.—(Presented in accordance with the 13th section of the Act.)
Ordered to be printed.
- (2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, By-laws of Borough of Bathurst.—(Presented pursuant to 31 Vict., No. 12, Sect. 158.)
Ordered to be printed.
3. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Driver presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney, under the signature of the Mayor and the Seal of the Corporation, praying for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act. (*See Entry 6 in Votes and Proceedings of yesterday.*)
Petition received.
4. Messrs. Winship and Bishop:—Mr. Hannell presented a Petition from James Barron Winship and Daniel Tyerman Bishop, stating that, as the assignees of one Thomas Topham, of certain free-selected land near the City of Newcastle, they are interrupted in improving the said land by a law-suit between the Crown and one Burnley, relating to a portion of the said land; and praying consideration and relief in the premises.
Petition received.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hannell (*made with the concurrence of the House*), That the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee now sitting in the case of Mr. John Burnley.
5. Supply:—The Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Eagar, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply,—upon which Mr. Driver had moved, by way of Amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to inserting in their place the words, "the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight,"—
Resumed and continued.
Motion made by Mr. Cummings, and Question put (after debate), That this Debate be now adjourned until Monday next.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Burdekin,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Lloyd.
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Macpherson,	
Mr. Egan,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Lucas,	

Noes, 31.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Parkes,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Mate,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Roberts,	
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Ryan,	Mr. W. Suttor.
Mr. R. Stewart,	

Main Question stated.

Motion made by Mr. Lucas, and Question put (after Debate), That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

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Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

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Mr. W. Suttor,	Mr. Campbell,
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Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Windeyer,
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Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Morrice,	
Mr. Alexander,	

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin (after Debate), at Four minutes before Midnight, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Has any application or petition been received by the Government, praying for the establishment of a Post Office on the River Nambuccra, in the Electoral District of the Hastings.
 - (2.) If so, what steps have been or are intended to be taken by the Government in the matter?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been or are intended to be taken by the Government in the expenditure of the sum of £5,000, voted by this House for Improving the Navigation of the River Macleay?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Has any application been made to the Government by Mr. J. Warne, of Warneton, Macleay River, or any other person, on behalf of the tenants, or the widow and children of a conditional purchaser, or quasi-conditional purchaser, in the same neighbourhood, named Michael Gleason, lately deceased, formerly of Dungay Creek, Macleay River, praying the Government to waive the forfeiture of the said Michael Gleason's conditional purchase, or quasi-conditional purchase, and with that view to accept from the said Michael Gleason's representatives payment of interest or other arrears, and to admit secondary evidence of the said Michael Gleason's right or claim, in consideration of having occupied a certain time, and made the necessary improvements?
 - (2.) If so, what course has been or is intended to be taken in the matter?
 - (3.) What is the nature of the laches or default committed by the said Michael Gleason?
 - (4.) How many, if any, of the declarations required by law have been omitted by the said Michael Gleason?
 - (5.) What amount of arrears, if any, are due on account of the said Michael Gleason?
4. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Clerk of Petty Sessions at Grenfell?
 - (2.) If so, when?

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. DRIVER to move for leave to introduce a Bill intituled a Bill to amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition presented by him on March 10th, from Samuel Gordon, of Newcastle, be printed.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13.

Question:—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When the Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on his survey of the Hunter will be laid on the Table?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill ; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

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 - (1.) That the Petition presented to this House from the Rev. J. S. White, on the 14th January, 1868, in reference to certain land at Singleton taken by the Government for public purposes without affording compensation to the owner thereof, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Dr. Lang, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Burns, Mr. White, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
2. MR. THORNTON to move, That the means adopted by the Oriental Banking Company for the sale in London, in May last, of £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures were most unwise, evincing an amount of carelessness, and disregard of the Colony's interests, on the part of the Bank authorities, for which they are highly blameable.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows:—

“ That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”
2. MR. GARRETT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government, the Mayor of Kiama, Mr. Samuel Charles, or other persons ; and also, all Minutes of the Executive Council with reference to the removal of Mr. Charles from the Commission of the Peace.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.

Question:—

1. MR. TUNKS to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in reference to the Petition recently presented to them by the Trustees and Commoners of the Field of Mars and Eastern Farms Common?

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FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.
2. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all charges and other documents laid before the Governor in Council in connection with the dispensing of the services of William Bennett Hull, late District Engineer of No. 5 and No. 6 Sections on the Great Western Railway—the above papers to include the testimonials presented to Mr. Hull by the former and present Engineer-in-Chief for Victoria.
2. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing:—
 - (1.) The number of burglaries reported to the Detective Police as having been committed in the City of Sydney during the past twelve months.
 - (2.) The number of prosecutions instituted in respect of such reports, and the result thereof.
 - (3.) The number of detectives employed in the city of Sydney during the same period, with the total amount of salaries paid to them.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.]

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 116.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

(1.) Post Office on River Nambuccra :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has any application or petition been received by the Government, praying for the establishment of a Post Office on the River Nambuccra, in the Electoral District of the Hastings.

(2.) If so, what steps have been or are intended to be taken by the Government in the matter ?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) A memorial on this subject was received by the Postmaster General.

(2.) On the 23rd of December last, Messrs. E. Crispin, and P. Carbin, on behalf of the memorialists, were informed that a Post Office would be at once established at Nambuccra if they could suggest any plan by which the mails could be conveyed to and from a certain point on the Frederickton and Dovedale Postal line to meet the mailman. No reply has been received to this communication.

(2.) Navigation of River Macleay :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—What steps have been or are intended to be taken by the Government in the expenditure of the sum of £5,000, voted by this House for Improving the Navigation of the River Macleay ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—This amount has not yet been voted, but in accordance with the resolution passed by the Legislative Assembly it has been placed on the Estimates for 1868. No time will be lost in carrying out these improvements, so soon as the money is made available.

(3.) Michael Gleason's Conditional Purchase—Mr. J. Warne :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has any application been made to the Government by Mr. J. Warne, of Warneton, Macleay River, or any other person, on behalf of the tenants, or the widow and children of a conditional purchaser, or quasi-conditional purchaser, in the same neighbourhood, named Michael Gleason, lately deceased, formerly of Dungay Creek, Macleay River, praying the Government to waive the forfeiture of the said Michael Gleason's conditional purchase, or quasi-conditional purchase, and with that view to accept from the said Michael Gleason's representatives payment of interest or other arrears, and to admit secondary evidence of the said Michael Gleason's right or claim, in consideration of having occupied a certain time, and made the necessary improvements ?

(2.) If so, what course has been or is intended to be taken in the matter ?

(3.) What is the nature of the laches or default committed by the said Michael Gleason ?

(4.) How many, if any, of the declarations required by law have been omitted by the said Michael Gleason ?

(5.) What amount of arrears, if any, are due on account of the said Michael Gleason ?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) Yes, on the 24th January last.

(2.) Mr. Warne was informed that the declarations upon two of Michael Gleason's purchases had been received and approved, but that the declaration in
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the remaining purchase (4th March, 1862) had never been furnished. It was also intimated, however, to Mr. Warne, that if a proper declaration was sent in by Mr. Gleason's heir-at-law, it would, under the circumstances, be accepted, as also any arrears of interest due on that and the other two purchases.

(3.) The omission to furnish the declaration before alluded to, and non-payment of interest within the time prescribed by law.

(4.) One, namely that referred to in the previous answer.

(5.) No arrears now, but the interest to the end of the current year should be paid before the 31st instant.

(4.) Clerk of Petty Sessions, Grenfell:—Mr. Forster asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Clerk of Petty Sessions at Grenfell?

(2.) If so, when?

Mr. Martin answered,—It is the intention of the Government to appoint a Clerk of Petty Sessions at Grenfell, so soon as the money is voted for that purpose.

2. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill:—

(1.) (“*Formal Motion*”):—Mr. Driver moved pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill intituled a Bill to amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Driver having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act,*” read a first time.

3. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the Resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Eagar moved that the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Interruption.

4. Adjournment—Attempted Assassination of the Duke of Edinburgh:—Mr. Martin—announcing that intelligence had just been received of an attempt to assassinate His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh—moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at Seven minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13.

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4. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition presented by him on March 10th, from Samuel Gordon, of Newcastle, be printed.

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1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17.

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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 117.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 13 MARCH, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Address to the Duke of Edinburgh in reference to the recent attempt upon the life of His Royal Highness:—Mr. Martin, referring to the attempt made yesterday to assassinate the Duke of Edinburgh (*see last Entry in the Votes and Proceedings of that day*), moved, *with the unanimous consent of the House* (without notice):—

- (1.) That the following Address be now adopted by this House, viz:—

To His Royal Highness PRINCE ALFRED ERNEST ALBERT, Duke of Edinburgh, Earl of Kent, Earl of Ulster, Duke of Saxony, Prince of Coburg and Gotha.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—

"WE, the Members of the Legislative Assembly, take the earliest opportunity to express our horror and indignation at the attempt which has been made on the life of Your Royal Highness during your visit to this Colony, and to assure you of the feelings of profound grief and sympathy which pervade the minds of all classes of the community.

"We renew the expression of our devoted attachment to our Gracious Queen and the Royal Family, and we humbly supplicate Almighty God to watch over the life of Your Royal Highness, and to grant that you may be speedily restored to perfect health."

- (2.) That the House do forthwith proceed to Government House to present the foregoing Address to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will take an early opportunity of presenting it to His Royal Highness.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed unanimously and with enthusiasm.

And the House proceeded to Government House accordingly;—

And being returned, the Speaker reported that the House had proceeded to Government House, and presented the said Address to the Governor, with the prescribed request, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following reply:—

"MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—

"I will take an early opportunity of presenting your Address to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

"I thank you for your expressions of attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and I join in your prayer to Almighty God, that He may be graciously pleased to grant His Royal Highness a speedy restoration to perfect health.

Government House,

BELMORE.

Sydney, March 13th, 1868."

2. Adjournment:—Mr. Martin then moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at sixteen minutes before Five o'clock, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, MARCH 16.

Question:—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—When the Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on his survey of the Hunter will be laid on the Table?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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(1.) That the Bill to amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wilson, Dr. Lang, Mr. Neale, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Campbell, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tighe, Mr. R. Stewart, and the Mover.
4. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on March 10th, from Samuel Gordon, of Newcastle, be printed.

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1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON *to move*,—That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows:—
“That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”
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Question :—

1. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in reference to the Petition recently presented to them by the Trustees and Commoners of the Field of Mars and Eastern Farms Common?

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace :—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.
2. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. MORRICE *to move*, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all charges and other documents laid before the Governor in Council in connection with the dispensing with the services of William Bennett Hull, late District Engineer of No. 5 and No. 6 Sections on the Great Western Railway—the above papers to include the testimonials presented to Mr. Hull by the former and present Engineer-in-Chief for Victoria.
2. MR. DRIVER *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing :—
 - (1) The number of burglaries reported to the Detective Police as having been committed in the City of Sydney during the past twelve months.
 - (2) The number of prosecutions instituted in respect of such reports, and the result thereof.
 - (3.) The number of detectives employed in the city of Sydney during the same period, with the total amount of salaries paid to them.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 118.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 16 MARCH, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Question on Notice Paper for to-day :—
Flood Relief, Hunter River Districts—Report on Survey of River :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When the Report of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on his survey of the Hunter will be laid on the Table?
Mr. Byrnes answered,—The Report referred to will be laid on the Table on Monday next.
2. Coal Mine, Bundanoon Creek, Berrima District :—Mr. Alexander presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of Goulburn and its vicinity, setting forth the existence of an excellent Coal Mine at Bundanoon Creek, three miles from the line of Railway at Sutton Forest, and praying that a siding on the said railway and a special rate for the conveyance of coal thereby may be granted, with a view to facilitate the supply of coal to Goulburn *via* Marulan.
Petition received.
3. Reverend James White (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Dodds, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Petition presented to this House from the Rev. J. S. White, on the 14th January, 1868, in reference to certain land at Singleton taken by the Government for public purposes without affording compensation to the owner thereof, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Dr. Lang, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Burns, Mr. White, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Lee, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
4. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Thornton withdrew the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
5. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Bill to amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Wilson, Dr. Lang, Mr. Neale, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Campbell, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Tighe, Mr. R. Stewart, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
6. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read, Mr. Eagar moved, “That” the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply.
Mr. Samuel moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word “That,” with a view to inserting in their place the words “in the opinion of this House the Expenditure for the year 1868 ought to be so framed “as to be clearly within the income of the year.
“(2.) That the surplus existing at the end of the year 1867, accruing as it does from the proceeds of taxation, levied in order to discharge the deficit debt, ought to be appropriated for that purpose.”
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
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The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Ostley,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Graham,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Tighe.
Dr. Lang,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Phelps,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Forster,	

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply accordingly.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at a quarter before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17.

Questions:—

1. MR. MACLEAY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Why has the letter of Mr. John Spencer, of Gundagai, dated 16th May, 1867, claiming compensation for losses sustained by him in the year 1854, owing to the action of the Government, not been acknowledged or answered by any Department of the Government?
2. MR. STIMPSON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) What time is the contractor for the Cowra Bridge allowed for the completion of the Bridge?
 - (2.) Is the contractor likely to carry out the contract?
 - (3.) If not, do the Government intend to carry out the work without delay?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows:—
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4. MR. TUNKS to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of the correspondence having reference to the opening of the proposed road to Gladesville *via* Balmain and Five Dock, together with a statement of the amount and particulars of public money expended in connection with the same road.

5. **MR. FORSTER** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the cost of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama, since the commencement of the contract to the date of Return, specifying, separately, the cost of each monthly mail as well as of each of the several stages of communication—that is to say, the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus, the cost across the Isthmus, and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain; also, in each case, the rate per annum, and the cost of each letter or newspaper, so far as the same can be approximately estimated.
- (2.) A Return extending over the same time of the number of, and revenue derived from, letters, newspapers, or packages, conveyed by the said route between this Colony and Great Britain; shewing the number and revenue each way to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
- (3.) A Return extending over the same time, of the number of letters, newspapers, or packages lost, or which cannot be accounted for upon application, while in process of transmission by the said route; shewing the number each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
6. **MR. FORSTER** to move, That the Petition presented by him on March 10th, from Samuel Gordon, of Newcastle, be printed.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.

Questions :—

1. **MR. TUNES** to ask **THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in reference to the Petition recently presented to them by the Trustees and Commoners of the Field of Mars and Eastern Farms Common?
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- (1.) Is it a fact that there are two Registrars, or two persons jointly discharging the duties of Registrar, of the Metropolitan District Court, one at a salary of £500, another at a salary of £400 per year,—the same amount of security having been exacted in both cases?
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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. ALEXANDER** to move, That the Petition presented by him on 16th March, from the inhabitants of Goulburn and its vicinity, respecting a coal mine at Bundanoon Creek, near Sutton Forest, be printed.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

Questions :—

1. **MR. TUNES** to ask **THE COLONIAL TREASURER**,—
- (1.) What steps have the Government taken towards placing a Light at the entrance to Broken Bay?
- (2.) What progress has been made with the Survey of the entrance to Broken Bay, with a view to the publication of a cheap chart of the same, as a harbour of refuge in stormy weather?
2. **MR. TUNES** to ask **THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS**,—When will the Return having reference to applications to purchase and reclaim Land under the 9th and 12th clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, ordered by this House on the 5th November last, be furnished?

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1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
- (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.

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(2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.

2. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill ; second reading.
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NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence relative to the dismissal and resignation of Mr. Shephard Howarth from the situation of overseer of blacksmiths at Darlinghurst Gaol.
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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 119.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 MARCH, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Mr. John Spencer, of Gundagai :—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Why has the letter of Mr. John Spencer, of Gundagai, dated 16th May, 1867, claiming compensation for losses sustained by him in the year 1854, owing to the action of the Government, not been acknowledged or answered by any Department of the Government ?

Mr. Eagar answered,—It was not until I came to the House this afternoon that I observed this question, or noticed that it referred to my department. I am not prepared to answer it just now, and shall be glad if the honorable member will defer it till to-morrow.

- (2.) Cowra Bridge :—Mr. Stimpson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What time is the contractor for the Cowra Bridge allowed for the completion of the Bridge ?

(2.) Is the contractor likely to carry out the contract ?

(3.) If not, do the Government intend to carry out the work without delay ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Twelve months from 26th June, 1867.

(2.) The contractor has not made so much progress as was expected, but it is hoped he will proceed more rapidly, as the Commissioner for Roads has recently made a very strong remonstrance on the subject.

(3.) Should the contractor not make more satisfactory progress, the contract will be cancelled, and the work be carried out by the Road Department.

2. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.

3. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Robertson not making the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

4. Messrs. Charles and Emery :—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government, the Mayor of Kiama, Mr. Samuel Charles, or other persons ; and also, all Minutes of the Executive Council with reference to the removal of Mr. " Charles " from the Commission of the Peace.

Question amended, on motion of Mr. Parkes (after debate), by inserting after the word " Charles," where it occurs the second time, the words " and Mr. Emery."

Question then,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to be caused to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government, the Mayor of Kiama, Mr. Samuel Charles, or other persons ; and also, all Minutes of the Executive Council with reference to the removal of Mr. Charles and Mr. Emery from the Commission of the Peace,—put and passed.

5. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Driver not making the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

6. Proposed Road to Gladesville, *viâ* Balmain and Five Dock :—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid on the Table of this House, a Copy of the correspondence having reference to the opening of the proposed road to Gladesville *viâ* Balmain and Five Dock, together with a statement of the amount and particulars of public money expended in connection with the same road.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. Mr. Samuel Gordon :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on March 10th, from Samuel Gordon, of Newcastle, be “printed”. Debate ensued.
Mr. Garrett moved, That the question be amended by omitting the word “printed,” with a view to inserting in its place the words “referred to the “Standing Orders Committee with the view of that Committee considering and “reporting on the question, as to the propriety of printing the said Petition.”
Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the word omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Petition presented by Mr. Forster on March 10th, from Samuel Gordon, of Newcastle, be referred to the Standing Orders Committee with a view of that Committee considering and reporting on the question, as to the propriety of printing the said Petition,—put and passed.
8. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill :—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
9. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at a quarter after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.

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5. MR. S. BROWN *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) Has the expenditure of the country for the months of January and February last been reduced by the sum of £10,000 a month, in accordance with the vote of credit granted the Government for those months, and if so—
(2.) How has that reduction been carried out?

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MARTIN to move, That the Standing Orders be suspended with a view to the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill for the better security of the Crown and Government of the United Kingdom and for the better suppression and punishment of seditious practices and attempts.
2. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to introduce a Bill for the better security of the Crown and Government of the United Kingdom and for the better suppression and punishment of seditious practices and attempts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
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3. MR. LACKEY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Do the Government intend establishing a toll-house on the Pennant Hills Road, near Parramatta ?
 - (2.) Have they any information as to the probable amount of receipts from such toll ?
 - (3.) Could they state the probable cost of land and building to be erected thereon ?
 - (4.) From such information as they have, do they believe that the amount of traffic on this road is sufficient to warrant them in erecting a toll there ?

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 - (3.) The number of detectives employed in the city of Sydney during the same period, with the total amount of salaries paid to them.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of the cost of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama, since the commencement of the contract to the date of Return, specifying, separately, the cost of each monthly mail as well as of each of the several stages of communication—that is to say, the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus, the cost across the Isthmus, and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain; also, in each case, the rate per annum, and the cost of each letter or newspaper, so far as the same can be approximately estimated.
 - (2.) A Return extending over the same time of the number of, and revenue derived from, letters, newspapers, or packages, conveyed by the said route between this Colony and Great Britain; shewing the number and revenue each way to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
 - (3.) A Return extending over the same time, of the number of letters, newspapers, or packages lost, or which cannot be accounted for upon application, while in process of transmission by the said route; shewing the number each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move.—That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows:—

“That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 120.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Tunks, withdrew the Question No. 1.

- (1.) Two Registrars of Metropolitan District Court:—Mr. Forster asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it a fact that there are two Registrars, or two persons jointly discharging the duties of Registrar, of the Metropolitan District Court, one at a salary of £500, another at a salary of £400 per year,—the same amount of security having been exacted in both cases?

(2.) If so, is there any difference between the functions of the two officers in question, and what peculiar circumstances, in comparison with those of other District Courts, are considered to authorize the joint appointment and additional expense incurred thereby?

Mr. Martin answered,—

(1.) Upon the establishment of the District Courts in 1859, two persons were "appointed to execute jointly the office of Registrar" of the Metropolitan District Court, pursuant to the provisions of the 32nd Section of the Act (22nd Victoria, No. 18). One of these gentlemen, (Mr. Maxwell) had been Registrar of the Court of Requests, at a salary of £500 a year, for many years prior to his appointment as a Registrar of the District Court, and the same salary was continued to him under the latter appointment. The other District Court Registrar (Mr. Yarnton), who entered the Government service for the first time in 1859, was appointed at a salary of £400 a year. The same amount of security is required in both cases.

(2.) The functions of the two officers are regulated by the Judges, pursuant to the provisions of the same enactment. The much larger amount of business transacted in the Metropolitan District Court than in any other District Court of the Colony, was, I believe, the reason for the appointment of the additional Registrar.

- (2.) Night Shelter and food for Casual Poor, &c., of Sydney:—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Whether it is the intention of Government to make any provision, during the present Session of Parliament, in the shape of a night shelter and an allowance of food for the casual poor of this city, as also for persons discharged with infirm health from the Infirmary?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I fear I cannot hold out any promise that any provision of this kind will be made by the Government. The expenses incurred by Government for purposes of this character are so very large, amounting altogether to nearly £70,000 per annum, that it seems very desirable that every effort should be made to induce the same kind of means to be resorted to here to meet cases of this kind as are resorted to in the mother country, that is, private effort. I do not think I can hold out any expectation that any provision of this kind will be made.

- (3.) Mr. John Spencer, of Gundagai:—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Why has the letter of Mr. John Spencer, of Gundagai, dated 16th May, 1867, claiming compensation for losses sustained by him in the year 1854, owing to the action of the Government, not been acknowledged or answered by any Department of the Government?

Mr. Bagar answered,—On 20th November, 1867, the honorable member for the Murrumbidgee put the following questions to the Colonial Secretary, in relation to this matter, viz.:—

(1.)

(1.) If he has received a letter from Mr. John Spencer, of Gundagai, dated 16th May, 1867, claiming compensation for losses sustained by him in the year 1854, owing to the action of the Government?

(2.) If so, why has that letter not been answered?

It was considered that the answer then publicly given by my honorable colleague, namely, that "The claim of Mr. Spencer was disposed of ten years ago and can hardly be re-opened now," sufficiently met the necessity of the case; but as the attention of the Government is again drawn to the subject, a communication will be made to Mr. Spencer at an early date.

(4.) Public Expenditure for January and February, 1868 :—Mr. S. Brown asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Has the expenditure of the country for the months of January and February last been reduced by the sum of £10,000 a month, in accordance with the vote of credit granted the Government for those months, and if so—

(2.) How has that reduction been carried out?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) No reduction has been made in the expenditure of the country for the months of January and February, 1868.

(2.) The total amount expended for the services of the present year, up to yesterday, is within the sum authorized by the Act 31st Victoria, No. 23.

2. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill :—Mr. S. Brown presented a Petition from the Council of the Borough of Paddington, under the signature of the Mayor and the seal of the Corporation, against the prayer of the Petition upon which the said Bill was introduced.

Petition received.

3. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Driver, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 16th March, 1868.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Driver then moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

Question put and passed.

4. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. Pre-emptive rights of Free Selectors :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from the free-selectors, freeholders, farmers, &c., of Gundagai, Tumut, Adelong, and its vicinity, praying that some measures may be passed for the protection of free-selectors in the enjoyment of their pre-emptive rights,—setting forth at the same time the existence of a particular grievance in this respect.

Petition received.

6. Coal Mine, Bundanoon Creek, Berrima District (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Alexander moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 16th March, from the inhabitants of Goulburn and its vicinity, respecting a coal mine at Bundanoon Creek, near Sutton Forest, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Treason Felony Bill :—

(1.) Suspension of Standing Orders :—Mr. Martin moved, and Mr. Robertson seconded the motion, That the Standing Orders be suspended with a view to the passing through all its stages in one day of a Bill for the better security of the Crown and Government of the United Kingdom and for the better suppression and punishment of seditious practices and attempts.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tighc,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Driver,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Gordon,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Alexander,	

Nocs, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. J. Stewart.

(2.) Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill for the better security of the Crown and Government of the United Kingdom and for the better suppression and punishment of seditious practices and attempts.

Question put and passed.

(3.) Mr. Martin having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the better security of the Crown and Government of the United Kingdom and for the better suppression and punishment of seditious practices and attempts,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later period of the day.

(4.) Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And Bill read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parkes, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Martin, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for a later period of the day.

(5.) Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

And Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Martin, passed.

Mr. Martin then moved, That the title of this Bill be "*An Act for the better security of the Crown and Government of the United Kingdom and for the better suppression and punishment of seditious practices and attempts.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act for the better security of the Crown and Government of the United Kingdom and for the better suppression and punishment of seditious practices and attempts,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th March, 1868.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

8. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

9. Treason Felony Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act for the better security of the Crown and Government of the United Kingdom and for the better suppression and punishment of seditious practices and attempts,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18 March, 1868.*

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at one minute before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) Has any application been received by the Government for the establishment of a polling-place at Ennis?

(2.) If so, what course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) Has any application been lately made to the Government for altering the plan of the Court-house at Port Macquarie?

(2.) If so, what course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

3. MR. TUNKS to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in reference to the Petition recently presented to them by the Trustees and Commoners of the Field of Mars and Eastern Farms Common?
4. MR. S. BROWN to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make such a reduction in the Public Expenditure for the present year as was contemplated by the vote of credit granted for the months of January and February last?
5. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Will the Government cause to be laid on the Table of this House, immediately, a copy of a circular letter addressed to Land Agents recently, relative to the sale and transfer of additional conditional purchases under the Crown Lands Alienation Act?
 - (2.) For what reasons, under what section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, or under what regulation issued in pursuance thereof, was the circular in question issued?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BURNS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th March, from certain Free Selectors of the District of Adelong, Tumut, and Gundagai, relative to the pre-emptive rights of Free-selectors, be printed.
2. MR. WINDEYER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to exempt from taxation any property of the Corporation of Sydney situate within the limits of any neighbouring Municipality and to include within the boundaries of the City of Sydney a piece of land known as No Man's Land.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

Questions:—

1. MR. TUNKS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What steps have the Government taken towards placing a Light at the entrance to Broken Bay?
 - (2.) What progress has been made with the Survey of the entrance to Broken Bay, with a view to the publication of a cheap chart of the same, as a harbour of refuge in stormy weather?
2. MR. TUNKS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—When will the Return having reference to applications to purchase and reclaim Land under the 9th and 12th clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, ordered by this House on the 5th November last, be furnished?
3. MR. LACEY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Do the Government intend establishing a toll-house on the Pennant Hills Road, near Parramatta?
 - (2.) Have they any information as to the probable amount of receipts from such toll?
 - (3.) Could they state the probable cost of land and building to be erected thereon?
 - (4.) From such information as they have, do they believe that the amount of traffic on this road is sufficient to warrant them in erecting a toll there?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:—Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Piddington,—
 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That a Copy of the said Report be transmitted by Address to the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that the necessary steps be taken to give effect to the first and third of the Resolutions therein contained.
2. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (as agreed to in Select Committee); second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. SUTHERLAND to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence relative to the dismissal and resignation of Mr. Shephard Howarth from the situation of overseer of blacksmiths at Darlinghurst Gaol.
2. MR. TUNKS to move, That the Return to an Order on the motion of Mr. R. Stewart on the 29th December, 1863, in reference to applications to reclaim land having harbour frontage in Sydney, laid on the Table of this House on the 14th June, 1865, be printed.
3. MR. THORNTON to move, That the means adopted by the Oriental Banking Company for the sale in London, in May last, of £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures were most unwise, evincing an amount of carelessness, and disregard of the Colony's interests, on the part of the Bank authorities, for which they are highly blameable.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all charges and other documents laid before the Governor in Council in connection with the dispensing with the services of William Bennett Hull, late District Engineer of No. 5 and No. 6 Sections on the Great Western Railway—the above papers to include the testimonials presented to Mr. Hull by the former and present Engineer-in-Chief for Victoria.
2. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing:—
 - (1.) The number of burglaries reported to the Detective Police as having been committed in the City of Sydney during the past twelve months.
 - (2.) The number of prosecutions instituted in respect of such reports, and the result thereof.
 - (3.) The number of detectives employed in the city of Sydney during the same period, with the total amount of salaries paid to them.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of the cost of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama, since the commencement of the contract to the date of Return, specifying, separately, the cost of each monthly mail as well as of each of the several stages of communication—that is to say, the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus, the cost across the Isthmus, and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain; also, in each case, the rate per annum, and the cost of each letter or newspaper, so far as the same can be approximately estimated.
 - (2.) A Return extending over the same time of the number of, and revenue derived from, letters, newspapers, or packages, conveyed by the said route between this Colony and Great Britain; shewing the number and revenue each way to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
 - (3.) A Return extending over the same time, of the number of letters, newspapers, or packages lost, or which cannot be accounted for upon application, while in process of transmission by the said route; shewing the number each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows:—

“That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*); second reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 121.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 MARCH, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Polling-place at Ennis :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has any application been received by the Government for the establishment of a polling-place at Ennis?

(2.) If so, what course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Such an application was received last Saturday afternoon; referred, as is usual, to the Returning Officer on the afternoon of Tuesday; and reported on by that officer yesterday. This report is to the effect that he was not aware that the residents in the neighbourhood of Ennis felt the want of a polling-place; and that he does not think it requisite from the fact that Hursley, only three miles from it, is a polling-place, and that Carney's, about seven miles higher up the Hastings, is also a polling-place. He adds, however, that Ennis is more central than either of the other polling-places on the Hastings, as regards the population. In view of the last part of this report it is not improbable that Ennis may be made a polling-place; but I need hardly observe that it is a matter requiring some consideration. No delay has occurred or is likely to occur in dealing with it.

- (2.) Court House, Port Macquarie :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has any application been lately made to the Government for altering the plan of the Court-house at Port Macquarie?

(2.) If so, what course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Martin answered,—Application has been lately made to the Governor and Executive Council by certain residents of Port Macquarie, objecting to the plan already determined upon. The application so sent in has been referred to the Secretary for Public Works, and the Colonial Architect for his report.

- (3.) Field of Mars and Eastern Farms Common :—Mr. Tunks asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in reference to the Petition recently presented to them by the Trustees and Commoners of the Field of Mars and Eastern Farms Common?

Mr. Martin answered,—This matter has been under the consideration of the Government, and will be determined upon by them at an early date.

- (4.) Public Expenditure for the year 1868 :—Mr. S. Brown asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make such a reduction in the Public Expenditure for the present year as was contemplated by the vote of credit granted for the months of January and February last?

Mr. Eagar answered,—The Government have acted upon the Vote of Credit in the way in which they understood it, namely, by keeping the expenditure for January and February, 1868, within the amount authorized for those two months.

Mr. Garrett withdrew the Question No. 5.

2. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. S. Brown moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. Treason Felony Bill :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Martin, and read by the Speaker :—

BELMORE,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill intituled "*An Act for the better security of the Crown and Government of the United Kingdom and for the better suppression and punishment of seditious practices and attempts,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 19th March, 1868.

4. Pre-emptive Rights of Free Selectors :—
(1.) Mr. Burns presented a Petition from the Free-selectors, Frecholders, Farmers, &c., of Gundagai, Tumut, Adelong, and its vicinity, praying that some measures may be passed for the protection of free-selectors in the enjoyment of their pre-emptive rights—setting forth at the same time the existence of a particular grievance in this respect.
Petition received.
(2.) ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 18th March, from certain Free-selectors of the District of Adelong, Tumut, and Gundagai, relative to the pre-emptive rights of Free-selectors, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill ("*Formal*" Motion) :—
Mr. Windeyer moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to exempt from taxation any property of the Corporation of Sydney situate within the limits of any neighbouring Municipality and to include within the boundaries of the City of Sydney a piece of land known as No Man's Land.
Question put and passed.
6. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
The Chairman having again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
The Chairman having reported that it was found, on Division, that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty-six minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20.

Questions :—

1. MR. TUNKS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) What steps have the Government taken towards placing a Light at the entrance to Broken Bay ?
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3. MR. LACKEY *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
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5. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Do the Government intend to renew the Cattle Disease Act of 1866, which expired at the end of the present session?
 - (2.) If not, do the Government purpose transferring the balance under the Act, (by asking the sanction of the House) to any account which will give the stockholders the benefit of the amount, such as the Sheep Diseases or Brands Act of 1866?
 - (3.) Do the Government contemplate removing the Government punt from Collarenetri, on the Barwon River, to the serious injury of that place?
 - (4.) Is it true that the Government punt at this place, though completed some time, is unable to be worked, and if so, for what reason?
 - (5.) Do the Government purpose taking any steps to render this punt available to the public?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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 - (1.) That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee of certain Resolutions agreed to, in Conference with the Standing Orders Committee of the Legislative Council, on the 8th of August, 1867, having reference to the Parliamentary Messengers and Servants, and the providing a Mace for each House of Parliament, be now adopted.
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

MONDAY, MARCH 23.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BURNS to move, That the petition presented by him on the 19th March, from the free-selectors of the District of Adelong, Tumut, and Gundagai, relative to the Pre-emptive rights of free-selectors, be printed.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill (*as amended in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 122.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 20 MARCH, 1868.

There being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—
Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cummings, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lackey, Mr. Martin, Mr. McKay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Ryan, Mr.
J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tunks, Mr.
Wilson, and Mr. Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past
Three o'clock, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, MARCH 23.

Questions:—

1. MR. TUNKS *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) What steps have the Government taken towards placing a Light at the entrance to Broken Bay?
(2.) What progress has been made with the Survey of the entrance to Broken Bay, with a view to the publication of a cheap chart of the same, as a harbour of refuge in stormy weather?
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(2.) Have they any information as to the probable amount of receipts from such toll?
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(2.) For what reasons, under what section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, or under what regulation issued in pursuance thereof, was the circular in question issued?

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- (1.) Do the Government intend to renew the Cattle Disease Act of 1866, which expired at the end of the present session?
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FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 123.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 23 MARCH, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Light-house, Broken Bay:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What steps have the Government taken towards placing a Light at the entrance to Broken Bay?

(2.) What progress has been made with the Survey of the entrance to Broken Bay, with a view to the publication of a cheap chart of the same, as a harbour of refuge in stormy weather?

Mr. Eagar answered,—It will be convenient that I should answer the honorable gentleman's second question first—that is, in relation to the "progress made with the survey of the entrance to Broken Bay, with a view to the publication of a cheap chart of the same, as a harbour of refuge in stormy weather." The survey has just been completed of Broken Bay by Captain Sidney, and I produce it for the inspection of honorable members, though I do not intend to lay it on the Table of the House. It is intended immediately to lithograph this in a cheap form, and have it on sale for the public. So that, in respect to the progress made, the survey is completed.

In reference to the first question, I may state that a sum of £500 has been placed on the Estimates for 1868, for the erection of a Light-house on Barrenjoey; but Captain Sidney, after making a survey, appears to think this is not a proper place for a light. He has written a letter to me upon the subject, which I think it will be well to read, and has forwarded it to me with the survey:—

"20th March, 1868.

"DEAR SIR,

"I send our new plan of Broken Bay. I shall abstain from giving any opinion about the position of a light, but should suggest that a Commission or Committee should discuss the question before deciding, remembering the grave error committed in regard to the Cape St. George Light-house.

"Yours very truly,

• "FRED. W. SIDNEY,

"Captain, R. N.

"To the Honorable G. Eagar."

The probability then is, that if the money be voted, the Government, before taking any active steps in the matter, will appoint a Commission or Committee to inquire upon the most desirable site.

- (2.) Applications to purchase and reclaim Land under 9th and 12th clauses of Crown Lands Alienation Act:—Mr. Tunks asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—When will the Return having reference to applications to purchase and reclaim Land under the 9th and 12th clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, ordered by this House on the 5th November last, be furnished?

Mr. Wilson answered,—This return will be prepared within a fortnight or so, so far as it can be from the data in the Lands Department.

- (3.) Toll-house on Pennant Hills Road, near Parramatta:—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Do the Government intend establishing a toll-house on the Pennant Hills Road, near Parramatta?

(2.) Have they any information as to the probable amount of receipts from such toll?

(3.) Could they state the probable cost of land and building to be erected thereon?

(4.)

(4.) From such information as they have, do they believe that the amount of traffic on this road is sufficient to warrant them in erecting a toll there?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) It is the intention of the Government to erect a toll-house on the Pennant Hills, near Parramatta.

(2.) Yes; the Trustees of the Road estimate the probable revenue of the first year at £100.

(3.) I cannot give a very satisfactory answer to the third question, as the arrangements in the first instance will be of a temporary character and not expensive.

(4.) The erection of this toll-gate has been determined on in accordance with the representations of the Road Trustees, and the recommendation of the officer despatched to report in the matter.

(4.) Transfer of Lands Conditionally Purchased:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Will the Government cause to be laid on the Table of this House, immediately, a copy of a circular letter addressed to Land Agents recently, relative to the sale and transfer of additional conditional purchases under the Crown Lands Alienation Act?

(2.) For what reasons, under what section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, or under what regulation issued in pursuance thereof, was the circular in question issued?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) I hold the circular in my hand, and will lay it on the Table of the House.

(2.) No particular section of the Alienation Act or regulation directly applies to this case; but the course taken was held to be in accordance with the provisions and spirit of the Act. I would observe, that the prohibition to alienate applies to the land conditionally purchased only until the conditional purchase is completed.

(5.) Cattle Disease Act of 1866—Government Punt on Barwon River:—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—

(1.) Do the Government intend to renew the Cattle Disease Act of 1866, which expired at the end of the present Session?

(2.) If not, do the Government purpose transferring the balance under the Act, (by asking the sanction of the House) to any account which will give the stockholders the benefit of the amount, such as the Sheep Diseases or Brands Act of 1866?

(3.) Do the Government contemplate removing the Government punt from Collarenetri, on the Barwon River, to the serious injury of that place?

(4.) Is it true that the Government punt at this place, though completed some time, is unable to be worked, and if so, for what reason?

(5.) Do the Government purpose taking any steps to render this punt available to the public?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The present Act does not expire until the end of the next Session of Parliament. The Government, however, do not intend to collect any further contribution under this Act, of which proclamation will shortly be made.

(2.) No. The balance has, in the meantime, been carried to the Consolidated Revenue, where it will be available, should it be required, for the purpose for which it was originally collected.

(3.) A petition has been received from the inhabitants of the district, praying for the removal of the ferry to another site; but as the matter has been referred for the report of the local surveyor, no decision has been arrived at in the matter.

(4.) The trustees of the punt, to whom funds were issued for the formation of approaches, &c., have suspended operations, pending the settlement of the question of site.

(5.) The punt is available, except in the matter of the approaches, which now awaits this reference.

2. Paper:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Copy of Circular Letter, addressed by the Under Secretary for Lands, on 11th March, 1868, to Crown Lands Agents, relative to transfer of lands conditionally purchased. [*In reference to Question (4) above.*]

Ordered to be printed.

3. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill:—Mr. Windeyer having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to exempt from Taxation any property of the Corporation of Sydney situate within the limits of any neighbouring Municipality and to include within the boundaries of the City of Sydney a piece of land known as No Man's Land,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

4. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. Pre-emptive Rights of Free Selectors ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the petition presented by him on the 19th March, from the free-selectors of the District of Adelong, Tumut, and Gundagai, relative to the pre-emptive rights of free-selectors, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

6. Applications to reclaim Land having Harbour Frontage in Sydney (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to an Order on the motion of Mr. R. Stewart on the 29th December, 1863, in reference to applications to reclaim land having harbour frontage in Sydney, laid on the Table of this House on the 14th June, 1865, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Eagar moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words, "before proceeding to the consideration of the Estimates of 1868, this House ought to be furnished with a detailed Schedule, exhibiting the mode in which the intended reduction of £120,000 is to be made."

Debate ensued.

Question put.—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Tighe,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Rodd,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. McKay,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. W. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nowlan,	
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. J. Stewart.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Josephson,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Eckford,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Morrice,
Mr. Smart,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. White,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Phelps,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Thornton,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Hart.

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply accordingly.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH, 1868, A.M.,—

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to some Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolutions be received on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty-four minutes after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, p.m. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24.

Questions:—

1. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Is the Police Magistrate at Araluen (who is also Clerk of Petty Sessions, &c.) supposed to be in daily attendance at the office in the same way as other Clerks of Petty Sessions?
2. MR. S. BROWN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Has any reconstruction of the Public Departments under the control of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary been effected or attempted by the Government since that honorable gentleman's speech to his constituents, on or about the 5th of February, 1866?
 - (2.) Have any permanent reductions been made in the expenditure of those Departments since that date, and, if so—
 - (3.) To what amount, and in what manner?

3. MR. S. BROWN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) Has the sum of £11,000, or any portion of the same (and if so, how much), placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, to be raised by loan, for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Railway Station and the Necropolis, been expended, and, if so—
 (2.) Out of what fund has such sum been paid?
4. MR. EGAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Is there any Public School established on the western side of the Urabadella River?
 (2.) What is the daily average attendance of children at that school?
 (3.) Has any application been made for aid to a Denominational School at the same place, and what was the result of that application?
 (4.) What was the daily average attendance at that school, according to the report of Mr. Inspector Harris?
 (5.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that the Public School is not approachable for two-thirds of the year, and is not at any time available for young children?

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 "That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."
5. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, April 3rd, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the following Resolutions:—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Claim of Mr. William Cummings, for injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold upon his rented Crown Lands, and reported to this House (with other claims) on the 28th April, 1865, by the Select Committee appointed "to inquire into, and report upon, the Claims of Tenants of the Crown lodged with the Government for injuries done to their properties since the discovery of gold on their rented Crown Lands," is a fit one to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
 (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. S. BROWN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in entering on the expenditure of £11,000 for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and the Necropolis, without first obtaining Parliamentary sanction for such expenditure, was not warranted by the circumstances of the case, and invades the rights of Parliament in a manner which calls for the condemnation of this House.

7. MR. ROBERTSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the leasehold rights of Free Selectors.
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Supply; reception of Resolutions from Committee.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 124.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Police Magistrate, Araluen:—Mr. Garrett asked the Attorney General pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is the Police Magistrate at Araluen (who is also Clerk of Petty Sessions, &c.) supposed to be in daily attendance at the office in the same way as other Clerks of Petty Sessions?

Mr. Martin answered,—The Police Magistrate at Araluen is frequently required to be absent from his office for the purpose of inquiring into and determining disputes between gold diggers. Under these circumstances, he is not required to be in attendance at his office during office hours, in the same way as Clerks of Petty Sessions are so required. He is required, during the usual office hours, to be attending to his public duties, either at his office or at such other places as his duty may call upon him to visit.

- (2.) Reconstruction of Certain Public Departments:—Mr. S. Brown asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has any reconstruction of the Public Departments under the control of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary been effected or attempted by the Government since that honorable gentleman's speech to his constituents, on or about the 5th of February, 1866?

(2.) Have any permanent reductions been made in the expenditure of those Departments since that date, and, if so—

(3.) To what amount, and in what manner?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I decline to answer this question;—

(1.) Because it appears to me to be framed with the intention of being made offensive.

(2.) Because it refers to matters outside the House with which the honorable member has nothing whatever to do.

- (3.) Money estimated for the erection of Receiving Houses in connection with the Necropolis:—Mr. S. Brown asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has the sum of £11,000, or any portion of the same (and if so, how much), placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1867, to be raised by loan, for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Railway Station and the Necropolis, been expended, and, if so—

(2.) Out of what fund has such sum been paid?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Yes; the sum of £5,913 17s. 9d. has been paid up to the present date.

(2.) Out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, in anticipation of a vote of Parliament.

- (4.) Public School, Urabadella River:—Mr. Egan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is there any Public School established on the western side of the Urabadella River?

(2.) What is the daily average attendance of children at that school?

(3.) Has any application been made for aid to a Denominational School at the same place, and what was the result of that application?

(4.) What was the daily average attendance at that school, according to the report of Mr. Inspector Harris?

(5.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that the Public School is not approachable for two-thirds of the year, and is not at any time available for young children?

Mr. Parkes answered,—With reference to these questions, I have received the following memorandum from the Secretary to the Council of Education:—

(1.) "A Public School is established on the western side of the Tuross River, at Urabadella.

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(2.) "The daily average attendance of children at that school, according to the last return, is 17.

(3.) "No application has been made for aid to a Denominational School at the same place.

(4.) "Mr. Inspector Harris did not report the daily average attendance at the Public School, but found nineteen pupils present when he visited the school.

(5.) "Except in times of heavy rain, when it would be impossible for children to attend any school, there is no real difficulty in the way of pupils attending the Public School.

"Council of Education Office,
"24th March, 1868."

"W. WILKINS.

With respect to the last section of the honorable member's question, I have no personal knowledge of the subject.

2. **Motions Withdrawn:**—The undermentioned Motions, on the Notice Paper for to-day, were withdrawn, respectively, by the Members named:—

(1.) Motion No. 3. By Mr. Forster.

(2.) Motion No. 4. By Mr. Robertson.

(3.) Motion No. 2. By Mr. Driver.

(4.) Motion No. 5. By *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Robertson.

(5.) Motion No. 6. By Mr. S. Brown.

3. **Leasehold Rights of Free Selectors Bill** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the leasehold rights of Free Selectors.

Question put and passed.

4. **Mr. Shephard Howarth** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence relative to the dismissal and resignation of Mr. Shephard Howarth from the situation of overseer of blacksmiths at Darlinghurst Gaol.

Question put and passed.

5. **Mr. William Bennett Hull:**—Mr. Morrice moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of all charges and other documents laid before the Governor in Council, in connection with the dispensing with the services of William Bennett Hull, late District Engineer of No. 5 and No. 6 Sections on the Great Western Railway—the above papers to include the testimonials presented to Mr. Hull by the former and present Engineer-in-Chief for Victoria.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. **Motion Dropped:**—Mr. Thornton not making the Motion No. 9 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

7. **West Maitland Water Supply and Embankment Bill** (*as amended in Select Committee*):—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. Burns.

Bill then discharged, on motion of Mr. Burns.

8. **Messengers and Servants of Parliament—Mace:**—The Order of the Day, No. 2, of Other Business, under this heading, discharged, on motion of Mr. Driver.

9. **Postponements:**—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, until Friday next:—

(1.) Order No. 3. Mr. Wilson.

(2.) Order No. 4. Mr. Garrett.

(3.) Order No. 5. Mr. Garrett.

(4.) Order No. 6. Mr. Driver.

10. **Paper:**—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, Return to Address, in reference to "Mr. William Bennett Hull," adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Morrice, this day. (*See entry 5 above*).

Ordered to be printed.

11. **Postponements:**—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 of Government Business, postponed, respectively, until to-morrow—No. 1 on motion of Mr. Wilson (after Debate), and No. 2 on motion of Mr. Martin.

12. **Real Property Act Amendment Bill:**—The Question (*see Votes and Proceedings, No. 97, entry 11, and No. 99, entry 13*), "That this Bill be now read a second time," again put,—and passed.

And Bill read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twelve minutes after Four o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25.

Questions :—

1. MR. ROBERTS *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Do the Government contemplate the establishment of Agricultural Industrial Schools in any part of the interior of the Colony?
 - (2.) Have the Government reserved, at Wingecarribee, a tract of land which might be suitable for such a purpose?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Has a Mr. S. C. Drewe been lately dismissed by the Council of Education from the office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago?
 - (2.) If so, what charges were made against Mr. Drewe, or what were the grounds of dismissal?
 - (3.) Was Mr. Drewe at any time formally called upon to defend himself, or to explain his conduct with reference to such charges?
 - (4.) Were any such charges communicated in writing to Mr. Drewe previous to his dismissal?
 - (5.) If so, what are the dates, respectively, of the documents communicating such charges, and giving notice of dismissal?
 - (6.) By whom were any such charges made against Mr. Drewe in the first instance, and was he ever informed upon this point?
 - (7.) Has any person, and if so, what person has, been appointed in Mr. Drewe's place?
 - (8.) Have the opinions of any of the Local Patrons upon the subject of Mr. Drewe's dismissal been communicated to the Government; and, if so, what is the nature of those opinions?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
 2. Supply; reception of Resolutions from Committee.
 3. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
 4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
 5. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 26.

Questions :—

1. MR. RODD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1868 a sum of money for the erection of a Bridge over the Shoalhaven River, in the district of Braidwood?
 2. MR. RODD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Have the Government received from the District Surveyor his report upon the Reidsdale Road?
 - (2.) If so, what is the nature of the said report?
 3. MR. RODD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Have the Government received any report respecting the mining lease of Mr. A. D. Shepherd, situate upon the Adelong Creek Gold Field?
 - (2.) If so, is there any objection to the same being laid upon the Table of this House?
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FRIDAY, MARCH 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; second reading.
2. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows :—
 " That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, April 3rd, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the following Resolutions :—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Claim of Mr. William Cummings, for injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold upon his rented Crown Lands, and reported to this House (with other claims) on the 28th April, 1865, by the Select Committee appointed "to inquire into, and report upon, the Claims of Tenants of the Crown lodged with the Government for injuries done to their properties since the discovery of gold on their rented Crown Lands," is a fit one to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
 (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. S. BROWN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in entering on the expenditure of £11,000 for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and the Necropolis, without first obtaining Parliamentary sanction for such expenditure, was not warranted by the circumstances of the case, and invades the rights of Parliament in a manner which calls for the condemnation of this House.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A Return of the cost of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama, since the commencement of the contract to the date of Return, specifying, separately, the cost of each monthly mail as well as of each of the several stages of communication—that is to say, the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus, the cost across the Isthmus, and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain; also, in each case, the cost of each letter or newspaper, so far as the same can be approximately estimated.
 (2.) A Return, extending over the same time, of the number of, and revenue derived from, letters, newspapers, or packages, conveyed by the said route between this Colony and Great Britain; shewing the number and revenue each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
 (3.) A Return, extending over the same time, of the number of letters, newspapers, or packages lost, or which cannot be accounted for upon application, while in process of transmission by the said route; shewing the number each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
2. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing :—
 (1.) The number of burglaries reported to the Detective Police as having been committed in the City of Sydney during the past twelve months.
 (2.) The number of prosecutions instituted in respect of such reports, and the result thereof.
 (3.) The number of detectives employed in the city of Sydney during the same period, with the total amount of salaries paid to them.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 125.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :— .
(1.) Agricultural Industrial Schools—Reserve at Wingecarribee :—Mr. Roberts asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—
(1.) Do the Government contemplate the establishment of Agricultural Industrial Schools in any part of the interior of the Colony?
(2.) Have the Government reserved, at Wingecarribee, a tract of land which might be suitable for such a purpose?
Mr. Parkes answered,—There is a reserve in Wingecarribee, but no decision has been arrived at in respect to the expediency of establishing an Agricultural Industrial School there. The matter has been before the Government, and is now under consideration.
Mr. Forster withdrew the Question No. 2.
2. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Tighe moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. Lock-up at West Bargo :—Mr. Morrice presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of West Bargo, deprecating the removal of the existing Lock-up from that place,—stating reasons against its removal to Nattai,—and praying inquiry and attention in the premises.
Petition received.
4. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. S. Brown moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. Supply :—(1.) The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Eagar the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
The Chairman having again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH, 1868, A.M.,—

The Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as that Point of Order should have been determined in the House.

The Chairman then reported the Point of Order, as follows :—

A particular item on the Estimates being under discussion, the honorable member for The Murrumbidgee moved, That the Chairman leave the Chair and ask leave to sit again this day six months, and under cover of that motion proceeded to discuss the Estimates generally,—to which course the Chairman acceded, but certain Members of the Committee objected.

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The Speaker ruled that, in considering the Estimates referred to them, the Committee cannot discuss either any item already disposed of, or any item which is set down for future discussion—but, taking the items in the order in which they stand, may refer only to the particular one under discussion.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Wilson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

(2.) Reception of Resolutions from Committee:—The Chairman of Committees reported from the Committee of Supply certain Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1867 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1864 and Previous Years.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(3.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £79 10s., to defray supplementary charge for the conveyance of Gold and Escort in 1863, further sum.

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(4.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5 17s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Postage of the various Public Departments, further sum.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48 3s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Commission to Land Agents and others, and for Advertising for the Public Service generally, being £26 17s. for 1862, further sum, and £21 6s. 6d. for 1863, further sum.

(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £539 7s. 2d., to defray Unclassified Expenditure; being to cover Payments made on account of 1864 and Previous Years, after the Balances of Appropriations available for such were written off.

Services of 1865.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8, to defray supplementary charge for the conveyance of Prisoners and Police, further sum.

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16 1s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Postage of the various Public Departments, further sum.

Services of 1866.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,000, to defray supplementary charge for Police.

(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £78 1s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge for Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta.

(11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75, to defray supplementary charge for Protestant Orphan School, further sum.

(12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £419 6s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge for Roman Catholic Orphan School, further sum.

(13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £105, to defray supplementary charge for Gaols generally, further sum.

(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £920, to defray supplementary charge for Charitable Allowances; being for the support of Women and Children in the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, further sum.

(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,293 8s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services—being £30, fees for examining Lunatics, further sum; £643 10s. 9d., for cost of specimens of Gold purchased for the Paris Exhibition of 1867; £200, for packing and retransmitting Exhibits from Melbourne to Sydney; £334 16s. 10d., for expense of Special Parties sent out in pursuit of Bushranger Thomas Clarke and others; and £85 1s., for Fire-arms.

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray supplementary charge for Coroners' Inquests, further sum.

(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37 6s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Petty Sessions.

(18.)

(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,063, to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being for the Widow of Sir Francis Forbes, towards equalizing the sum received by the late Sir Francis Forbes, Knight, the first Chief Justice of this Colony, by way of Pension, with the present rate of Judicial Pensions. (Resolution of Assembly.)

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5 10s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge for Stores and Stationery, further sum.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray supplementary charge for Harbours, Light Houses, and Pilot Department.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £559 16s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services—being £69 6s., Expenses of the Commission appointed to inquire into the present condition of the Harbour of Port Jackson, further sum; £75 12s., Expenses of the Commission appointed to inquire into the Wreck of the Steam-ship "Cawarra," further sum; £150, Expense of conveying Shipwrecked Seamen from Cleveland Bay to Sydney; £183, Coast Surveys—Colonial Allowance of Commander Sidney, during leave of absence, from 1st April to 30th September, 1866; and £81 18s. 4d., Exchange on Remittances, further sum.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, to defray supplementary charge for Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, further sum.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,471 5s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge for Railways, "working expenses," further sum.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £99, to defray supplementary charge for Harbours and River Navigation.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £630, to defray supplementary charge for Public Works and Buildings—being £130, for repairs to Military Barracks and Buildings, further sum; £100, for Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices generally, further sum; and £400, to provide building and other materials for completion or repair of Gaols and other Buildings by the labour of Prisoners in Gaol, further sum.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10 14s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge for Electric Telegraphs; being—Station Master, Scone—difference of Salary between £25 and £52 per annum, from 8th August.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £33 6s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services; being for compensation, at the rate of one month's pay for each year of service, to Shipwright Carpenter, Fitz Roy Dock, for loss of office.

Services of 1867.

No. I.—SCHEDULES.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £223 14s. 9d., to defray Supplement to Schedule B.—Pensions—being £14 15s., to Hannah Pope, formerly Housekeeper in the Colonial Secretary's Office, at the rate of 1s. 3d. per diem, from 10th May; £87 3s. 6d., to J. L. Horsey, formerly Clerk in the Convict Branch of the Inspector General's Office, from 1st June, 1866, at the rate of £55 1s. 2d. per annum; £26 5s., at the rate of £50 per annum, from 22nd June, to Mrs. Margaret Edwards, Widow of Pilot Edwards, of Wollongong, who lost his life in endeavouring to render assistance to the crew of the vessel "Margaret," during the severe gales of June last; £63 14s. 2d., at the rate of £150 per annum, from 29th July, to Mrs. Julia Robinson, Widow of Pilot Robinson, who lost his life during the late gale, whilst in the discharge of his duty; and £31 17s. 1d., at the rate of £75 per annum, from 29th July, to Mrs. Jane Reader, Widow of Pilot Reader, who lost his life during the late gale, whilst in the discharge of his duty.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £73 6s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Legislative Council, being—Extra Messengers—two for 4 months, at £110 per annum.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £91 13s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Legislative Assembly, being—Extra Messengers—five for 2 months, at £110 per annum.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £128 6s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Legislative Council and Assembly, being—Extra Servants—two for 4 months, at £110 per annum; Additional Waiter, from 1st July, at £110 per annum.

No. III.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £125, to defray supplementary charge for Chief Secretary, being for Extra Clerk, from 1st March, at £150 per annum.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18 8s., to defray supplementary charge for Volunteers,—being difference between salary voted for Artillery Drill Instructor, who was also in receipt of Military Pay, and salary of an Instructor appointed without such Military Allowance, viz., 2s. per diem, from 1st July.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,133 6s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge for Police,—being £5,000 for Additional Constables forwarded to Southern District and Emu Creek Gold Fields, Remount Horses, Forage, and other Contingencies; and £133 6s. 8d. for salary of Sub-Inspector Wright, from 1st May, at £200 per annum.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £530, to defray supplementary charge for Gaol, Sydney.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £273 4s., to defray supplementary charge for Gaol, Parramatta.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, to defray supplementary charge for Gaol, Bathurst.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40, to defray supplementary charge for Gaol, Mudgee.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray supplementary charge for Gaol, Wagga Wagga.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray supplementary charge for Gaols, Country districts.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, to defray supplementary charge for Gaols generally.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20, to defray supplementary charge for Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray supplementary charge for Registrar General.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray supplementary charge for Observatory.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35, to defray supplementary charge for Roman Catholic Orphan School.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,609 11s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge for Charitable Allowances—being £500, in aid of the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions, further sum; £2,000, for the erection of an Hospital or Infirmary at the Destitute Children's Asylum, Randwick; £1,000, for the erection of detached Quarters for the Superintendent of the Destitute Children's Asylum, Randwick, so as to render available thereby accommodation for 150 additional children; £159 11s. 1d., towards the erection of an Hospital, Deniliquin, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £2,700, for the support of Infants removed from the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, to the Asylum for Destitute Children, Randwick, further sum; and £250, in aid of the Orange Hospital, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,240 6s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge for Floods Relief Vote, being Relief to Sufferers by Floods in the following Districts, including expenses incurred by the Government in rescuing individuals from perilous positions, viz.:—£842 0s. 3d., Windsor; £119 17s., Penrith; £911 5s. 10d., Lower Hawkesbury and Richmond; £1,550, Maitland District; £468 16s., Morpeth; £700, Raymond Terrace and Hexham; £200, Wollombi; and £448 7s. 6d., Araluen.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,749 10s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services—being £743 12s. 5d., for New South Wales' proportion of the expense of the mission of the "Victoria" to the Auckland Islands in search of shipwrecked persons; £102 16s. 6d., for Testimonial to Captain and Crew of H. I. M. Brig "Marceau," for valuable services rendered to the distressed British ship "Ethiopian"; £1,000, for Rewards for the apprehension of offenders, further sum; £2,650, for Expense of Labour and new Type required in printing the Electoral Rolls for this year, which it is intended to keep "standing"; £25, to remunerate the City Health Officer for his services in granting certificates to applicants for Licenses under the Sydney Burial Grounds Act of 1866, for the period from 15th January to 31st May, 1867; £880 4s., for Expenses of Special Parties sent out in pursuit of Bushranger Thomas Clarke and others, including expense of the Braidwood Commission; £68 15s., for Fire-arms; £550, for Allowance to Widows and Children of murdered Constables; £687 10s., for Compensation, at the rate of one month's pay for each year of service, to Mr. C. E. Robinson, late Secretary to the Denominational School Board, for loss of office; £400, to be paid to James Graves, late Sergeant in the Gold Guard, in satisfaction of his claim for compensation for bodily injuries sustained while in the performance of his duty, in addition to a pension of 3s. per diem granted from the Consolidated Revenue Fund; £100, for Gratuity to Mrs. M'Cann, widow

widow of H. B. M'Cann, late Inspector of National Schools, Southern District, who was drowned whilst in the discharge of his duty; £400, to meet current expenses connected with the Paris Exhibition Commission; £111 12s. 6d., for expense of conveying by sea the Volunteers from the Hunter River District, who attended the Review in Sydney, on the last Anniversary of Her Majesty's Birthday; £5,000, to provide for the proper reception of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, on the occasion of his intended visit to this Colony; £30, Fees for examining Lunatics, further sum.

NO. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £96 13s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for District Courts.
 (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £379 8s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Petty Sessions.
 (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £527, to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services—being £25, Examining Indexes of Probates and Administrations, and comparing same with original documents; £252, 150 copies of Connell's New South Wales Magisterial Digest, for the use of the several Benches of Magistrates throughout the Colony; and £250, Gratuity to Mrs. E. M. Callaghan, Widow of the late District Judge Callaghan.

NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £216 10s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge for Treasury.
 (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £218 5s., to defray supplementary charge for Customs.
 (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £171, to defray supplementary charge for Printing, Bookbinding, and Postage Stamps.
 (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12 10s., to defray supplementary charge for Gunpowder Magazine, Spectacle Island.
 (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £58 17s., to defray supplementary charge for Health and Emigration Officers.
 (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £76 17s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge for Shipping Masters.
 (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £404 10s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge for Harbours, Light Houses, and Pilot Department.
 (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray supplementary charge for Life-boats.
 (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,703 13s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services—being £49 6s. 8d., Gratuity of one month's pay for each year of service to William Parker, late Assistant Light-keeper, Macquarie Light House; £61 2s. 2d., Gratuity of one month's pay for each year of service to John Wise, formerly Clerk in the Colonial Storekeeper's Department; £150, Gratuity to the Widow of John Williams, who lost his life on duty in the Newcastle Life-boat, in June last; £250, Gratuity to the Widow of Robert Green, who lost his life during the late gale, whilst endeavouring to render assistance to the late Pilots Robinson and Reader and their boats' crews; £30, for expense of cutting through the scrub on the narrow portion of the Point above Stockton, lying between the Hunter and the Sea, and the erection of a Beacon at each end; £40, for the purchase of two Boats for Police and Postal Services, Bega; £138 6s. 7d., for expense of replacing and remooring the Light-ship (including cost of new chains, shackles, &c.), consequent upon her having parted from her moorings during the late disastrous gale; £10 10s., for hire of the steamer "Vesta," on the occasion of the late accident at the Heads; £34 16s., for expense of replacing Fittings and Stores for the Life-boat, Newcastle; £15,000, for probable amount of Murray River Customs Collections, from 1st February to 31st December, payable to the Government of Victoria under the 5th, 6th, and 7th clauses of the Agreement of 12th January, 1867; and £1,939 12s. 2d., for Interest on Temporary Loans, further sum.

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £68 15s., to defray supplementary charge for Department of Lands.
 (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,858 9s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge for Prevention of Scab in Sheep.
 (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray supplementary charge for Cattle Diseases Prevention.
 (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,811 5s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge for Registration of Brands—being £250, Assistant Registrar of Brands; £456 9s., for three Assistant Registrars, from 28th January to 31st October, at £200 per annum; £90 6s. 5d., for one Clerk, at £150, from 25th March to 31st October; £89 10s. 4d., for one Clerk, at £150, from

from 27th March to 31st October; £75, for two Extra Clerks, three months each, at rate of £150 per annum; £850, for Salaries to Sheep Inspectors for acting as Deputy Registrars of Brands, viz.:—1 Chief Inspector, at £50, and 32 Inspectors, at £25 per annum; and £2,000, for Printing and other Incidental Expenses. (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,622 10s., to defray supplementary charge for Roads other than Main Roads—being £500, Repair of the Roads and reconstruction of Bridges in the Districts of Nelligen and Eden, damaged and carried away by recent Floods; £250, for Compensation for Land taken for the prolongation of Brougham street, Woolloomooloo Bay; £400, for Repair of the Road from Mossvale Railway Station to the Township of Robertson; £300, for clearing and erecting Culverts on the Road from Dubbo to Mudgee; £3,000, for Repair of damages by Floods to the various Minor Roads and Bridges of the Colony; and £172 10s., for Rent of the Windsor Ferry, for half-year ended 31st December, 1866, refunded to the Trustees, to enable them to keep in order the approaches and works in connection with the Ferry.

(66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £539 14s., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services—being £113 4s., for Compensation for 566 Sheep, destroyed under the provisions of the "Scab in Sheep Act of 1861"; £106, for Purchase-money of Land at Watson's Bay, required in connection with the Harbour Defences; £35, for Refund to Mr. J. D. Morley, on account of Purchase-money of flooded Allotments at Gundagai; £64 10s., for Compensation to Mr. Thomas Paterson, for loss of Crops, &c., caused by the Southern Approach to the Pitnacree Bridge passing through his land; £71, for laying on Water and fixing Hydrants, &c., Lands Department, as a prevention against fire; and £150, for Wharf at Parramatta.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £392 13s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for Railways—being £69 6s. 8d., for Junior Telegraph Operator for Railways, at Nattai, from 1st May, at £104 per annum; and £323 6s. 8d., for the payment of salaries and wages of certain Officials of the Railway Department, embezzled by Eastwood, late Cashier.

(68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,218 13s. 2d., to defray supplementary charges for Harbours and River Navigation—being £2,100, for erection of a Steam Crane for specific accommodation of Steam Colliers at Newcastle; £1,400, for Approaches to Pitnacree Bridge; £640, for new Steam Dredge for Sydney Harbour—Salaries and Contingencies for two months; £45, to replace fencing erected to prevent sand-drift at Wollongong, recently destroyed by floods; and £33 13s. 2d., for Tramway, Harbour Works, Ulladulla.

(69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,229, to defray supplementary charge for Public Works and Buildings—being £500, for repairs to Military Barracks and Buildings, further sum; £339, for Alterations at Fort Denison and Dawes' Battery; £810, for drainage, fencing, &c., Lunatic Receiving House, Darlinghurst Gaol; £4,000, for drainage, Lunatic Asylum, and Gaol, Parramatta; £350, for Life-boat Shed at Watson's Bay; £150, for Working Engineer, and fuel for Engine, Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek; £450, for additional accommodation for Lands and Survey Offices; £800 for paving Footways in front of Public Buildings; £30, for Buildings for Pilots and Boats' Crews, Newcastle, further sum; £150, for erection of a Shed on Cockatoo Island, for use of Shipwrights; £600, for Dwarf Wall and Iron Railing on the west side of the approach to the new Domain Gates, St. Mary's Road; and £50, for purchase of materials for the erection of a Drill Room for Naval Brigade at Newcastle.

(70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,474 10s., to defray supplementary charge for Roads and Bridges—being £1,000, for Bridge over Cox's Creek; £700, for Bridge at Breeza; £1,900, for Bridge over the Wollondilly, Goulburn; £400, for Approach to Wahgunyah Bridge; £242, for Approach to Dunmore Bridge; £1,634 10s., for Tolls collected on Western Road in excess of Estimate, to be expended where collected; £1,148, for Tolls collected on Northern Road in excess of Estimate, to be expended where collected; and £450, for urgent Works on Road between Wagga Wagga and Deniliquin.

(71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,000, to defray supplementary charge for Floods Damage Vote—being £800, for reconstruction of Colla Bridge, between Moruya and Bodalla; £700, for reconstruction of Milfield Bridge; £500, for general repairs to Roads, Moruya District; £700, construction of Temporary Bridge in lieu of Denison Bridge, and gravelling Approach to same; £1,000, for restoration of Rylstone Bridge; £1,000, Additional Maintenance, Metal, &c., for Main Western Road; £1,000, for Additional Maintenance, Metal, &c., for Main Southern Road; £800, for Additional Maintenance, Metal, &c., for Main Northern Road; £200, for Additional Maintenance, Metal, &c., for Mudgee Road; £600, for General Flood Repairs Cooma and Twofold Bay Roads; £500, for General Flood Repairs, Braidwood Roads; £700, for the re-erection of a Bridge over the Vale Creek, on Road from Rockley to Bathurst; and £1,500, for Miscellaneous Flood Repairs.

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(72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, to defray supplementary charge for Telegraphs.

(73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £59 0s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for Miscellaneous Services, being Compensation, at the rate of one month's pay for each year of service, to Mr. Flew, for loss of office as Foreman of Works, Colonial Architect's Department.

NO. VIII.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,636 11s. 9d. to defray supplementary charges for Post Office—being £191, for three Clerks, from first July—one at £200, one at £132, and one (probationary) at £50 per annum; £100, for Overtime for sorting English Mails, further sum; £200, for incidental expenses, further sum; £150, for Travelling Expenses for purposes of Inspection, further sum; £500, for Gratuities for Ships' Mails, Foreign and Coastwise, further sum; and £495 11s. 9d., for Steam Postal Communication *via* Suez, further sum.

(75.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £476, to defray supplementary charges for Electric Telegraphs,—being £120 for Station Master and Line Repairer at Bombala, from 1st May, at £180 per annum; £27, for Station Master, Scone—difference of salary between £25 and £52 per annum; £20, for difference between salary of Line Repairer and Station Master, Burrowa; £17 10s., for Line Repairer at Wagga Wagga—difference of salary between £120 and £150, from 1st June; £104, for Junior Operator, Adelong; £112 10s., for Junior Operator at Deniliquin, from 1st April, at £150 per annum; and £75, for allowance in lieu of Quarters to Assistant Superintendent.

TO BE RAISED BY LOAN.

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty (to be raised by Loan), a sum not exceeding £24,000, to defray additional charge for Public Works and Buildings, being £11,000, for erecting Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and the Necropolis; and £13,000, for additions and alterations to Abattoirs, Glebe Island, including Water Supply.

(77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty (to be raised by loan), a sum not exceeding £1,900, to defray additional charge for Electric Telegraphs, being for Stations at Euston and Wentworth.

Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time and agreed to.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Eagar, at twelve minutes before Eight o'clock A.M., until Three o'clock P.M. this Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26.

Questions :—

1. MR. RODD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1868 a sum of money for the erection of a Bridge over the Shoalhaven River, in the district of Braidwood?
2. MR. RODD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Have the Government received from the District Surveyor his report upon the Reidsdale Road?
 - (2.) If so, what is the nature of the said report?
3. MR. RODD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Have the Government received any report respecting the mining lease of Mr. A. D. Shepherd, situate upon the Adelong Creek Gold Field?
 - (2.) If so, is there any objection to the same being laid upon the Table of this House?
4. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government were possessed of any information as to the intended demonstration of certain persons styled "Fenians" on No. 5 Contract of the Great Western Railway works, on the 17th March instant?
 - (2.) If so, what steps did the Government take, if any, to prevent such demonstration taking place?

(3.)

(3.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn or given to the fact, that the demonstration did take place, that certain loyal and well-disposed persons were mobbed and brutally ill-used on that occasion by the persons engaged in this demonstration, who otherwise conducted themselves in such a way as to excite alarm among the peaceable portion of the residents in the vicinity of the demonstration, and used language insulting to the institutions and Government of the country?

(4.) If the attention of the Government has been drawn or given to the above circumstances, what steps have the Government taken to punish those engaged in them, or to prevent a recurrence of similar dangerous and illegal practices, and to protect the lives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects in the part of the colony alluded to?

5. MR. DANGAR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Have the necessary guarantee bonds for the construction of the Telegraph from Tamworth to Gunnedah and Narrabri been signed and completed; and if so, when will Tenders be called for the commencement of these works?
6. MR. DANGAR to ask THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL,—Do the Government purpose appropriating a sum of money out of the vote for Public Buildings, for the repair of the Court-house and Lock-up at Warialda, both of which are represented as being in a fearfully dilapidated state?
7. MR. DANGAR to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) The date of Mr. Superintendent Garland's appointment to Tamworth?
 - (2.) The number and date of his visits to Wee Waa, Walgett, and Bree?
 - (3.) The date of his last visit to Walgett?
8. MR. MORRICE to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Have the Government taken any steps towards establishing Agricultural and Industrial Schools?
 - (2.) Have the Government withdrawn from sale the 1000 acres of land at Winge-carribee, in order to convert the same into an Agricultural School?
 - (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Board of Agriculture?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That the Petition presented by him on 25th March, from the Inhabitants of West Bargo, be printed.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; second reading.
2. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. MR. THOMAS WOORE; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (as agreed to in Select Committee); second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows:—

“That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, April 3rd, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Claim of Mr. William Cummings, for injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold upon his rented Crown Lands, and reported to this House (with other claims) on the 28th April, 1865, by the Select Committee appointed “to inquire into, and report upon, the Claims of Tenants of the Crown lodged with the Government for injuries done to their properties since the discovery of gold on their rented Crown Lands,” is a fit one to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.

3. MR. S. BROWN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in entering on the expenditure of £11,000 for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and the Necropolis, without first obtaining Parliamentary sanction for such expenditure, was not warranted by the circumstances of the case, and invades the rights of Parliament in a manner which calls for the condemnation of this House.

MONDAY, MARCH 30.

Question :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) Has a Mr. S. C. Drewe been lately dismissed by the Council of Education from the office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago?
 - (2.) If so, what charges were made against Mr. Drewe, or what were the grounds of dismissal?
 - (3.) Was Mr. Drewe at any time formally called upon to defend himself, or to explain his conduct with reference to such charges?
 - (4.) Were any such charges communicated in writing to Mr. Drewe previous to his dismissal?
 - (5.) If so, what are the dates, respectively, of the documents communicating such charges, and giving notice of dismissal?
 - (6.) By whom were any such charges made against Mr. Drewe in the first instance, and was he ever informed upon this point?
 - (7.) Has any person, and if so, what person has, been appointed in Mr. Drewe's place?
 - (8.) Have the opinions of any of the Local Patrons upon the subject of Mr. Drewe's dismissal been communicated to the Government; and, if so, what is the nature of those opinions?

TUESDAY, MARCH 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the cost of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama, since the commencement of the contract to the date of Return, specifying, separately, the cost of each monthly mail as well as of each of the several stages of communication—that is to say, the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus, the cost across the Isthmus, and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain; also, in each case, the cost of each letter or newspaper, so far as the same can be approximately estimated.
 - (2.) A Return, extending over the same time, of the number of, and revenue derived from, letters, newspapers, or packages, conveyed by the said route between this Colony and Great Britain; shewing the number and revenue each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
 - (3.) A Return, extending over the same time, of the number of letters, newspapers, or packages lost, or which cannot be accounted for upon application, while in process of transmission by the said route; shewing the number each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
2. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing :—
- (1.) The number of burglaries reported to the Detective Police as having been committed in the City of Sydney during the past twelve months.
 - (2.) The number of prosecutions instituted in respect of such reports, and the result thereof.
 - (3.) The number of detectives employed in the city of Sydney during the same period, with the total amount of salaries paid to them.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 126.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Bridge over Shoalhaven River, District of Braidwood :—Mr. Rodd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to place upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1868 a sum of money for the erection of a Bridge over the Shoalhaven River, in the district of Braidwood ?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—Yes.

- (2.) Reidsdale Road :—Mr. Rodd asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Have the Government received from the District Surveyor his report upon the Reidsdale Road ?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of the said report ?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The report on the Reidsdale Road has been received. I hold that report in my hand, and shall be happy to shew it to the honorable member.

- (3.) Mining Lease of Mr. A. D. Shepherd, Adelong :—Mr. Rodd asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Have the Government received any report respecting the mining lease of Mr. A. D. Shepherd, situate upon the Adelong Creek Gold Field ?

(2.) If so, is there any objection to the same being laid upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Yes—in December last, from Gold Commissioner Clarke. The papers, however, have since been returned to that officer for his further report, which, when received, will be laid on the Table of the House, if desired.

- (4.) "Fenian" Demonstration, Great Western Railway Works :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Whether the Government were possessed of any information as to the intended demonstration of certain persons styled "Fenians" on No. 5 Contract of the Great Western Railway works, on the 17th March instant ?

(2.) If so, what steps did the Government take, if any, to prevent such demonstration taking place ?

(3.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn or given to the fact, that the demonstration did take place, that certain loyal and well-disposed persons were mobbed and brutally ill-used on that occasion by the persons engaged in this demonstration, who otherwise conducted themselves in such a way as to excite alarm among the peaceable portion of the residents in the vicinity of the demonstration, and used language insulting to the institutions and Government of the country ?

(4.) If the attention of the Government has been drawn or given to the above circumstances, what steps have the Government taken to punish those engaged in them, or to prevent a recurrence of similar dangerous and illegal practices, and to protect the lives of Her Majesty's loyal subjects in the part of the colony alluded to ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Several reports reached the Government of an intended demonstration, on the 17th instant, on No. 5 Contract of the Western Railway. Some of these reports represented that the intended demonstration would be in
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the form of a funeral procession in honour of the three men executed at Manchester. In consequence of these reports, a detachment of police stationed in the Western District, under Mr. Superintendent Lydiard, were ordered to the ground, with instructions to prevent any such procession taking place and to preserve the peace. The reports before the Government do not represent that any persons were mobbed or brutally used, or in any way molested. I will read the greater part of Mr. Lydiard's report. Mr. Lydiard says:—"There was not much difficulty in stopping the men from marching; in fact, it was arranged on a previous Sunday that the men should collect, and at the priest's request they should separate. Many men told me that they were much pleased that there was no march—that they were obliged to shew or they would be marked men. After the men had dispersed, many went to their tents, some took to dancing, others went down the line to a public-house. There were no fights or any other disturbance whatever."—"Toohey, the originator of this demonstration, was entirely deserted. He was walking about alone, and said to one of my men, 'You might as well put a ball through me, I am entirely deserted.' I subsequently went down to the public-house where most of the Irishmen had gone. They were then dancing and amusing themselves. I left the line about 4.30 p.m., to send information to Sydney. Senior-sergeant Grainger and party remained on the Section all night."

- (5.) Telegraph, Tamworth to Gunnedah and Narrabri:—*Mr. Lord*, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Have the necessary guarantee bonds for the construction of the Telegraph from Tamworth to Gunnedah and Narrabri been signed and completed; and if so, when will Tenders be called for the commencement of these works?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The bonds for these extensions have not yet been completed. Tenders will be invited so soon as the bonds are executed.

- (6.) Court-house and Lock-up, Warialda:—*Mr. Lord*, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Do the Government purpose appropriating a sum of money out of the vote for Public Buildings, for the repair of the Court-house and Lock-up at Warialda, both of which are represented as being in a fearfully dilapidated state?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Plans are prepared for the erection of a Court-house and Lock-up at Warialda. Tenders will be invited immediately.

Mr. Lord, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, withdrew the Question No. 7.

- (7.) Agricultural and Industrial Schools—Reserve at Wingecarribee:—*Mr. Morrice* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—

(1.) Have the Government taken any steps towards establishing Agricultural and Industrial Schools?

(2.) Have the Government withdrawn from sale the 1000 acres of land at Wingecarribee, in order to convert the same into an Agricultural School?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Board of Agriculture?

Mr. Wilson answered,—I cannot give the honorable member any information further than that given by my honorable colleague, in answer to the question yesterday—that the Government have turned their attention to the matter, but have not come to any determination upon it.

2. Lock-up at West Bargo (*"Formal" Motion*):—*Mr. Morrice* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th March, from the Inhabitants of West Bargo, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at seven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill ; second reading.
2. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill ; second reading.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill ; further consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows :—
“ That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”
2. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, April 3rd, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the following Resolutions :—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Claim of Mr. William Cummings, for injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold upon his rented Crown Lands, and reported to this House (with other claims) on the 28th April, 1865, by the Select Committee appointed “ to inquire into, and report upon, the Claims of Tenants of the Crown lodged with the Government for injuries done to their properties since the discovery of gold on their rented Crown Lands,” is a fit one to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
(2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. S. BROWN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in entering on the expenditure of £11,000 for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and the Necropolis, without first obtaining Parliamentary sanction for such expenditure, was not warranted by the circumstances of the case, and invades the rights of Parliament in a manner which calls for the condemnation of this House.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

MONDAY, MARCH 30.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Has a Mr. S. C. Drewe been lately dismissed by the Council of Education from the office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago ?
(2.) If so, what charges were made against Mr. Drewe, or what were the grounds of dismissal ?
(3.) Was Mr. Drewe at any time formally called upon to defend himself, or to explain his conduct with reference to such charges ?
(4.) Were any such charges communicated in writing to Mr. Drewe previous to his dismissal ?
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(7.) Has any person, and if so, what person has, been appointed in Mr. Drewe's place ?
(8.) Have the opinions of any of the Local Patrons upon the subject of Mr. Drewe's dismissal been communicated to the Government ; and, if so, what is the nature of those opinions ?

2. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
- (1.) The date of Mr. Superintendent Garland's appointment to Tamworth?
 - (2.) The number and date of his visits to Wee Waa, Walgett, and Breeza?
 - (3.) The date of his last visit to Walgett?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of the cost of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama, since the commencement of the contract to the date of Return, specifying, separately, the cost of each monthly mail as well as of each of the several stages of communication—that is to say, the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus, the cost across the Isthmus, and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain; also, in each case, the cost of each letter or newspaper, so far as the same can be approximately estimated.
 - (2.) A Return, extending over the same time, of the number of, and revenue derived from, letters, newspapers, or packages, conveyed by the said route between this Colony and Great Britain; shewing the number and revenue each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
 - (3.) A Return, extending over the same time, of the number of letters, newspapers, or packages lost, or which cannot be accounted for upon application, while in process of transmission by the said route; shewing the number each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
2. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing:—
 - (1.) The number of burglaries reported to the Detective Police as having been committed in the City of Sydney during the past twelve months.
 - (2.) The number of prosecutions instituted in respect of such reports, and the result thereof.
 - (3.) The number of detectives employed in the city of Sydney during the same period, with the total amount of salaries paid to them.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 127.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 MARCH, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Postponement:—The Order of the Day, No. 1 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Windeyer, to follow next after the Order of the Day No. 2 of Other Business.
2. Sydney Boundaries Amendment Bill (Order No. 2 of Other Business):—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. Windeyer.
Bill then discharged, on motion of Mr. Windeyer.
3. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill (*Postponed* Order No. 1 of Other Business):—Mr. Windeyer moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Motion made by Mr. Sutherland, and Question put (after Debate), That this Debate be now adjourned until Friday next.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Martin.	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Eagar.	Mr. W. Suttor.
Mr. Wilson.	Mr. Outley,
Mr. Byrnes.	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Burns.	Mr. Tighe.
Mr. Dodds,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Windeyer.
Dr. Lang,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Cummings.	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster.	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Lucas.	Mr. J. Stewart.
Mr. De Salis.	
Mr. Eckford.	
Mr. Garrett.	
Mr. Farnell.	
Mr. Tunks.	

4. Postponement:—The Order of the Day, No. 3 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Lucas, until Friday next.
5. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill:—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such further consideration.
The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
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The Chairman reported as follows:—The Committee agree to some and disagree from others of the Council's Amendments, also amend certain of the Council's Amendments, and have also made an Amendment in the Bill consequent upon one of the Council's Amendments agreed to by the Committee.
Mr. Lucas then moved, "That" this Report be now adopted.
Mr. Samuel moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Council's Amendments be re-committed with a view to the re-consideration of the 1st and 2nd Schedules."

Question,—

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Council's Amendments be re-committed with a view to the re-consideration of the 1st and 2nd Schedules,—put and passed.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Samuel, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such re-consideration.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had re-considered the said Schedules, and further amended the same.

Mr. Lucas then moved, That these reports be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

6. Postponements :—

(1.) The Order of the Day, No. 5 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Tuesday next.

(2.) The undermentioned Motions on the Notice Paper for to-day postponed, respectively, until Tuesday next, by the Members named :—

(1.) Motions Nos. 1 and 2. By *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Robertson.

(2.) Motion No. 3. By *Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at a quarter after Six o'clock, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, MARCH 30.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Has a Mr. S. C. Drewe been lately dismissed by the Council of Education from the office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago?
 - (2.) If so, what charges were made against Mr. Drewe, or what were the grounds of dismissal?
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2. MR. DANGAR *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) The date of Mr. Superintendent Garland's appointment to Tamworth?
 - (2.) The number and date of his visits to Wcc Waa, Walgett, and Breeza?
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, MARCH 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of the cost of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama, since the commencement of the contract to the date of Return, specifying, separately, the cost of each monthly mail as well as of each of the several stages of communication—that is to say, the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus, the cost across the Isthmus, and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain; also, in each case, the cost of each letter or newspaper, so far as the same can be approximately estimated.
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“That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, April 3rd, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Claim of Mr. William Cummings, for injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold upon his rented Crown Lands, and reported to this House (with other claims) on the 28th April, 1865, by the Select Committee appointed “to inquire into, and report upon, the Claims of Tenants of the Crown lodged with the Government for injuries done to their properties since the discovery of gold on their rented Crown Lands,” is a fit one to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 128.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 30 MARCH, 1868.

1. There being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—
Mr. Alexander, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Graham, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Lord, Mr. Mate, Mr. Oatley, Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Piddington, Mr. Smart, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Tunks, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past
Three o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Has a Mr. S. C. Drewe been lately dismissed by the Council of Education from the office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago?
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(1.) A Return of the cost of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama, since the commencement of the contract to the date of Return, specifying, separately, the cost of each monthly mail as well as of each of the several stages of communication—that is to say, the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus, the cost across the Isthmus, and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain; also, in each case, the cost of each letter or newspaper, so far as the same can be approximately estimated. (2.)

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4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, April 3rd, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Claim of Mr. William Cummings, for injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold upon his rented Crown Lands, and reported to this House (with other claims) on the 28th April, 1865, by the Select Committee appointed "to inquire into, and report upon, the Claims of Tenants of the Crown lodged with the Government for injuries done to their properties since the discovery of gold on their rented Crown Lands," is a fit one to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 129.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 31 MARCH, 1868.

1. There being only Thirteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Josephson, Dr. Lang, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Mate, Mr. Parkes, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Stimpson, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Three o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1.

Questions:—

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 130.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe by Council of Education:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has a Mr. S. C. Drewe been lately dismissed by the Council of Education from the office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago?

(2.) If so, what charges were made against Mr. Drewe, or what were the grounds of dismissal?

(3.) Was Mr. Drewe at any time formally called upon to defend himself, or to explain his conduct with reference to such charges?

(4.) Were any such charges communicated in writing to Mr. Drewe previous to his dismissal?

(5.) If so, what are the dates, respectively, of the documents communicating such charges, and giving notice of dismissal?

(6.) By whom were any such charges made against Mr. Drewe in the first instance, and was he ever informed upon this point?

(7.) Has any person, and if so, what person has, been appointed in Mr. Drewe's place?

(8.) Have the opinions of any of the Local Patrons upon the subject of Mr. Drewe's dismissal been communicated to the Government; and, if so, what is the nature of those opinions?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Mr. S. C. Drewe has lately been dismissed by the Council of Education from the office of Teacher of the Public School at Tomago.

(2.) The grounds of dismissal were—

(1.) Want of punctuality in the discharge of his duties, neglecting to open the school at the prescribed time, and leaving the school at 11 o'clock a.m. to go home to breakfast.

(2.) Neglect of school documents.

(3.) Use of blasphemous language.

(3.) Mr. Drewe was not formally called upon to defend himself.

(4.) As Mr. Drewe's dismissal was caused by his own statements to the Inspector, the charges were not communicated in writing.

(5.) Mr. Drewe was dismissed on the 7th February.

(6.) The charges were communicated to the Council, in the first instance, by the Secretary of the Public School Board. The Inspector informed Mr. Drewe of the charge of laxity, as set forth in the School Secretary's letter.

(7.) No person has been appointed in Mr. Drewe's place.

(8.) There is no information on this point in the office of the Council of Education.

- (2.) Mr. Garland, Superintendent of Police:—Mr. Lord, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) The date of Mr. Superintendent Garland's appointment to Tamworth?

(2.) The number and date of his visits to Wee Waa, Walgett, and Breeza?

(3.) The date of his last visit to Walgett?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Superintendent Garland was appointed to the Tamworth District on the 1st March, 1862.
 - (2.) Wee Waa visited by Mr. Garland, August, 1862; March, 1863; April (twice), July and October, same year; January, 1864; September and November, same year; April, 1865; July and September, same year; March and September, 1866; and February and July, 1867. Walgett visited August, 1862; April, July, and October, 1863; January and November, 1864; July, 1865; March and September, 1866. Biree, visited September, 1866 (new station).
 - (3.) Last visit to Walgett, September, 1866.
2. South Head Road Trust:—Mr. Wilson presented a Petition from William Dumaresq, as Chairman, and on behalf, of a Meeting of the Commissioners of the South Head Road Trust, appointed under the provisions of the Acts 11 Vic. No. 49, and 13 Vic. No. 41, setting forth certain inconveniences under which they labour, and praying that they may be enabled to carry out the objects of their Trust with more efficiency and benefit to the public than at present, and that privileges, similar to those granted recently to the Randwick and Coogee Road Trust, by the Act 18 Vic. No. 14, be made applicable to their Trust also.
Petition received.
 3. Papers:—
 - (1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Schedule of Subordinate Roads of New South Wales, shewing classification and proposed distribution for 1868.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Letter, dated 17 January, 1868, from Frederic Norton Manning, Esq.,—being further report in the matter of the Inquiry into the Condition and Management of Lunatic Asylums in Great Britain, &c.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (3.) Mr. Eagar laid upon the Table, Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the cause of the loss of the steam-ship "Telegraph."
Ordered to be printed.
 4. Claims of Mr. Bartholomew Rush:—Mr. Lackey, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this question was referred on 22nd November, 1867; together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
 5. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
 6. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 2 APRIL, 1868, A.M.—

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at seventeen minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2.

Questions:—

1. MR. STIMPSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) If the Contractor for No. 5 Contract is limited in time for the completion of his contract; if so, when is the time of completion?
 - (2.) When will tenders be invited for Contracts Nos. 6, 7, and 8 on the Western Line to Bathurst?
2. MR. STIMPSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Has the Government received any petition from the inhabitants of Bathurst, having reference to the bad state of the road between Bathurst and Carcoar?
 - (2.) If so, do the Government intend to comply with the prayer of the petitioners?

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. WILSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 1st April, from the Commissioners of the South Head Road Trust, be printed.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or the Council of Education, and any person or persons ; also, of all Ministerial Minutes, or Minutes of the Executive Council ; also, of all reports addressed to, or records of proceedings before, the Council of Education, having reference to the dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe from his office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago.
 - (2.) Copy of the latest general or periodical report of any Inspector in the said school previous to any proceedings having reference to said dismissal.
 - (3.) A Return shewing the names of all members, local patrons of the said school, as also the dates of their appointments.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of the cost of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama, since the commencement of the contract to the date of Return, specifying, separately, the cost of each monthly mail as well as of each of the several stages of communication—that is to say, the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus, the cost across the Isthmus, and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain ; also, in each case, the cost of each letter or newspaper, so far as the same can be approximately estimated.
 - (2.) A Return, extending over the same time, of the number of, and revenue derived from, letters, newspapers, or packages, conveyed by the said route between this Colony and Great Britain ; shewing the number and revenue each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
 - (3.) A Return, extending over the same time, of the number of letters, newspapers, or packages lost, or which cannot be accounted for upon application, while in process of transmission by the said route ; shewing the number each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
4. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing:—
 - (1.) The number of burglaries reported to the Detective Police as having been committed in the City of Sydney during the past twelve months.
 - (2.) The number of prosecutions instituted in respect of such reports, and the result thereof.
 - (3.) The number of detectives employed in the city of Sydney during the same period, with the total amount of salaries paid to them.
5. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows:—

“ That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”
6. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, April 3rd, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Claim of Mr. William Cummings, for injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold upon his rented Crown Lands, and reported to this House (with other claims) on the 28th April, 1865, by the Select Committee appointed “ to inquire into, and report upon, the Claims of Tenants of the Crown lodged with the Government for injuries done to their properties since the discovery of gold on their rented Crown Lands,” is a fit one to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
7. MR. S. BROWN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in entering on the expenditure of £11,000 for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and the Necropolis, without first obtaining Parliamentary sanction for such expenditure, was not warranted by the circumstances of the case, and invades the rights of Parliament in a manner which calls for the condemnation of this House.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (as agreed to in Select Committee) ; second reading.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

Question :—]

1. MR. ECKFORD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) How many tenders were received for No. 4 Contract of the Great Northern Railway?
 - (2.) What was the amount of each tender?
 - (3.) Whose tender was accepted?
 - (4.) Was the lowest tender accepted?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That the means adopted by the Oriental Banking Company for the sale in London, in May last, of £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures were most unwise, evincing an amount of carelessness and disregard of the colony's interests on the part of the Bank authorities, for which they are highly blameable.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d., for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.
2. MR. JOSEPHSON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the reason of the removal of Mr. Rowland Hassall from the Commission of the Peace,—with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Egan, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Lord, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 131.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Contracts, Great Western Railway:—Mr. Stimpson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) If the Contractor for No. 5 Contract is limited in time for the completion of his contract; if so, when is the time of completion?

(2.) When will tenders be invited for Contracts Nos. 6, 7, and 8 on the Western Line to Bathurst?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Yes; 31st December, 1868.

(2.) Contract No. 6 was let to Mr. James M'Kenzie, on the 29th June, 1867, but the works were abandoned by him, and they are now being carried out by the Government pending the re-letting of the contract. Tenders are to be opened on the 14th instant. Tenders for the works on No. 7 Contract will be invited on or about the 1st May, and for No. 8, on or about the 1st June next.

- (2.) Road between Bathurst and Carcoar:—Mr. Stimpson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has the Government received any petition from the inhabitants of Bathurst, having reference to the bad state of the road between Bathurst and Carcoar?

(2.) If so, do the Government intend to comply with the prayer of the petitioners?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Yes; a petition was received by the Honorable the Secretary for Lands, complaining of the present Trustees, and recommending the appointment of others.

(2.) No. The road has been placed in charge of the Works Department, and the Commissioner for Roads will commence operations as soon as the funds are available.

2. South Head Road Trust ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Wilson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 1st April, from the Commissioners of the South Head Road Trust, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

3. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill:—Mr. Lucas moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly, having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message, dated 20th December, 1867, requesting its concurrence in certain Amendments made by the Council in the St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill,—

Disagrees from the Amendment in page 1, preamble, line 18,—Because the widening of George-street is already provided for in the Grants to the Bishop and the Trustees of the Close, and the Assembly is opposed to the opening of Clarence-street as proposed by the Council.

Agrees

- Agrees to the Amendment in page 2, clause 2, line 17.
- Agrees to the Amendment in page 2, clause 2, line 19.
- Consequent upon the foregoing Agreements, Amends the Bill, by omitting the word "same," in page 2, clause 2, line 19, and inserting in place thereof the words "land described in the said first Schedule,"—in which Amendment it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
- Agrees to the Amendment in page 2, clause 2, line 21.
- Agrees to the Amendment in page 2, clause 4, line 40.
- Disagrees from the Amendment which proposes to add two new clauses after clause 4,—Because, first—For the same reason that the Assembly disagreed with the Council's Amendment in the Preamble. Second—The Assembly is opposed to the sale of any portion of this ground.
- Amends the first Schedule by omitting all the words after the word "land," and inserting in place thereof the words "situate in the Parish of St. Andrew City of Sydney County of Cumberland Colony of New South Wales commencing at the intersection of the south building alignment of Drnitt-street with the west building alignment of George-street and bounded thence on the east by the western building alignment of George-street being a line bearing south three degrees east two hundred and eighty-six feet thence on the south by a line bearing south eighty-three degrees forty-five minutes west two hundred and fifty-six feet five inches thence again on the east by a line bearing south fifteen degrees east twenty-five feet three inches thence again on the south by part of the northern boundary of allotment number nine granted for a Presbyterian Church being a line bearing south eighty-three degrees forty-five minutes west one hundred and two feet thence on the west by a line bearing north twelve degrees west one hundred and forty feet six inches and again on the west by a line bearing north eleven degrees fifty minutes east one hundred and seventy-three feet six inches forming the eastern boundary of allotment number nine aforesaid and of allotments numbers eight seven six five four and three to the southern building line of Drnitt-street and thence on the north by that building line being a line bearing north eighty-two degrees forty minutes east three hundred and thirty-four feet to the point of commencement,"—in which Amendment it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.
- Amends the second Schedule by omitting all the words after the word "land," and inserting in place thereof the words "situate in the Parish of Saint Andrew City of Sydney County of Cumberland Colony of New South Wales commencing at a point on the west building alignment of George-street bearing south three degrees east from the intersection of the south building alignment of Drnitt-street with the west building alignment of George-street and distant two hundred and eighty-six feet from that point and bounded thence on the east by a line bearing south three degrees east twenty-five feet thence on the south by a line bearing south eighty-three degrees forty-five minutes west two hundred and fifty-one feet thence on the west by a line bearing north fifteen degrees west twenty-five feet three inches thence on the north by a line bearing north eighty-three degrees forty-five minutes east two hundred and fifty-six feet five inches to the point of commencement,"—in which Amendment it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd April, 1868.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill:—Mr. Neale presented a Petition from the Council of the Borough of Paddington, under the signature of the Mayor and the Seal of the Corporation, against certain provisions in the said Bill.
Petition received.
5. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Cummings moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. Motions Withdrawn:—Mr. Forster withdrew the Motions Nos. 2 and 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
7. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Eagar moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. Lucas moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words, "the sum of £55,000 per annum, required to meet the expense of Steam Communication with Panama, is greatly in excess of any advantages which the people of this Colony can derive therefrom."
(2.) That therefore, any Contract, which has been entered into by the Government of this Colony with that of New Zealand, for the aforesaid purpose, should be terminated with as little delay as possible consistently with the public faith.

"(3.)

“(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.”

Debate ensued.

Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn.

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 3 APRIL, 1868, A.M.,—

The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

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The Chairman having again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and, there being only Eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker,—namely, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Graham, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Mate, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Stimpson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Wilson,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-five minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3.

Questions :—

1. MR. ECKFORD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) How many tenders were received for No. 4 Contract of the Great Northern Railway?
 - (2.) What was the amount of each tender?
 - (3.) Whose tender was accepted?
 - (4.) Was the lowest tender accepted?
2. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the papers relative to the dismissal of Messrs. Charles and Emery from the Commission of the Peace, ordered by this House, be laid on the Table?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
3. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. THORNTON *to move*, That the means adopted by the Oriental Banking Company for the sale in London, in May last, of £832,000 worth of New South Wales Debentures were most unwise, evincing an amount of carelessness and disregard of the colony's interests on the part of the Bank authorities, for which they are highly blameable.
2. MR. NEALE *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd April, from the Council of Paddington, against the Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill, be printed.

3. MR. DRIVER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing:—
- (1) The number of burglaries reported to the Detective Police as having been committed in the City of Sydney during the past twelve months.
 - (2) The number of prosecutions instituted in respect of such reports, and the result thereof.
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- "That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."
5. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, April 3rd, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Claim of Mr. William Cummings, for injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold upon his rented Crown Lands, and reported to this House (with other claims) on the 28th April, 1865, by the Select Committee appointed "to inquire into, and report upon, the Claims of Tenants of the Crown lodged with the Government for injuries done to their properties since the discovery of gold on their rented Crown Lands," is a fit one to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
6. MR. S. BROWN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in entering on the expenditure of £11,000 for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and the Necropolis, without first obtaining Parliamentary sanction for such expenditure, was not warranted by the circumstances of the case, and invades the rights of Parliament in a manner which calls for the condemnation of this House.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

MONDAY, APRIL 6.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d., for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.
2. MR. JOSEPHSON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the reason of the removal of Mr. Rowland Hassall from the Commission of the Peace,—with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Egan, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Lord, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 132.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 3 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) No. 4 Contract, Great Northern Railway:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Eckford*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) How many tenders were received for No. 4 Contract of the Great Northern Railway?

(2.) What was the amount of each tender?

(3.) Whose tender was accepted?

(4.) Was the lowest tender accepted?

Mr. Byrnes answered:—

(1.) Twelve.

(2.)	No. 1	...	£90,421	4	6		No. 7	...	£111,500	11	9
	2	...	96,470	14	6		8	...	90,465	6	6
	3	...	90,425	14	7		9	...	93,216	11	2
	4	...	90,094	6	1		10	...	103,275	5	6
	5	...	104,812	13	2		11	...	95,684	4	7
	6	...	103,387	12	2		12	...	88,773	5	8

(3.) Messrs. Amos and Co.

(4.) Yes.

- (2.) Messrs. Charles and Emery:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice, No. 2,—When will the papers relative to the dismissal of Messrs. Charles and Emery from the Commission of the Peace, ordered by this House, be laid on the Table?

Mr. Parkes answered,—On Monday or Tuesday next.

2. Papers:—*Mr. Parkes* laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Articles of Agreement made on 9 October, 1867, between Sir John Young, as Governor of this Colony, and Sir George Grey, as Governor of New Zealand, relative to the Panama Mail Service.

(2.) New Contract for Steam Postal Service *via* Suez.

(3.) Amended Time-Table, Steam Postal Service *via* Suez.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill:—*Mr. Lord* presented a Petition from *Mrs. Mary Chisholm*, of No. 161, Macquarie-street, Sydney, widow of *James Chisholm, Esq.*, late of Sydney: adverse to the passing of the said Bill, for reasons set forth in the Petition.

And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker,—

Petition received.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Lord* (*made with the concurrence of the House without Notice*), That the said Petition be printed.

4. *Mr. John Burnley*:—*Mr. Tighe*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report the Petition of *Mr. John Burnley* was referred on 20 December last,—together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Paper:—*Mr. Byrnes* laid upon the Table, Schedule shewing classification and proposed distribution for 1868, with reference to certain Subordinate Roads, and moved that the document be printed.

Debate ensued.

It appearing that a copy of the said Schedule was laid upon the Table by *Mr. Byrnes* and ordered to be printed on 12 September last (*See Votes and Proceedings No. 41, Entry 2 (1)*),—

Document and Motion by leave withdrawn.

6. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—
Mr. Neale moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd April, from the Council of Paddington, against the Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, until Tuesday next:—
(1.) Order No. 1. Mr. Driver.
(2.) Order No. 2. Mr. Forster.
8. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*):—Mr. Driver moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Debate adjourned, on motion of Mr. Tighe (after Debate), until Tuesday next.
9. Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith:—Mr. Tunks, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report the Petition of Mr. Thomas Smith was referred on 8 November, 1867,—together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
10. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Thornton not making the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
11. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Driver withdrew the Motion No. 3 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
12. Postponements:—The undermentioned Motions, on the Notice Paper for to-day, postponed, respectively, by the Members named, until Tuesday next:—
(1.) Motions Nos. 4 and 5. Mr. Robertson.
(2.) Motion No. 6. *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown.
13. Land Laws Amendment and Freehold Settlement Bill (No. 2):—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. Robertson. Bill then discharged, on motion of Mr. Robertson.
14. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 of Government Business postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until Monday next.
The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at Twenty-one minutes before Five o'clock, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, APRIL 6.

Questions:—

1. MR. LORD *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for a residence in Sydney for the Commodore commanding the Naval Squadron on this Station?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) Has it come to the knowledge of the Government, that before the trial of the prisoner O'Farrell, now under sentence of death for having attempted the life of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, several interviews and conversations took place in gaol between the said prisoner and certain visitors, having reference to the crime charged against the said prisoner, the substance of which conversations has been since published in various ways, to the effect that the said prisoner admitted that he had committed, and had for a long time intended to commit, the crime in question, as agent and confederate of a secret and treasonable association?
(2.) Has it come to the knowledge of the Government, that any such conversation took place between the said prisoner and a medical man, the substance of which has been since published?
(3.) If so, was such medical man an officer of the gaol, and has he, or any of the gaol authorities, been called to account by the Government, with reference to the said conversations?
(4.) Did any such interview or conversation take place between the said prisoner and the Colonial Secretary, or any Minister, or the Speaker, the substance of which has been since published?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, APRIL 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. JOSEPHSON to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d., for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.
2. MR. JOSEPHSON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the reason of the removal of Mr. Rowland Hassall from the Commission of the Peace,—with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Egan, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Jord, and the Mover.
3. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows:—

“That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.”
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, April 3rd, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the following Resolutions:—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Claim of Mr. William Cummings, for injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold upon his rented Crown Lands, and reported to this House (with other claims) on the 28th April, 1865, by the Select Committee appointed “to inquire into, and report upon, the Claims of Tenants of the Crown lodged with the Government for injuries done to their properties since the discovery of gold on their rented Crown Lands,” is a fit one to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
 - (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. S. BROWN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in entering on the expenditure of £11,000 for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and the Necropolis, without first obtaining Parliamentary sanction for such expenditure, was not warranted by the circumstances of the case, and invades the rights of Parliament in a manner which calls for the condemnation of this House.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
3. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Driver, That this Bill be now read a second time.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon this Table of this House, a Return, shewing the cost of the Training Ship Vernon; the cost of fitting that vessel up; the amount paid for salaries, books, provisions, &c.; the cost per head of maintaining the boys thereon, including proportion of interest on original cost of vessel and fitting up; and also, of the number of boys now on board, and of the persons employed thereon.

New South Wales.

No. 133.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 6 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—

- (1.) Sydney Residence for Commodore :—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for a residence in Sydney for the Commodore commanding the Naval Squadron on this Station ?

Mr. Martin answered,—It is the intention of the Government to submit to Parliament a proposal, having for its object the providing a residence in Sydney for the Commodore commanding the Naval Squadron on this station.

- (2.) Communications with Prisoner O'Farrell in Gaol :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Has it come to the knowledge of the Government, that before the trial of the prisoner O'Farrell, now under sentence of death for having attempted the life of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, several interviews and conversations took place in gaol between the said prisoner and certain visitors, having reference to the crime charged against the said prisoner, the substance of which conversations has been since published in various ways, to the effect that the said prisoner admitted that he had committed, and had for a long time intended to commit, the crime in question, as agent and confederate of a secret and treasonable association ?

(2.) Has it come to the knowledge of the Government, that any such conversation took place between the said prisoner and a medical man, the substance of which has been since published ?

(3.) If so, was such medical man an officer of the gaol, and has he, or any of the gaol authorities, been called to account by the Government, with reference to the said conversations ?

(4.) Did any such interview or conversation take place between the said prisoner and the Colonial Secretary, or any Minister, or the Speaker, the substance of which has been since published ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have noticed certain publications purporting to be reports of conversations between the prisoner O'Farrell and other persons. The Visiting Surgeon of Darlinghurst Gaol denies the accuracy of any such report, so far as it concerns him; and no other medical man has seen the prisoner in gaol. The Colonial Secretary has had several interviews with the prisoner, in the presence of the principal gaoler, but no such conversation as reported in the publication alluded to took place on any of those occasions.

2. Mrs. Eliza Colwell :—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from Eliza Colwell, of Wombelong Creek, in the district of Bligh, praying that a run occupied by her at that place, under the circumstances therein set forth, may be surveyed and a lease of the same issued in her favour.

Petition received.

3. Leasehold Rights of Free Selectors Bill :—Mr. Robertson having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the Leasehold Rights of Free Selectors,*" read a first time.

Mr. Robertson then moved, That the Bill be printed, and that the second reading thereof stand an Order of the Day for "to-morrow."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Eagar moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the word "to-morrow," with a view to inserting in its place the words "Tuesday week."

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Hart,	Mr. Stimpson,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. Stewart,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Thornton,	
Mr. Cunneen,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Landale,	
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Oatley,	Mr. J. Stewart.
Mr. Tighe,	

Question put (after Debate), That the words proposed to be inserted in the place of the word omitted be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Windeyer,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. J. Stewart.
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Mate,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. Stewart,	
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Stimpson,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Samuel,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Hart,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Josephson,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Thornton,	
Mr. Cunneen,	

Question then,—That the Bill be printed, and that the second reading thereof stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday week,—put and passed.

4. Further Supplementary Estimates for 1867 and Additional Estimates for 1868:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Eagar, and read by the Speaker:—

BELMORE,

Message No. 11.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, His Excellency the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly a further Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure for the year 1867, and an Additional Estimate of Expenditure for 1868.

Government House,

Sydney, 6th April, 1868.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Eagar, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred for consideration to Committee of Supply.

5. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Samuel moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.
6. Thomas M'Cormack:—Mr. S. Brown presented a Petition from Thomas M'Cormack, of Sydney, late Clerk and Storekeeper of the Industrial School for Girls at Newcastle, complaining of his suspension and subsequent dismissal from office; and praying inquiry with a view to his reinstatement. Petition received.
7. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Forster moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.
8. Supply:—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply being read, Mr. Eagar moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair. Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words, "this House is of opinion, that the system of Public Instruction at present subsisting in Public Schools requires to be rendered more secular in character, by discontinuing the use in such schools of whatever books are calculated to inculcate religious doctrines in a form not acceptable to all classes of the community, particularly all such books as contain doctrinal or Scripture lessons from the New Testament, as included among the books laid upon the Table of this House by the Colonial Secretary, on November 29, 1867." Debate ensued. Motion made by Mr. Hart, That this Debate be now adjourned until Wednesday next. Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit until after Midnight;—

TUESDAY, 7 APRIL, 1868, A.M.—

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned until Wednesday next.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Burdekin,

Tellers.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Garrett.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Ryan,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Mate,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stimpson.
Mr. Dodds,	

Main Question stated.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. De Salis,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Stimpson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burns,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Wisdom.
Mr. Driver,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Burdekin,
Mr. Garrett,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Lucas.

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at Twelve minutes before Four o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the papers, ordered by the House on 19 November, in the case of Mr. Charles Tibbey, be produced?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—What has been the result of the inquiry in the case of Mr. Justice Meymott?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. JOSEPHSON *to move*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d., for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.
2. MR. JOSEPHSON *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the reason of the removal of Mr. Rowland Hassall from the Commission of the Peace,—with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Egan, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Lord, and the Mover.

3. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows:—
 "That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House will, on Friday, April 3rd, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of the following Resolutions:—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Claim of Mr. William Cummings, for injury and loss of property sustained by him on account of the discovery of gold upon his rented Crown Lands, and reported to this House (with other claims) on the 28th April, 1865, by the Select Committee appointed "to inquire into, and report upon, the Claims of Tenants of the Crown lodged with the Government for injuries done to their properties since the discovery of gold on their rented Crown Lands," is a fit one to be referred to arbitration by the Government.
 (2.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolution, be presented to His Excellency the Governor.
5. MR. S. BROWN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in entering on the expenditure of £11,000 for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and the Necropolis, without first obtaining Parliamentary sanction for such expenditure, was not warranted by the circumstances of the case, and invades the rights of Parliament in a manner which calls for the condemnation of this House.
6. MR. GARRETT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th April, from Mrs. Eliza Colwell, be printed.
7. MR. FORSTER to move, That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.
8. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or the Council of Education, and any person or persons; also, of all Ministerial Minutes, or Minutes of the Executive Council; also, of all reports addressed to, or records of proceedings before, the Council of Education, having reference to the dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe from his office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago.
 (2.) Copy of the latest general or periodical report of any Inspector in the said school previous to any proceedings having reference to said dismissal.
 (3.) A Return shewing the names of all members, local patrons of the said school, as also the dates of their appointments.
9. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A Return of the cost of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama, since the commencement of the contract to the date of Return, specifying, separately, the cost of each monthly mail as well as of each of the several stages of communication—that is to say, the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus, the cost across the Isthmus, and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain; also, in each case, the cost of each letter or newspaper, so far as the same can be approximately estimated.
 (2.) A Return, extending over the same time, of the number of, and revenue derived from, letters, newspapers, or packages, conveyed by the said route between this Colony and Great Britain; shewing the number and revenue each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
 (3.) A Return, extending over the same time, of the number of letters, newspapers, or packages lost, or which cannot be accounted for upon application, while in process of transmission by the said route; shewing the number each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
10. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,000, as a final compensation to E. H. Hargraves, Esq., for the discovery of gold in this Colony in 1851.
11. MR. S. BROWN to move, That the Petition from Thomas M'Cormack, presented by him on 6th April, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
2. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

3. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Driver, That this Bill be now read a second time.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
2. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
3. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8.

Question :—

1. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Why was the Land Office at Bombala not open to the public on Thursday, the 25th March last?
 - (2.) Has the Secretary for Lands received a report from any of the Bombala Magistrates, having reference to the same, or from any intending free-selector making a complaint?
 - (3.) Why was the upset price of £4 per town allotment of half an acre, in the village of Wellesley, refused by the Land Agent at the late public land sale held in Bombala, March 9th?
 - (4.) Were any of the town allotments sold on that day?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9.

Question :—

1. MR. ECKFORD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Whether G. P. Bowman, James Glass, James Davis, John Lethbridge, junior, and Alfred Coberoft, Esquires, were, during the first week in February last, elected by the sheepowners as Sheep Directors for the district of Singleton?
 - (2.) Is it true that the Chief Inspector has prevented, or in any way obstructed, the abovenamed gentlemen in performing the duties of Sheep Directors?
 - (3.) Has the Chief Inspector the power to appoint, or nominate parties to act as, directors in lieu of those who have been elected by the sheepowners of the district?

TUESDAY, APRIL 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MORRICE *to move*, That there be laid upon this Table of this House, a Return, shewing the cost of the Training Ship "Vernon"; the cost of fitting that vessel up; the amount paid for salaries, books, provisions, &c.; the cost per head of maintaining the boys thereon, including proportion of interest on original cost of vessel and fitting up; and also, of the number of boys now on board, and of the persons employed thereon.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Leasehold Rights of Free-selectors Bill ; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 134.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—
 - (1.) Mr. Charles Tibbey:—*Mr. Lucas*, on behalf of Mr. Forster, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—When will the papers, ordered by the House on 19 November, in the case of Mr. Charles Tibbey, be produced?
Mr. Parkes answered,—This afternoon.
 - (2.) Mr. Justice Meymott:—*Mr. Lucas*, on behalf of Mr. Forster, asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—What has been the result of the inquiry in the case of Mr. Justice Meymott?
Mr. Parkes answered,—As the Attorney General is not in his place, perhaps the honorable member will put the question when that gentleman is present.
2. Rev. James White:—*Mr. Dodds*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report the Petition of the Rev. James White was referred on 16 March, 1868.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Papers:—*Mr. Parkes* laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Return to Order, in reference to “Rev. John M’Gibbon and Mr. Charles Tibbey,” made by this House, on motion of Mr. Forster, on 19 November, 1867.
 - (2.) Return to Address, in reference to “Messrs. Charles and Emery,” adopted by this House, on motion of Mr. Garrett, on 17 March, 1868.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Removal of Mr. Rowland Hassall from the Commission of the Peace (“*Formal*” Motion):—*Mr. Josephson* moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the reason of the removal of Mr. Rowland Hassall from the Commission of the Peace,—with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Burdekin, Mr. Neale, Mr. Egan, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Lord, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
5. Motion Withdrawn:—*Mr. Egan*, on behalf of Mr. Robertson, withdrew the Motion No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
6. Mrs. Eliza Colwell (“*Formal*” Motion):—*Mr. Garrett* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th April, from Mrs. Eliza Colwell, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (No. 2) (“*Formal*” Motion):—*Mr. Lucas*, on behalf of Mr. Forster, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.
Question put and passed.
8. Thomas M’Cormack (“*Formal*” Motion):—*Mr. Egan*, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from Thomas M’Cormack, presented by Mr. S. Brown on 6th April, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

9. Mr. A. E. Bush :—Mr. Josephson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d., for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.

Question put and passed.

10. Parliamentary Librarian :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, "That," in the opinion of this House, the course taken by the Government in failing to carry out Mr. Speaker's and the President of the Legislative Council's recommendation of a gentleman to the office of Parliamentary Librarian, is an invasion of the powers of the House with regard to the appointment of its own officers, as expressed and claimed by resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on the 25th January, 1860, as follows :—

"That it is the opinion of this House, that, in order to maintain the dignity and usefulness of the office of Speaker, all the Clerks and other officers of the House ought to be appointed by the Executive, upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Farnell moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the first word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words, "this House approves of the nomination by the Speaker to the office of Parliamentary Librarian."

Debate continued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Josephson,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Stimpson,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Thornton,	
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Burns.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Garrett,
Tellers.
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Tunks.

Original Question then put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Windeyer,	Mr. Samuel,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Josephson,	Mr. Macpherson,
Mr. Burdekin,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Pickering,	
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Thornton,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Hurley,	

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Mr. Martin,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Tunks,
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Landale,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stimpson,	
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Dodds,	

11. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (No. 2) :—Mr. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to Amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865,"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin (after Debate), at nine minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8.

Question :—

1. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Why was the Land Office at Bombala not open to the public on Thursday, the 25th March last?
 - (2.) Has the Secretary for Lands received a report from any of the Bombala Magistrates, having reference to the same, or from any intending free-selector making a complaint?
 - (3.) Why was the upset price of £4 per town allotment of half an acre, in the village of Wellesley, refused by the Land Agent at the late public land sale held in Bombala, March 9th?
 - (4.) Were any of the town allotments sold on that day?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. WISDOM to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of the Depositions taken at the Police Office, Singleton, on the 4th February, 1868, in the case of R. A. Rodd, charged with perjury.
2. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the subject of the removal of Mr. Samuel Charles from the Commission of the Peace,—with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Neale, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Forster, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
3. MR. S. BROWN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in entering on the expenditure of £11,000 for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and the Necropolis, without first obtaining Parliamentary sanction for such expenditure, was not warranted by the circumstances of the case, and invades the rights of Parliament in a manner which calls for the condemnation of this House.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or the Council of Education, and any person or persons; also, of all Ministerial Minutes, or Minutes of the Executive Council; also, of all reports addressed to, or records of proceedings before, the Council of Education, having reference to the dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe from his office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago.
 - (2.) Copy of the latest general or periodical report of any Inspector in the said school previous to any proceedings having reference to said dismissal.
 - (3.) A Return shewing the names of all members, local patrons of the said school, as also the dates of their appointments.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of the cost of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama, since the commencement of the contract to the date of Return, specifying, separately, the cost of each monthly mail as well as of each of the several stages of communication—that is to say, the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus, the cost across the Isthmus, and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain; also, in each case, the cost of each letter or newspaper, so far as the same can be approximately estimated.
 - (2.) A Return, extending over the same time, of the number of, and revenue derived from, letters, newspapers, or packages, conveyed by the said route between this Colony and Great Britain; shewing the number and revenue each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
 - (3.) A Return, extending over the same time, of the number of letters, newspapers, or packages lost, or which cannot be accounted for upon application, while in process of transmission by the said route; shewing the number each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
6. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,000, as a final compensation to E. H. Hargraves, Esq., for the discovery of gold in this Colony in 1851.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.

3. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Driver, That this Bill be now read a second time.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9.

Questions:—

1. MR. ECKFORD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Whether G. P. Bowman, James Glass, James Davis, John Lethbridge, junior, and Alfred Cobcroft, Esquires, were, during the first week in February last, elected by the sheepowners as Sheep Directors for the district of Singleton?
 - (2.) Is it true that the Chief Inspector has prevented, or in any way obstructed, the abovenamed gentlemen in performing the duties of Sheep Directors?
 - (3.) Has the Chief Inspector the power to appoint, or nominate parties to act as, directors in lieu of those who have been elected by the sheepowners of the district?
2. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether any, and if any what, report has been received on the representations of certain of the settlers of Knockfin and neighbourhood, in reference to the crossing-places over the Hunter at Windermere and Farrell's-lane, near Lochinvar?

FRIDAY, APRIL 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Mr. A. E. Bush; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d., for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. MORRICE *to move*, That there be laid upon this Table of this House, a Return, shewing the cost of the Training Ship "Vernon"; the cost of fitting that vessel up; the amount paid for salaries, books, provisions, &c.; the cost per head of maintaining the boys thereon, including proportion of interest on original cost of vessel and fitting up; and also, of the number of boys now on board, and of the persons employed thereon.
2. MR. TIGHE *to move*, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. J. Burnley, brought up on 3rd April, be now adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Leasehold Rights of Free-selectors Bill; second reading.

New South Wales.

No. 135.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—
 Land Office and Agent, Bombala:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice—
 - (1.) Why was the Land Office at Bombala not open to the public on Thursday, the 25th March last?
 - (2.) Has the Secretary for Lands received a report from any of the Bombala Magistrates, having reference to the same, or from any intending free-selector making a complaint?
 - (3.) Why was the upset price of £4 per town allotment of half an acre, in the village of Wellesley, refused by the Land Agent at the late public land sale held in Bombala, March 9th?
 - (4.) Were any of the town allotments sold on that day?
 Mr. Wilson answered,—
 - (1.) The Land Office was open to the public on the 25th March last.
 - (2.) No such report has been received.
 - (3.) The Land Agent, it appears, read the upset price at £3 per lot, instead of £3 per acre.
 - (4.) The Land Agent states that one lot was bid for.
2. Papers:—Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Additional Regulation, dated 31 March, 1868, under Sheep Disease Prevention Act of 1866. *Presented in accordance with the provisions of the 77th clause of the Act.*
 - (2.) Road Trust Accounts for half-year ending 31st December, 1867.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Steam Postal Service *viâ* Panama (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of the cost of Steam Postal Communication with Great Britain by way of Panama, since the commencement of the contract to the date of Return, specifying, separately, the cost of each monthly mail as well as of each of the several stages of communication—that is to say, the cost between Sydney and the Isthmus, the cost across the Isthmus, and the cost between the Isthmus and Great Britain; also, in each case, the cost of each letter or newspaper, so far as the same can be approximately estimated.
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 - (3.) A Return, extending over the same time, of the number of letters, newspapers, or packages lost, or which cannot be accounted for upon application, while in process of transmission by the said route; shewing the number each way, to and from the Colony, and by each mail.
 Question put and passed.
4. Gold Field at Pipeclay Creek, near Mudgee:—Mr. Thornton presented a Petition from certain Licensed Gold Miners in the District of Mudgee, praying, under the circumstances therein set forth, for the suspension of Free Selection and of Survey with a view to sale, upon the gold field at Pipeclay Creek, near Mudgee.
 Petition received.

5. Supply :—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply being read, Mr. Eagar moved, that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion made by Mr. Lucas, and Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put (after Debate) and negatived.
 Main Question then put and passed.
 Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 9 APRIL, 1868, A.M.—

The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee. Whereupon, the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman having again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman having again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being only Nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Nowlan, Mr. Oatley, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Ryan, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Walker, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wisdom,—the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-eight minutes after Three o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9.

Questions :—

1. MR. ECKFORD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 (1.) Whether G. P. Bowman, James Glass, James Davis, John Lethbridge, junior, and Alfred Cobcroft, Esquires, were, during the first week in February last, elected by the sheepowners as Sheep Directors for the district of Singleton?
 (2.) Is it true that the Chief Inspector has prevented, or in any way obstructed, the abovenamed gentlemen in performing the duties of Sheep Directors?
 (3.) Has the Chief Inspector the power to appoint, or nominate parties to act as, directors in lieu of those who have been elected by the sheepowners of the district?
2. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether any, and if any what, report has been received on the representations of certain of the settlers of Knockfin and neighbourhood, in reference to the crossing-places over the Hunter at Windermere and Farrell's-lane, near Lochinvar?
3. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) How many first and second class railway carriages have been imported during the last twelve months?
 (2.) What is the invoice price of each class carriage?
 (3.) What are the charges and cost of placing each class of carriage on the line at Redfern?

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT :—

1. MR. MARTIN *to move*, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Tuesday next.

Contingent

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move (*as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply*), That it is the opinion of this House,—
 - (1.) That the general circumstances of the Colony, and in particular the state of the public service and of the public finances, render considerable retrenchment of the public expenditure absolutely necessary.
 - (2.) That it is the duty of the Government to carry such retrenchment into effect with as little delay as possible, by a general and thorough reorganization of all the public departments, and in particular by reduction of the number of persons employed therein, as well as of all salaries in excess of the service rendered.
 - (3.) That it is expedient to amend the Superannuation Act of 1864, with a view to the more complete abolition of all pensions and retiring allowances not subject to its provisions, by a more equitable apportionment of the benefits conferred by the said Act, and by further extending such benefits to all classes of public servants.
 - (4.) That it is highly desirable to economize the expenditure upon public works, and to render more equitable the distribution thereof, by such further extension of the municipal principle as may tend to withdraw such expenditure from the control and supervision of the Central Government, and to place a larger share of the burden thereof upon the districts and the parties chiefly benefited thereby.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That the Petition from certain Gold Miners in the district of Mudgee, relative to the Gold Field at Pipeclay Creek, presented by him on the 8th April, be printed.
2. MR. WISDOM to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of the Depositions taken at the Police Office, Singleton, on the 4th February, 1868, in the case of R. A. Rodd, charged with perjury.
3. MR. GARRETT to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the subject of the removal of Mr. Samuel Charles from the Commission of the Peace,—with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Neale, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Forster, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
4. MR. S. BROWN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in entering on the expenditure of £11,000 for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and the Necropolis, without first obtaining Parliamentary sanction for such expenditure, was not warranted by the circumstances of the case, and invades the rights of Parliament in a manner which calls for the condemnation of this House.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or the Council of Education, and any person or persons ; also, of all Ministerial Minutes, or Minutes of the Executive Council ; also, of all reports addressed to, or records of proceedings before, the Council of Education, having reference to the dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe from his office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago.
 - (2.) Copy of the latest general or periodical report of any Inspector in the said school previous to any proceedings having reference to said dismissal.
 - (3.) A Return shewing the names of all members, local patrons of the said school, as also the dates of their appointments.
6. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,000, as a final compensation to E. H. Hargraves, Esq., for the discovery of gold in this Colony in 1851.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
2. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
3. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
4. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) ; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Driver, That this Bill be now read a second time.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, APRIL 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Mr. A. E. Bush; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d., for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon this Table of this House, a Return, shewing the cost of the Training Ship "Vernon"; the cost of fitting that vessel up; the amount paid for salaries, books, provisions, &c.; the cost per head of maintaining the boys thereon, including proportion of interest on original cost of vessel and fitting up; and also, of the number of boys now on board, and of the persons employed thereon.
2. Mr. TIGHE to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. J. Burnley, brought up on 3rd April, be now adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Leaschold Rights of Free-selectors Bill; second reading.
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New South Wales.

No. 136.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Sheep Directors, District of Singleton:—*Mr. Lucas*, on behalf of *Mr. Eckford*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Whether *G. P. Bowman*, *James Glass*, *James Davis*, *John Lethbridge*, junior, and *Alfred Coberost*, Esquires, were, during the first week in February last, elected by the sheepowners as Sheep Directors for the district of Singleton?

(2.) Is it true that the Chief Inspector has prevented, or in any way obstructed, the abovenamed gentlemen in performing the duties of Sheep Directors?

(3.) Has the Chief Inspector the power to appoint, or nominate parties to act as Directors in lieu of those who have been elected by the sheepowners of the district?

Mr. Wilson answered,—Two sets of Directors were elected for this district, owing to a mistake that took place in the advertisement calling the meeting. Both sets of Directors were declared by the Crown Law Officers to be illegally elected; consequently the Government have appointed the previous Directors to act in the meantime till the mistake be rectified. The Act gives the Government power to nominate Directors where they are not nominated by the electors of the district.

- (2.) Crossing-places over River Hunter, near Lochinvar:—*Mr. Burns* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Whether any, and if any what, report has been received on the representations of certain of the settlers of Knockfin and neighbourhood, in reference to the crossing-places over the Hunter at Windermere and Farrell's-lane, near Lochinvar?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The surveyor to whom this matter has been referred has not yet sent in his report.

- (3.) Railway Carriages:—*Mr. Lucas* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) How many first and second class railway carriages have been imported during the last twelve months?

(2.) What is the invoice price of each class carriage?

(3.) What are the charges and cost of placing each class of carriage on the line at Redfern?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Six first-class and ten second-class.

(2.) The invoice price of first-class £850 each, and of second-class £610.

(3.) I shall be in a position to give an answer to this question at the next meeting of the House.

2. Papers:—

- (1.) *Mr. Parkes* laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Report of the Council of Education upon the condition of the Public Schools for 1867. Presented under the provisions of the Public Schools Act of 1866.

(2.) Report of the Council of Education upon the condition of the Certified Denominational Schools for 1867. Presented under the provisions of the Public Schools Act of 1866.

(3.) Return to Address, in reference to "*Mr. Shephard Howarth*," adopted by this House, on motion of *Mr. Sutherland*, on 24th March, 1868.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.)

- (2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Abstract of all sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th Section of the Act, 25 Victoria, No. 1, during the period between 10th March and 9th April, 1868.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th Section of the said Act, during the same period.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
 4. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. De Salis moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
 5. Special Adjournment (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
 6. Gold Field at Pipeclay Creek, near Mudgee (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Thornton moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition from certain Gold Miners in the district of Mudgee, relative to the Gold Field at Pipeclay Creek, presented by him on the 8th April, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
 7. Removal of Mr. Samuel Charles from the Commission of the Peace (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the subject of the removal of Mr. Samuel Charles from the Commission of the Peace,—with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Neale, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Forster, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Farnell, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
 8. Unemployed Labourers at Muswellbrook:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain unemployed Labourers in the district of Muswellbrook, representing that they are in a state of great destitution in consequence of delay in carrying out the extensions of the Great Northern Railway, and praying that those works may be pushed on, so as to afford them relief by employment.
Petition received.
 9. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
 10. Supply:—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply being read, Mr. Eagar moved, “That” the Speaker do now leave the Chair.
And Mr. Forster, addressing the House with a view to making the *Contingent Motion* standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, was interrupted by notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Whereupon, the Speaker counted the House, and, there being only fourteen members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cummings, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Egan, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Robertson, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Terry, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-three minutes after Ten o’clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Three o’clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14.

Questions:—

1. **DR. LANG** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether he is aware that a fresh encroachment is now in progress on the ground reserved for public recreation on Flag-staff Hill; and if so, whether it has been effected by his direction?
2. **MR. LORD** to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Will the Government furnish a Return, shewing the number of cases disposed of, and the amount of business done for the last twelve months, at the respective Courts of Petty Sessions at Dubbo and Wellington?
3. **MR. GARRETT** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit the required amount for the extension of the Telegraph Line from Kiama to Jervis’ Bay to the Assembly this Session?

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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

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2. MR. TIGHE to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. J. Burnley, brought up on 3rd April, be now adopted.
3. MR. MACPHERSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, either the originals or copies of all letters addressed to the condemned prisoner O'Farrell, which have been intercepted by the police, from the date of his arrest up to the present time, and more particularly one said to have been addressed to him by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Adelaide.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or the Council of Education, and any person or persons; also, of all Ministerial Minutes, or Minutes of the Executive Council; also, of all reports addressed to, or records of proceedings before, the Council of Education, having reference to the dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe from his office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Leasehold Rights of Free-selectors Bill; second reading.
2. MR. A. E. BUSH; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d., for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.
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6. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Driver, That this Bill be now read a second time.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
3. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY APRIL, 15.

Questions:—

1. MR. GARRETT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Upon what grounds was the conditional purchase of Mr. William Emery, of seventy-two acres of land at Good Dog, Shoalhaven, made on the 25th June, 1863, cancelled by "special permission of the Secretary for Lands," as stated in a letter to Mr. Emery on the 8th of January last?

(2.)

- (2.) What is indicated by the said term of "special permission" ?
 (3.) Upon what clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, or under what Regulation made to carry out the same, is the authority to exercise such "special permission" based ?
 (4.) When will a reply be given to the letter of Mr. Emery, addressed to the Secretary for Lands on the 20th February last, in reply to his letter of the 8th January previous ?
 (5.) What will be the nature of that reply ?
2. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) The names of the contractors who tendered for No. 4 Contract, Great Northern Railway, and the prices of each ?
 (2.) The "quantities" by which the Commissioner arrived at the prices ?
 (3.) Whether it is the intention of the Commissioner to erect the Bathurst Railway and Traffic Bridge by Government superintendence, instead of calling for tenders to contract for doing it in the usual way ?
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Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move (as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply)*, That it is the opinion of this House,—
 (1.) That the general circumstances of the Colony, and in particular the state of the public service and of the public finances, render considerable retrenchment of the public expenditure absolutely necessary.
 (2.) That it is the duty of the Government to carry such retrenchment into effect with as little delay as possible, by a general and thorough reorganization of all the public departments, and in particular by reduction of the number of persons employed therein, as well as of all salaries in excess of the service rendered.
 (3.) That it is expedient to amend the Superannuation Act of 1864, with a view to the more complete abolition of all pensions and retiring allowances not subject to its provisions, by a more equitable apportionment of the benefits conferred by the said Act, and by further extending such benefits to all classes of public servants.
 (4.) That it is highly desirable to economize the expenditure upon public works, and to render more equitable the distribution thereof, by such further extension of the municipal principle as may tend to withdraw such expenditure from the control and supervision of the Central Government, and to place a larger share of the burden thereof upon the districts and the parties chiefly benefited thereby.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16.

Question :—

1. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to sanction the incorporation as a municipality of an area of country embracing only the property of one proprietor, in case of such petition being submitted to the Executive ?
 (2.) What course do the Government intend to take with regard to the incorporation of the several areas petitioned for in the district of Shoalhaven ?

New South Wales.

No. 137.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Recreation Reserve on Flag-staff Hill:—Dr. Lang asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—Whether he is aware that a fresh encroachment is now in progress on the ground reserved for public recreation on Flag-staff Hill; and if so, whether it has been effected by his direction?

Mr. Wilson answered,—I am not aware that any fresh encroachment has been made. In fact, I do not know to what the honorable and reverend member alludes; but if anything is being done there, it is not by my direction nor with the knowledge of the Government.

- (2.) Courts of Petty Sessions, Dubbo and Wellington:—Mr. Lord asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—Will the Government furnish a Return, shewing the number of cases disposed of, and the amount of business done for the last twelve months, at the respective Courts of Petty Sessions at Dubbo and Wellington?

Mr. Martin answered,—I will give directions for the preparation of the Return to which the honorable member refers.

- (3.) Telegraphic Extension from Kiama to Jervis Bay:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit the required amount for the extension of the Telegraph Line from Kiama to Jervis Bay to the Assembly this Session?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The amount will be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1868, and the authority of the Executive Council will be asked to anticipate the vote.

2. Removal of Mr. Samuel Charles from the Commission of the Peace:—Mr. Garrett, with the concurrence of the House, moved (without notice), That the Return to Address in reference to "Messrs. Charles and Emery," laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on 7th April, be referred to the Committee now sitting on the subject of "Removal of Mr. Samuel Charles from the Commission of the Peace."

Question put and passed.

3. Motions Withdrawn:—The undermentioned Motions, on the Notice Paper for to-day, were withdrawn, respectively, by the Members named:—

(1.) Motion No. 1. By Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Morrice.

(2.) Motion No. 2. By Mr. Tighe.

4. Condemned Prisoner O'Farrell:—Mr. Macpherson moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, either the originals or copies of all letters addressed to the condemned prisoner O'Farrell, which have been intercepted by the police, from the date of his arrest up to the present time, and more particularly one said to have been addressed to him by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Adelaide.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

5. Dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe by Council of Education:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to amended Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or the Council of Education, and any person or persons; also, of all Ministerial Minutes, or Minutes of the Executive Council; also, of all reports addressed to, or records of proceedings before, the Council of Education, having reference to the dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe from his office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago.

(2.)

(2.) Copy of the latest general or periodical report of any Inspector on the said school previous to any proceedings having reference to said dismissal.

(3.) A Return, shewing the names of all members of the local board, or local patrons of the said school, as also the dates of their appointments.

Debate ensued.

Notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the Speaker counted the House, and, there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Alexander, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Egan, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hart, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Robertson, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at five minutes after Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY APRIL, 15.

Questions :—

1. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) Upon what grounds was the conditional purchase of Mr. William Emery, of seventy-two acres of land at Good Dog, Shoalhaven, made on the 25th June, 1863, cancelled by "special permission of the Secretary for Lands," as stated in a letter to Mr. Emery on the 8th of January last?
 - (2.) What is indicated by the said term of "special permission"?
 - (3.) Upon what clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, or under what Regulation made to carry out the same, is the authority to exercise such "special permission" based?
 - (4.) When will a reply be given to the letter of Mr. Emery, addressed to the Secretary for Lands on the 20th February last, in reply to his letter of the 8th January previous?
 - (5.) What will be the nature of that reply?
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 - (1.) The names of the contractors who tendered for No. 4 Contract, Great Northern Railway, and the prices of each?
 - (2.) The "quantities" by which the Commissioner arrived at the prices?
 - (3.) Whether it is the intention of the Commissioner to erect the Bathurst Railway and Traffic Bridge by Government superintendence, instead of calling for tenders to contract for doing it in the usual way?
3. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—At what locality on the Shoalhaven River is it the intention of the Government to expend the £1000 for a Wharf on that river, placed on the Estimates for this year, in the case of the same being voted?
4. MR. PICKERING *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is it a fact that overtures have been made to the Government, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, to prove the existence of a Fenian Society in this city, and to disclose its place of meeting, for the consideration of the sum of £500, or some or any other stipulated sum?
 - (2.) Has the Honorable the Colonial Secretary accorded and given an interview to one or more persons, with reference to the question asked?

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1. MR. FORSTER *to move (as an Amendment on the Motion for going into Committee of Supply)*, That it is the opinion of this House,—
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 - (4.) That it is highly desirable to economize the expenditure upon public works, and to render more equitable the distribution thereof, by such further extension of the municipal principle as may tend to withdraw such expenditure from the control and supervision of the Central Government, and to place a larger share of the burden thereof upon the districts and the parties chiefly benefited thereby.

GOVERNMENT

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3. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,000, as a final compensation to E. H. Hargraves, Esq., for the discovery of gold in this Colony in 1851.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 16.

Question:—

1. MR. GARRETT to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to sanction the incorporation as a municipality of an area of country embracing only the property of one proprietor, in case of such petition being submitted to the Executive?
 - (2.) What course do the Government intend to take with regard to the incorporation of the several areas petitioned for in the district of Shoalhaven?

FRIDAY, APRIL 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BURNS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of the depositions and other proceedings in the case, Plunkett v. Strong, tried at the Court of Petty Sessions, Newcastle, on or about the 12th March, 1868.
2. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the cost of the Training Ship "Vernon" ; the cost of fitting that vessel up ; the amount paid for salaries, books, provisions, &c. ; the cost per head of maintaining the boys thereon, including proportion of interest on original cost of vessel and fitting up ; and also, of the number of boys now on board, and of the persons employed thereon.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. TRIGHE to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. J. Burnley, brought up on 3rd April, be now adopted.

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No. 138.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Mr. William Emery:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Upon what grounds was the conditional purchase of Mr. William Emery, of seventy-two acres of land at Good Dog, Shoalhaven, made on the 25th June, 1863, cancelled by "special permission of the Secretary for Lands," as stated in a letter to Mr. Emery on the 8th of January last?

(2.) What is indicated by the said term of "special permission"?

(3.) Upon what clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, or under what Regulation made to carry out the same, is the authority to exercise such "special permission" based?

(4.) When will a reply be given to the letter of Mr. Emery, addressed to the Secretary for Lands on the 20th February last, in reply to his letter of the 8th January previous?

(5.) What will be the nature of that reply?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) On the application of Mr. Emery.

(2.) Because I consider that the selection should legally have been forfeited; but under the peculiar circumstances of the case, a refund of the deposit money was authorized.

(3.) Regulation 26.

(4.) Letter answered on the 9th April.

(5.) In reply to this question I had better read the letter itself, addressed from my department to R. W. Robberds, Esquire, Solicitor for Mr. Emery:—

"Department of Lands,
"Sydney, 9 April, 1868.

" Sir,

" With reference to your letter of the 20th February last, on behalf of Mr. William Emery, stating that he is at a loss to understand the reason of the cancellation of the conditional purchase of 72 acres made by him at Shoalhaven, on the 25th June, 1863, and that as the proof furnished by him of his having complied with the requirements of the law was received by this department as satisfactory, he considers that he is entitled to a Deed of Grant of the land,—I am directed to inform you that the proposal to annul the purchase emanated from Mr. Emery himself, with the view to putting an end to the difficulties which arose out of the antagonistic claims of Isaac Barelay.

" 2. With regard to the intimation made to Emery, that his proof of residence was considered satisfactory, I am to state that it was found on subsequent investigation, as also from the sworn evidence in the case of James Emery v. D. McIlwrath, tried at Kiama, in January, 1866 (a copy of which has been furnished to the department), that the conditions of law as to residence never had been fulfilled by Emery, and that the Secretary for Lands cannot now therefore uphold him in his claim to the land, by approving of his 'declaration,' which is in direct contradiction of the evidence above alluded to."

(2.) No. 4 Contract, Great Northern Railway.—Bathurst Traffic Bridge:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to amended Notice No. 2,—

(1.) The names of the contractors who tendered for No. 4 Contract, Great Northern Railway, and the prices of each?

(2.) The "quantities" by which the Commissioner arrived at the prices?

(3.)

(3.) Whether it is the intention of the Commissioner to erect the Bathurst Traffic Bridge by Government superintendence, instead of calling for tenders to contract for doing it in the usual way?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) Down & Co.	£90,421	14	6
George Blunt	90,425	14	7
Edmund Duxberry	104,812	13	2
S. Frazer & Co.	111,500	11	9
H. Dalrymple	93,216	11	2
Forster & Roberts	95,684	4	7
Alex. Rennie	96,470	14	6
Francis Bell & Co.	90,094	6	1
Wm. Watkins	103,387	12	2
Wm. Pendall	90,465	6	6
Larkin & Wakeford	103,275	5	6
Amos & Co.	86,773	5	8

(2.) 207,335 cubic yards excavation for cuttings.			
30,476 do do	(rock).		
83,447 do side cutting.			
11,924 do side ditches.			
1,660 do foundations.			
2,067 do brickwork in cement.			
38,112 cubic feet ironbark timber.			
57,168 lbs. iron work.			
6,715 sup. yards painting.			
13,000 rods fencing.			
35,662 lin. yards ballasting permanent way.			
35,552 do laying do			
36,000 sleepers.			
30 10 feet level crossings.			
3 15 feet do			
60 10 feet gates.			
6 15 feet do			
3 gate houses.			

(3.) The present crossing of the Macquarie being on a bridge of a most temporary character, constructed from the debris of the Denison Bridge, it was necessary to arrange for the construction of an iron traffic bridge with the least possible delay. Tenders were accordingly invited for cast iron cylinders for piers. Those are now ready, and are being sunk under Government superintendence, to avoid any possibility of delay or disappointment in so hazardous an operation. Tenders will be invited for the superstructure in time to put on piers when constructed.

(3.) Wharf, Shoalhaven River:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—At what locality on the Shoalhaven River is it the intention of the Government to expend the £1,000 for a Wharf on that river, placed on the Estimates for this year, in the case of the same being voted?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—At Terrara, Bomadery, and Greenwell Point.

(4.) Fenian Society:—Mr. Pickering asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is it a fact that overtures have been made to the Government, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, to prove the existence of a Fenian Society in this city, and to disclose its place of meeting, for the consideration of the sum of £500, or some or any other stipulated sum?

(2.) Has the Honorable the Colonial Secretary accorded and given an interview to one or more persons, with reference to the question asked?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have no knowledge of any circumstance to which the honorable member's question can have any possible reference.

2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Pickering moved, That this House do now adjourn. Question put and negatived.

3. Papers:—

(1.) Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, particulars relative to "Railway Carriages," (being answer to Question (3) (3) recorded in Entry 1, in Votes and Proceedings No. 136.)

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Report on Pleuro-Pneumonia, dated 7 January, 1868, by the Chief Inspector of Sheep and Cattle.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Motion for Adjournment:—Dr. Lang moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. Supply:—On the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply being read, Mr. Bagar moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to *Contingent Notice*, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "it is the opinion of this House,—

"(1.) That the general circumstances of the Colony, and in particular the state of the public service and of the public finances, render considerable retrenchment of the public expenditure absolutely necessary.

"(2.)

“(2.) That it is the duty of the Government to carry such retrenchment into effect with as little delay as possible, by a general and thorough reorganization of all the public departments, and in particular by reduction of the number of persons employed therein, as well as of all salaries in excess of the service rendered.”

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“(4.) That it is highly desirable to economize the expenditure upon public works, and to render more equitable the distribution thereof, by such further extension of the municipal principle as may tend to withdraw such expenditure from the control and supervision of the Central Government, and to place a larger share of the burden thereof upon the districts and the parties chiefly benefited thereby.”

Debate ensued.

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Ryan,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Walker,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Nowlan,	Mr. Isaacs,
Mr. Dodds,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Roberts,	Mr. Piddington.
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Mate,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Egan,
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. S. Brown.
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. R. Stewart,	
Mr. Alexander,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Burdekin,	
Mr. Hart,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Driver,	

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 16 APRIL, 1868, A.M.—

The Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee. Whereupon, the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour this day.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at fifteen minutes after Three o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

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Questions :—

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2. MR. SAMUEL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Are Custom House officers, having the use of Government boats and crews, permitted to claim salvage in cases where they may aid in saving property from vessels wrecked on the coast of this Colony?

GOVERNMENT

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FRIDAY, APRIL 17.

Question:—

1. MR. DRIVER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) Has any circular been issued to the Benches of Magistrates by the Attorney General, instructing them as to the cases which should be sent to the Supreme Court instead of to the Quarter Sessions?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Attorney General to issue such a circular?
 - (3.) Is the Attorney General aware that His Honor Mr. Justice Macfarland, at the last Sydney Quarter Sessions, without the consent of the Crown, discharged a jury in a case of perjury, on their not agreeing after deliberating on their verdict for two hours and a-half?
 - (4.) Was such a course in accordance with any precedent?
 - (5.) Is it intended to proceed further in the case referred to?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. BURNS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of the depositions and other proceedings in the case, Plunkett v. Strong, tried at the Court of Petty Sessions, Newcastle, on or about the 12th March, 1868.
2. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the cost of the Training Ship "Vernon"; the cost of fitting that vessel up; the amount paid for salaries, books, provisions, &c.; the cost per head of maintaining the boys thereon, including proportion of interest on original cost of vessel and fitting up; and also, of the number of boys now on board, and of the persons employed thereon.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. TIGHE to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. J. Burnley, brought up on 3rd April, be now adopted.

2. MR. MACLEAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a statement of the charge of Fenianism or disloyalty, made by a Minister of the Crown, on the information of Mr. Powell, of Berrima, against Detective M'Glone, on the 14th March; with copies of all letters and telegrams sent to, or received from, Mr. Powell on the subject. Also, a copy of Mr. Fosbery's letter to Detective M'Glone, of March 16th, charging him with attending a seditious meeting, with M'Glone's reply thereto. Also, copies of M'Glone's resignation of his office, and of his application, on the following day, for permission to withdraw the same; with the reasons, if any, assigned by the head of the police for refusing the application.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.

Question:—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) The amount authorized by Parliament to be expended on the three trunk lines of Railway, respectively, up to the 31st March, 1868?
 - (2.) The number of miles opened for traffic, and the average cost per mile thereof, on each line, to the same date?
 - (3.) The number of miles for which contracts had been taken and unfinished on the respective lines for the like period, and for what amounts?
 - (4.) The extensions, other than the foregoing, for which surveys, or surveys and cross sections, have been or are being prepared at the present time?

New South Wales.

No. 139.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.
Questions on Notice Paper for to-day :—
Mr. Garrett withdrew the Question No. 1.
Mr. Samuel withdrew the Question No. 2.
2. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
The Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and been referred for decision to the House ; and obtained leave to sit again so soon as that decision should be given.
The Chairman then reported the Point of Order as follows :—
Certain Estimates, as recommended by a Message from the Governor and referred by the House to the Committee, being under consideration, the Minister in charge thereof had proposed a vote *less* certain items therein contained, and a member of the Committee (not a Minister) had desired to restore one of the omitted items, —to which restoration the Chairman had objected.
The Speaker ruled, that the entire Estimates having been referred to the Committee, it is not competent to withdraw any item without the action of the Committee itself—but that if any item be omitted by such action, the Committee cannot restore it.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Eagar, the Committee resumed.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 APRIL, 1868, A.M.—

- The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour this day.
- The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at a quarter before Two o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17.

Questions :—

1. MR. DRIVER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) Has any circular been issued to the Benches of Magistrates by the Attorney General, instructing them as to the cases which should be sent to the Supreme Court instead of to the Quarter Sessions?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Attorney General to issue such a circular?
 - (3.) Is the Attorney General aware that His Honor Mr. Justice Macfarland, at the last Sydney Quarter Sessions, without the consent of the Crown, discharged a jury in a case of perjury, on their not agreeing after deliberating on their verdict for two hours and a-half?
 - (4.) Was such a course in accordance with any precedent?
 - (5.) Is it intended to proceed further in the case referred to?
2. MR. GARRETT *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to sanction the incorporation as a municipality of an area of country embracing only the property of one proprietor, in case of such petition being submitted to the Executive?
 - (2.) What course do the Government intend to take with regard to the incorporation of the several areas petitioned for in the district of Shoalhaven?
3. MR. LORD *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—Under what circumstances, and for what reasons, did he withdraw from the Estimates-in-Chief the sum of £350, for completing the approaches to the Punt on the River Darling?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Leasehold Rights of Free-selectors Bill; second reading.
2. MR. A. E. BUSH; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d., for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.
3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
4. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
5. MR. THOMAS WOORE; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
6. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Driver, That this Bill be now read a second time.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. BURNS *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of the depositions and other proceedings in the case, Plunkett v. Strong, tried at the Court of Petty Sessions, Newcastle, on or about the 12th March, 1868.
2. MR. MORRICE *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the cost of the Training Ship "Vernon"; the cost of fitting that vessel up; the amount paid for salaries, books, provisions, &c.; the cost per head of maintaining the boys thereon, including proportion of interest on original cost of vessel and fitting up; and also, of the number of boys now on board, and of the persons employed thereon.
3. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or the Council of Education, and any person or persons; also, of all Ministerial Minutes, or Minutes of the Executive Council; also, of all reports addressed to, or records of proceedings before, the Council of Education, having reference to the dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe from his office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago.
 - (2.) Copy of the latest general or periodical report of any Inspector on the said school previous to any proceedings having reference to said dismissal.
 - (3.) A Return shewing the names of all members of the local board, or local patrons of the said school, as also the dates of their appointments.
4. MR. WISDOM *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid on the Table of this House, Copies of the Depositions taken at the Police Office, Singleton, on the 4th February, 1868, in the case of R. A. Rodd, charged with perjury.

5. MR. S. BROWN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in entering on the expenditure of £11,000 for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and the Necropolis, without first obtaining Parliamentary sanction for such expenditure, was not warranted by the circumstances of the case, and invades the rights of Parliament in a manner which calls for the condemnation of this House.
6. MR. CUNNEEN to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,000, as a final compensation to E. H. Hargraves, Esq., for the discovery of gold in this Colony in 1851.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

MONDAY, APRIL 20.

Question:—

1. MR. SAMUEL to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Are Custom House officers, having the use of Government boats and crews, permitted to claim salvage in cases where they may aid in saving property from vessels wrecked on the coast of this Colony?

TUESDAY, APRIL 21.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. TIGHE to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. J. Burnley, brought up on 3rd April, be now adopted.
2. MR. MACLEAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a statement of the charge of Fenianism or disloyalty, made by a Minister of the Crown, on the information of Mr. Powell, of Berrima, against Detective M'Glone, on the 14th March; with copies of all letters and telegrams sent to, or received from, Mr. Powell on the subject. Also, a copy of Mr. Fosbery's letter to Detective M'Glone, of March 16th, charging him with attending a seditious meeting, with M'Glone's reply thereto. Also, copies of M'Glone's resignation of his office, and of his application, on the following day, for permission to withdraw the same; with the reasons, if any, assigned by the head of the police for refusing the application.
3. MR. DODDS to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of the Rev. J. S. White, brought up on the 7th April, be now adopted.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.

Question:—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) The amount authorized by Parliament to be expended on the three trunk lines of Railway, respectively, up to the 31st March, 1868?
 - (2.) The number of miles opened for traffic, and the average cost per mile thereof, on each line, to the same date?
 - (3.) The number of miles for which contracts had been taken and unfinished on the respective lines for the like period, and for what amounts?
 - (4.) The extensions, other than the foregoing, for which surveys, or surveys and cross sections, have been or are being prepared at the present time?

New South Wales.

No. 140.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 17 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

(1.) Cases remittable by Benches of Magistrates to higher Courts—Discharge of a Jury by Mr. Justice M'Farland—(Administration of Justice):—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Driver, asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) Has any circular been issued to the Benches of Magistrates by the Attorney General, instructing them as to the cases which should be sent to the Supreme Court instead of to the Quarter Sessions?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Attorney General to issue such a circular?

(3.) Is the Attorney General aware that His Honor Mr. Justice M'Farland, at the last Sydney Quarter Sessions, without the consent of the Crown, discharged a jury in a case of perjury, on their not agreeing after deliberating on their verdict for two hours and a-half?

(4.) Was such a course in accordance with any precedent?

(5.) Is it intended to proceed further in the case referred to?

Mr. Martin answered,—No such circular has been issued, but it is my intention to issue one very shortly. I have not been made officially aware of the discharge of the jury to which the honorable member refers. Every Judge presiding at a criminal trial has the power in his own absolute discretion to discharge a jury, when he is satisfied that a reasonable time has elapsed, and that the unanimity of the jury can, by further delay, be obtained only through the sacrifice of honest conscientious conviction. In the case, *Regina v. Winsor*, decided in 1866, Chief Justice Cockburn stated that, in his opinion, five hours is not so long a time as that it can be fairly assumed that the jury might not, by further deliberation, have come to a unanimous conclusion; and I venture to entertain the same opinion, and to state that I think that the discharge of a jury on the ground of their inability to agree after a lapse of only *two hours and a half* was (if it occurred) an unwise exercise of the Judge's discretion, and, so far as I am at this moment aware, without precedent in any English Court. I cannot at present say whether any further proceedings ought to be taken in the case.

(2.) Rule for Incorporation of Municipalities—Arcas petitioned for in Shoalhaven District:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to sanction the incorporation as a municipality of an area of country embracing only the property of one proprietor, in case of such petition being submitted to the Executive?

(2.) What course do the Government intend to take with regard to the incorporation of the several arcas petitioned for in the district of Shoalhaven?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Government can scarcely be expected to have any intention where no case has been submitted for its consideration.

(2.) Petitions for the incorporation of certain arcas in the district of Shoalhaven, received before the passing of the present Act, lapsed from incompleteness, when the change in the law took place. Two other petitions have since been received, and have been returned as informal.

(3.) Withdrawal of sum estimated for Approaches to Punt over River Darling:—*Mr. Lord* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—Under what circumstances, and for what reasons, did he withdraw from the Estimates-in-Chief the sum of £350, for completing the approaches to the Punt on the River Darling?

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Mr. Byrnes answered,—The sum of £1000 was voted on the Lands Estimates for 1863, for punt and approaches at Fort Bourke. The punt, with rope, &c., cost above £550, and tenders were invited for the approaches; but being considered too extravagant, the remaining £450 was, on the recommendation of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, entrusted to the Police Magistrate for completing the approaches, on the understanding that the amount available was not to be exceeded. The site recommended by the Police Magistrate was approved both by the Minister for Lands, and the Minister for Works. Mr. Garrett undertook the expenditure of the money on these terms, and spent the whole of the amount and £20 11s. besides, and then left the work in an unfinished state for want of funds. In May last, Mr. Lord, M.P., enclosed a letter from his constituents, requesting that an additional sum of £350 should be placed on the Estimates to complete the work. This amount was accordingly placed on the Estimates for the present year. In July last, a petition was presented by Mr. Josephson, M.P., from the inhabitants of Bourke, praying that the site should be fixed two miles below the township, at the confluence of the ana-branch. In consequence of this difficulty about the site, the amount was withdrawn from the Estimates, until further information can be obtained as to the wishes of the inhabitants with reference to the best site for the approaches. As soon as this difficulty is removed, the sum necessary for completing the work will be placed on the Estimates.

2. Paper:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Report, from Medical Adviser to the Government, on Vaccination, for the year 1867.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Leaschold Rights of Free Selectors Bill:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
And Bill read a second time.
4. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 2nd April, 1868, in reference to the St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill, does not insist upon its Amendments, disagreed to by the Assembly;—

Agrees to the Assembly's Consequential Amendment in page 2, clause 2, line 19,—

And agrees to the Assembly's Amendments in the first and second Schedules proposed to be added to the Bill by the Council, with the following Amendments, viz:—

FIRST SCHEDULE:—

Omit "eighty-six" insert "seventy-one"
Omit "fifty-six feet five" insert "fifty-nine feet eight"
Omit "twenty-five feet three" insert "forty feet five"

SECOND SCHEDULE:—

Omit "eighty-six" insert "seventy-one"
Omit "twenty-five" insert "forty"
Omit "twenty-five feet three" insert "forty feet five"
Omit "fifty-six feet five" insert "fifty-nine feet eight"
in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th April, 1868.

T. A. MURRAY,
President.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lucas, That the said Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on Tuesday next.

5. Leaschold Rights of Free Selectors Bill:—On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill, with certain Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Robertson, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.
6. Postponements:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day of Other Business postponed, respectively, on motion of the Members named, as follows:—
(1.) Orders Nos. 2 and 3. Mr. Garrett. Until Monday next.
(2.) Order No. 4. Mr. Driver. Until Monday next.
(3.) Order No. 5. Mr. Terry. Until Wednesday next.
7. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill (as agreed to in Select Committee) (Order No. 6 of Other Business):—The adjourned Debate on the Question, "That this Bill be now read a second time" not having been resumed,—
Question put and passed.
And Bill read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Driver, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill.

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- The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill, with certain Amendments, the House, on motion of Mr. Driver, adopted that report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.
8. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Burns withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
 9. Postponement:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Morrice, postponed the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Monday next.
 10. Dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe by Council of Education:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, *as amended with the concurrence of the House*,—
That the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Forster, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or the Council of Education, and any person or persons; also, of all Ministerial Minutes, or Minutes of the Executive Council; also, of all reports addressed to, or records of proceedings before, the Council of Education, having reference to the dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe from his office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago.
(2.) Copy of the latest general or periodical report of any Inspector on the said school previous to any proceedings having reference to said dismissal.
(3.) A Return shewing the names of all members of the local board, or local patrons of the said school, as also the dates of their appointments,—which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 14th April, be restored to the Paper, and the resumption thereof stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.
Question put and passed.
 11. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Wisdom not making the Motion No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
 12. Postponement:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. S. Brown, postponed the Motion No. 5 on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
 13. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Cunneen not making the Motion No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
 14. Supply:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—On motion of Mr. Eagar the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and, there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
The Chairman having again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Cummings, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Driver, Mr. Eagar, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Martin, Mr. Mate, Mr. Parkes, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Windeyer,—the Speaker adjourned the House, at three minutes before Midnight, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

W M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, APRIL 20.

Question:—

1. MR. SAMUEL *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Are Custom House officers, having the use of Government boats and crews, permitted to claim salvage in cases where they may aid in saving property from vessels wrecked on the coast of this Colony?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. EAGAR *to move*, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the undermentioned Bills being introduced and passed through all their stages in one day, and will also admit of the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means respectively, whereon the said Bills are proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which the said Resolutions shall be come to by the said Committees respectively, viz.:—

The Appropriation Bill of 1868.
The Public Works Loan Bill of 1868.
The Treasury Bills Bill of 1868.

2. **MR. MARTIN** to move,—
- (1.) That a humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, expressive of the enthusiastic loyalty of the people of this Colony to the Throne and Person of Her Majesty; of their horror and indignation at the recent wicked attempt upon the life of Her Son, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh; and of their gratitude to Almighty God at the failure of the attempt, and the recovery of His Royal Highness from the effects of the wound inflicted on him.
 - (2.) That the following Members be appointed a Committee to prepare such Address, namely:—Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Samuel, Dr. Lang, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Burdekin, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will transmit it for presentation to Her Majesty.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. MORRICE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the cost of the Training Ship "Vernon"; the cost of fitting that vessel up; the amount paid for salaries, books, provisions, &c.; the cost per head of maintaining the boys thereon, including proportion of interest on original cost of vessel and fitting up; and also, of the number of boys now on board, and of the persons employed thereon.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Leasehold Rights of Free-selectors Bill; third reading.
2. **Mr. A. E. Bush**; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d., for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.
3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
4. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
5. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
6. Dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe, by Council of Education:—Resumption of the Debate on motion of Mr. Forster, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or the Council of Education, and any person or persons; also, of all Ministerial Minutes, or Minutes of the Executive Council; also, of all reports addressed to, or records of proceedings before, the Council of Education, having reference to the dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe from his office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago.
 - (2.) Copy of the latest general or periodical report of any Inspector on the said school previous to any proceedings having reference to said dismissal.
 - (3.) A Return shewing the names of all members of the local board, or local patrons of the said school, as also the dates of their appointments.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21.

Question :—

1. **MR. THORNTON** to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What is the practice at the Mint at Sydney, in respect to *gold alloy* sent there from any of the diggings in this Colony for purposes of test or analyzation?
 - (2.) Are the tests readily made, and results given, by the authorities of the Mint?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. **MR. TIGHE** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. J. Burnley, brought up on 3rd April, be now adopted.
2. **MR. MACLEAY** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a statement of the charge of Fenianism or disloyalty, made by a Minister of the Crown, on the information of Mr. Powell, of Berrima, against Detective M'Glone, on the 14th March; with copies of all letters and telegrams sent to, or received from, Mr. Powell on the subject. Also, a copy of Mr. Fosbery's letter to Detective M'Glone, of March 16th, charging him with attending a seditious meeting, with M'Glone's reply thereto. Also, copies of M'Glone's resignation of his office, and of his application, on the following day, for permission to withdraw the same; with the reasons, if any, assigned by the head of the police for refusing the application.
3. **MR. DODDS** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of the Rev. J. S. White, brought up on the 7th April, be now adopted.

4. DR. LANG to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the buildings erected along the north side of the boundary-wall of the Public Schools allotment, Upper Fort-street, are a serious encroachment on the Reserve appropriated for Public Recreation on Flagstaff Hill upwards of fifty years since, and that such buildings ought to be taken down and cleared away forthwith.
5. DR. LANG to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all memorials or correspondence between the Government and Mr. Thomas Scott, of Brisbane Water, or other persons, relating to Mr. Scott's introducing the cultivation of the Sugar Cane, and the manufacture of Sugar in this Colony.
6. MR. S. BROWN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in entering on the expenditure of £11,000 for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and the Necropolis; without first obtaining Parliamentary sanction for such expenditure, was not warranted by the circumstances of the case, and invades the rights of Parliament in a manner which calls for the condemnation of this House.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message of 17th April.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.

Question:—

1. MR. BURNS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) The amount authorized by Parliament to be expended on the three trunk lines of Railway, respectively, up to the 31st March, 1868?
 - (2.) The number of miles opened for traffic, and the average cost per mile thereof, on each line, to the same date?
 - (3.) The number of miles for which contracts had been taken and unfinished on the respective lines for the like period, and for what amounts?
 - (4.) The extensions, other than the foregoing, for which surveys, or surveys and cross sections, have been or are being prepared at the present time?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum of money, not exceeding £1,000, for the purpose of erecting jetties at Manly Beach, and Watson's Bay, for the accommodation of the general public.

New South Wales.

No. 141.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 20 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Question on Notice Paper for to-day:—

Claim to Salvage by Custom House Officers:—Mr. Samuel asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Are Custom House officers, having the use of Government boats and crews, permitted to claim salvage in cases where they may aid in saving property from vessels wrecked on the coast of this Colony?

Mr. Eagar answered,—I understand Customs officers in England are allowed to claim salvage, and the same rule would apply here, it being the policy of the Legislature and of the Courts to encourage the salvage of goods in every way. The permission, however, to claim it would depend upon the merits of each individual case.

2. Paper:—Mr. Byrnes laid upon the Table, "Return, for the month of January, 1868, compiled from the Engine-driver's own daily Report-sheets, on the Southern, Western, and Richmond Railways."

Ordered to be printed (after Debate).

3. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill ("Formal" Order of the Day), on motion of Mr. Driver, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Driver then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Driver moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th April, 1868.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. Suspension of Standing Orders:—Mr. Eagar moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the undermentioned Bills being introduced and passed through all their stages in one day, and will also admit of the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means respectively, whereon the said Bills are proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which the said Resolutions shall be come to by the said Committees respectively, viz. :—

The Appropriation Bill of 1868.

The Public Works Loan Bill of 1868.

"The Treasury Bills Bill of 1868."

Debate ensued.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lucas (after Debate), That this Debate be now adjourned, and that the resumption of it stand an Order of the Day next after the Order of the Day No. 1 of Other Business.

5. Address to Her Majesty in reference to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, expressive of the enthusiastic loyalty of the people of this Colony to the Throne and Person of Her Majesty; of their horror and indignation at the recent wicked attempt upon the life of her Son, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh; and of their gratitude to Almighty God at the failure of the attempt, and the recovery of His Royal Highness from the effects of the wound inflicted on him.

(2.)

(2.) That the following Members be appointed a Committee to prepare such Address, namely:—Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Samuel, Dr. Lang, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Burdekin, and the Mover.

(3.) That the Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will transmit it for presentation to Her Majesty.

Question put and passed.

And the Committee having retired to prepare the Address, and returned,—
Mr. Martin brought up the Address, which was read at length by the Clerk, by direction of the Speaker, as follows:—

“ To Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,—

“ We, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire humbly to approach Your Majesty with the assurance of the continued and heartfelt loyalty and attachment, both of ourselves and of those whom we represent, to Your Majesty’s Throne and Person.

“ Your Majesty’s solicitude at all times for the welfare of your people is nowhere better appreciated than by your subjects in this remote portion of Your Majesty’s Dominions, and we hailed the sending of one of Your Royal Sons amongst us as a new and signal proof of the interest which you take in our affairs.

“ We received His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh with such manifestations of loyalty and affection as became his exalted position, and our own sense of duty to the Monarch to whom, from principle and feeling, we are so warmly attached.

“ In the midst of the festivities which marked His Royal Highness’s reception, a most wicked and dastardly attempt was made by an assassin to take his life, at a time when he was surrounded by thousands ready to shield him from harm.

“ This great crime, committed by a person, without known accomplices, and but a short time resident amongst us, will not, we feel assured, be regarded by Your Majesty as a blot upon the fair fame of the Colony within whose borders it was perpetrated.

“ We confidently trust that it needed not the prompt and spontaneous outburst of horror and indignation which the crime called forth in all places and from all classes amongst us, to satisfy Your Majesty that the people of this Colony are not answerable for its commission.

“ We regard it as one of the greatest mercies that has been vouchsafed to us, that the assassin failed in his attempt, and that His Royal Highness was enabled to leave our shores, with restored health, and with every prospect of a speedy reunion with Your Majesty.

“ We, in common with all Your Majesty’s loyal subjects here and elsewhere, offer up our thanks to Almighty God, for having averted from Your Majesty, and from us, so great a sorrow as the accomplishment of the assassin’s intention would have caused; and we humbly pray that His Royal Highness may be long spared to Your Majesty, and to the Nation, which has learnt to regard Your Majesty more in the light of its parent than its Queen.”

Mr. Martin then moved, and Mr. Robertson seconded the motion, That the Address, as just read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Question put and passed unanimously and enthusiastically.

6. Supply (Order No. 1 of Government Business):—Mr. Egar moved, That this Order of the Day stand an Order of the Day next after the “Adjourned Debate on the Suspension of the Standing Orders.”

Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the words “Adjourned Debate on the Suspension of the Standing Orders,” with a view to inserting in their place the words, “Order of the Day No. 6 of Other Business.”

Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question. The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Egar,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Alexander,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Smart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Lloyd,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Mate,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hart.

Original Question then put and passed.

7. Postponements :—

(1.) The Orders of the Day Nos. 2, 3, and 4 of Government Business postponed, respectively (Nos. 2 and 3 on motion of Mr. Eagar, and No. 4 on motion of Mr. Martin), to follow consecutively the Order of the Day No. 1 of Government Business, *as postponed*.

(2.) The Motion No. 1 of Other Business, on the Notice Paper for to-day, postponed, by *Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Morrice, until Friday next.

8. Leaschold Rights of Free-Selectors Bill (Order No. 1 of Other Business), on motion of Mr. Robertson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Robertson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the Leaschold Rights of Free-Selectors.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the Leaschold Rights of Free-Selectors,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th April, 1868.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

9. Suspension of Standing Orders :—Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on this subject (*See Entry No. 4 above*) read.

Debate resumed and continued.

Mr. S. Brown moved, That the Question be amended by omitting the final words "*The Treasury Bills Bill of 1868.*"

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.

Question then put,—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of the undermentioned Bills being introduced and passed through all their stages in one day, and will also admit of the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and Ways and Means respectively, whereon the said Bills are proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which the said Resolutions shall be come to by the said Committees respectively, viz. :—

The Appropriation Bill of 1868.

The Public Works Loan Bill of 1868.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Wilson,	Dr. Lang,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Bynes,	Mr. R. Stewart,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Alexander,
Mr. S. Brown,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Samuel,	Mr. Eagar,
Mr. Smart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Mate,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Lloyd,	Mr. De Salis.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Tuaks,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hart.

10. Supply :—The *postponed* Order of the Day (No. 1 of Government Business), for the resumption of the Committee of Supply, having been read,—On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to some Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolutions be received to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at twenty-nine minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21.

Questions :—

1. MR. TUENTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) What is the practice at the Mint at Sydney, in respect to *gold alloy* sent there from any of the diggings in this Colony for purposes of test or analyzation?
(2.) Are the tests readily made, and results given, by the authorities of the Mint?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When, and in what form, will the Government lay before the House any account of the public expenditure connected with the reception and visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh?

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. TIGHE to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. J. Burnley, brought up on 3rd April, be now adopted.
2. MR. MACLEAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a statement of the charge of Fenianism or disloyalty, made by a Minister of the Crown, on the information of Mr. Powell, of Berrima, against Detective M'Glone, on the 14th March; with copies of all letters and telegrams sent to, or received from, Mr. Powell on the subject. Also, a copy of Mr. Fosbery's letter to Detective M'Glone, of March 16th, charging him with attending a seditious meeting, with M'Glone's reply thereto. Also, copies of M'Glone's resignation of his office, and of his application, on the following day, for permission to withdraw the same; with the reasons, if any, assigned by the head of the police for refusing the application.
3. MR. DODDS to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of the Rev. J. S. White, brought up on the 7th April, be now adopted.
4. DR. LANG to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the buildings erected along the north side of the boundary-wall of the Public Schools allotment, Upper Fort-street, are a serious encroachment on the Reserve appropriated for Public Recreation on Flagstaff Hill upwards of fifty years since, and that such buildings ought to be taken down and cleared away forthwith.
5. DR. LANG to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all memorials or correspondence between the Government and Mr. Thomas Scott, of Brisbane Water, or other persons, relating to Mr. Scott's introducing the cultivation of the Sugar Cane, and the manufacture of Sugar in this Colony.
6. MR. S. BROWN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct of the Government in entering on the expenditure of £11,000 for the erection of Receiving Houses at the Redfern Railway Station and the Necropolis, without first obtaining Parliamentary sanction for such expenditure, was not warranted by the circumstances of the case, and invades the rights of Parliament in a manner which calls for the condemnation of this House.
7. MR. EGAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence between Crawford Brothers, of Deua Water, near Moruya, County of St. Vincent, and the Minister for Lands, respecting certain lands at that place.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. St. Andrew's Cathedral (Close Bill); consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Message of 17th April.
2. MR. A. E. BUSH; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d., for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.
3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading.
4. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
5. Dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe, by Council of Education :—Resumption of the Debate on motion of Mr. Forster, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or the Council of Education, and any person or persons; also, of all Ministerial Minutes, or Minutes of the Executive Council; also, of all reports addressed to, or records of proceedings before, the Council of Education, having reference to the dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe from his office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago.
(2.) Copy of the latest general or periodical report of any Inspector on the said school previous to any proceedings having reference to said dismissal.
(3.) A Return shewing the names of all members of the local board, or local patrons of the said school, as also the dates of their appointments.

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; reception of Resolutions from Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) The amount authorized by Parliament to be expended on the three trunk lines of Railway, respectively, up to the 31st March, 1868 ?
 - (2.) The number of miles opened for traffic, and the average cost per mile thereof, on each line, to the same date ?
 - (3.) The number of miles for which contracts had been taken and unfinished on the respective lines for the like period, and for what amounts ?
 - (4.) The extensions, other than the foregoing, for which surveys, or surveys and cross sections, have been or are being prepared at the present time ?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Mr. Thomas Woore ; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

Question :—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) If the objections lodged by Mr. John Browne and others, of Singleton and elsewhere, against the opening for public use of the new road proposed to be made from Singleton, *via* Dyring, to Koukarah Creek, have been considered and determined ?
 - (2.) If, in the event of the objections being overruled, and the road dedicated to the public, it will be fenced off at the expense of the Government, and compensation afforded to the parties through whose lands it will be made to pass, for the damage they may sustain ?

FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum of money, not exceeding £1,000, for the purpose of erecting jetties at Manly Beach, and Watson's Bay, for the accommodation of the general public.
2. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the cost of the Training Ship "Vernon" ; the cost of fitting that vessel up ; the amount paid for salaries, books, provisions, &c. ; the cost per head of maintaining the boys thereon, including proportion of interest on original cost of vessel and fitting up ; and also, of the number of boys now on board, and of the persons employed thereon.

New South Wales.

No. 142.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 21 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Gold Alloy sent to Sydney Mint for examination:—Mr. Thornton asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1.—

(1.) What is the practice at the Mint at Sydney, in respect to *gold alloy* sent there from any of the diggings in this Colony for purposes of test or analyzation?

(2.) Are the tests readily made, and results given, by the authorities of the Mint? Mr. Eagar answered,—As I have scarcely had time to get very precise information from the Mint authorities in respect to these questions, I shall be glad if my honorable friend will give fresh notice for to-morrow, when I shall be prepared to answer them.

- (2.) Public Expenditure connected with the Duke of Edinburgh:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2.—When, and in what form, will the Government lay before the House any account of the public expenditure connected with the reception and visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh?

Mr. Martin answered,—This information will be afforded to the House when the next Supplementary Estimate for this year is laid on the Table.

2. Address to Her Majesty in reference to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh:—The Speaker reported that he had this day presented to the Governor the Address to the Queen, voted by this House yesterday, with a request (communicated by Address) that His Excellency would transmit the same for presentation to Her Majesty, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make, in reference thereto, the following reply:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

It will afford me much pleasure to forward your loyal and dutiful Address to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the purpose of being laid before Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st April, 1868.

BELMORE.

3. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Forster moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. Papers:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

(1.) Report from the Immigration Agent for the year 1867.

(2.) Destitute Children's Society (List of Office-bearers and Directors for the year 1868, &c.)

(3.) Despatch from the Secretary of State, dated 10th February, 1868, on the subject of Prison Discipline.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Petition of Thomas Larkin:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of the Chairman (Mr. Roberts), brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose inquiry and Report the Petition of Thomas Larkin was referred on 27 September, 1867,—together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

6. Crawford Brothers—Land at Deua Water, near Moruya (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Egan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence between Crawford Brothers, of Deua Water, near Moruya, County of St. Vincent, and the Minister for Lands, respecting certain lands at that place.

Question put and passed.

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7. Mr. John Burnley :—Mr. Tighe moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. J. Burnley, brought up on 3rd April, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. Police-Detective M'Glone :—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a statement of the charge of Fenianism or disloyalty, made by a Minister of the Crown, on the information of Mr. Powell, of Berrima, against Detective M'Glone, on the 14th March; with copies of all letters and telegrams sent to, or received from, Mr. Powell on the subject. Also, a copy of Mr. Fosbery's letter to Detective M'Glone, of March 16th, charging him with attending a seditious meeting, with M'Glone's reply thereto. Also, copies of M'Glone's resignation of his office, and of his application, on the following day, for permission to withdraw the same; with the reasons, if any, assigned by the head of the police for refusing the application.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. Motions Withdrawn :—The undermentioned Motions, on the Notice Paper for to-day, were withdrawn, respectively, by the Members named :—
(1.) Motion No. 3. Mr. Dodds.
(2.) Motions Nos. 4 and 5. Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Dr. Lang.
10. Alleged Exercise of Extraordinary Powers by the Mayor of Sydney :—Mr. R. Stewart presented a Petition from John Macintosh, one of the Aldermen for Macquarie Ward, City of Sydney, complaining of the exercise of certain alleged extraordinary powers by the Mayor of Sydney, while acting as Chairman; and praying for inquiry into the premises, with a view to prevent Municipal Institutions from falling into disorder and disrepute.
Petition received.
11. Motion Dropped :—Mr. S. Brown not making the Motion No. 6 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
12. St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Bill :—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Message of 17th April in reference to this Bill, discharged, on motion of Mr. Lucas.
13. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 2 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until to-morrow.
14. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (No. 2) :—Mr. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
And Bill read a second time.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Forster, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Forster, adopted that Report, and ordered that the third reading of the Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
15. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 4 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.
16. Dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe by Council of Education :—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Government, or the Council of Education, and any person or persons; also, of all Ministerial Minutes, or Minutes of the Executive Council; also, of all reports addressed to, or records of proceedings before, the Council of Education, having reference to the dismissal of Mr. S. C. Drewe from his office of Teacher of a Public School at Tomago.
(2.) Copy of the latest general or periodical report of any Inspector on the said school previous to any proceedings having reference to said dismissal.
(3.) A Return shewing the names of all members of the local board, or local patrons of the said school, as also the dates of their appointments,—
Resumed.
Question put and passed.
17. Supply :—The Chairman of Committees reported from the Committee of Supply certain Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1868.

No. 1—SCHEDULES.

(78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £2,240 0s. 1d., to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule (B) to Schedule (No. 1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54; being inclusive of £2,008 6s. 8d., as follows, that is to say :—£200 to Lady Forbes, Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Chief Justice; £200 to Lady Dowling, Widow of the late Sir James Dowling, Chief Justice; £200 to Lady Mitchell, Widow of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General; £100 to Mrs. Anne Kinchela, Widow of the late Mr. Justice Kinchela; £100 to Mrs. Anne Petrie, Daughter of the late Captain Flinders, R.N.; £133 6s. 8d. to Edward Robert

Robert Stack, late Master of the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney; £300 to William Bland, in consideration of services rendered to the Public; £100 to Mrs. Catherine Lovett, Widow of J. Lovett, late Pilot, Newcastle; £200 to Mrs. Eliza Milford, Widow of the late Mr. Justice Milford; £200 to Mrs. Maria Bate Wise, Widow of the late Mr. Justice Wise; £50 to Mrs. Margaret Edwards, Widow of the late Pilot Edwards; £150 to Mrs. Julia Robinson, Widow of the late Pilot Robinson; and £75 to Mrs. Jane Reader, Widow of the late Pilot Reader.

NO. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £720, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Executive Council Establishment, for the year 1868.

(80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,860, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Council Establishment, for the year 1868.

(81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,153, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1868.

(82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,267, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Joint Establishment of the Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1868.

(83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,311, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Parliamentary Library Establishment, for the year 1868.

NO. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,349, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Chief Secretary's Establishment, for the year 1868.

(85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,131, to meet the expense of Artillery and Rifle Volunteer Corps, for the year 1868.

(86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,335, to meet the expense of Naval Brigade, for the year 1868.

(87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £139,621, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Police Service, for the year 1868—being £2,300 for salaries for the Department of the Inspector General, General Establishment; £105,255 for salaries of Superintendents, Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Sergeants, Constables, and Trackers; £2,696 for salaries of Detectives; £200 for salary of Police Surgeon; and £29,170 for allowances and contingencies.

(88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,200, to defray Freight and Conveyance of Gold and Escort, &c., for the year 1868.

(89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £285, to defray the salaries of Gold Receivers, for the year 1868.

(90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £68,462, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Gaols and Penal Establishments, for the year 1868—being £13,075 for Sydney Gaol; £8,063 for Parramatta Gaol; £3,802 for Bathurst Gaol; £4,861 for Maitland Gaol; £3,005 for Goulburn Gaol; £4,377 for Berrima Gaol; £1,186 for Albury Gaol; £1,305 for Braidwood Gaol; £1,136 for Mudgee Gaol; £528 for Grafton Gaol; £1,336 for Wollongong Gaol; £976 for Armidale Gaol; £1,216 for Wagga Wagga Gaol; £1,386 for Yass Gaol; £1,486 for Demiliquin Gaol; £3,451 for Port Macquarie Gaol; £139 for Windsor Gaol; £139 for Eden Gaol; £119 for Gundagai Gaol; £119 for Tamworth Gaol; £129 for Orange Gaol; £139 for Tenterfield Gaol; £119 for Wellington Gaol; £119 for Cooma Gaol; £119 for Queanbeyan Gaol; £1,990 for Gaols, Country Districts; £6,819 for Gaols generally; £7,123 for Penal Establishment, Cockatoo Island; and £200 for Visiting Justice at Sydney Gaol and Penal Establishment, Cockatoo Island.

(91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,004, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Lunatic Asylums, for the year 1868—being £12,114 for Lunatic Asylum, Tarban; £11,964 for Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; £926 for Lunatic Receiving House, Darlinghurst, Board of Visitors, and Chaplains to Asylums.

(92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44, to defray the salary of the Clerk to the Medical Board, for the year 1868.

(93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,175, to defray the charge for Vaccine Institution, for the year 1868.

(94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,507, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Auditor General's Establishment, for the year 1868.

(95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,145, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1868.

(96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,300, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Colonial Agent, for the year 1868.

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(97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,650, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Observatory Establishment, for the year 1868.

(98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray the salary of Curator, Museum, for the year 1868.

(99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £90,000, for the support of Public Instruction, under Act 30 Vic., No. 22, for the year 1868.

(100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,350, as grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1868—being £200 to supplement the present Annual Endowment of £1,000 to the Australian Museum; £200 in aid of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts; in aid of Educational Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions, viz. :—£100 in aid of the Albury School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Armidale School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Balmain School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Balmain Working Men's Institute; £100 in aid of the Bathurst School of Arts; £100 in aid of the East Maitland School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Grafton School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Goulburn School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Kiama School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Mudgee School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Morpeth School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Orange Mechanics' Institute; £200 in aid of the Parramatta School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Raymond Terrace School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Richmond School of Arts; £100 in aid of the St. Leonards Schools of Arts; £100 in aid of the Windsor School of Arts; £100 in aid of the West Maitland School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Wollongong School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Yass Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of the Camden School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Bellambi and Bulli School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Branxton Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of the Braidwood Literary Institute; £50 in aid of the Paterson School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Stroud School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Tamworth Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of the Wagga Wagga Mechanics' Institute; and £25 in aid of the Waratah School of Arts; in aid of the erection of buildings for Educational Institutions, on condition of equal amounts being raised by private contributions, viz. :—£500 in aid of the Singleton Mechanics' Institute; £300 in aid of the Orange Mechanics' Institute; £400 in aid of the Braidwood Literary Institute; £175 in aid of the Bega School of Arts; and £150 in aid of the Terrara School of Arts.

(101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,045, to defray the charge for Industrial Schools—being £6,735 for Nautical School Ship "Vernon," and £2,310 for Industrial School for Girls at Newcastle, for the year 1868.

(102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £375, to defray the salary of Inspector of Public Charities, for the year 1868.

(103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,572, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Protestant Orphan School, for the year 1868.

(104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,951, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, for the year 1868.

(105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,925, to defray the charge for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1868—being £850 for Sydney; £400 for Liverpool; £325 for Parramatta; £300 for Port Macquarie; and £11,050 for Messenger, Wardsmen, Cooks, Nurses, and Contingencies.

(106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to defray the charge for a Workhouse, under Act 30 Vict., No. 6, for the year 1868.

(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £36,049, to defray Charitable Allowances for the year 1868—being £4,000 for the support of Paupers in the Colonial Hospitals; £2,500 in aid of the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £4,208 for the support of Women and Children in the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney; £500 in aid of the funds of the Benevolent Society, Sydney, on condition of an equal amount being raised by voluntary contributions; £4,000 in aid of the Asylum for Destitute Children at Randwick, on condition of £2,000 being raised by private contributions; £1,000 for the support of Infants removed from the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, to the Asylum for Destitute Children at Randwick; £450 in aid of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £200 in aid of the Temperance Alliance, in consideration of aid given to destitute persons, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; in aid of the undermentioned Charitable Institutions, on condition of sums of an equal amount being raised by private contributions, viz. :—£400 in aid of the Hospital and Benevolent Society, Albury; £200 in aid of the Benevolent Asylum and Hospital, Narrabri, on same condition; £350 in aid of the Benevolent Society, Parramatta, on same condition; £400 in aid of the Benevolent Society, Singleton and Patrick's Plains, on same condition; £150 in aid of the Benevolent Society, Tamworth, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital and Benevolent Society, Penrith, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Benevolent Society, Gundagai,

Gundagai, on same condition; in aid of the undermentioned Hospitals, on condition of sums to an equal amount being raised by private contributions, viz. :— £150 in aid of the Hospital, Adelong; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Armidale and New England, on same condition; £700 in aid of the Hospital, Bathurst, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Braidwood, on same condition; £275 in aid of the Hospital, Bourke, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Carcoar, on same condition; £600 in aid of the Hospital, Deniliquin, on same condition; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Dubbo, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Forbes, on same condition; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Goulburn, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Grafton, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Grenfell, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Gundagai, on same condition; £500 in aid of the Hospital, Hay, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Kiandra, on same condition; £600 in aid of the Hospital, Maitland, on same condition; £500 in aid of the Hospital, Menindee, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Mudgee, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Murrurundi, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Muswellbrook, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Newcastle, on same condition; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Orange, on same condition; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Parramatta, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Port Macquarie, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Port Stephens, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Sofala, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Tenterfield, on same condition; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Wagga Wagga, on same condition; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Wellington, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Windsor, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Wollongong, on same condition; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Yass, on same condition, and £416 in aid of the Hospital, Young, on same condition; £500 in aid of the erection of an Hospital at Hay, on same condition; £200 in aid of Outfit for Hospital, West Maitland; £300 in aid of the erection of an Hospital at Dubbo; £5,000 Extensions and Alterations to the Sydney Infirmary; £1,000 Additions to the Sydney Female Refuge; £1,250 towards the purchase of suitable Premises for the Deaf and Dumb Institution, on condition of an equal sum being raised by private contributions.

(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,294, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1868—being £10,000 for Municipal Council, Sydney, in aid of the City Funds; £1,250 for defraying Expenses of the Returning Officers of the several Electoral Districts; £600 for expense of copying and printing the Electoral Lists, 1867–8; £30 for Newspapers and Almanacs; £300 for Burials of destitute persons in cases where inquests are not held; £200 for Maintenance of deserted children, paupers taken charge of for protection, expenses of transmission, &c.; £130, Fees for examining Lunatics; £1,000 for Rewards for apprehension of Offenders; £300 for Commissioner to visit the principal Lunatic Asylums of Europe and America, and to inquire into, and report upon, their plans of construction, systems of management, &c.; £484 for the payment of the claim of Mr. James Roberts, of Currawang, for rations supplied by order of the Government to a number of Chinese, at the time of the Burrangong Riots of 1862 (Resolution of Assembly.)

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,266, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Law Officers of the Crown, for the year 1868.

(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,758, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1868.

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,990, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Sheriff, for the year 1868.

(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,469, to defray the salaries of the Establishment of the Insolvent Court, for the year 1868.

(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,321, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the District Courts Establishments, for the year 1868—being £3,956 for the Metropolitan and Coast District; £1,420 for the Southern District; £840 for the South-western District; £990 for the Western District; £1,015 for the Northern District; and £3,100 for Contingencies.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,204, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Quarter Sessions Establishment, for the year 1868.

(115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £39,112, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Petty Sessions, for the year 1868.

(116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,425, to defray the salaries and contingencies connected with Coroners' Inquests, for the year 1868.

(117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray the expenses of the Court of Claims, for the year 1868.

No. V.

NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,186, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Treasury Establishment, for the year 1868.
- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,545, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1868.
- (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,321, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Customs Establishments, for the year 1868.
- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,845, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Distilleries and Refineries Establishment, for the year 1868.
- (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,777, to defray the salaries, wages, and contingencies of the Printing, Book-binding, Stamps, and Railway Tickets Department, for the year 1868.
- (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £51,150, to defray the salaries and contingencies, and cost of Stores and Stationery for Colonial Storekeeper's Establishment, for the year 1868.
- (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,074, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Gunpowder Magazines, for the year 1868.
- (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £830, to defray the salaries of Health and Emigration Officers, for the year 1868.
- (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £900, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarantine Establishment, for the year 1868.
- (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,470, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Shipping Masters, for the year 1868.
- (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £930, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Glebe Island Abattoir Establishment, for the year 1868.
- (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,413, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Harbours, Lighthouses, and Pilot Department, for the year 1868—being £650 for Superintendent of Pilots, Light Houses, and Harbours; £875 for Steam Navigation and Pilot Boards; £1,525 for Harbour Masters; £2,567 for Colonial Light Houses; £7,399 for Sea and River Pilots; £6,284 for Boatmen; £564 for Telegraph Stations; £2,350 for Australian Coast Light Houses; and £1,199 for Contingencies.
- (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, to defray Gratuities to Coxswains and Crews of Lifeboats, Sydney and Newcastle, for the year 1868.
- (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £51,780, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1868—being £6,500 for Postage of the various Public Departments; £4,000 Advertising for the Public Service generally; £7,000 for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages; £1,500 Duty-stamps for the Public Service generally; £15,000 Interest on Public Accounts overdrawn at the Banks where such are kept; £6,000 Interest on temporary Loans from other Institutions; £3,000 one half per cent. commission on payments in England by the Government Financial Agents on (say) £600,000; £3,000 exchange on remittances within and beyond the Colony; £200 to provide for a Queen's Plate to be run for annually on Randwick Racecourse, under the auspices of the Australian Jockey Club (Resolution of Assembly); £1,500 to meet the expense of carrying on the Coast Surveys; £1,050 allowance for postage and stationery to Clerks of Petty Sessions, Land Agents, and Registrars of District Courts; £30 for Provisions to be left on Booby Island, for the relief of shipwrecked persons; and £3,000 to meet Unforeseen Expenses, to be hereafter accounted for.

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,920, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Lands, for the year 1868.
- (133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £67,336, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Survey of Lands, for the year 1868.
- (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,300, for Rent of additional Offices, commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, for the year 1868.
- (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,038, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Occupation of Lands, for the year 1868.
- (136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,748, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Gold Fields Establishments, for the year 1868.
- (137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,720, to defray charges for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1868.

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- (138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £305, to defray charges for Inspection of Cattle, for the year 1868.
- (139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,360, to defray the expense of Coal Fields Establishment, for the year 1868.
- (140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,138, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Botanic Gardens Establishment, for the year 1868.
- (141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,358, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Government Domains and Hyde Park, for the year 1868.
- (142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £54,750, to defray the expense of the construction and maintenance of Minor Roads, for the year 1868—being £41,000 for the construction and maintenance of Subordinate Roads, as classified per Schedule; £3,000 for Minor Bridges and Roads not classified; £500 for Alignment Posts for Towns; £4,000 to meet expense of fencing Public Roads where proclaimed through enclosed lands; £750 for formation of Streets through Crown Lands in City of Sydney; and £500 for the erection of Gates on Roads passing through enclosed Lands.
- (143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £204, to defray salary of Overseer, and clearing Roads and repairing Fences, at Haslem's Creek Cemetery, for the year 1868.
- (144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray cost of Medicines and Medical Attendance for the Aborigines, for the year 1868.
- (145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,284, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1868—being £200 for the erection of Public Pounds; £50 for preservation of the Caves at Fish River; £1,000 for fencing Public Cemeteries; £5,000 for sinking Wells on the road between the Darling and the Lachlan; £150 for Bridge over the Burrowa River, on the road from Burrowa towards Wagga Wagga; £94 for the performance of certain Works in connection with the Haslem's Creek Cemetery; £145 for Rent of Quarters for Commissioner of Crown Lands, Lachlan District, from 7th February, 1865, to 31st December, 1867; £45 for compensation to Edward Doyle for improvements in connection with his Conditional Purchase near Gundagai, cancelled; £50 for compensation for the resumption by the Government of land belonging to the Mechanics' Institute, Orange; £450 for the opening up of the Line of Road from Bomaderry Ferry to the Village of Broughton Mill Creek; and £100 for Parramatta Park.

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,150, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Public Works, for the year 1868.
- (147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,250, for the Railway Branch of the Department of Public Works' "General Establishment," for the year 1868.
- (148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,250, to defray the charge Railway Branch "Works in Progress," for the year 1868.
- (149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £101,865, to defray the charge Railway Branch "Existing Lines—Working Expenses," for the year 1868.
- (150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,238, for Harbours and River Navigation, for the year 1868—being £2,770 for Engineer's Department; £3,820 for Steam Dredge "Hunter"; £2,674 for Steam Dredge "Hercules"; £4,534 for Steam Dredge "Pluto"; £3,770 for Steam Dredge "Vulcan," Newcastle; £3,270 for Steam Dredge "Samson"; and £400 for Repairs to Steam Cranes, Newcastle.
- (151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,650, to defray the expense of Public Works of the Department of Harbours and River Navigation, for the year 1868—being £500 for Preliminary Harbour Surveys; £1,200 for landing Silt from Dredge and forming Ground; £100 for repairs to Glebe Island Road; £1,000, Incidental Expenses to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works; £1,500, Sea-wall, Botanical Gardens; £1,000, erection of a Wharf at Shoalhaven; £5,000 for improving the Navigation of the Macleay River (Resolution of the Assembly); £200 for deepening Tambi Bar, further sum; £150 for Mooring Chains for Shellharbour; £1,000 for erection of a Wharf at Wagga Wagga; £2,000 towards Repair of Circular Quay, further sum; and £1,000 for Wharf Accommodation, &c., Moruya River.
- (152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,815, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Colonial Architect, for the year 1868.
- (153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £58,342, to defray the expense of Public Works and Buildings, for the year 1868—being £9,000 for ordinary repairs, alterations, and additions to Public Buildings generally; £3,000 to provide Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices generally; £1,500 for repairs to Military Barracks and Buildings; £250 for lighting
Lamps,

Lamps, sweeping Chimneys, &c., Victoria Barracks; £700 for lighting Government Lamps in streets of Sydney and Domain; £200 for Furniture, and repair of same, for Government House; £6,500 to provide Building and other Materials for completion or repair of Gaols and other Public Buildings, by the labour of Prisoners in Gaol; £2,000 for additions, Sydney Gaol; £1,000 for Police Buildings; £12,000 for Gaols, Court Houses, and Lock-ups; £600 for supply of Coffins for Paupers; £2,000, Furniture for and repair of Telegraph Stations; £1,000, additions, alterations and repairs, Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta; £5,000, additions, repairs, alterations, &c., to Lunatic Asylum, Tarban; £2,000, additions to the new Gaol, Maitland; £2,000, additions and alterations, Benevolent Asylum, Liverpool; £250, repairs to Workshops and Officers' Quarters, Cockatoo Island; £1,500 for erection of a Post Office, Deniliquin; £3,000 for additions and improvements, Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; £500 for erection of a Lighthouse at Barrenjuey—entrance to Broken Bay; £192 for Dwarf Wall and Iron Railing, Commissariat Offices, George-street; £1,200 for repairs and alterations, Sydney Mint; £1,700 for enclosing sites of Surgeon's residence, Watch-house, and Lunatic Receiving House, Darlinghurst; £1,000 for providing additional Cabinets and Fittings for the Australian Museum; and £250 for Engine-driver and fuel, Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek.

(154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,550, to defray the Salaries and Contingencies of the Department for Roads and Bridges, "General Establishment," for the year 1868.

(155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £110,962, to defray the expenses for Roads and Bridges for 1868, being £5,700 for Superintendence; £15,425 for construction and maintenance of Main Northern Road; £17,400 for Main South Road; £15,680 for Main Western Road; and £56,757 for other Roads and Bridges, viz.—£1,750, Clyde Road; £10,000, Road Clarence River to Great Northern Road; £4,000, Mudgee Road; £27,507, Minor Roads, as per Schedule; £2,000, Contingent Works, Approaches to Railway Stations, &c.; £2,000 for repair of and painting Bridges; £300 for constructing and repairing Toll-bars; £1,500 towards construction of Dray-road, Araluen to Moruya; £1,100 for Bridge over Fish River, Southern Road; £600 for Bridge over Cedar Party Creek, Manning River; £1,500 for three Bridges between Molong and Wellington; £500 for Foot Bridge over the Bombala River; £1,000 for Bridge at Colombo and Cocketgodong Creek, near Deniliquin; £300 for Bridge, Mount Hunter Creek; £1,000 for Bridge over the Paterson River, to improve the communication between Paterson and Dungog; £500 for repair of Road and Culverts, Bellgrave-street, West Kempsey; and £1,200 for construction of Steam Punt for Grafton.

(156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,674, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Fitz Roy Dock Establishment, for the year 1868.

(157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £620 to defray the charge for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1868—being £70 for attending to the lighting and extinguishing of the Gas, &c., in the Parliamentary Buildings; £200 for compensation to the Lessee of Annandale, Pitt Row, and Hebersham Toll-bars; and £350 for improving Water Reserve, Cootamundry.

TO BE RAISED BY LOAN.

(158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1868, to be raised by loan, a sum not exceeding £7,131, for Railways—being £3,412, one-half the cost of Telegraph line from Picton to Goulburn along the line of Railway, chargeable to Railways, and £3,719, one-half the cost of Telegraph Line from Penrith to Bathurst along the line of Railway, chargeable to Railways.

(159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1868, to be raised by loan, a sum not exceeding £27,100, to defray the expenses of Public Works of the Department of Harbours and River Navigation; being £10,000 for removing obstructions and improving the Navigation of the Rivers Murray, Murrumbidgee, and Darling; £5,000 towards repair of the Southern Breakwater, Newcastle; £6,600 for Coal Staiths, Newcastle—further sum; £1,000 for Bridge and Approaches, West Maitland; and £4,500 for additional Punt for new Steam Dredge, Sydney Harbour.

(160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1868, to be raised by loan, a sum not exceeding £58,000, for Roads and Bridges—being £8,000 for Bridge over the Macquarie River, at Wellington; £13,000 for Iron Bridge over the Lower Murrumbidgee; £10,000 for Iron Bridge at Yass; £12,000 for Iron Bridge at Bathurst; and £15,000 for Bridge over the Nimboi, between Grafton and New England.

(161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1868, to be raised by loan, a sum not exceeding £59,276, for the construction, &c., of Electric Telegraphs—being £1,750 from Glen Innes to Inverell; £25,000 from Tamworth to Fort Bourke; £1,750 from Morpeth, *via* Raymond Terrace, to Port Stephens; £7,250 from Armidale to Port Macquarie; £1,500 from Burrowa to Young; £2,500 from Araluen to Moruya; £2,500 from Kiandra to Cooma; £2,500 from Bombala to Panbula and Eden; £1,800 from Parramatta to Wiseman's Ferry; £1,095 for Re-insulating Line, Sydney to Albury; £4,500 for Telegraph Stations.

Stations, Balranald, Moulamein, and Wellington; £3,413 for one-half the cost of Telegraph Line from Picton to Goulburn, along the line of Railway, chargeable to Telegraphs; and £3,718 for one-half the cost of Telegraph line from Penrith to Bathurst, along the line of Railway, chargeable to Telegraphs.

No. VIII.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £168,978, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Post Office Department—being £34,958 for the Post Office Establishment, and £134,020 for Conveyance of Mails, for the year 1868.

(163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,637, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Money Order Department, for the year 1868.

(164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32,095, to defray the salaries, allowances, contingencies, and working expenses of the Establishment of the Electric Telegraphs, for the year 1868.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1867.

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(165.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £887 19s. 9d., to defray the supplementary charge for Law Officers of the Crown.

(166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray the supplementary charge for Petty Sessions for the year 1867.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1868.

No. III.—CHIEF SECRETARY.

(167.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £375, to defray the additional charge for Miscellaneous Services, being allowance in lieu of House Rent to the Commodore commanding the Naval Squadron on this station, for nine months, for the year 1868.

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(168.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray the additional charge for Law Officers of the Crown, for the year 1868.

(169.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £550, to defray the additional charge for Petty Sessions, for the year 1868.

Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Eagan, read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at seventeen minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.

Questions:—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) The amount authorized by Parliament to be expended on the three trunk lines of Railway, respectively, up to the 31st March, 1868?
 - (2.) The number of miles opened for traffic, and the average cost per mile thereof, on each line, to the same date?
 - (3.) The number of miles for which contracts had been taken and unfinished on the respective lines for the like period, and for what amounts?
 - (4.) The extensions, other than the foregoing, for which surveys, or surveys and cross sections, have been or are being prepared at the present time?
2. MR. THORNTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What is the practice at the Mint at Sydney, in respect to *gold alloy* sent there from any of the diggings in this Colony for purposes of test or analyzation?
 - (2.) Are the tests readily made, and results given, by the authorities of the Mint?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Did Dr. Carr, in pursuance of an order from the Colonial Secretary, visit the prisoner O'Farrell, lately executed for wounding with intent to kill H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and engage in conversation with him on philosophical subjects, and ask the prisoner his opinion or theory of the immortality of the soul?

(2.)

(2.) Was the said Dr. Carr remonstrated with by a warder in attendance, and asked to consider that he (Dr. Carr) was speaking to a man who in a few hours would appear before his God, or in words to the same effect?

(3.) Has an official report of the whole of this matter been made to the Superintendent of Darlinghurst Gaol, and the circumstances formally brought under the notice of the Colonial Secretary?

4. MR. MACPHERSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any further steps with reference to the Gates on Public Roads Bill, either during the present or next Session; and if so, what are their intentions with reference to it?
5. MR. MACPHERSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether—and if so, when—it is the intention of the Government to open a road between the Dam at Liverpool and Wollongong, which was surveyed by G. M. Pitt several years ago, and for which the sum of £100 was voted for fencing the said road?
6. MR. MACPHERSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to expose for sale any portion of the Church and School Estates; and if so, when?
7. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) Has it come to the knowledge of the Government that, in consequence of the non-attendance of Mr. District Judge Meymott, or any other cause, the District Court which ought to have been held at Kempsey in February last was allowed to lapse?
 - (2.) If so, what were the circumstances under which the Court lapsed, in so far as the Government are acquainted with them?
 - (3.) Has any letter or communication been received from Mr. Meymott on the subject?
 - (4.) If so, has Mr. Meymott given a satisfactory explanation of his conduct?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
4. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. R. STEWART *to move*, That the Petition of John Macintosh, one of the Aldermen for Macquarie Ward, City of Sydney, presented by him on the 21st April, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. Mr. A. E. Bush; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d., for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.
3. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (No. 2); third reading.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

Questions:—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
 - (1.) If the objections lodged by Mr. John Browne and others, of Singleton and elsewhere, against the opening for public use of the new road proposed to be made from Singleton, *via* Dyring, to Koukarah Creek, have been considered and determined?
 - (2.) If, in the event of the objections being overruled, and the road dedicated to the public, it will be fenced off at the expense of the Government, and compensation afforded to the parties through whose lands it will be made to pass, for the damage they may sustain?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to any applications lately received from residents in or near the Bellenger River, for opening roads between the South Arm and the township at Hyde's Falls, and between the said township and the township at Boat Harbour; as also for setting aside certain land between the North and South Arm for the purposes of a Common?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to the latest application received from residents on or near the River Bellenger, for a Pilot at the entrance of the said river?

4. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to any applications lately received from residents on or near the River Bellenger, for Police protection, and for expenditure towards clearing and fencing a Cemetery or Cemeteries?
5. DR. LANG *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether the Government, or the Managing Trustees of the Savings Bank, intend to take such measures as may be necessary to extend the benefits of that institution to the suburbs of Sydney, and to other more distant parts of the Colony where branches of the Savings Bank are needed, but have not yet been established?

FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. MR. THORNTON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum of money, not exceeding £1,000, for the purpose of erecting jetties at Manly Beach, and Watson's Bay, for the accommodation of the general public.
2. MR. MORRICE to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the cost of the Training Ship "Vernon"; the cost of fitting that vessel up; the amount paid for salaries, books, provisions, &c.; the cost per head of maintaining the boys thereon, including proportion of interest on original cost of vessel and fitting up; and also, of the number of boys now on board, and of the persons employed thereon.
3. MR. DODDS to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of the Rev. J. S. White, brought up on the 7th April, be now adopted.
4. DR. LANG to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the buildings erected along the north side of the boundary-wall of the Public Schools allotment, Upper Fort-street, are a serious encroachment on the Reserve appropriated for Public Recreation on Flagstaff Hill upwards of fifty years since, and that such buildings, as also any stables or coach-houses erected on the Reserve, ought to be taken down and cleared away forthwith.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
5. DR. LANG to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all memorials or correspondence between the Government and Mr. Thomas Scott, of Brisbane Water, or other persons, relating to Mr. Scott's introducing the cultivation of the Sugar Cane, and the manufacture of Sugar in this Colony.

New South Wales.

No. 143.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 22 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Railway Particulars:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) The amount authorized by Parliament to be expended on the three trunk lines of Railway, respectively, up to the 31st March, 1868?

(2.) The number of miles opened for traffic, and the average cost per mile thereof, on each line, to the same date?

(3.) The number of miles for which contracts had been taken and unfinished on the respective lines for the like period, and for what amounts?

(4.) The extensions other than the foregoing, for which surveys, or surveys and cross sections, have been or are being prepared at the present time?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—

(1.) South	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,584,398	4	1
West	...	...	...	...	...	...	889,000	0	0
North	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,059,053	15	0
For all lines	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,527,827	0	0
							£5,060,278	19	1

- (2.) South, 86 miles; £13,159 per mile (from the Parramatta Junction).

West, 48 miles; £13,334

North, 52 miles; £11,884 per mile.

- (3.) South, 34½ miles; £307,000.

West, 38 miles; £475,000.

North, 51 miles; £138,600.

- (4.) From end of No. 6 contract to Bathurst, 34 miles.

From end of No. 4 contract to Murrurundi, 20 miles.

Goulburn to Murrumbidgee, Trial Surveys only.

Muswellbrook to Mudgee, Trial Surveys only.

The distance from Sydney to Parramatta Junction is 13 miles, and the cost per mile was £44,321.

- (2.) Gold Alloy sent to Sydney Mint for examination:—Mr. Thornton asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—

(1.) What is the practice at the Mint at Sydney, in respect to *gold alloy* sent there from any of the diggings in this Colony for purposes of test or analysis?

(2.) Are the tests readily made, and results given, by the authorities of the Mint?

Mr. Eagar answered,—I have not yet received the information from the Mint, and I shall be glad if the honorable member will give fresh notice for to-morrow, when I shall be prepared to give the answers.

- (3.) Prisoner O'Farrell—Dr. Carr:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Did Dr. Carr, in pursuance of an order from the Colonial Secretary, visit the prisoner O'Farrell, lately executed for wounding with intent to kill H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh, and engage in conversation with him on philosophical subjects, and ask the prisoner his opinion or theory of the immortality of the soul?

(2.)

(2.) Was the said Dr. Carr remonstrated with by a warder in attendance, and asked to consider that he (Dr. Carr) was speaking to a man who in a few hours would appear before his God, or in words to the same effect?

(3.) Has an official report of the whole of this matter been made to the Superintendent of Darlinghurst Gaol, and the circumstances formally brought under the notice of the Colonial Secretary?

Mr. Parkes answered.—As I informed the House yesterday, Dr. Carr did visit the prisoner O'Farrell, upon an order making it necessary for the prisoner himself to desire the interview before Dr. Carr could see him. With regard to the rest of the question, I can only give a very general answer. I sent for Mr. Read, the Principal Gaoler of Darlinghurst, this morning, and I understood from him that the warder did make some report to him, such as is alluded to here. I requested that that report should be officially sent to me; but up to the time of my leaving my office it had not arrived. As the honorable member is aware, all official communications of that kind have to be sent through the Sheriff, and I expected this report to reach me before I came here; but up to the time I left my office it had not arrived.

(4.) Gates on Public Roads Bill:—Mr. Macpherson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any further steps with reference to the Gates on Public Roads Bill, either during the present or next Session; and if so, what are their intentions with reference to it?

Mr. Wilson answered.—The Gates on Public Roads Bill will be introduced early next Session.

(5.) Road to Wollongong *via* Liverpool Dam:—Mr. Macpherson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Whether—and if so, when—it is the intention of the Government to open a road between the Dam at Liverpool and Wollongong, which was surveyed by G. M. Pitt several years ago, and for which the sum of £100 was voted for fencing the said road?

Mr. Wilson answered.—I do not think there was any money voted for the fencing of this road; I understood it was voted for its repair. It is not at present the intention of the Government to open this road officially, as the cost of fencing it (£327 10s.) would be greater than the importance of the road would warrant. But I may also state that the road is not obstructed; there are in the paddocks slip rails, and people are allowed to go through if they put them up after them.

(6.) Church and School Estates:—Mr. Macpherson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to expose for sale any portion of the Church and School Estates; and if so, when?

Mr. Wilson answered.—It is not the intention of the Government to expose for sale any portion of the Church and School Estates during the present state of the law with regard to them.

(7.) Mr. District Judge Meymott—Session of Court at Kempsey:—Mr. Forster asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—

(1.) Has it come to the knowledge of the Government that, in consequence of the non-attendance of Mr. District Judge Meymott, or any other cause, the District Court, which ought to have been held at Kempsey in February last, was allowed to lapse?

(2.) If so, what were the circumstances under which the Court lapsed, in so far as the Government are acquainted with them?

(3.) Has any letter or communication been received from Mr. Meymott on the subject?

(4.) If so, has Mr. Meymott given a satisfactory explanation of his conduct?

Mr. Martin answered.—The District Court, which was appointed to be held at Kempsey on the 20th February, was allowed to lapse from the inability of Mr. District Court Judge Meymott, by reason of the flooded state of the country, to reach that place in sufficient time to enable him to hold Courts at Muswellbrook and several other places at the times appointed for holding such Courts respectively. It thus became necessary to appoint an additional Court to be held at Kempsey, after the 20th April, the day appointed for holding the Court at Grafton. The 8th of May was accordingly appointed for that purpose. The District Court Judge wrote to the Under Secretary to the Law Department a letter, dated the 28th February, informing him of the reason of his inability to hold the Kempsey Court, and enclosed a copy of the *Macleay Herald*, of the 24th February, containing a detailed statement of facts, which, in my opinion, relieved him from any blame for his non-attendance.

2. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Macleay moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. Alleged Exercise of extraordinary powers by the Mayor of Sydney (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. R. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition of John Macintosh, one of the Aldermen for Macquarie Ward, City of Sydney, presented by him on the 21st April, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill (*"Formal" Order of the Day*), on motion of Mr. Forster, read a third time and *passed*.

Mr. Forster then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the "Stamp Duties Act of 1865."*"

Question

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Forster moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865*," presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd April, 1868.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

5. Postponements:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 of Government Business, postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until to-morrow.
6. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee. The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to some Resolutions, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour this day. The Chairman then reported certain Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—
 - (3.) *Resolved*, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1867 and previous years, the sum of £126,229 8s. 7d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
 - (4.) *Resolved*, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1868, the sum of £1,487,048 0s. 1d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
 - (5.) *Resolved*, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £25,900 be raised by the Sale of Debentures secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum, to defray the expense of carrying on certain Public Works of the Colony.
 - (6.) *Resolved*, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £151,507 be raised by the Sale of Debentures secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum, to defray the expense of carrying on certain Public Works of the Colony.
 Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time, and agreed to.
7. Appropriation Bill:—
 - (1.) Mr. Eagar moved for leave to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolutions Nos. 1, 3, and 4 of Ways and Means, to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1868 and for the Year 1867 and previous Years. Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Eagar having presented this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1868 and for the Year 1867 and previous Years*,"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later period of the day.
8. Public Works Loan Bill:—
 - (1.) Mr. Eagar moved for leave to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolutions Nos. 5 and 6 of Ways and Means, to enable the Government to raise a Loan for certain Public Works. Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Eagar having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan for certain Public Works*,"—read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time at a later period of the day.
9. Appropriation Bill:—
 - (1.) Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. And Bill read a second time. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill with an Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Eagar, adopted that report.
 - (2.) Bill then, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a third time, and passed. Mr. Eagar then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1868 and for the Year 1867 and previous Years*." Question put and passed. Whereupon, Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR.

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1868 and for the Year 1867 and previous Years,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd April, 1868.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

10. Public Works Loan Bill :—

(1.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Eagar (after Debate), the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Eagar, adopted that report.

(2.) Bill then, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Eagar then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for certain Public Works.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for certain Public Works,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd April, 1868.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

11. Postponement :—The Order of the Day No. 4 of Government Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until to-morrow.

12. Ways and Means :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means (*See Entry 6 above*) having been read, —On motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee. The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to some Resolutions.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), That the said Resolutions be now received.

The Chairman then reported certain Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

(7.) *Resolved*, That, towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, it is expedient to authorize any number of Treasury Bills to be made out at the Colonial Treasury for any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of £343,200, for the services of 1867 and previous years, the said Bills to have a currency of twelve calendar months from the date thereof.

(8.) *Resolved*, That the principal sum or sums of money to be contained in such Treasury Bills shall be chargeable upon, and paid out of, the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony; and that the interest on such principal sum or sums of money, which shall not exceed the rate of six pounds per centum per annum, shall be chargeable upon, and paid half-yearly out of, the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, and the growing produce thereof.

(9.) *Resolved*, That all sums of money raised by such Treasury Bills shall be paid to the credit, and form part, of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony. Resolutions then, on motion of Mr. Eagar, read a second time, and agreed to.

13. Treasury Bills Bill :—

(1.) Mr. Eagar, (*with the concurrence of the House*.) moved, without notice, for leave to introduce a Bill, founded on Resolutions Nos. 7, 8, and 9 of Ways and Means, to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Eagar having presented this Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills,*"—read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin, at two minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

Questions:—

1. MR. BURNS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS,—
(1.) If the objections lodged by Mr. John Browne and others, of Singleton and elsewhere, against the opening for public use of the new road proposed to be made from Singleton, *via* Dyring, to Koukarah Creek, have been considered and determined?
(2.) If, in the event of the objections being overruled, and the road dedicated to the public, it will be fenced off at the expense of the Government, and compensation afforded to the parties through whose lands it will be made to pass, for the damage they may sustain?
2. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS.—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to any applications lately received from residents in or near the Bellenger River, for opening roads between the South Arm and the township at Hyde's Falls, and between the said township and the township at Boat Harbour; as also for setting aside certain land between the North and South Arm for the purposes of a Common?
3. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER.—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to the latest application received from residents on or near the River Bellenger, for a Pilot at the entrance of the said river?
4. MR. FORSTER *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to any applications lately received from residents on or near the River Bellenger, for Police protection, and for expenditure towards clearing and fencing a Cemetery or Cemeteries?
5. DR. LANG *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER.—Whether the Government, or the Managing Trustees of the Savings Bank, intend to take such measures as may be necessary to extend the benefits of that institution to the suburbs of Sydney, and to other more distant parts of the Colony where branches of the Savings Bank are needed, but have not yet been established?
6. MR. THORNTON *to ask* THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
(1.) What is the practice at the Mint at Sydney, in respect to *gold alloy* sent there from any of the diggings in this Colony for purposes of test or analyzation?
(2.) Are the tests readily made, and results given, by the authorities at the Mint?
7. MR. LUCAS *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.—What amount has been expended by the Government upon the West Midland Embankment in High-street, from the commencement of the work, either by contract or otherwise, to its final completion?
8. MR. MACPIERSON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS.—Whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present or next Session, to introduce any Bill with reference to the management or sale of the Church and School Lands; and if so, of what character?

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; resumption of the Committee.
2. Gold Duties Reduction Bill; second reading.
3. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
5. Treasury Bills Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, having reference to the circumstances under which the District Court which ought to have been held at Kempsey in February last was allowed to lapse by Mr. District Judge Meymott.
(2.) A Return of the number of cases set down for trial at the said Court on the day in question, shewing the names of parties and the nature of the cases.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Mr. Thomas Woore; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn.
2. Mr. A. E. Bush; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d. for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. Mr. THORNTON to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum of money, not exceeding £1,000, for the purpose of erecting jetties at Manly Beach and Watson's Bay, for the accommodation of the general public.
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3. Mr. DODDS to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of the Rev. J. S. White, brought up on the 7th April, be now adopted.
4. Dr. LANG to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the buildings erected along the north side of the boundary-wall of the Public Schools allotment, Upper Fort-street, are a serious encroachment on the Reserve appropriated for Public Recreation on Flagstaff Hill upwards of fifty years since, and that such buildings, as also any stables or coach-houses erected on the Reserve, ought to be taken down and cleared away forthwith.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
5. Dr. LANG to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all memorials or correspondence between the Government and Mr. Thomas Scott, of Brisbane Water, or other persons, relating to Mr. Scott's introducing the cultivation of the Sugar Cane, and the manufacture of Sugar in this Colony.

New South Wales.

No. 141.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 23 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Road from Singleton to Koukarah Creek, *vid* Dyring:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) If the objections lodged by Mr. John Browne and others, of Singleton and elsewhere, against the opening for public use of the new road proposed to be made from Singleton, *vid* Dyring, to Koukarah Creek, have been considered and determined?

(2.) If, in the event of the objections being overruled, and the road dedicated to the public, it will be fenced off at the expense of the Government, and compensation afforded to the parties through whose lands it will be made to pass, for the damage they may sustain?

Mr. Wilson answered,—

(1.) The road has been confirmed, but the objection of Mr. Browne has received attention, although beyond the time allowed by law, and is with the Surveyor for report.

(2.) Fencing has been recommended, and will be given in either case where the road passes through enclosures existing at date of survey. No compensation for land taken can be allowed, as the deeds of grant reserved the usual right to make roads.

- (2.) Roads, Bellenger River:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to any applications lately received from residents in or near the Bellenger River, for opening roads between the South Arm and the township at Hyde's Falls, and between the said township and the township at Boat Harbour; as also for setting aside certain land between the North and South Arm for the purposes of a Common?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The survey of a road from the South Arm to Hyde's Falls has been recently received, but not yet proclaimed. On the road from Hyde's Falls to Boat Harbour (as originally reserved in measurement of farms), a report has been received from the Surveyor, recommending certain deviations, in accordance with the wishes of the inhabitants. The works required in order to open the roads will cost a considerable sum, and the matter is still the subject of correspondence with the Surveyor. The matter of commonage has been referred for the report of Mr. Licensed Surveyor Hisborn.

- (3.) Pilot, Bellenger River:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to the latest application received from residents on or near the River Bellenger, for a Pilot at the entrance of the said river?

Mr. Eagar answered,—The Government are unable to comply with the application, for the reason formerly stated—namely, that it does not appear that the River Bellenger is of sufficient importance to warrant the establishment of a Pilot Station there. I may add, that the cost of such an establishment would be about £600 a-year.

(4.)

(4.) Police Protection—Cemetery—Bellenger River :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, with reference to any applications lately received from residents on or near the River Bellenger, for Police protection, and for expenditure towards clearing and fencing a Cemetery or Cemeteries?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A petition on this subject was received the day before yesterday, and it will receive immediate consideration. I think it is likely that the necessary protection will be afforded. With respect to the application as to fencing a cemetery, no action has at present been taken, but it will be referred to the Secretary for Lands.

(5.) Savings Bank Extension :—Dr. Lang asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—Whether the Government, or the Managing Trustees of the Savings Bank, intend to take such measures as may be necessary to extend the benefits of that institution to the suburbs of Sydney, and to other more distant parts of the Colony where branches of the Savings Bank are needed, but have not yet been established?

Mr. Eagar answered,—I have made the needful inquiry, and am able to inform the honorable and reverend member, that this matter has been, and will be again, brought under the consideration of the Trustees; but nothing has been as yet definitely arranged.

(6.) Gold Alloy sent to Sydney Mint for Examination :—Mr. Thornton asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 6,—

(1.) What is the practice at the Mint at Sydney, in respect to *gold alloy* sent there from any of the diggings in this Colony for purposes of test or analysis?

(2.) Are the tests readily made, and results given, by the authorities at the Mint?

Mr. Eagar answered,—

(1.) Metals and minerals generally, from whatever quarter received, are tested and analyzed at the Mint, on payment of charges according to a regulated scale,—a copy of which is annexed, and which I shall be happy to show to the Honorable Member.

(2.) The tests are made, and results given, in every case, with all possible expedition.

(7.) West Maitland Embankment in High-street :—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice No. 7,—What amount has been expended by the Government upon the West Maitland Embankment in High-street, from the commencement of the work, either by contract or otherwise, to its final completion?

Mr. Byrnes answered,—The amount expended to date on the West Maitland Embankment is £2,824 8s. 9d. The work is not quite completed.

(8.) Church and School Lands :—Mr. Macpherson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice No. 8,—Whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present or next Session, to introduce any Bill with reference to the management or sale of the Church and School Lands; and if so, of what character?

Mr. Wilson answered,—The Government have not yet come to any determination as to what course to pursue with regard to the Church and School Lands. The question is still under consideration.

2. Mr. William Emery :—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from William Emery, complaining of the cancellation of his selection of certain land at "Good Dog," as therein set forth, and praying relief.
Petition received.

3. Motion for Adjournment :—Mr. Macleay moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply discharged, on motion of Mr. Eagar.

5. Gold Duties Reduction Bill :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. Eagar (after Debate).

Bill then discharged, on motion of Mr. Eagar.

6. Postponements :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 3 and 4 of Government Business postponed, respectively, on motion of Mr. Eagar, until to-morrow.

7. Treasury Bills Bill :—

(1.) Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Mate,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tighe,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Eagar,	Mr. Oatley,
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Dignam,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Lord,	
Mr. R. Stewart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Dr. Lang,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Dodds,	Mr. E. Brown.

Nocs, 12.

Mr. Josephson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Forster,	Mr. S. Brown,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Hart.
Mr. Lloyd,	
Mr. Smart,	
Mr. Neale,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Samuel,	
Mr. Garrett,	

Bill then read a second time.

Whereupon

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Eagar, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Bill without Amendment, the House, on motion of Mr. Eagar, adopted that report.

(2.) Bill then, on motion of Mr. Eagar, made (*with the concurrence of the House*) without notice, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Eagar then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Eagar moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd April, 1868.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

8. Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment Bill:—The Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 23 April, 1868.

T. A. MURRAY,

President.

9. Mr. District Judge Meymott—Session of Court at Kempsey:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, having reference to the circumstances under which the District Court which ought to have been held at Kempsey in February last was allowed to lapse by Mr. District Judge Meymott.

(2.) A Return of the number of cases set down for trial at the said Court on the day in question, shewing the names of parties and the nature of the cases.

Question put and passed.

10. Mr. Thomas Woore:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to compensate Mr. Thomas Woore, for services performed in surveying a railway line between Sydney and Goulburn,—discharged from the Paper, on motion of Mr. J. Stewart.

11. Postponement:—The Order of the Day No. 2 of Other Business postponed, on motion of Mr. Josephson, until to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Martin (after Debate), at twenty minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

Questions:—

- MR. R. STEWART to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) What number of vessels cleared outwards for the Hawkesbury, Brisbane Water, and Broken Bay, during the year 1867?
 - (2.) What number of vessels were boarded by the Custom House Officer at Broken Bay during the year 1867?
- MR. BURNS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Government intend to take any, and, if any, what steps towards bringing about a change in the time fixed by the Imperial authorities for the departure of the Suez Mail from Sydney, in view of the circumstance, that under the present arrangement the mails from the Southern and Western districts arrive at the General Post Office on the morning of departure about an hour too late for the outward letters to be selected and forwarded therewith?
- MR. MACPHERSON to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) Has the Attorney General inquired into various charges against Mr. William Farrand, Police Magistrate at Forbes, as preferred at a public meeting, and also other charges made against him by the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Forbes?
 - (2.) What is the intention of the Government in respect to those charges?

4. **MR. FARNELL** to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Is the Master Attendant of the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek, appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council—If not, why is four per cent. deducted from his salary and paid into the Superannuation Fund?
 (2.) Is it right to make the said deduction—If not, will the Government repay to the said Attendant all moneys so deducted from his salary?
 (3.) Are any other persons in the employ of the Government contributing to the Superannuation Fund who have not been appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council?
5. **MR. DRIVER** to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When will the Papers relating to the resignation of Mr. M'Glone be laid upon the Table of this House, as ordered upon the motion of the honorable member for the Murrumbidgee, Mr. Macleay?

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time.
2. Mr. A. E. Bush; consideration in Committee of the Whole, of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d. for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS:—

1. **MR. THORNTON** to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates, a sum of money, not exceeding £1,000, for the purpose of erecting jetties at Manly Beach and Watson's Bay, for the accommodation of the general public.
2. **MR. MORRICE** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, shewing the cost of the Training Ship "Vernon"; the cost of fitting that vessel up; the amount paid for salaries, books, provisions, &c.; the cost per head of maintaining the boys thereon, including proportion of interest on original cost of vessel and fitting up; and also, of the number of boys now on board, and of the persons employed thereon.
3. **MR. DODDS** to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of the Rev. J. S. White, brought up on the 7th April, be now adopted.
4. **DR. LANG** to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the buildings erected along the north side of the boundary-wall of the Public Schools allotment, Upper Fort-street, are a serious encroachment on the Reserve appropriated for Public Recreation on Flag-staff Hill upwards of fifty years since, and that such buildings, as also any stables or coach-houses erected on the Reserve, ought to be taken down and cleared away forthwith.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
5. **DR. LANG** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all memorials or correspondence between the Government and Mr. Thomas Scott, of Brisbane Waters or other persons, relating to Mr. Scott's introducing the cultivation of the Sugar Cane, and the manufacture of Sugar in this Colony.
6. **MR. GARRETT** to move, That the Petition of Mr. William Emery, presented by him on the 23rd April, be printed.
7. **MR. GARRETT** to move,—
 (1.) That the Petition of Mr. William Emery, presented on the 23rd April, with reference to the cancellation of his conditional purchase at "Good Dog," be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and Report, with power to send for persons and papers.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Wilson, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lucas, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. Tighe, Mr. Josephson, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Burdekin, and the Mover.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Real Property Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

MONDAY, APRIL 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. R. STEWART** to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the Petition of Mr. John Macintosh, one of the Aldermen of Macquarie Ward, City of Sydney.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Dr. Lang, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Forster, Mr. Tunks, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. De Salis, and the Mover.

New South Wales.

No. 145.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 24 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Questions on Notice Paper for to-day:—

- (1.) Vessels cleared outwards for the Hawkesbury, &c.—Vessels boarded by the Customs at Broken Bay:—Mr. R. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice No. 1,—

(1.) What number of vessels cleared outwards for the Hawkesbury, Brisbane Water, and Broken Bay, during the year 1867?

(2.) What number of vessels were boarded by the Custom House Officer at Broken Bay during the year 1867?

Mr. Parkes answered,—During the year 1867, 58 vessels cleared out for the Hawkesbury, 159 for Brisbane Water, and 22 for Broken Bay; 540 vessels were boarded by the Customs Officer at Broken Bay in the same year.

- (2.) Time of Departure of Suez Mail in connexion with arrival of Interior Mails:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 2,—If the Government intend to take any, and, if any, what steps towards bringing about a change in the time fixed by the Imperial authorities for the departure of the Suez Mail from Sydney, in view of the circumstance, that under the present arrangement the mails from the Southern and Western districts arrive at the General Post Office on the morning of departure about an hour too late for the outward letters to be selected and forwarded therewith?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Postmaster General is of opinion that the attention of the Imperial authorities should be called to the inconvenience which the present arrangement for the departure of the mail steamer entails upon the colony, especially the country districts. By extraordinary exertions on the part of the officials, and by the suspension of the regulations it is necessary to observe with regard to the closing of the mails, the letters from the Southern and Western districts, arriving on the morning of the 28th March, were despatched in the mail of that date. The letters contained in the Southern mails, arriving in Sydney on the 23rd instant, have also been despatched. The Western mails did not arrive at the Weatherboard station in time for the train, and have, consequently, missed the opportunity of being forwarded.

- (3.) Mr. William Farrand, Police Magistrate of Forbes:—Mr. Lucas, on behalf of Mr. Macpherson, asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice No. 3,—

(1.) Has the Attorney General inquired into various charges against Mr. William Farrand, Police Magistrate at Forbes, as preferred at a public meeting, and also other charges made against him by the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Forbes?

(2.) What is the intention of the Government in respect to those charges?

Mr. Martin answered,—The charges have been inquired into, but no determination has yet been arrived at.

- (4.) Master Attendant of Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek—Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 4,—

(1.) Is the Master Attendant of the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek, appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council—If not, why is four per cent. deducted from his salary and paid into the Superannuation Fund?

(2.) Is it right to make the said deduction—If not, will the Government repay to the said Attendant all moneys so deducted from his salary?

(3.) Are any other persons in the employ of the Government contributing to the Superannuation Fund who have not been appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Master Attendant of the Lunatic Asylum at Tarban Creek was appointed by the Superintendent. Four per cent. has been deducted from his salary in consequence of an error, originating in the Blue Book—the word “ditto” having been repeated as applying to him which should have referred to a previous name. Application has been made during the last three days for the refund, and the application will be considered, and no doubt complied with. It is believed that no other case of the kind exists.

- (5.) Police Detective M'Glone :—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice No. 5,—When will the Papers relating to the resignation of Mr. M'Glone be laid upon the Table of this House, as ordered upon the motion of the honorable member for the Murrumbidgee, Mr. Macleay?
Mr. Parkes answered,—In five minutes.
2. Removal of Mr. Samuel Charles from the Commission of the Peace :—Mr. Garrett, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose inquiry and report this subject was referred on 9th April, 1868,—together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Papers :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
(1.) Return to Order in reference to “Police Detective M'Glone,” made by this House, on motion of Mr. Macleay, on 21st April, 1868.
(2.) Eleventh Annual Report of the Municipal Council of Sydney, of their proceedings under the Water and Sewerage Acts.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Seizure at Stores of George M'Leod, Braidwood :—Mr. Josephson, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report the claim of George M'Leod for compensation in this matter was referred, on 12th November, 1867.
5. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Thornton withdrew the Motion No. 1 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
6. Mr. William Emery (“*Formal*” Motion) :—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice,—That the Petition of Mr. William Emery, presented by him on the 23rd April, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Sydney Taxation Limitation and Boundaries Extension Bill :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Windeyer, That this Bill be now read a second time, discharged from the paper, on motion of Mr. Wilson.
Bill then discharged, on motion of Mr. Wilson.
8. Mr. A. E. Bush :—On motion of Mr. Josephson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d. for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*made with the concurrence of the House*), That the said Resolution be now received.
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1868, a sum not exceeding £182 7s. 9d., for reimbursing Mr. A. E. Bush for his actual personal outlay in rendering services to the Government on the Gold Fields in the years 1851 and 1852.
Resolution, then, on motion of Mr. Josephson, read a second time, and agreed to.
9. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Lucas, on behalf of Mr. Morrice, withdrew the Motion No. 2 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
10. Rev. James White :—Mr. Dodds moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Petition of the Rev. J. S. White, brought up on the 7th April, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Burns,	
Dr. Lang,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macpherson,	Mr. Dodds,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. R. Stewart,	
Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. Tighe,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Martin,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. J. Stewart,
Mr. Wilson,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Oatley,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Dignam.
Mr. Egan,	
Mr. Josephson,	

11. Motion for Adjournment:—Mr. Lucas moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
12. Messages:—The Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) Stamp Duties Act Amendment Bill:—
- MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24 April, 1868.
- T. A. MURRAY,
President.
- (2.) Public Works Loan Bill:—
- MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for certain Public Works,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24 April, 1868.
- T. A. MURRAY,
President.
- (3.) Appropriation Bill:—
- MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1868 and for the Year 1867 and previous Years,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24 April, 1868.
- T. A. MURRAY,
President.
- (4.) Treasury Bills Bill:—
- MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without Amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24 April, 1868.
- T. A. MURRAY,
President.
13. Special Adjournment:—Mr. Martin (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without notice, That this House, at its rising, do adjourn until *Eleven* o'clock on Monday next.
Question put and passed.
14. Motion Withdrawn:—Dr. Lang withdrew the Motion No. 4 on the Notice Paper for to-day.
15. Mr. Thomas Scott—Sugar Cultivation:—Dr. Lang moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all memorials or correspondence between the Government and Mr. Thomas Scott, of Brisbane Water, or other persons, relating to Mr. Scott's introducing the cultivation of the Sugar Cane, and the manufacture of Sugar in this Colony.
Question put and passed.
16. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Garrett not making the Motion No. 7 on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
17. Real Property Act Amendment Bill:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill, discharged, on motion of Mr. Wilson.
Bill then discharged, on motion of Mr. Wilson.
18. Ways and Means:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means, discharged, on motion of Mr. Wilson.
- The House adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes before Eight o'clock,—standing adjourned until Monday next, at *Eleven* o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

MONDAY, APRIL 27.

MEMO:—*The House meets at Eleven o'clock this day.*

NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS, AND ORDERS
OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, APRIL 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

- i. Mr. R. STEWART to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the Petition of Mr. John Macintosh, one of the Aldermen of Macquarie Ward, City of Sydney.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Parkes, Mr. Robertson, Dr. Lang, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Forster, Mr. Tunks, Mr. J. Stewart, Mr. De Sahis, and the Mover.
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New South Wales.

No. 146.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 27 APRIL, 1868.

1. The House met pursuant to *special adjournment*; the Speaker took the Chair.

Papers:—

- (1.) Mr. Wilson laid upon the Table, Additional Regulation, dated 24 April, 1868, under the Sheep Disease Prevention Act of 1866—(*Presented in accordance with the provisions of the 77th Clause of the Act*).

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table certain Correspondence, &c., entitled "Inquiry by the Sheriff into the circumstances under which a statement similar to the one furnished to the Colonial Secretary by the late prisoner Henry James O'Farrell, came to be in the unauthorized possession of persons outside the prison."

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the said document be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

2. George Evans:—Mr. Macleay presented a Petition from George Evans, now a small Farmer and Grazier at Evandale, Kangaloola, in the County of Georgiana and District of Goulburn—setting forth inconveniencies which he alleges he has suffered arising out of his application for certain land under pre-emptive Lease; and praying for the lease of the said land.

Petition received.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Macleay (*made with the concurrence of the House*), to be printed.

3. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. R. Stewart withdrew the Motion on the Notice Paper for to-day.
4. Black Rod:—The Usher of the Black Rod was admitted; and, having delivered a Message,—“That it is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honorable House do forthwith attend His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber,”—the House attended accordingly.

5. Assent to Bills:—(*viz.*:—Stamp Duties Act Amendment, Sydney Common Improvement Act Amendment.)

Whereupon His Excellency was pleased to subscribe and declare his Assent, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, to the undermentioned Bills:—

(1.) “*An Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act of 1865.*”(2.) “*An Act to amend the Sydney Common Improvement Act.*”

6. Presentation of Bills:—The Speaker then addressed His Excellency as follows:—

“May it please your Excellency,—

“The Legislative Assembly has granted to Her Majesty the Supplies required for the Services of the current year, and to meet some expenditure for the Service of previous years not then provided for. The Assembly has also authorized the carrying on of certain public works. I now present to Your Excellency the Acts necessary to give legal effect to these grants, in order that they may receive the Royal Assent. They are,—1. Public Works Act. 2. Treasury Act. 3. Appropriation Act.”

The Speaker then presented to His Excellency the following Bills (being the measures referred to by him):—

(1.) The Public Works Loan Bill.

(2.) The Treasury Bills Bill.

(3.) The Appropriation Bill.

7. Assent to Bills :—(viz., Public Works Loan, Treasury Bills, Appropriation.) His Excellency was then pleased to subscribe and declare his Assent, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, to the said Bills, so presented by the Speaker, as follows :—
- (1.) "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for certain Public Works.*"
 - (2.) "*An Act to authorize the issue of Treasury Bills.*"
 - (3.) "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1868 and for the Year 1867 and previous Years.*"
8. Prorogation :—After which, His Excellency was pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament the following Speech :—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

1. After an arduous and unusually protracted Session, it cannot but be gratifying to you that I am at length enabled to release you for a time from your Parliamentary labours.

2. I have to congratulate you on the passing of a considerable number of useful measures, the most prominent of which are the Border Duties, Postage, Volunteer Force Regulation, and Municipalities Acts, and the Act to amend the law for the Care and Treatment of the Insane. Some of these enactments had been long required, and the passing of them cannot fail to be of considerable advantage to the community.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

3. I thank you for the Supplies which you have placed at the disposal of the Government, for the purpose of enabling it to meet the current engagements, and to maintain the Public Credit. Some inconvenience has been caused by the delay which has taken place in the passing of the Appropriation Act for this year; but I trust in your wisdom and ability in future to find the means of preventing any similar inconvenience.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

4. It is with much pleasure that I am enabled to assure you that the Public Securities of this Colony have largely advanced in value, notwithstanding a considerable increase in the amount of our Public Debt. No circumstance has arisen to shake the confidence of capitalists in the stability of this Government, and entire faith is justly reposed in its power and determination at all times to meet its engagements with punctuality. By means of the Loans recently authorized, it is hoped that various important Public Works will be actively proceeded with, including the Northern, Western, and Southern lines of Railway. Every effort will be made by the Government to complete these lines so far as they have been authorized by Parliament without delay.

5. The present year has been made memorable by the visit to this Colony of one of Her Majesty's Sons, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. The reception of His Royal Highness has been such as was anticipated from the loyalty and liberality of the people of New South Wales. The attempt which was made upon the life of our Royal Guest, happily frustrated by the interposition of Divine Providence, served but more fully to make manifest the attachment of all classes amongst us to the Throne and Person of Her Majesty. I congratulate you, and the Colony at large, on the noble display of sympathy and indignation which this great crime called forth.

6. I now declare this Parliament prorogued until Tuesday, the 16th June next.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.