

Votes

New South Wales.

No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 JANUARY, 1875.

1. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT:—The House met at Twelve o'clock, at noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the twenty-eighth day of December, 1874, of which a copy was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

" NEW SOUTH WALES, } Proclamation by His Excellency Sir HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON,
" to wit. } Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint
" (L.S.) } Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the
" HERCULES ROBINSON, } Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral
" Governor. } of the same.

" In pursuance of the power and authority vested in me as such Governor as aforesaid, by virtue
" of the Act intituled 'An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a
" 'Civil List to Her Majesty,' as assented to by Her Majesty, under the authority of the Act of
" the Imperial Parliament, passed in the Session of the 18th and 19th years of the reign of Her
" said Majesty, intituled 'An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the
" 'Legislature of New South Wales to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant
" 'a Civil List to Her Majesty,' I do hereby proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council
" and Legislative Assembly for the Colony of New South Wales, for the despatch of business,
" shall commence and be holden on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of January next, at 12
" o'clock, at noon, in the buildings known as the Legislative Council Chambers, in Macquarie-
" street, in the City of Sydney; and the Members of the said 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-eighth day of
" December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, and
" in the thirty-eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

" By Command,

" HENRY PARKES.

" GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!"

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk announced that he had received, through the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, a List, certified by His Excellency the Governor, of the Names of the Members returned to serve in this Parliament, together with the respective Writs upon which they were so returned; also copies of Proclamations by His Excellency declaring valid the Elections for the Electoral Districts of The Hawkesbury and Gold Fields South, notwithstanding the delay in taking the Poll at certain Polling-places.

Names of Members.	Electoral Districts.
Abbott, The Hon. Robert Palmer	Tenterfield.
Allan, The Hon. George Wigram	The Globe.
Arnold, William Munnings	The Paterson.
Baker, Ezekiel Alexander	Gold Fields South.
Bawden, Thomas	The Clarence.
Bennett, Hanley	Liverpool Plains.
Booth, John	East Macquarie.
Brown, Stephen Campbell	Newtown.
Brown, Thomas	Hartley.
Browne, William Charles	Patrick's Plains.
Buchanan, David	Gold Fields West.
Burns, John Fitzgerald	The Hunter.
Butler, Edward	Argyle.
Byrnes, Charles Joseph	Parramatta.
Cameron, Angus	West Sydney.
Charles, Samuel	Kiama.
Clarke, Henry	Eden.
Cohen, Henry Emanuel	West Maitland.
Cummeen, James Augustine	Wollombi.
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbons	The Gwydir.
Dangar, Henry Carey	West Sydney.
Davies, John	East Sydney.
Day, George	The Hume.
Dibbs, George Richard	West Sydney.
Driver, Richard	Windsor.
Farnell, The Hon. James Squire	St. Leonards.
Fitzpatrick, Michael	Yass Plains.
Forster, Robert Henry Mariner	Gold Fields North.
Forster, William	The Murrumbidgee.
Garrett, Thomas	Camden.
Gould, Stephen Stiles	Mudgee.
Gray, Samuel William	Illawarra.
Greville, Edward	Braidwood.
Hay, William	The Murray.
Hill, Richard	Canterbury.
Hoskins, James	The Tumut.
Hurley, John	Narellan.
Jacob, Archibald Hamilton	The Lower Hunter.
Lackey, John	Central Cumberland.
Lloyd, The Hon. George Alfred	Newcastle.
Lord, George William	The Bogan.
Lucas, John	Canterbury.
Macintosh, John	East Sydney.
Meyer, Solomon	Carecar.
Montague, Alexander	Monaro.
Moses, Henry	The Hawkesbury.
Nelson, Harris Levi	Orange.
Onslow, Captain Arthur	Camden.
Parkes, The Hon. Henry	East Sydney.
Phelps, Joseph James	Balranald.
Piddington, William Richman	The Hawkesbury.
Pilcher, Charles Edward	West Macquarie.
Robertson, John	West Sydney.
Scholey, Stephen	East Maitland.
Shepherd, Patrick Lindesay Crawford	The Nepean.
Smith, John Samuel	Wellington.
Smith, Robert Burdett	The Hastings.
Stevens, Charles James	Northumberland.
Stewart, Alexander	East Sydney.
Sutherland, The Hon. John	Paddington.
Suttor, Francis Bathurst	Bathurst.
Suttor, William Henry, junr.	East Macquarie.
Taylor, Hugh	Parramatta.
Teece, William, junr.	Goulburn.
Terry, Samuel Henry	New England.
Warden, James	Shoalhaven.
Watson, James	The Lachlan.
Watson, William	The Williams.
Wearne, Joseph	Central Cumberland.
White, Francis	The Upper Hunter.
Wisdom, Robert	Morpeth.
Wright, John James	Queanbeyan.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered a Message, that “The Commissioners request the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber, to hear the Commission for opening Parliament read.”

The House went, and the President said:—“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—His Excellency the Governor not thinking fit to be personally present here this day, has been pleased to cause a Commission to be issued under the Great Seal of the Colony, constituting us Commissioners to do all things necessary to be performed by the Governor, in the name or on the part of Her Majesty the Queen, or in the name or on the part of His Excellency as Governor of this Colony, in order to the opening and holding of this Parliament, as is set forth more fully in the Commission itself, which will now be read.”

Whereupon the Clerk of the Parliaments read the said Commission, as follows:—

“Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen,
“Defender of the Faith, and so forth.

“To all to whom these presents shall come,

“Greeting:

“Whereas, by Proclamation made on the twenty-eighth day of December ultimo, His Excellency Sir Hercules George Robert Robinson, Knight Commander of our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales, did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our said Colony, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof, intituled ‘An Act to confer a Constitution on New South Wales and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,’ as assented to by us, proclaim that a Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of our said Colony of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh day of January instant: And whereas, for certain causes, our said Governor and Commander-in-Chief cannot conveniently be present in person at the opening of the said Session: Now know ye, that we, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of our trusty and well-beloved the Honorable John Hay, President of the said Legislative Council, the Honorable Saul Samuel, C.M.G., and the Honorable Sir George Innes, Knight, Members of the said Legislative Council, do, with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Colony, give and grant by the tenor of these presents unto the said John Hay, Saul Samuel, and Sir George Innes, so being such President and Members of the said Legislative Council, or any two of them, full power in our name, to open and hold the said Session of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly on the said twenty-seventh day of January, on our behalf, and to do all things necessary to be done in our name or in the name of our Governor of our said Colony, in and about the opening and holding of the said Parliament: Commanding also by the tenor of these presents, all whom it concerns, to meet in the said Parliament, that to the said John Hay, Saul Samuel, and Sir George Innes, or any two of them, they diligently attend in the premises in the form aforesaid.

“In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Colony to be hereunto affixed.

“Witness our trusty and well-beloved SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight
(L.S.) “Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George,
“our Governor and Commander-in-Chief of our Colony of New South Wales, at
“Government House, Sydney, in our said Colony, this twenty-third day of January,
“in the thirty-eighth year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand
“eight hundred and seventy-five.

“HERCULES ROBINSON.

“By His Excellency’s Command,

“HENRY PARKES.”

The Members of both Houses being then seated, at the request of the President,—

The President said—

“Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,—
“We have it in Command from the Governor to let you know, That as soon as the Members of
“both Houses shall have been sworn, His Excellency will declare the causes of this Parliament
“being called together; and it being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly be first
“chosen, it is His Excellency’s pleasure that you, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly, repair
“to your own Chamber, and there proceed to the election of one of your number to be your
“Speaker.”

And the House having returned,—

4. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS:—The Honorable Henry Parkes informed the Assembly that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Seal of the Territory, authorizing him and two other Members of the Assembly, therein named, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made by Members of the Assembly,—which Commission was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“By His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Commander of the
“Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-
“in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, 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 Hercules George Robert Robinson, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive
“Council

" Council thereof, hereby authorize the Honorable Henry Parkes, Esquire, Colonial Secretary, the Honorable George Alfred Lloyd, Esquire, Colonial Treasurer, and the Honorable George Wigram Allen, Esquire, Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative Assembly, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to 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 of New South Wales, at Government House, Sydney, in the Colony aforesaid, this twenty-third day of January, in the year (L.S.) " of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

" HERCULES ROBINSON.

" *By His Excellency's Command,*

" HENRY PARKES."

5. MEMBERS SWORN :—Mr. Parkes took and subscribed the Oath himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable George Alfred Lloyd, and the Honorable George Wigram Allen, and then the Commissioners respectively signed the Roll of the House, and administered the Oath to all the other Members present,—the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members signing the Roll as they were severally called to the Table, viz. — The Honorable Robert Palmer Abbott. William Munnings Arnold, Esquire. Hanley Bennett, Esquire. John Booth, Esquire. Stephen Campbell Brown, Esquire. Thomas Brown, Esquire. William Charles Browne, Esquire. David Buchanan, Esquire. John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire. Edward Butler, Esquire. Charles Joseph Byrnes, Esquire. Angus Cameron, Esquire. Samuel Charles, Esquire. Henry Clarke, Esquire. Henry Emanuel Cohen, Esquire. James Augustine Cunneen, Esquire. Henry Cary Dangar, Esquire. John Davies, Esquire. George Richard Dibbs, Esquire. Richard Driver, Esquire. The Honorable James Squire Farnell. Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire. Robert Henry Mariner Forster, Esquire. Thomas Garrett, Esquire. Stephen Stiles Goold, Esquire. Samuel William Gray, Esquire. Edward Greville, Esquire. William Hay, Esquire. Richard Hill, Esquire. John Hurley, Esquire. Archibald Hamilton Jacob, Esquire. John Lackey, Esquire. George William Lord, Esquire. John Lucas, Esquire. John Macintosh, Esquire. Solomon Meyer, Esquire. Henry Moses, Esquire. Harris Levi Nelson, Esquire. Arthur Onslow, Captain R.N. William Richman Piddington, Esquire. Charles Edward Pilcher, Esquire. John Robertson, Esquire. Stephen Scholey, Esquire. Patrick Lindesay Crawford Shepherd, Esquire. John Samuel Smith, Esquire. Robert Burdett Smith, Esquire. Charles James Stevens, Esquire. Alexander Stuart, Esquire. The Honorable John Sutherland. Francis Bathurst Suttor, Esquire. William Henry Suttor, junr., Esquire. Hugh Taylor, Esquire. William Teece, junr., Esquire. Samuel Henry Terry, Esquire. James Warden, Esquire. James Watson, Esquire. William Watson, Esquire. Joseph Wearne, Esquire. Francis White, Esquire. John James Wright, Esquire.
6. ELECTION OF SPEAKER :—Mr. Piddington, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), proposed to the House for their Speaker William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, and moved,—“ That William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House, as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Stephen Brown.
- Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Garrett, Mr. R. B. Smith, and Captain Onslow severally addressed the House. The House then calling Mr. Arnold to the Chair, he stood up in his place and expressed the sense he entertained of the honor proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.
- The House then again unanimously calling Mr. Arnold to the Chair, he was taken out of his place by Mr. Piddington and Mr. Stephen Brown, and conducted to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him by unanimously choosing him to be again their Speaker,— And thereupon sat down in the Chair.
- Then Mr. Parkes and Mr. Robertson respectively congratulated the Speaker.
7. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Parkes informed the House that he had ascertained from the Governor that His Excellency would receive their Speaker at Government House to-morrow, at half-past Eleven o'clock. Whereupon the House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at three minutes before Two o'clock, until To-morrow, at Eleven o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY, 1875.

MEMO.—*The House meet at Eleven o'clock a.m. This Day, to proceed to Government House, and there, at half-past Eleven o'clock, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor.*

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY, 1875.

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

SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Seal of the Territory, empowering him to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members as may hereafter present themselves to be sworn,—which Commission was read at length by the Clerk as follows:—

“ By His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, 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 HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize the Honorable William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member or Members of the said Assembly, 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, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-seventh day of January, in the year of Our Lord (L.S.) “ one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ HERCULES ROBINSON.

“ By His Excellency's Command,

“ HENRY PARKES.”

2. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned Members having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took their Seats for the Electoral Districts mentioned:—

George Day, Esquire,—for The Hume.

Robert Wisdom, Esquire,—for Morpeth.

Joseph James Phelps, Esquire, being one of the people called Quakers, made and subscribed the Affirmation of Allegiance prescribed by the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 3 and 4 Wm. IV., cap 49, and having signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for Balranald.

3. PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:—On motion of Mr. Parkes, the House proceeded to Government House, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor,—
 And the House having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, where he informed the Governor that, immediately after the opening of Parliament yesterday, the Legislative Assembly, in the exercise of their undoubted right, had proceeded to the election of their Speaker,—that their choice had fallen upon him—and that he had now to present himself to His Excellency as their Speaker;—whereupon His Excellency was pleased to offer him his congratulations.—That he had then, on behalf of the House, laid claim to all their rights and privileges, and requested that the most favourable construction should, on all occasions, be put upon their language and proceedings;—to all which His Excellency had readily assented.

Mr. Speaker then repeated his grateful thanks for the honor the House had been pleased to confer upon him.

4. MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:—The Usher of the Black Rod, being admitted, delivered the following Message:—

“MR. SPEAKER,

“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 having returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty-one minutes after Twelve o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

5. MEMBERS SWORN:—The undermentioned Members having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took their Seats for the Electoral Districts mentioned:—

James Hoskins, Esquire,—for The Tumut.

William Forster, Esquire,—for The Murrumbidgee.

6. ELECTION PETITION:—Mr. Parkes, *by Command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor; from Joseph Ambrose Robinson, Henry Moon, John Luke Murphy, Thomas Cox, and John Giffin,—Electors of West Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, complaining of the Election and Return of George Richard Dibbs, as one of the Members for the Electoral District of West Sydney, on the ground that it was an undue Election and Return, the said George Richard Dibbs holding an office of profit under the Crown as a member of the Marine Board of New South Wales at the time of his Nomination and at the time he demanded a Poll; and praying that the Petition may be dealt with as the law directs. Ordered to lie on the Table.

7. PAPERS:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) By-Laws of the Borough of Wollongong.
 (2.) By-Laws of the Borough of St. Leonards.
 (3.) Tables of Establishments for Volunteers.
 (4.) Further Despatches respecting the Prerogative of Pardon.
 Ordered to be printed.

8. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

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 for the months of January and February, 1875, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1874, together with provision for an Advance to the Colonial Treasurer, to enable him to make payments of an unforeseen nature for which the usual monthly rate is not sufficient.

*Government House,
 Sydney, 28th January, 1875.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lloyd, to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

9. PAPER:—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, copies of Minutes of the Governor and Executive Council, authorizing the application of Balances from one Head of Service to supplement Votes for another Service,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly under the directions contained in the 18th section of the Audit Act of 1870.
 Ordered, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, to be printed.

10. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. 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:—

“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

“Stephen Campbell Brown, Esquire,

“Henry Cary Dangar, Esquire,

“Richard Driver, Esquire,

“Richard Hill, Esquire,

“John Lackey, Esquire,

“Henry Moses, Esquire, and

“Francis 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 twenty-eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord one
 thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

“W. M. ARNOLD,
 Speaker.”

11. DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN NAMES ENDORSED ON WRITS AND SIGNATURES OF MEMBERS:—Mr. Speaker reported to the House,—

(1.) That whereas the name of the Member returned for the Electoral District of The Glebe is endorsed on the Writ as “The Hon. George Wigram *Allan*,” the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as the Member for The Glebe had signed his name in both documents as George Wigram *Allen*.

(2.) That whereas the name of the Member returned for the Electoral District of Mudgee is endorsed on the Writ as "Stephen Stiles Gould," the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll, as the Member for Mudgee, had signed his name in both documents as Stephen Stiles *Gould*.

(3.) That whereas the name of one of the Members returned for the Electoral District of East Sydney is endorsed on the Writ as "Alexander Stewart," the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as such Member had signed his name in both documents as Alexander *Stuart*.

Whereupon Mr. Parkes moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the Returns above-mentioned by substituting the name "George Wigram *Allen*" for that of George Wigram *Allan*; by substituting the name "Stephen Stiles *Gould*" for that of Stephen Stiles *Gould*; and by substituting the name "Alexander *Stuart*" for that of Alexander *Stewart*.

Question put and passed.

And the Clerk amended the said Returns accordingly.

12. **ORDNANCE LAND ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Parkes 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, *pro formâ*.

13. **THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH**:—Mr. 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. I have called you together at the earliest convenient date after the General Election, in order that provision may be made for the services of Government without detriment to the public interest, and to enable you to consider measures of importance which are urgently required.

2. As it is desirable that the business of the Session now opened should be confined to a comparatively short period, with the view of Parliament being again convened in sufficient time for the Session proper to the year, it is not proposed to proceed at the present time with any Bill to extend the representation. The constituencies having so recently exercised their right of choice, the public welfare would not be consulted by precipitating the election of a new Assembly. A measure is in preparation to repeal the existing law, and to bring the Electoral system under the provisions of one enactment, re-arranging many of the Electorates so as to remove anomalies, and secure more generally an agreement of local interests, and my Advisers entertain the hope that this larger measure of reform will be passed into law before the end of the year.

3. The state of Public Education, not only in the primary schools but in the higher scholastic institutions supported by the State, has been under the consideration of the Government; and your attention will be invited to the subject during the present Session.

4. Bills will be submitted without delay to extend the powers of the Corporation of Sydney, and to make more adequate provision for Municipalities in other parts of the Colony.

5. The Bill which was before the late Parliament to make provision for the supply of Water to the Metropolis and its Suburbs, and for a more effective system of Sewerage, will be again introduced, and also a Bill to provide for the conservation of Water in the interior.

6. You will be invited to consider the question of improving the means of communication, embracing the introduction of a system of Railway extension suited to the present and prospective circumstances of the Colony.

7. Other Bills, to which the attention of the Legislature has been invited, will be again brought forward,—for the consolidation and amendment of the Criminal Law, for the improved treatment of the Insane, for the better management of the Australian Museum and the Sydney Infirmary, for the regulation of Coal Mines, and for other purposes.

8. The working of the Land Acts of 1861, more especially through the decisions of the Courts on disputed rights sought to be established under their provisions, has disclosed year by year their defective character; and you will be invited to concur in a measure to remedy the principal defects of those Acts. The whole subject of law and administration relating to the Public Lands will be brought under your consideration, if the other urgent business of the Session will admit of this being done.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

9. The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure will be laid before you on an early day.

10. You will be glad to learn that the prosperous state of the Revenue, which has been a cause of congratulation on every occasion of my meeting you since my arrival in the Colony, shows no symptom of decline. On the contrary, the Revenue Returns of the past year supply evidence of a continuous improvement.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

11. A measure will be submitted for your immediate consideration to re-establish a system of Stamp Duties, with such amendments as the experience of the working of the Acts lately in force has suggested. A Bill to amend the Mining Act will also be introduced.

12. It affords me much gratification to be enabled again to congratulate you on the steady progress of the Colony. All the leading interests on which the material welfare of the people depends are in a state of healthy activity, and the advance made within the last few years in the elements of public prosperity justifies the most confident hopes of the future.

13. I now leave you to the performance of your important duties, and I pray that the wisdom of the Almighty may guide your deliberations, so that they may largely tend to the good government of the Colony.

Mr. Shepherd then moved, and Mr. Wright 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 on opening this Session of the Parliament of New South Wales.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Booth, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Gray, Mr. Hill, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Nelson, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

And

And the Committee retired to prepare the Address.

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

To His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, 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 our loyal attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person, and to convey to you our respectful thanks for your Excellency's Speech.

2. Although we are anxious to assist in passing a Bill to extend the representation of the people, we are sensible that any such measure may be considered with greater advantage in the Session proper to the year than at the present time, and we are glad to learn that the Bill in preparation will deal with the whole subject.

3. We shall be prepared, whenever the subject of Public Education is brought before us, to bestow upon it that undivided attention which its intimate relation to the public welfare demands.

4. The Bills to extend the powers of the Corporation of Sydney and to make more adequate provision for other Municipalities, as well as the Bills for the Water Supply of the Metropolis and for the conservation of water in the country districts, will receive our careful consideration.

5. The question of improving the means of communication with the interior, and the extension of Railways wherever practicable, will engage our earnest attention.

6. We recognize the importance of the objects sought to be provided by the Bills to consolidate and amend the Criminal Law, to improve the treatment of the Insane, to bring the Australian Museum and the Sydney Infirmary under better management, and to regulate the working of Coal Mines, and we shall gladly assist in maturing those measures.

7. The defects in the existing Land system require immediate and effective remedy, and we shall cordially concur in any remedial measure calculated to protect the public interest, and at the same time to promote legitimate settlement on the public lands.

8. We shall be prepared to consider any measure that may be submitted for re-enacting a system of Stamp Duties, with such amendments as the experience of the working of the late Acts has pointed out as desirable.

9. We are gratified to learn that the prosperous state of the public Revenue continues, and, while rejoicing at the satisfactory progress of the Colony, we join in the prayer of your Excellency that our deliberations may, by Divine guidance, tend to increase the blessings of good government to the Colony.

Mr. Shepherd then moved, and Mr. Wright seconded the motion, That the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Mr. Robertson moved, That the Address be amended by the insertion of the following words after paragraph 8, and to form paragraph 9 of the Address:—

"9. We would desire, with reference to the important matter which led to the dissolution of the late Parliament, most respectfully to express our regret that your Excellency's Responsible Ministers should have advised you to communicate to the Legislative Assembly your Minute to the Executive Council, dated the 23rd June last, with reference to the release of the prisoner Gardiner, because it is indefensible in certain of its allegations, and because if it is considered to be an answer to the respectful and earnest petitions of the people, it is highly undesirable to convert the records of this House into a means of conveying censure or reproof to our constituents; and if it refers to the discussions in this Chamber, then it is in spirit and effect a breach of the constitutional privileges of Parliament."

Debate ensued.

Interruption.

14. **MEMBER SWORN**:—Ezekiel Alexander Baker, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Gold Fields South.

15. **THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH**:—The Debate on the motion for the adoption of the Address in reply to the Governor's Opening Speech, interrupted by the proceedings recorded in entry 14,—resumed.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Charles,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Goold,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. White,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Jacob,	

Noes, 29.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. W. Watson,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Scholcy,	
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Stephen Brown.
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Day,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main

Main Question then put, That the following Address, in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, be now adopted by this House:—

To His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, *Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, 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 our loyal attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty's Throne and Person, and to convey to you our respectful thanks for your Excellency's Speech.

2. Although we are anxious to assist in passing a Bill to extend the representation of the people, we are sensible that any such measure may be considered with greater advantage in the Session proper to the year than at the present time, and we are glad to learn that the Bill in preparation will deal with the whole subject.

3. We shall be prepared, whenever the subject of Public Education is brought before us, to bestow upon it that undivided attention which its intimate relation to the public welfare demands.

4. The Bills to extend the powers of the Corporation of Sydney and to make more adequate provision for other Municipalities, as well as the Bills for the Water Supply of the Metropolis and for the conservation of water in the country districts, will receive our careful consideration.

5. The question of improving the means of communication with the interior, and the extension of Railways wherever practicable, will engage our earnest attention.

6. We recognize the importance of the objects sought to be provided by the Bills to consolidate and amend the Criminal Law, to improve the treatment of the Insane, to bring the Australian Museum and the Sydney Infirmary under better management, and to regulate the working of Coal Mines, and we shall gladly assist in maturing those measures.

7. The defects in the existing Land system require immediate and effective remedy, and we shall cordially concur in any remedial measure calculated to protect the public interest, and at the same time to promote legitimate settlement on the public lands.

8. We shall be prepared to consider any measure that may be submitted for re-enacting a system of Stamp Duties, with such amendments as the experience of the working of the late Acts has pointed out as desirable.

9. We would desire, with reference to the important matter which led to the dissolution of the late Parliament, most respectfully to express our regret that your Excellency's Responsible Ministers should have advised you to communicate to the Legislative Assembly your Minute to the Executive Council, dated the 23rd June last, with reference to the release of the prisoner Gardiner, because it is indefensible in certain of its allegations, and because if it is considered to be an answer to the respectful and earnest petitions of the people, it is highly undesirable to convert the records of this House into a means of conveying censure or reproof to our constituents; and if it refers to the discussions in this Chamber, then it is in spirit and effect a breach of the constitutional privileges of Parliament.

10. We are gratified to learn that the prosperous state of the public Revenue continues, and, while rejoicing at the satisfactory progress of the Colony, we join in the prayer of your Excellency that our deliberations may, by Divine guidance, tend to increase the blessings of good government to the Colony.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Lord,	Mr. W. E. Suttor,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Lookey,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Teecs,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Goold,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. White,	
Mr. Warden,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. W. Watson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Shepherd.
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Meyer,	
Mr. Hurley	
Mr. Hay,	
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at seventeen minutes before Twelve o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 29 JANUARY, 1875.

1. The House met at half-past Four o'clock P.M. : Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
MITCHELL BROWN :—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from Mitchell Brown, praying that his occupation and right to purchase a certain portion of land in the County of Cunningham, near Forbes, may be established.
 Petition received.
2. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT** :—Mr. Parkes informed the House that the Members of the Government, in consequence of the Vote arrived at last night, had met for the purpose of consultation. They had arrived at the conclusion that there was only one course open to them ; and he had within the last hour, on his own behalf, and on behalf of his colleagues, tendered to His Excellency the Governor the resignation of their offices. He had been desired by His Excellency to say, that he considered himself placed in an unexampled difficulty, and required until to-morrow to determine upon the course he should pursue. Mr. Parkes added that it was the intention of Ministers, with the consent of the House, to proceed to ask the House to sanction Temporary Supply for the purpose of preventing any inconvenience to the Civil Service, and also to enable their successors to make their own arrangements for the conduct of business.
3. **PAPER** :—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table an Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1.
 Ordered to be printed.
4. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS** :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled " A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1875," through all its stages in one day ; and would also preclude the Resolutions of 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 they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
5. **SUPPLY** :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that Mr. Driver do take the Chair of the said Committee for this day only.
 Question put and passed.
 On motion of Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. Driver reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
 Mr. Driver also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of Mr. Driver, that the said Resolution be now received.
 Mr. Driver 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 £429,091 for Services of 1875, being £369,091 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of January and February, 1875, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1874, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year ; and £60,000 to enable the Colonial Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation—the amount to be adjusted not later than the 31st December, 1876.
 Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Lloyd, read a second time, and agreed to.

6. WAYS AND MEANS :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, and that Mr. Driver do take the Chair of the said Committee for this day only.

Question put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

Mr. Driver also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Driver*, that the said Resolution be now received.

Mr. Driver then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

- (1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of 1875, the sum of £369,091 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the Expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the months of January and February 1875; and the sum of £60,000 to enable the Colonial Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, to be afterwards submitted for Parliamentary appropriation.

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

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL :—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 1, to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1875.

- (2.) Mr. Lloyd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and now read a second time.

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be now read a third time.

- (4.) Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Lloyd, *passed*.

Mr. Lloyd 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 Services of the Year 1875*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, 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 apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 29th January, 1875.

- (5.) Mr. 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 apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1875*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 29th January, 1875.

JOHN HAY,

President.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twelve minutes before Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY, 1875.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—The following Message from the Governor was delivered by His Excellency's Aide-de-Camp, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

The Governor having been precluded by the mode of presentation of the Address of the Legislative Assembly in reply to his Opening Speech from giving his answer in the usual manner, deems it respectful to the Assembly to do so by Message.

2. He acknowledges with satisfaction their expressions of loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

3. He cannot, consistently with his duty, acquiesce in the statement that a Minute laid by him before the Executive Council was indefensible in certain of its allegations. As ultimately responsible for the exercise of the prerogative of mercy, the Governor claims for himself unreserved freedom of communication with the Executive Council while seeking its advice, and he cannot admit that the Minute, viewed in that light, was not entirely justifiable.

4. While thus asserting the constitutional rights of the office which he has the honour to hold, the Governor trusts he will ever pay the fullest respect to those of the Representatives of the People, and he therefore, with this qualification, is prepared to accept the decision of the Assembly.

*Government House,
Sydney, 2nd February, 1875.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, to be printed.

2. MEMBER SWORN:—Thomas Bawden, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Clarence.
3. ASSENT TO CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875,*"—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, 2nd February, 1875.*

4. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—By-laws of the Municipal District of Tenterfield.
Ordered to be printed.

5. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Mr. Parkes said he desired to offer to the House some explanation of the course of events since its last meeting. He then had the honor to announce that, in consequence of the vote on Thursday last, on behalf of himself and of his Colleagues he had, about 4 o'clock on Friday, tendered to His Excellency the Governor the resignation of their several offices. At that time His Excellency had declined to accept their resignations, and had stated that, on account of the unprecedented character of the position in which he found himself, he should require until the following day to consider the course proper for him to take. Late on Saturday he received a note from His Excellency, intimating a wish for still further time. In reply, he had stated that, while he and his Colleagues desired to be relieved of their several offices, he did not consider it to be his duty to raise any objection, under the peculiar circumstances of His Excellency's position, to the extension of time required. Yesterday His Excellency had informed him that he had put himself in communication with a distinguished Member of the other House of Parliament, and later in the day Sir William Manning had an interview with His Excellency, when that gentleman was requested to undertake the task of forming an Administration, when he required until to-day to consider whether he would accept the task or not. Towards noon to-day Sir William waited upon His Excellency, and undertook the duty proposed. He (Mr. Parkes) and his Colleagues, therefore, now remained in Office only until their successors were appointed; and, at the wish of Sir William Manning, he should move that the House at its rising adjourn till Tuesday next.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until "Tuesday next," at Four o'clock.

Mr. Garrett moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words "Tuesday next," with a view to the insertion in their place of the word "To-morrow."

Debate ensued.

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

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

Question then,—That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock,—put and passed.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at eight minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY, 1875.

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

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Parkes informed the House that he had received a communication from His Excellency the Governor, acquainting him that Sir William Manning was still engaged in the task he had undertaken,—

And moved, That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

2. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-Laws of the Municipal District of Gerringong for regulating the Free Public Library of Gerringong.

(2.) Report from the Trustees of the Australian Museum for 1873.

(3.) Rules of the Supreme Court, dated 18th and 30th November, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty-six minutes after Five o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY, 1875.

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

COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—

(1.) *Maturity of Warrant Reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Thursday, 28th January, 1875, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch 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 Stephen Campbell Brown, Richard Driver, Richard Hill, John Lackey, and Francis White, Esquires, came to the Table, and were severally sworn by the Clerk, as Members of the said Committee.

2. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**:—Mr. Parkes informed the House, That His Excellency the Governor had communicated to him, that the gentleman whom His Excellency had commissioned to form a Government had intimated that he would be prepared in the forenoon of to-morrow to give his final answer.
3. **ELECTION PETITION** (*West Sydney*):—Mr. Parkes moved, That the Election Petition, complaining of the Election and Return of George Richard Dibbs, Esquire, as one of the Members for the Electoral District of West Sydney, which was laid upon the Table of this House on the 28th January last, be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
Question put and passed.
4. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—Pursuant to the requirement of the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858, Mr. Speaker appointed the first meeting of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications to take place at noon to-morrow, the 5th of February instant, in Committee Room No. 2.
5. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn until To-morrow, at Four o'clock
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at twelve minutes after Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 5 FEBRUARY, 1875.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
2. ELECTION PETITIONS:—Mr. Parkes, *by Command*, laid upon the Table the following Election Petitions, which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor:—
 - (1.) *The Nepean*,—From James Tobias Ryan, of Emu Hall, Emu Plains, in the Colony of New South Wales, complaining of the Election and Return of Patrick Lindesay Crawford Shepherd as the Member for the Electoral District of The Nepean, on the ground that it was an undue Election and Return, the said Patrick Lindesay Crawford Shepherd holding an office of profit under the Crown as a Major of the Volunteer Artillery; and praying that the Petition may be dealt with according to law.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
 - (2.) *The Williams*,—From George Milner Stephen, of Balmain, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, complaining of the Election and Return of William Watson, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Williams; and praying that his Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the Return of the said William Watson may be declared null and void, and that he (Petitioner) may be declared duly elected, and entitled to take his Seat in the Legislative Assembly as the Member for the Electoral District of The Williams.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
3. MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:—Mr. Parkes informed the House that His Excellency the Governor had communicated to him that the gentleman to whom he had applied in the first instance in the present difficulty had this morning returned his Commission into His Excellency's hands, and that the Honorable Member for West Sydney (Mr. Robertson) had been sent for by His Excellency, and had undertaken the task of forming an Administration.
4. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Henry Cary Dangar, Esquire, and Henry Moses, Esquire, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at seven minutes after Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY, 1875.

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

NEW ADMINISTRATION:—Mr. Lord, at the request of Mr. Robertson, informed the House that a new Administration had been formed, consisting of:—

Mr. Robertson as Colonial Secretary;
 Mr. William Forster as Colonial Treasurer;
 Mr. Garrett as Secretary for Lands;
 Mr. Lackey as Secretary for Public Works;
 Mr. Lucas as Secretary for Mines;
 Mr. Burns as Postmaster General;
 Mr. Dalley as Attorney General;
 Mr. Docker as Minister of Justice and Public Instruction.

2. VACANT SEATS:—Mr. Lord moved,—

(1.) That the Seat of John Robertson, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Colonial Secretary since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney.

Mr. Wearne moved, That the Question be amended, by the addition of the words "That in declaring such vacancy this House feels it to be its duty at once to express its entire disapproval of the Ministry now formed."

Debate ensued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—

And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

Original Question then put, and passed.

(2.) That the Seat of William Forster, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Colonial Treasurer since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee.

Question put and passed.

(3.) That the Seat of Thomas Garrett, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Secretary for Lands since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Camden.

Question put and passed.

(4.) That the Seat of John Lackey, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Secretary for Public Works since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.

Question put and passed.

(5.) That the Seat of John Lucas, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Secretary for Mines since his Election and Return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury.

Question put and passed.

(6.) That the Seat of John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Postmaster General since his Election and Return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of The Hunter.

Question put and passed.

3. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Stephen Brown moved,—
- (1.) That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn their sittings for a longer period than seven days, namely, to the twenty-fourth day of March next, in consequence of the necessary adjournment for the re-election of the new Ministry.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have power to sit during the next adjournment of this House.
Question put and passed.
4. DOGS:—Mr. Terry presented a Petition from Sheepowners in the District of New England, complaining of the losses sustained in their flocks from the attacks of Domestic Dogs; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration.
Petition received.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lord moved, That this House do now adjourn until Four o'clock on Tuesday, the 23rd day of March next.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at Seven o'clock, until *Four o'clock on Tuesday, the 23rd day of March next.*

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 MARCH, 1875.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

DEATH OF THE SPEAKER:—The Clerk informed the House that during the adjournment the Honorable William Munnings Arnold, Speaker of this House, died,—and that he had received, from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, certificates of the death and burial of Mr. Arnold.

2. WRITS OF ELECTION:—The Clerk reported:—

(1.) That in pursuance of the direction of the 30th clause of the Electoral Act of 1858, and in accordance with Resolutions of this House, the late Speaker had issued Writs for supplying vacancies in the Legislative Assembly, as follows:—

(1.) In the room of John Robertson, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Secretary.

(2.) In the room of William Forster, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Murrumbidgee had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Colonial Treasurer.

(3.) In the room of Thomas Garrett, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Camden had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Lands.

(4.) In the room of John Lackey, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works.

(5.) In the room of John Lucas, Esquire, whose Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Canterbury had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Mines.

(6.) In the room of John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire, whose Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Hunter had been declared vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Postmaster General,—

And that the said Writs had been duly returned, with Certificates endorsed thereon of the Election of the whole of the said gentlemen as Members for the said Electoral Districts.

(2.) The Clerk also informed the House, that he had received a Certificate, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, of the election of Herbert Harington Brown, Esquire, to serve in the Legislative Assembly as Member for the Electoral District of The Paterson, in the room of William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, deceased,—together with the Writ upon which Mr. Brown was returned.

3. COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER OATH TO MEMBERS:—Mr. Lord informed the House that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to issue a Commission, authorizing him and two other Members of the Assembly therein named, to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to the Queen, required by law to be taken or made by Members of the Assembly,—which Commission was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“By His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, 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 Hercules George Robert Robinson, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do, with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, hereby authorize George William Lord, Esquire, Edward Butler, Esquire, and

“John

" John Samuel Smith, Esquire, Members of the Legislative Assembly, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the said Legislative Assembly, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to 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 of New South Wales, at Government House, Sydney, in the Colony aforesaid, this twenty-second day of March, in the year (L.S.) " of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

" HERCULES ROBINSON.

" By His Excellency's Command,
" JOHN ROBERTSON."

4. MEMBERS SWORN :—The undermentioned gentlemen having each taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took their Seats as Members for the Electoral Districts respectively named :—
The Honorable John Robertson, Esquire,—for West Sydney.
The Honorable William Forster, Esquire,—for The Murrumbidgee.
The Honorable Thomas Garrett, Esquire,—for Camden.
The Honorable John Lackey, Esquire,—for Central Cumberland.
The Honorable John Lucas, Esquire,—for Canterbury.
The Honorable John Fitzgerald Burns, Esquire,—for The Hunter.
Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, Esquire,—for The Gwydir.
Alexander Montague, Esquire,—for Monaro.

5. ELECTION OF SPEAKER :—Mr. Robertson, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), acquainted the House that His Excellency the Governor having been informed of the death of the Honorable William Munnings Arnold, late Speaker of this House, gives leave to the House to proceed forthwith to the choice of a new Speaker.

Mr. Terry then (addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk) proposed to the House for their Speaker, Robert Wisdom, Esquire, and moved,—“ That Robert Wisdom, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Driver.

Then Mr. Stuart (addressing himself to the Clerk) proposed to the House for their Speaker, George Wigram Allen, Esquire, and moved,—“ That George Wigram Allen, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Stephen Brown.

Mr. Wisdom and Mr. Allen having severally addressed themselves to the House,—
Question proposed by the Clerk,—“ That Robert Wisdom, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.”

Debate ensued.

Question put by the Clerk,—“ That Robert Wisdom, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Goold,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Macintosh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Tecce,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Gray.
Mr. Jacob,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Scholer,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. J. Watson,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Pilcher,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Stephen Brown.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question then put by the Clerk,—“ That George Wigram Allen, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 43.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Tecce,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Meyer,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Scholer,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Abbott,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. J. Watson.
Mr. Greville,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. Goold,
Mr. Montague,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Davies,
Mr. R. Forster.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Stuart and Mr. Stephen Brown conducted Mr. Allen to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks for the honor the House had been pleased to confer upon him, and then took his seat.

Mr. Robertson and Mr. Farnell having congratulated Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. Robertson acquainted the House that he had ascertained from the Governor that His Excellency would receive their Speaker at Government House To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Whereupon the House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at twenty minutes after Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at *half-past Three* o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH, 1875.

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

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now proceed to Government House, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Assembly proceeded to Government House accordingly.

And having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, where he informed the Governor that on the announcement in the House yesterday of the vacancy in the Speakership caused by the lamented death of The Honorable William Munnings Arnold, the Legislative Assembly, in the exercise of their undoubted right and privilege, had proceeded to elect one of their Members to be Speaker, and that the choice of the House having fallen on him, he had the honor to present himself to His Excellency as Speaker;—whereupon His Excellency, while deploring the loss to the House and the Country by the death of Mr. Arnold, was pleased to offer him his congratulations upon his elevation to the Chair.

Mr. Speaker then repeated his grateful thanks for the high honor the House had been pleased to confer upon him.

2. **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT:**—Mr. Robertson made to the House a Ministerial Statement.

3. **QUESTIONS:**—

(1.) **Water Supply:**—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will he be pleased to lay a Return on the Table of the House, showing the estimated quantity of Water that would have been available in accordance with the report of the Royal Water Commission for the Metropolitan Water Supply in the Nepean River, at the Pheasant's Nest, during each month of 1874?

(2.) The same information with reference to the Cataract River, where the proposed tunnel will intersect that watercourse?

(3.) The quantity of Water that would have been available for such supply from each source during each week from November 30th, 1874, to January 31st, 1875, under same conditions as recommended by the Water Commission?

(4.) Has the Government received any information with reference to the engagement of an Hydraulic Engineer from England?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1, 2, 3.) I shall have pleasure in laying upon the Table of this House the Return the Honorable Member asks for, as soon as I have an opportunity of doing so.

(4.) No.

(2.)

(2.) Bullock Island Bridge:—Mr. Stevens asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for the completion of the Bullock Island or Onebygambah Bridge?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Until the arrangements for Bullock Island are completed it is not considered advisable to do so.

(3.) Coal Mining Regulations Bill:—Mr. Stevens asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to re-introduce, at an early period of the present Session, the amended Coal Mining Regulations Bill, as introduced by the Honorable the Minister for Lands, in November, 1873?

Mr. Lucas answered,—A Bill is in course of preparation, and will be submitted this Session if other business will permit.

4. ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from the Rev. Robert Smith Paterson, Alexander Leckie Elphinston, and James Morrison, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Reverend James Fullerton, Doctor of Laws, George Henry Hamilton, M.D., Robert Smith Paterson, Minister, Alexander Leckie Elphinston, Elder, and James Morrison, Writing Clerk, to sell or dispose of a portion of land devised by the will of the late John Harris, of Ultimo, Sydney, as a site for a Presbyterian Church, Manse, and School, and to apply the proceeds arising from the sale thereof towards the fulfilment of the same purposes on a more suitable site.

And Mr. Macintosh having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

5. SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Seal of the Territory, empowering him to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members as may hereafter present themselves to be sworn,—which Commission was read at length by the Clerk, as follows:—

“By His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, *Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, 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 HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize the Honorable George Wigram Allen, Esquire, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member or Members of the said Assembly, 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, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-third day of March, in the year of Our Lord one (L.S.) thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“HERCULES ROBINSON.

“By His Excellency's Command,

“JOHN ROBERTSON.”

6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Robert Wisdom, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

“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

“Robert Wisdom, Esquire,

“being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in the room of John Lackey, Esquire, whose Seat in the said Assembly was declared vacant on the 9th February last, by reason of his acceptance of the office of Secretary for Public Works.

“Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street, Sydney, this twenty-fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

“G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

“Speaker.”

7. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Robertson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn until “Tuesday next, the 30th instant,” at Four o'clock.

Debate ensued.

Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “Tuesday next, the 30th instant,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “Wednesday next, the 31st instant.”

Debate continued.

Proposed

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 49.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Meyer,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Goold,	
Mr. Clarke,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. W. H. Suttor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return in reference to the Report of the Royal Water Commission for the Metropolitan Water Supply.
- (2.) Amended Volunteer Regulation.
- (3.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Deniliquin.
- (4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Glen Innes.
- (5.) By-laws of the Borough of Albury.
- (6.) Eighteenth Annual Report from the Municipal Council, on Sydney Sewerage and Water Supply.
- (7.) Report, for 1874, on Vaccination.
- (8.) Report, for 1874, from Agent for Immigration.

Ordered to be printed.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Macintosh moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

10. EXAMINER OF TITLES:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number, and giving the names, of the gentlemen who applied for the Office of Examiner of Titles, lately filled up by the appointment of Mr. Jones.

Question put and passed.

11. THE LATE MINISTERIAL CRISIS:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the action of His Excellency the Governor on the occasion of the late crisis, in failing to send for the Leader of the Opposition, or any other Member of the Legislative Assembly, with a view to the formation of a Government, is, under all the circumstances of the case, disrespectful to this House, altogether without precedent since the inauguration of Responsible Government in this Country, and calculated to injure the public interests by causing unnecessary delay at a time when prompt and judicious action was urgently required.
- (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Robertson moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Goold,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Macintosh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Stephen Brown.
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	

And so it passed in the negative.

12. CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES:—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That Richard Driver, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Driver made his acknowledgments to the House.

13. **DOGS BILL**:—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, 2nd April, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to make better regulations for the registration and keeping of Dogs.
Question put and passed.
14. **ALIENS NATURALIZATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, 9th April, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to Aliens.
Question put and passed.
15. **MITCHELL BROWN**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 29th January, from Mitchell Brown, be printed.
Question put and passed.
16. **MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL**:—
(1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to legalize the marriage of a man with the Sister of his Deceased Wife.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Buchanan *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalize the marriage of a man with the Sister of his Deceased Wife,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 2nd April.
17. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—
(1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Divorce.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Buchanan *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 2nd April.
18. **ELECTORATE OF WELLINGTON DIVISION BILL**:—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to divide the Electorate of Wellington.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at twelve minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 MARCH, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Returning Officer for The Paterson:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of The Paterson, when presiding at the late Election there, limited the speeches of the proposers and seconders of Candidates to five minutes, and the Candidates themselves to fifty minutes?

(2.) If this is true, is it the intention of the Government to retain this gentleman in his office?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have telegraphed to make inquiries, but have not yet received an answer.

- (2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund:—Mr. Jacob, on behalf of Mr. Piddington, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What was the total amount of the actual net surplus at the end of 1874 at the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, after paying the interest on the Public Debt to the end of 1874, but inclusive of any advances from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to any Loan Fund?

Mr. Forster answered,—As I propose, at an early date, making what is commonly called a Financial Statement, when the fullest information will be given upon the subjects included in the Honorable Member's question, I would suggest to him the propriety of postponing it, and shall feel obliged by his doing so.

- (3.) Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to introduce a Bill to make better provision for the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly?

Mr. Robertson answered,—As I have already informed the House, it is the intention of the Government to deal with this question; but as it does not appear to them to be so urgent as some other matters which demand their attention, it is improbable that they will be able to deal with it this Session.

- (4.) Punt at Kinchela Creek:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for the construction of a Punt at Kinchela Creek, Macleay River?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for a Punt at this place.

- (5.) Bridge over Euroka Creek:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for the erection of a Bridge over Euroka Creek, Macleay River?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Yes.

- (6.) Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—In view of the Report laid upon the Table of this House on 3rd November last, in reference to the working of the "Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act of 1862,"—Has the Government any immediate intention of proposing legislation on the subject, with the purpose of staying the evils shown to exist, either by repealing or altering the Act?

Mr. Forster answered,—The Government have no immediate intention of dealing with the question, having had their attention engaged with more pressing matters.

(7.) Watch-house at Raymond Terrace:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any representation been made to the Government by the Inspector General of Police relative to the disrepair of the Watch-house and adjuncts at Raymond Terrace, and to any want of accommodation at that Watch-house?

(2.) If so, what was the nature of the communication, when was it made, and have any steps been taken in consequence?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Although no representations have been made as to the disrepair of the Watch-house and adjuncts at Raymond Terrace, applications have been received for the erection of a Police Station, and for a Kitchen.

(2.) A communication was received on the 21st December, 1870, from the Inspector General of Police, requesting the erection of the Kitchen, and on the 23rd September, 1873, an application was forwarded by the same officer for the erection of a Police Station. The estimated cost, £1,200, was approved by the Colonial Secretary on the 10th July, 1874, and the papers sent to the Colonial Architect on the 16th of the same month. Tenders will be invited for the work as soon as possible.

(8.) Bridges across Parramatta River and Iron Cove Creek:—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have plans and specifications been prepared for the construction of Bridges across the Parramatta River and Iron Cove Creek?

(2.) If so, when will tenders be invited for the construction of the said Bridges?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Plans and specifications are in course of preparation.

(2.) Tenders will be invited in about a month.

2. ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL:—Mr. Wisdom presented a Petition from George Harris, Esquire, and others, praying that this Bill may be rejected by the House, and that Petitioners may be heard by Counsel or Agent, and be at liberty to call witnesses, before the Select Committee appointed to consider this Bill.
Petition received.

3. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. W. Forster, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

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 for the months of March, 1875, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1874, together with provision for other Services of an urgent character, for which the usual monthly rate is not sufficient.

Government House,

Sydney, 25th March, 1875.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Forster, to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. WARATAH COAL COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from the Chairman and a Director of the Waratah Coal Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Waratah Coal Company to extend their line of Railway by the construction of Branches.

And Mr. Farnell having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Newcastle Chronicle*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

5. DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 24th March, 1875, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Richard Driver, 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, which Commission was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

“By His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, 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 HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize RICHARD DRIVER, 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 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, in New South Wales aforesaid, this twenty-fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“HERCULES ROBINSON.

“By His Excellency's Command,

“JOHN ROBERTSON.”

6. **PRODUCTION OF WRITS IN COURTS OF LAW:**—Mr. Speaker informed the House, that during the late adjournment letters were received by the late Speaker from the Clerk of the Peace, Sydney, requesting the production before Courts of Law of the Writs used at the last General Election for the Electoral Districts of Queanbeyan, Newcastle, and Carcoar, and that the Speaker authorized the Clerk to attend and produce the said Writs, which the Clerk did accordingly, without relinquishing possession of them.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
8. **SITE FOR GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH:**—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should be empowered to grant to the German residents of Sydney a piece of land within the City as a site for the erection of a Church.
Mr. Robertson moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned until next Tuesday week.
Debate ensued.
Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate,—and passed.
9. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:**—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of 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 they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
Question put and passed.
10. **PAPERS:**—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—
(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 Vic. No. 1. From 1st November, 1874, to end of February, 1875.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the same Act.
Ordered to be printed.
11. **BUSINESS DAYS (Sessional Order):**—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for dispatch of Business at "Four" o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week.
Mr. J. S. Smith moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word "Four," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "Three."
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Mayor,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Davics,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Nelson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Stuart.
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Abbott,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Moses,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Montague,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Charles,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Gray,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Stephen Brown.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

12. **PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (Sessional Order):**—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
Question put and passed.
13. **PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (Sessional Order):**—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays, General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
Question put and passed.
14. **SUPPLY:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(2.) *Resolved*, That there be granted to Her Majesty a Sum not exceeding £296,495 for Services of 1875, being £184,545 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March, 1875, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1874, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year; and £111,950 for Services of 1875 in excess of the monthly proportionate amount required for March.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Forster, read a second time, and agreed to.

15. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again. The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolution be now received.

The Chairman then reported the 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 1875, the sum of £184,545 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of March, 1875, and the sum of £111,950 for Services of 1875 in excess of the monthly proportionate amount required for March.

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

16. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 2), to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875.

- (2.) Mr. Forster then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875*,"—which was read a first time. Mr. Forster then moved, That the Bill be printed, and now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (3.) Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Forster that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time this day.

- (4.) Mr. Forster moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be re-committed for the re-consideration of the Schedule."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Jacob,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. R. B. Smith.
Mr. Phelps,	

Noes, 4.

Mr. Hill,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,

Tellers.

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Cameron.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Forster, *passed*.

Mr. Forster 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 Services of the Year 1875*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, 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 apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 25th March, 1875.

17. ADJOURNMENT—INTENDED RESIGNATION OF MR. SPEAKER:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn,—

Mr. Speaker said that, before putting this Question, he desired to inform the House that, in consequence of statements made in the House yesterday by the Honorable Member for Monaro and the Honorable Member for Northumberland, in reference to the election for the Speakership, and after consultation with the gentlemen who proposed and seconded him, he had decided to resign the office of Speaker; and expressed his intention of placing his resignation in the hands of the Clerk, to be communicated to the House at its next sitting.

Question then,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at eight minutes after Ten o'clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 MARCH, 1875.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment.

VACANCY OF THE SPEAKERSHIP:—The Clerk announced that he had received the following letter from Mr. Speaker:—

“ Sir,

“ I have the honor to request that you will communicate to the House my resignation of the office of Speaker.

“ I remain,

“ Your most obedient Servant,

“ S. W. Jones, Esq.,

“ Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.”

“ Speaker's Room, Leg. Assembly,
“ 30th March, 1875.

“ G. WIGRAM ALLEN.”

2. ELECTION OF SPEAKER:—Mr. Robertson, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down), acquainted the House that His Excellency the Governor, having been informed of the resignation, by the Honorable George Wigram Allen, of the Office of Speaker of this House, gives leave to the House to proceed forthwith to the choice of a new Speaker.

Mr. Stuart then (addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk) proposed to the House for their Speaker, George Wigram Allen, Esquire, and moved,—“That George Wigram Allen, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Stephen Brown. Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Davies submitted that, inasmuch as the name of Mr. Allen had already been proposed for the office of Speaker during the present Session, his name cannot again be submitted.

Debate ensued on the Point of Order.

Then Mr. Nelson (addressing himself to the Clerk) proposed to the House for their Speaker, James Squire Farnell, Esquire, and moved,—“That James Squire Farnell, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker,”—which motion was seconded by Mr. Hay.

Question proposed by the Clerk,—That George Wigram Allen, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Question put by the Clerk,—“That George Wigram Allen, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 40.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hoskins,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Meyer,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Currett,
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Clarke,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cunnien,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Stephen Brown.

Noes, 5.

Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Buchanan,

Tellers.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Byrnes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Stuart and Mr. Stephen Brown conducted Mr. Allen to the Chair, where, standing on the upper step, he expressed his grateful thanks for the honor the House had been pleased again to confer upon him, and then took his seat.

Mr. Robertson and Mr. Farnell having congratulated Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. Robertson acquainted the House that he had ascertained from the Governor that His Excellency would receive their Speaker at Government House To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

Whereupon the House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Robertson, at half-past Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at *half-past Three* o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH, 1875.

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

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER:—On motion of Mr. Robertson, the House proceeded to Government House, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor,—

And having returned, Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, where he informed His Excellency the Governor that immediately upon the announcement being made in the House yesterday of the vacancy, by resignation, in the office of Speaker, the Legislative Assembly, in the exercise of their undoubted right and privilege, had proceeded to an election to fill such vacancy, and that their choice having again fallen upon him, he had the honor to present himself to His Excellency as Speaker;—whereupon His Excellency was pleased to offer him his congratulations.

Mr. Speaker then repeated his grateful thanks for the high honor the House had been pleased again to confer upon him.

2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2):—Mr. 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 apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th March, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

3. SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH:—Mr. Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Seal of the Territory, empowering him to administer the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to such Members as may hereafter present themselves to be sworn,—which Commission was read at length by the Clerk, as follows:—

"By His Excellency SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of New South Wales and its Dependencies, 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 HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize the Honorable George Wigram Allen, Esquire, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony, to administer from time to time, as occasion may require, to any Member or Members of the said Assembly, 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, in New South Wales aforesaid, this thirtieth day of March, in the year of Our Lord one (1875) thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, and in the thirty-eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

"HERCULES ROBINSON.

"By His Excellency's Command,

"JOHN ROBERTSON."

4. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Municipal Council of Sydney:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the total amount of the sums advanced by the Colonial Government to the City of Sydney for Sewerage and Sydney Water Supply, and for any other purpose, together with the total amount of arrears of interest unpaid, to the end of the year 1874?

(2.) What is the rate of interest charged by the Colonial Government, per annum, upon the debt due by the City of Sydney?

(3.) How long has the debt been due from the City of Sydney to the Colonial Government, and when did the charge for interest upon the debt commence?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1.) Advances (Principal Sums):—

For Sewerage Purposes	£209,030	0	0
For Water Supply	208,400	0	0
	<u>£417,430</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Arrears of interest unpaid to the end of the year 1874 ... £186,346 4 8

(2.) Five per centum per annum.

(3.) Over twenty years; the charge for interest commenced in the year 1854.

(2.) Returning Officer for The Paterson:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Returning Officer for the Electoral District of The Paterson, when presiding at the late Election there, limited the speeches of the proposers and seconders of Candidates to five minutes, and the Candidates themselves to fifty minutes?

(2.) If this is true, is it the intention of the Government to retain this gentleman in his office?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am in communication with this gentleman, and it is quite true that he limited the Candidates to fifty minutes each, and the proposers and seconders to ten minutes, that being an hour for each Candidate. There being six Candidates, six hours was a pretty good amount of time, as it seems to me, and I therefore can see no objection to the conduct of the Returning Officer.

(3.) Public Parks:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for the amendment of the Public Parks Act, and for the purpose of making better provision for the regulation and management of Public Parks?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The matter will be taken into consideration by the Government, and will be dealt with as soon as practicable.

(4.) Shipping Business of the Colonial Agent General:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was the shipping business of the Agent General at one time done by a clerk in his service at a fixed salary?

(2.) What was the cost per ton under this arrangement?

(3.) Is it true that the shipping business of the Agent General has been transferred to other hands?

(4.) To whom has it been transferred?

(5.) Is it true that the person to whom such business has been transferred is allowed to pass over London clipper ships, which would take 15s. to 20s. per ton for freight to Sydney, and to arrange with shipowners at the outports at the rate of 27s. per ton?

(6.) Is it true that the person who now does our shipping business is getting 3d. a cwt. on 10,000 tons, or 5s. a ton, on Railway plant going out to the Colony?

(7.) How much has been paid to the person now doing our shipping business in London since his engagement for this duty?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I think it might be as well to have this question postponed. All I have from the Treasury Department that deals with this matter is, that nothing is known officially in this matter. It may be that something may have been done unofficially. I will make inquiry.

(5.) Tolls on Public Roads:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What was the amount paid by the lessee for the last annual rental of the Toll-bar at Orange, and what was the classification of the road?

(2.) The like information with regard to the Braidwood Toll-bar, near Goulburn, and to the Toll-bar at O'Brien's Bridge, near Yass; also the amount of money being expended on these roads?

(3.) Have either of the Tolls referred to been abolished; if so, which, and when?

(4.) Have the Government had under their consideration the expediency of abolishing all Tolls on public roads?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Tolls were collected last year, and amounted to £836 12 3
Less cost collecting 109 10 0

£727 2 3

(2.) Braidwood, or Fourth-mile Toll-bar, £410, annual rental; Yass and O'Brien's Toll-bar, £752, annual rental. The amount of money being expended on these roads is at the rate of £50 per mile, in addition to the sum received from the toll-bars.

(3.) Yes; Orange Toll-bar was abolished on the 31st January last.

(4.) This question shall receive the early consideration of the Government.

(6.) Reformatory for Boys:—Mr. Meyer asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Reformatory for Boys who may be convicted of larceny?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—I suppose my honourable friend is aware that already there is a law enabling the establishment of a Reformatory for boys. That law has been in force, I think, since 1866 or 1867, and nothing has been done. I am sure my honourable friend will see that this Government have not had time to give consideration to a subject which the last Government failed to deal with during the three years they were in office. I hope the House will give us time to think, and we will endeavour to deal with the matter next Session.

- (7.) Civil Service Bill :—Mr. Greville asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Civil Service Bill during the present Session?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I think that will be quite out of the question. Not this Session.

- (8.) Trial Bay :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Have plans and specifications been prepared for the execution of the necessary works at Trial Bay, for which the sum of £10,000 was granted by the late Parliament?
 (2.) When will the works be commenced and proceeded with?
 (3.) Will the Government have any objection to lay the Plans upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Plans of these works have been submitted to me, and to a certain extent have met with my approval. Specifications have not yet been prepared. The Government is very anxious to proceed speedily with these works, as will be seen from the course they will pursue in a day or two. As quickly as it is possible to get the specifications necessary the Government will proceed with these works,

- (9.) Imported Tobacco :—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) What quantity of manufactured Tobacco has been imported into this Colony since the 1st January, 1873?
 (2.) What quantity of unmanufactured Tobacco has been imported into this Colony during the same period?

Mr. Forster answered,—The following is a statement of the quantity of Tobacco imported from 1st January, 1873, to 31st December, 1874:—

- (1.) Manufactured—1,439,083 lbs.
 (2.) Unmanufactured—2,847,651 lbs.

Further in explanation—The amount for the current quarter is not yet complete.

5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—

- (1.) *Robinson and Others v. Dibbs* :—Mr. Stephen Brown, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications relative to the Petition of Joseph Ambrose Robinson and Others, against the return of George Richard Dibbs as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney, which was referred to the said Committee on the 4th February last.

Report read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 28th January, 1875, to whom was referred, on the 4th February, 1875, a Petition from Joseph Ambrose Robinson and Others, against the return of George Richard Dibbs, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney,—have determined and do hereby accordingly declare,—

“ (1.) That George Richard Dibbs, Esquire, has been duly elected as a Member for the Electoral District of West Sydney.

“ (2.) That the Petition is not frivolous or vexatious.

“ (3.) That the Committee decline to make any award as to costs.

“ No. 2 Committee Room,

“ Legislative Assembly,

“ 25th March, 1875.”

“ S. C. BROWN,

“ Chairman.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brown, that the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, together with Appendix, be printed.

- (2.) *Ryan v. Shepherd* :—Mr. Stephen Brown, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications relative to the Petition of James Tobias Ryan, against the return of Patrick Lindesay Crawford Shepherd, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Nepean, which was referred to the said Committee on the 5th February last.

Report read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 28th January, 1875, to whom was referred, on the 5th February, 1875, a Petition from James Tobias Ryan, of Emu Plains, against the return of Patrick Lindesay Crawford Shepherd, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Nepean,—have determined and do hereby accordingly declare,—

“ (1.) That Patrick Lindesay Crawford Shepherd, Esquire, has been duly elected as Member for The Nepean.

“ (2.) That the Petition of James Tobias Ryan is neither frivolous nor vexatious.

“ (3.) That the Committee make no award as to costs.

“ No. 2 Committee Room,

“ Legislative Assembly,

“ 31st March, 1875.”

“ S. C. BROWN,

“ Chairman.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brown, that the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, together with Appendix, be printed.

6. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1875, AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1873 AND 1874:—
The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. W. Forster, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

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 1875, with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for the years 1873 and 1874.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th March, 1875.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

7. PAPERS:—

- (1.) Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Statement of Accounts of Government Savings Banks, from 1st January to 31st December, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return showing the classification, and proposed distribution of Votes for Subordinate Roads under Trustees.

Ordered to be printed.

- (3.) Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Report from the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library, for 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

8. ALL SAINTS PARSONAGE BILL:—Mr. W. C. Browne presented a Petition from the Right Reverend William Tyrrell, Doctor in Divinity, Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Newcastle, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Lord Bishop of Newcastle to sell certain land at Singleton, and to apply the proceeds of the sale thereof in the erection of a Parsonage for the Officiating Clergyman of All Saints Church, Singleton.

And Mr. Browne having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Singleton Argus*, and the *Maitland Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

9. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising This Day, do adjourn until Seven o'clock To-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Meyer,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Goold,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Greville,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. W. C. Browne.

Noes, 6.

Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Wearne,

Tellers.

Mr. Davies,
Mr. Buchanan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

10. FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson 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, Mr. 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 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.

11. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson 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.
12. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson 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.
13. TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson 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.
14. BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson 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 initialled on record with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
Question put and passed.
15. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson 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.
16. VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson 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.
17. LIBRARY COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Piddington, Captain Onslow, Mr. Greville, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Burns, Mr. Stuart, and the Mover; with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
Question put and passed.
18. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Lackey, Captain Onslow, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Gray, 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, and to report 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.
Question put and passed.
19. REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Refreshment Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lord, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Hay, Mr. Nelson, 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.
Question put and passed.
20. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow :—
(1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.
(2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
21. JOACHIM v. O'SHANASSY :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended with the concurrence of the House*), 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 £300 for the purpose of enabling the Crown to be represented on the hearing of the appeal in the case Joachim v. O'Shanassy, now before the Privy Council, and the decision in which will decide the question as to the legality of the Conditional Purchases which have been made by infants or minors under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Meyer,	
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Teece,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Stevens,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Driver,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Hill.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

22. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 1 APRIL, 1875, A.M.

Question,—That this House do now adjourn,—put and negatived.

23. DUTY ON GOLD:—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That in the opinion of this House the Duty charged on Gold is an unjust and a class tax, and should be abolished.

(2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The Debate on this Question adjourned, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, until Friday, 9th April.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes before One o'clock A.M., until *Seven o'clock P.M.*, This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE;—Mr. Buchanan moved,—

(1.) That it is a breach of the privileges of this House for any Member to receive money for advocating the claims of individuals either in the House or before any Minister of the Crown; and that the Honorable Member for Yass having so acted, his conduct in so doing be referred to a Select Committee, to inquire into the truth of the said charge, and report to this House.

(2.) That the Honorable the Colonial Secretary be appointed to select the Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Iron Wharf, Darling Harbour:—Mr. Hill asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) For what purpose was the Iron Wharf at the head of Darling Harbour designed, and when will the said Wharf be applied to the purpose for which it was intended?

(2.) Is there any prospect of the planking required for the said Wharf being fixed ready for use during the next two years?

(3.) What is the amount paid per ton by the Government for the cartage of Railway Iron from the Circular Quay to the Redfern Railway Station?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) For a wharf in connection with the Railway Traffic. It is anticipated that portions will be ready for use about June next.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) 2s. per ton.

(2.) Water Supply, Sydney and Suburbs:—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, at an early date, to make provision for a more abundant supply of Water for the City of Sydney and surrounding Suburbs?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

(3.) Site for Presbyterian School, Erskine-street:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that business premises are in course of erection on an allotment of land at the foot of Erskine-street, granted 30th of November, 1847, as a site for a Presbyterian School-house, and for no other purpose whatsoever?

(2.) If so, what steps are the Government going to take to enforce the conditions of the Grant?

Mr. Garrett answered,—From information supplied by the Trustees, I learn that they leased a portion of the Grant to Messrs. Goodlet & Smith, who subsequently, by consent, transferred the unexpired portion of the lease to Messrs. Pott & Paul, who are now building a store thereon, which eventually will fall in for the purpose of promoting education; that an efficient school has always existed, and that the income derived from the lease is expended in maintaining the school.

(4.)

- (10.) Immigration :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) How much of the sum of £50,000, voted by this House for Immigration on the 31st day of March, 1873, remains unexpended?
 (2.) Will he kindly inform the House how many ships have been chartered for the conveyance of immigrants under the above Vote, and the total number of immigrants brought to this Colony by such vessels?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) £32,404.

(2.) Five ships have been chartered, namely, the "Samuel Plimsoll" twice, the "Jerusalem" twice, and the "Tyburnia" once. Four of these ships have arrived with 1,080 immigrants. The fifth vessel, with 292 immigrants, is expected to arrive on the 15th instant.

- (11.) Friendly Societies :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that the onus of proof that the Rules of Friendly Societies are in accordance with law rests with either the Secretary or other member of such Societies?

(2.) If so, what are the fees charged for, and what do the Government consider to be the duties of the Registrar of Friendly Societies?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The Registrar of Friendly Societies, who is now the officer charged with the duty of certifying the Rules of Friendly and other Societies within the operation of the Friendly Societies Statute, 37 Vic. No. 4, desires to state that he has never in any single instance required from the Secretary, or any other officer of a Friendly Society, proof that the Rules of such Society were in accordance with law. The 8th section of the Friendly Societies Act (which is almost an exact transcript of the corresponding section of the Imperial Act regulating Friendly Societies) does, however, cast upon the Secretaries or other officers of such Societies the duty of making a statutory declaration when proposed amendments of Rules are submitted for certification. The declaration is to the following effect:—"That in making the proposed amendments or alterations in their Rules, the Rules of the Society in question, or the directions of the Statute (as the case may be) have been complied with." Were it not for this declaration it would be impossible for the Registrar to have any assurance that the proposed amendments or alterations, as submitted to him, had in fact been duly agreed to by the members of the Society, or that the formalities and conditions prescribed by their own rules had been complied with. In the case of new Societies submitting their Rules for Registration no such declaration is required by the Act. (See sec. 7 ib.)

(2.) The fees chargeable by the Act (See Schedule 2) for registering rules are one guinea for new Rules, and five shillings for a certificate of new or amended Rule, or change of name of a Friendly Society. The duties of the Registrar in relation to Friendly Societies are Statutory duties, and will be found by referring to sections 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, and 45 of the Act. It is unquestionably his duty to certify that the Rules or amended Rules of Friendly Societies are in conformity with Law, and he cannot escape that duty by requiring proof of such conformity from Societies seeking registration.

3. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No 2.) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, was delivered by Mr. W. Forster, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Message No. 6.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875*," 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 April, 1875.

4. ELECTION PETITION (*Yass Plains*) :—Mr. Robertson, *by Command*, laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor from Joshua Shipway, Arthur Frederick Remington, John Purcell, and Charles O'Neill, Electors of Yass Plains, complaining of the Election and Return of Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, as being an undue Election and Return, by reason of the Returning Officer refusing to accept the nomination of Joshua Shipway, Esquire, as a Candidate at the Election for Yass Plains; and praying that their Petition may be dealt with according to law.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Robertson, to be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

5. SALE OF LIQUORS AT SYDNEY RAILWAY STATION (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Letters and Correspondence between the Railway Department and the Inspector General of Police referring to the sale of Liquors at the Sydney Railway Station, together with the Opinion of the Crown Law Officers, and all papers on the subject.

Question put and passed.

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. H. C. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for one month be granted to Francis White, Esquire, Member for the Upper Hunter, on account of serious illness.

Question put and passed.

7. ALL SAINTS PARSONAGE BILL (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Lord Bishop of Newcastle to sell certain land at Singleton, and to apply the proceeds of the sale thereof in the erection of a Parsonage for the Officiating Clergyman of All Saints Church, Singleton.

Question put and passed.

8. WORKMEN EMPLOYED ON RAILWAYS ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The number of skilled labourers or mechanics at present employed by Government on the Railway Lines of this Colony, specifying the number engaged at each trade, with the rates of wages and hours per day worked in each branch of the Service.
 (2.) A Return giving the like information with reference to unskilled labourers.
 Question put and passed.
9. WARATAH COAL COMPANY'S BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Waratah Coal Company to extend their line of Railway by the construction of Branches.
 Question put and passed.
10. EXCLUSION OF THE HONORABLE MEMBER FOR GOLD FIELDS WEST FROM DARLINGHURST GAOL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Davies 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, Minutes of the Executive, and all Papers in connection with the cancellation of an Order made by the late Colonial Secretary that the Honorable Member for the Western Gold Fields should not be admitted inside of Darlinghurst Gaol on any pretence whatever.
 Question put and passed.
11. ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Reverend James Fullerton, Doctor of Laws, George Henry Hamilton, M.D., Robert Smith Paterson, Minister, Alexander Leckie Elphinston, Elder, and James Morrison, Writing Clerk, to sell or dispose of a portion of land devised by the Will of the late John Harris, of Ultimo, Sydney, as a Site for a Presbyterian Church, Manse, and School, and to apply the proceeds arising from the sale thereof towards the fulfilment of the same purposes on a more suitable Site.
 Question put and passed.
12. WARATAH COAL COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Farnell 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 authorize the Waratah Coal Company to extend their Line of Railway by the construction of Branches,*"—read a first time.
13. ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL:—Mr. Macintosh 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 the Reverend James Fullerton Doctor of Laws George Henry Hamilton M.D. Robert Smith Paterson Minister Alexander Leckie Elphinston Elder and James Morrison Writing Clerk to sell or dispose of a portion of land devised by the Will of the late John Harris of Ultimo Sydney as a Site for a Presbyterian Church Manse and School and to apply the proceeds arising from the sale thereof towards the fulfilment of the same purposes on a more suitable Site,*"—read a first time.
14. ALL SAINTS PARSONAGE BILL:—Mr. W. C. Browne 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 the Lord Bishop of Newcastle to sell certain Land at Singleton and to apply the proceeds of the sale thereof in the erection of a Parsonage for the Officiating Clergyman of all Saints Church Singleton,*"—read a first time.
15. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the said Resolution be now received.
 The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
 (3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of 1873, a sum not exceeding £20 12s. 2d., to defray sundry expenses incurred in connection with the New South Wales Infantry since the disbandment of the Force.
 Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Forster, read a second time, and agreed to.
16. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

17. PAPERS:—Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales, for the year 1875.
 (2.) Explanatory Statement of the Public Accounts of New South Wales, as embodied in the Ways and Means for the year 1875.
 Ordered to be printed.

18. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS (*Maturity of Warrant reported*):—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing Robert Wisdom, Esquire, a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, to fill a vacancy in the said Committee, laid upon the Table on the 24th March, 1875, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of Business, had now taken effect, and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Wisdom to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.

The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTION:—Railway Engines:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that one of the new Railway Engines lately supplied by Messrs. Mort & Company to the Government of this Colony has been found altogether deficient in power, and dangerous to human life to such an extent as to necessitate its removal from active service?

(2.) If so, do the Government intend taking any steps to compel the abovenamed Contractors to remedy the defect at their own expense?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) A Goods Engine, supplied by Messrs. Vale, Lacey, & Mort, has a defective cylinder, but it is not considered dangerous to human life.

(2.) They have already been called upon to remedy the defect at their own expense.

2. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CROWN BILL (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. W. C. Browne, on behalf of Mr. Terry, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on the next day of sitting, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to enforce Claims against the Crown.

Question put and passed.

3. WARATAH COAL COMPANY’S BILL (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Waratah Coal Company’s Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report; and that the evidence taken before a former Committee be referred to this Committee.

(2.) That the said Committee consist of Mr. Lackey, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Moses, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hill, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

4. ALL SAINTS PARSONAGE BILL (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the All Saints Parsonage Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Teece, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Montague, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. PAPERS:—Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Board of Audit on the Public Accounts.

(2.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1874.

(3.) General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Robert Wisdom, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

7. DOGS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Nelson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to make better regulations for the registration and keeping of Dogs.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to make better regulations for the registration and keeping of Dogs.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, the Resolution was agreed to.

8. MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Macintosh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Warden.

Noes, 7.

Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Montague,
Mr. Stevens,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Stuart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan that report was adopted.

Mr. Buchanan then moved, That the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for "Tuesday next."

Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word "next," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "fortnight."

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question, *by consent*, amended by the substitution of the words "this day fortnight," for the words "Tuesday next."

Question then,—That the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day fortnight,—put and passed.

9. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

10. JOACHIM v. O'SHANASSY:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until this day week.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Lackey,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Day.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Wisdom,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Terry.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL:—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Ultimo Presbyterian Church Trustees Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers; and that the evidence taken before a former Committee be referred to this Committee.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Burns, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Gould, Mr. Clarke, Mr. J. Watson, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Hill, and the Mover.

And

And Mr. Charles requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—

Question,—That the Ultimo Presbyterian Church Trustees Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers; and that the evidence taken before a former Committee be referred to this Committee,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Clerk having reported the names of twelve Members instead of ten, in consequence of an equality of votes for the four Members having the least number of votes, Mr. Speaker decided which of the four should serve on the Committee, and declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Burns, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Hill, Mr. J. Watson, Mr. Charles, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Goold, and Mr. Nelson.

The House adjourned, at ten minutes before Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Shipping Business of the Colonial Agent General:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was the shipping business of the Agent General at one time done by a clerk in his service at a fixed salary?

(2.) What was the cost per ton under this arrangement?

(3.) Is it true that the shipping business of the Agent General has been transferred to other hands?

(4.) To whom has it been transferred?

(5.) Is it true that the person to whom such business has been transferred is allowed to pass over London clipper ships, which would take 15s. to 20s. per ton for freight to Sydney, and to arrange with shipowners at the outports at the rate of 27s. per ton?

(6.) Is it true that the person who now does our shipping business is getting 3d. a cwt. on 10,000 tons, or 5s. a ton, on Railway plant going out to the Colony?

(7.) How much has been paid to the person now doing our shipping business in London since his engagement for this duty?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have telegraphed to the Agent General on this subject, but have not yet received a reply.

- (2.) Kerosene Oil:—Mr. Meyer asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill this Session to alter the law with regard to the storing of Kerosene Oil?

(2.) If not, is it their intention to provide a suitable building for the storage of the same?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am making inquiries as to the desirability of the course suggested by this question, and so soon as I ascertain the necessity of the case, I shall be able to answer the question.

- (3.) Education Bill:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) In the new Education Bill, is it the intention of the Government to abolish either the office of Minister of Public Instruction, or the Council of Education?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to recommend the abolition of all Denominational Schools?

(3.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to prevent the establishment of any more Denominational Schools?

(4.) Will the Colonial Secretary state when it is likely that the new Educational measure will be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—It is not usual for Members of a Government to exhibit in detail the particular features of a Bill intended to be introduced, and as we have yet hardly our feet in our places, I think it is a little unreasonable to require us to fix a particular time when this matter shall be dealt with. When this Government took charge of the affairs of the country I stated their intentions on this subject, and Honorable Members must be somewhat moderate in their expectations. We shall deal with these questions as speedily as we can, but I have no intention of fixing the particular day when we shall enter upon this business.

(4.)

- (4.) Court-house at Bingera:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has a contract for the Court-house at Bingera been accepted, and what steps are being taken to carry out the work?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A contract has been accepted, and as soon as a site shall have been determined on (in the course of a few days) the work will be at once proceeded with.

- (5.) Consignment of Railway Iron:—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that all the ships bringing our Railway Iron and other goods, during the last twelve months, have been consigned to one firm in this City?

(2.) If so, what is the name of the firm?

(3.) If such goods have been consigned to more than one firm, what are the names of the other firms, and the proportion of goods consigned to each?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1 & 2.) It is not true.

(3.)	Names of Firms.	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage of Goods.
	Montefiore, Joseph, & Co.	11	2,742
	Dangar, Gedye, & Co.	9	1,339
	John Frazer & Co.	10	1,025
	Gilchrist, Watt & Co.	8	1,443
	G. A. Lloyd & Co.	4	6,337
	Learmonth, Dickinson & Co.	4	615
	Young & Lark	4	811
	Lorimer, Marwood, & Rome	2	551
	Parbury, Lamb & Co.	2	53
	Mason Brothers	2	693
	E. & W. Paul	1	286
	G. R. Dibbs & Co.	1	200
	Smith Brothers	1	203
	Stewart, Garrick & Co.	1	155

- (6.) San Francisco Mail Service:—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that the late Government paid Mr. Hall, the Contractor for the San Francisco Mail Service, £7,000, or any sum whatever, more than what was due to him?

Mr. Burns answered,—The late Government paid Messrs. Hall and Forbes £3,279 9s. 1d. in excess of the amount earned by them under their contract. It was provided in the agreement made between Messrs. Samuel & Russell on the 23rd October, 1874, that in the event of the two Colonies establishing together a permanent service for the Pacific Line, the New Zealand Government was to pay half of the sum of £3,000, which was included in the advance made on account of Hall & Forbes, for which there has been no return.

- (7.) The Volunteers:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Volunteer or Military Bill, during the present or the succeeding Session?

(2.) Have the Helmets for the Volunteer Force, for which the money was voted upwards of twelve months ago, been ordered or supplied?

(3.) If so, when will the Helmets be issued to the Force?

Mr. Robertson answered,—We have not promised, nor is it probable we shall be able to introduce a Volunteer Bill. The Helmets have been ordered. Finding that there was a great necessity for them, I communicated by telegraph with the Agent General, ordering them to be sent, and they are likely to arrive here in the early part of May next. So soon as they arrive they will be issued.

2. ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Macintosh (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Minutes of Proceedings and of Evidence, &c., taken before, the Select Committee appointed on 13th November, 1874, to inquire into, and report upon the Ultimo Presbyterian Church Trustees Bill, be laid upon the Table of the House, with a view to being referred to the Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon that Bill.

Question put and passed.

And the Clerk having laid the Documents upon the Table,—

- (2.) Mr. Macintosh (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, &c., in reference to the Ultimo Presbyterian Church Trustees Bill, just laid upon the Table by the Clerk, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to consider and report upon that Bill.

Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report from the Chief Inspector of Stock, on Live Stock, for the year 1873.

(2.) Report, Minutes of Proceedings, Resolutions, &c., of the Conference of the Chief Inspectors of Stock, for the several Australian Colonies, held in Sydney in November, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

4. GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY—BULLOCK ISLAND BRANCH:—Pursuant to the requirement of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria, No. 19, Section 9, Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only, and not to remain as Records of the House*) copies of a certain Plan, Section, and a Book of Reference relative to a proposed Railway to Bullock Island, Newcastle, commencing at a point marked A, at about two miles thirteen chains on the Great Northern Railway, and terminating at a point marked B, being a distance of one mile twenty-five chains sixty-five links.

5. **SALE OF COLONIAL WINES REGULATION ACT**:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Vinegrowers and others in the Districts of Maitland, Paterson, and the neighbouring Districts, in favour of an amendment of this Act.
Petition received.
6. **ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL** (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Wisdom, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 25th March last, from George Harris, Esquire, and others, relative to the Ultimo Presbyterian Church Trustees Bill, be referred to the Committee appointed to inquire into that Bill.
Question put and passed.
7. **GOLD LEASE AT OLD GULGONG REEF** (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Goold moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and Documents having reference to the cancellation of a ten-acre Gold Lease at Old Gulgong Reef, formerly held by Mr. Thos. Chappell.
Question put and passed.
8. **PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**:—Mr. Terry 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 the necessary steps to be taken to make provision for the payment of Members of future Legislative Assemblies.
Debate ensued.
Mr. W. C. Browne moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until next Friday week.
Debate ensued.
Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate,—and negatived.
Original Question again proposed.
Debate continued.
Original Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Robertson,	
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Terry.
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Stevens,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Goold,	
Mr. Teeca,	
Mr. Meyer,	
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Cameron,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. B. B. Smith,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. J. Watson,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Charles,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Booth,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. **BONUS FOR PRODUCTION OF CAST-IRON**:—Mr. Macintosh 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 Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £5,000, to be given as a bonus to any person or persons who will produce, at the works of one establishment in the Colony of New South Wales, prior to the 31st December, 1876, one thousand tons of Cast-iron from the mineral ores of the said Colony—such iron to be of a merchantable character, and not to exceed in its cost of manufacture £5 sterling per ton, exclusive of the original cost of plant.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. **SAN FRANCISCO MAIL SERVICES**:—Mr. Dibbs 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 Letters, Telegrams, Cablegrams, Minutes, Despatches, Agreements, and all other Documents having reference to, or in connection with, the San Francisco Mail Services, temporary and permanent.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **MR. JOHN CONNERY**:—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, 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 Supplementary or Additional Estimates for the year 1874, a sum not exceeding £180, as refund to Mr. John Connery of moneys paid in by him to the Superannuation Fund, yearly, up to the time of his ceasing to hold office in 1873.
Question put and passed.
12. **SITE FOR GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Tuesday next.
13. **CLAIMS AGAINST THE CROWN BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Terry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to enforce Claims against the Crown.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

14. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Farnell moved, That the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now
adopted.

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on next Friday week.

The House adjourned, at four minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 APRIL, 1875.

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

MEMBER SWORN:—Herbert Harrington Brown, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Paterson.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Wollongong Volunteer Rifle Corps:—*Mr. Jacob*, on behalf of *Mr. Gray*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Wollongong Volunteer Rifle Corps be furnished with the breech-loading Henry Rifle?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Rifles are not in the Colony, and therefore it is impossible for me to say when we shall be able to furnish them. The Wollongong Corps is junior to some other Corps who are in the same position. We will endeavour to obtain the Rifles as soon as possible.

- (2.) Parramatta Park:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of *Mr. Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Will he lay upon the Table of this House the Rules and Regulations, if any, made by the Trustees of the Public Park at Parramatta for the protection of the shrubs, trees, and herbage, and for regulating the use and enjoyment of such Park according to the 5th clause of the Public Parks Act of 1854, and which was applied for by the late Minister for Lands?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Rules and Regulations were forwarded for approval, but, in reply to the usual reference to the Crown Law Officers, it was stated that they must be made according to the provisions of the Public Parks Act of 1854, by the whole of the Trustees. The Regulations having therefore only been signed by four out of the five Trustees, they were returned for the signature of the fifth, and have not yet been re-submitted.

- (3.) Reporters Gallery:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Buchanan*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is there any rule or law which favours any particular newspaper or newspapers published in this City in being represented in the Reporters Gallery of this House?

(2.) Have all the newspapers published in this City an equal right to be represented in the Reporters Gallery, so far as the accommodation will permit?

(3.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that the proprietor of a journal published in this City has been refused admission to the Reporters Gallery?

(4.) Will the Colonial Secretary ascertain whether or not this is the case, and, if it is found to be true, will he take steps to remedy the alleged injustice?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) There is a rule, made by the predecessor of *Mr. Speaker*, but there is no law on the subject.

(2 & 3.) The rule made was at first in favour of the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Empire*, as daily papers. Afterwards certain other papers received this privilege. I am not aware whether all the newspapers in the City have it. I rather think it is not so.

(4.) It is not the business of the Colonial Secretary. *Mr. Speaker* is charged with it, and I have no doubt will give it proper attention.

- (4.) Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee:—*Mr. Goold* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has the proposed Route of Railway from Wallerawang to Mudgee been explored or surveyed; if so, has any report been furnished, and will the Secretary for Public Works have any objection to lay such report upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lackey answered,—One of the proposed routes has been explored, and a report thereon has been made. I shall have much pleasure in allowing the Honorable Member to peruse it; but it is considered undesirable to make these reports public until the route which the railway will take has been decided upon, and the requisite land reservations made.

(5.)

- (5.) **Transit of Venus**:—Mr. Stuart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Was any telegraphic communication sent by the Government of this Colony to England with a view to acquaint the scientific World with the general results of the observations made in the Colony of the late Transit of Venus; and if so, what was the nature thereof, and on what date was it forwarded?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—A telegram was forwarded by the Government Astronomer on the day of Transit to the Astronomer Royal, London, in the following words, "Transit well observed, ingress and egress. 390 photographs—16 Janssen plates; no black drop."
3. **RAILWAY EXTENSION INTO THE CITY**:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from certain Citizens of Sydney and Residents in the Suburbs, in favour of the extension of the Railway into the centre of the City.
And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
4. **ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF THE CLARENCE**:—Mr. Bawden presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Police Districts of the Richmond and the Tweed, praying that the portion of the Electorate of The Clarence which comprises the Districts of the Richmond and the Tweed may be formed into a separate Electorate.
Petition received.
5. **GOULBURN CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL**:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Teece, presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Goulburn, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-Yards by the Borough Council of Goulburn on a portion of land dedicated for that purpose.
And Mr. Farnell having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Empire*, the *Goulburn Evening Penny Post*, the *Southern Argus*, and the *Goulburn Herald and Chronicle*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
6. **STEAM TUG, RICHMOND RIVER**:—Mr. Bawden presented a Petition from the Delegates of the Richmond and Tweed Rivers League, praying the House to take such steps as may seem expedient to provide a Steam Tug, to be stationed at Ballina, on the Richmond River.
Petition received.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Cameron moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and negatived.
8. **MAITLAND GAOL ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Scholey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return showing the number of times the Church of England Clergyman has performed Divine Service in Maitland Gaol.
(2.) The amount paid to the Clergyman as stipend to this date.
(3.) The number of prisoners sentenced for mutinous offences committed in the Maitland Gaol.
(4.) The number of times the Comptroller General of Prisons, Mr. Maclean, visited Maitland and Port Macquarie Gaols during the six months ending the 31st March, 1875.
(5.) The number of hours the warders, stonemasons, and other persons are employed in the gaol, if any are engaged daily in the gaol, and the number of hours in each instance, for the month of December, 1874.
Question put and passed.
9. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.
10. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was 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 1873, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the sum of £20 12s. 2d., for sundry expenses incurred in connection with the New South Wales Infantry, since the disbandment of the Force.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Forster, read a second time, and agreed to.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-six minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Distillation Laws:—Mr. Bawden asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend the Distillation Laws during the present Session?

Mr. Forster answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to introduce any such Bill during the present Session. The question, however, is under consideration.

- (2.) Probate and Administration Duties:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have any moneys been paid for Probate or Administration Duties since the first day of January last?

(2.) Has any decision been given by the Supreme Court to the effect that the Commissioner for Stamps has no power to collect such Duties since the date above mentioned?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to refund such moneys as have been paid since the said date?

Mr. Forster answered,—

(1.) £600 12s. 2d. for Probate Duty, and £178 10s. for Administration Duty

(2.) With all due respect to the Honorable Member, I hardly think that I can be reasonably called upon to pronounce an opinion upon the effect of a decision of the Supreme Court.

(3.) The Government have not come to any decision upon the subject, but they are not yet aware that such refunds can be rightly made or demanded without the sanction of Parliament.

- (3.) Letter Carriers, Parramatta:—Mr. Taylor asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend putting on more Letter Carriers for the more efficient delivery of letters in Parramatta and Suburbs?

Mr. Burns answered,—The attention of the Postal Department has been drawn to the necessity which exists for a more extended delivery of letters by carriers in the town and suburbs of Parramatta, and provision has in consequence been made in the Estimates for this year to enable the Government to appoint another Letter Carrier for Parramatta.

- (4.) Examiner of Coal Fields:—Mr. Nelson, on behalf of Mr. Macintosh, asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government Examiner of Coal Fields a paid officer of the Crown?

(2.) If so, to what Department does he belong?

(3.) Does the Government authorize him to collect Minerals and Fossils at the public cost, and retain them as his own private property?

(4.) What area of the Coal Fields of the Colony has this officer geologically surveyed, and correctly charted?

Mr. Lucas answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) To the Department of Mines.

(3.) No; the specimens now on view at the Exhibition Building belong to the Department of Mines, with the exception of a few copper specimens collected before his appointment to the Office of Examiner.

(4.) Over 15,000 square miles, shown on a plan published by the Examiner, with the outcrop of the upper seams of coal marked thereon, and vertical sections illustrative of the Northern, Southern, and Western Coal Fields.

2. CROWN LANDS ALIENATION ACT :—Mr. Gray presented a Petition from the Delegates of the Richmond and Tweed Rivers League, praying for the adoption of certain amendments in the event of an amended Land Bill being introduced into Parliament.
Petition received.
3. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF THE CLARENCE :—Mr. Gray presented a Petition from the Delegates of the Richmond and Tweed Rivers League, relative to the subdivision of the Electorate of The Clarence; and praying that no portion of the Police District of the Richmond may be added to the Electorate of Tenterfield.
Petition received.
4. RAILWAY FROM THE CLARENCE TO NEW ENGLAND :—Mr. Gray presented a Petition from the Delegates of the Richmond and Tweed Rivers League, in favour of Railway communication between New England and the Clarence River; and praying that a certain route may be examined, with a view to its adoption.
Petition received.
5. PAPERS :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—
 - (1.) Return to an Order made on 24th March, 1875, in reference to applications for the office of Examiner of Titles.
 - (2.) Papers connected with the case Joachim v. O'Shanassy.
Ordered to be printed.
6. RAILWAY EXTENSION INTO THE CITY (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Macintosh, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 7th March, from Residents of Sydney and Suburbs, respecting Railway Extension into the City, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. REGISTRATION OF BRANDS ACT (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. T. G. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return showing the amount annually received since the passing of the Registration of Brands Act of 1866, up to present date.
 - (2.) A detailed annual statement of the disbursements that have taken place under the said Act.
 - (3.) The present amount to credit of Registration Brands Account.
 - (4.) The like information under Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866, showing the present amount to the credit of Sheep Account.
Question put and passed.
8. ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF THE CLARENCE (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 7th April, from Residents of Richmond and Tweed, relative to additional Representation, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. STEAM TUG, RICHMOND RIVER :—(*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 7th April, from Residents of Richmond River, relative to a Steam Tug, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. GOULBURN CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*"Formal" Motion*) :—
 - (1.) Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Teece, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-Yards by the Borough Council of Goulburn on a portion of land dedicated for that purpose.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Farnell 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 authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-Yards by the Borough Council of Goulburn on a portion of land dedicated for that purpose,*"—read a first time.
11. STAMP DUTIES BILL :—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to impose Stamp Duties.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed until Wednesday next.
13. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at two minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway to Narrabri:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any provision for the extension of the Railway from any point of the Great Northern Line to Narrabri; and if so, when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Government have not yet had time to determine this matter. They desire to state, however, that it shall have early consideration at their hands.

- (2.) Loan Funds—Harbours and Rivers:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Bawden, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What has been the expenditure from Loan Funds under the Department of Harbours and Rivers, from the 1st January, 1859, to 31st December, 1874, specifying each work, and the amount in each case?

(2.) What balances of the Loan Fund remained unexpended to the credit of Works under the Department of Harbours and Rivers, on the 1st January, 1875?

(3.) What amount has been raised by Loan for the construction of Works of Defence in Sydney Harbour, including the supply of Guns and purchase of Land?

(4.) What amount has been expended under each head?

Mr. Forster answered,—I hope that the Honorable Member on whose behalf these questions are asked will not consider that I treat him with disrespect when I suggest that the better course for him to adopt will be to obtain the consent of the House to the preparation of these Returns. To answer these questions would involve the preparation of a voluminous statement, which would cause considerable expense, and although I do not see any objection to the information being furnished—and no doubt the Government would not make objection—considering the expense involved and the largeness of the Return, I think it desirable the Honorable Gentleman should ask for it in the shape of a motion.

- (3.) Volunteer Artillery Drill Sheds:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) By whom was the apparently inappropriate site of Daves Point fixed upon for the proposed Volunteer Artillery Drill Sheds?

(2.) Has the site been approved of by the Officer Commanding the Artillery?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) It was determined upon by the Commandant, finding it to be the only available site.

(2.) The Officer Commanding the Artillery did not approve of it.

- (4.) Australian Museum:—*Mr. Byrnes*, on behalf of Captain Onslow, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Report of the Trustees of the Australian Museum for last year be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I will lay it on the Table as soon as the questions shall have been answered.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Leichhardt.

(2.) Report from the Trustees of the Australian Museum, for 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

3. **DOG BILL** :—Mr. Nelson *presented* a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to regulate the registration and keeping of Dogs,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd April.
4. **ALIENS NATURALIZATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Nelson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to Aliens.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to Aliens.
On motion of Mr. Nelson, the Resolution was agreed to.
5. **DUTY ON GOLD** :—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject read,—and, on motion of Mr. Nelson, discharged.
6. **JOACHIM v. O'SHANASSY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Terry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting 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 £300 for the purpose of enabling the Crown to be represented on the hearing of the appeal in the case Joachim v. O'Shanassy, now before the Privy Council, and the decision in which will decide the question as to the legality of the Conditional Purchases which have been made by infants or minors under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
7. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day respecting Bonus for production of Cast-iron postponed until Friday, 23rd April.
8. **CLAIMS AGAINST THE CROWN BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of the Chairman of Committees, the following Resolution from a Committee of the Whole House was received, and read a first time :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to enforce Claims against the Crown.
Resolution then, on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, read a second time, and agreed to.
The House adjourned, at half-past Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Shipping Business of the Colonial Agent General:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Was the shipping business of the Agent General at one time done by a clerk in his service at a fixed salary?
- (2.) What was the cost per ton under this arrangement?
- (3.) Is it true that the shipping business of the Agent General has been transferred to other hands?
- (4.) To whom has it been transferred?
- (5.) Is it true that the person to whom such business has been transferred is allowed to pass over London clipper ships, which would take 15s. to 20s. per ton for freight to Sydney, and to arrange with shipowners at the outports at the rate of 27s. per ton?
- (6.) Is it true that the person who now does our shipping business is getting 3d. a cwt. on 10,000 tons, or 5s. a ton, on Railway plant going out to the Colony?
- (7.) How much has been paid to the person now doing our shipping business in London since his engagement for this duty?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I made every inquiry in the Colony for the purpose of obtaining means of answering the Honorable Member's questions, and failing in that I communicated with the Agent General by telegraph to London, though of course I did not put in the telegram the questions so lengthily as they stand on the Paper. I have since received an answer to my telegram, which, with other information I have since obtained, I have embodied in a statement I will presently lay upon the Table of the House.

- (2.) Maitland Gaol:—*Mr. W. C. Browne*, on behalf of Mr. Scholey, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the following works be completed in the Maitland Gaol:—Female Day-room, Hospital, Laundry and Bath-room, Tank for Water Supply, Gaoler's Residence, Classification of Prisoners?

Mr. Lackey answered,—As the works referred to are executed by prison labour, which fluctuates in quantity and efficiency, it is not possible to fix a time for their completion. The labour available is kept constantly employed on these additions, and no time is lost in carrying them on.

- (3.) Haulage of Timber from East Maitland Goods Station:—*Mr. W. C. Browne*, on behalf of Mr. Scholey, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—The amount received for the haulage of timber sent from the East Maitland Goods Station, for the six months ending the 31st of March, 1875?

Mr. Lackey answered,—£266 1s. 8d.

- (4.) Inspectors under the Council of Education:—*Mr. Davies* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Council of Education made recent additions to their Staff of Inspectors?
- (2.) If so, will he give the names of the gentlemen so appointed?
- (3.) Were applications invited for the office before the appointments were made?
- (4.) If not, will he state upon what grounds the ordinary practice was departed from?
- (5.) Before the appointments were made, were the Inspectors Reports upon the schools of which these gentlemen had charge fully considered?
- (6.) Were the conditions of the Circular of September, 1870, observed in conferring these appointments?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—I put myself in communication with the Council of Education, and received from them the following answers to the Honorable Gentleman's questions:—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) John Henry Murray and Timothy Dwyer.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) It is not understood what is meant by the words "ordinary practice" in this question. Applications are sometimes, but not as a matter of rule, invited by advertisement in the public press.
- (5.) The Inspectors Reports upon the schools of which these gentlemen had charge were considered at the time such reports were received.
- (6.) The Circular of September, 1871, makes no reference to the appointment of Inspectors.

(5.) Probate and Administration Duties:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any decision been given by the Supreme Court with reference to the power of the Commissioner for Stamps to collect Duties upon Probates or Letters of Administration since the 1st day of January last?
- (2.) Was such decision communicated to the Colonial Treasurer?
- (3.) What was the nature of such decision?
- (4.) Have the Government taken such decision into consideration?

Mr. Forster answered,—No decision of the Supreme Court of the kind indicated by the Honorable Member's question has been communicated to me through any official channel.

(6.) The Volunteers:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Referring to the answer of the Colonial Secretary to Question 7, on the Business Paper of the 6th instant, that "it is not probable the Government will be able to introduce a Volunteer Bill,"—

- (1.) Are the Government aware that recruiting in the Volunteer Force has been stopped since the month of February, 1874?
- (2.) If so, how long is the stoppage of recruiting to be continued?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) I have ascertained that the late Colonial Secretary, on the 3rd March, 1874, practically stopped the recruiting of the Volunteer Force, the reason being, I apprehend, that the claims for Volunteer honours were becoming so troublesome that he thought it prudent to take that course.

(2.) I have not been able, in the short time I have been in the Government, to give this matter very much consideration, but this Government have no desire to stop recruiting. I presume some legislation will be necessary, but as the late Government were three years in office without doing anything in the matter, I suppose it will not be expected that I should introduce any measure of the kind in what the House intends to be a short Session.

(7.) Municipal Council of Sydney:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a measure enabling the Municipal Council of the City of Sydney to obtain increased Revenue by means of taxation?

(2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary say when it is likely he will lay the measure upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am in communication with the Corporation of Sydney, who are preparing a Bill with reference to this matter. I do not by any means say that the Government will feel bound to adopt their Bill, but I think it would be an extraordinary piece of incivility to that body to proceed in the matter without seeing their proposition. Therefore I cannot answer the Honorable Gentleman further than that we are prepared to go on as soon as the Corporation are ready, though it is hardly to be hoped that we can during the present Session carry through a satisfactory Bill. I suppose we can do no more than grant to the Corporation an amount necessary to preserve the public credit.

2. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CROWN BILL:—Mr. Terry presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enforce Claims against the Crown*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

3. BORDER DUTIES:—Mr. Day presented the following Petitions, complaining of the imposition of duties on goods crossing the River Murray; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration, with a view to relief:—

- (1.) From Inhabitants of the Town and District of Albury.
 - (2.) From Farmers, Vinegrowers, and others, resident in the Corowa and Howlong Border District.
- Petitions received.

4. ALL SAINTS PARSONAGE BILL:—Mr. W. C. Browne, 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 2nd April, 1875.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Browne then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
Question put and passed.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 1st April, 1875, relative to the sale of Liquors at the Sydney Railway Station.
Ordered to be printed.

6. CUSTOMS OVERTIME ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and Minutes which have passed between the Treasury and the Customs from the 1st January, 1873, to 6th April, 1875, inclusive, relative to Customs Overtime; also, copies of all Regulations, Directions, and Orders issued from the Treasury, in connection therewith, during the same period.
Question put and passed.

7. **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, on behalf of *Mr. Farnell*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill for the prevention of Contagious Diseases.
Question put and passed.
8. **DISTILLATION BILL** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Bawden* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday, 23rd April, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Distillation.
Question put and passed.
9. **CROWN LANDS ALIENATION ACT** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Gray*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th April, from the Delegates of the Richmond and Tweed Rivers League, respecting the amendment of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. **ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF THE CLARENCE** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Gray*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th April, from the Delegates of the Richmond and Tweed Rivers League, respecting a subdivision of the Electorate of the Clarence, be printed.
Question put and passed.
11. **RAILWAY FROM THE CLARENCE TO NEW ENGLAND** (*Formal Motion*):—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Gray*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th April, from the Delegates of the Richmond and Tweed Rivers League, respecting Railway communication between New England and the Clarence River, be printed.
Question put and passed.
12. **TOLLS ON PUBLIC ROADS**:—*Mr. Nelson* moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the collection of Tolls on the Public Roads throughout the Colony is an unjust and oppressive Tax, and highly injurious to the residents and producers of the interior, tending to check and discourage the development of the resources, and inconsistent with the free trade policy of this Colony, and should be abolished.
(2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
13. **THE REVEREND D. M'GUINN**:—*Mr. Driver* 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 Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum sufficient to compensate the Reverend D. M'Guinn for the loss of his stipend through the omission of his name from the Schedule of Clergymen entitled thereto, under the "Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act."
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. H. O. Dangar,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Meyer,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Stevens,	
Mr. Scholey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. W. C. Browne.

Nocs, 8.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Goold,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Shepherd,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Wearne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. **ELECTORATE OF THE HASTINGS SUBDIVISION BILL**:—*Mr. R. B. Smith* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to subdivide the Electoral District of The Hastings.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
15. **PAPER**:—*Mr. Robertson* laid upon the Table,—Papers connected with the Shipping Business of the Colonial Agent General.
Ordered to be printed.
16. **ELECTORATE OF THE CLARENCE SUBDIVISION BILL**:—*Mr. Bawden* moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to subdivide the Electoral District of The Clarence.
Question put and passed.
17. **ADJOURNMENT**:—*Mr. Hoskins* moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

18. **ADMISSION TO THE BODY OF THE HOUSE:**—Mr. Robertson (*with the unanimous consent of the House*) moved, That the Honorable William Henry Walsh, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, (now present) be invited to take a seat in the body of this House,—which motion was seconded by Mr. Farnell.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Walsh entered the Chamber, and took a seat at the right hand of Mr. Speaker.
19. **ALIENS NATURALIZATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—Mr. Nelson *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Aliens,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 30th April.
20. **SALE OF LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS:**—Mr. Pilcher moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to legalize the sale of Spirituous and Fermented Liquors in quantities less than two gallons in the Refreshment Rooms upon the Government Railways within the Colony of New South Wales.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stercus,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Pilcher,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Montague,	
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. R. B. Smith.
Mr. Sutherland,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Scholey,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Wearne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

21. **NAUTICAL SCHOOL-SHIP "VERNON":**—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to (*amended*) Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the management and working of the Nautical School-ship "Vernon."
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Burns, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Driver, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
And Mr. Farnell requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
Question put,—That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the management and working of the Nautical School-ship "Vernon."
The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Driver,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Wearne,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Cameron.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Day,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Cohen.

And so it passed in the negative.

22. **WARATAH COAL COMPANY'S 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 2nd April, 1875.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Farnell then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
23. **MR. JOHN CONNERY:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary or Additional Estimates for the year 1874, a sum not exceeding £180, as refund to Mr. John Connery of moncys paid in by him to the Superannuation Fund, yearly, up to the time of his ceasing to hold office in 1873.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
24. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day in reference to a Site for a German Lutheran Church postponed until Tuesday, 27th April.

The House adjourned, at nineteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Porterage on Telegrams:—Mr. Davies asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that porterage is charged on Telegrams delivered in the City?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to abolish such charges within the City boundaries?

Mr. Burns answered,—I am aware that porterage is charged for delivering Telegrams at places distant more than a mile from the head office. The proposal to repeal the charge for this service has not yet received the consideration of the Government.

- (2.) Payment of Wages of Railway Mechanics:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What has been the usual practice of paying the wages of the mechanics in the Locomotive Department?
 (2.) Is it true that only one payment has been made within the last five weeks?
 (3.) Has the Government any objection to pay the wages of the mechanics weekly?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The wages are paid fortnightly at all times when money is available under Parliamentary appropriation.
 (2.) Yes, owing to lateness and insufficiency of Parliamentary appropriation.
 (3.) This would be impracticable without large clerical assistance.

- (3.) Probate Duty:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any letter been received by the Treasurer from the Commissioner for Stamps respecting a Judgment of the Supreme Court, deciding that the Commissioner for Stamps has no power to enforce the payment of Probate Duty since the 1st day of January last?
 (2.) If so, is there any objection to lay such letter, or a copy thereof, upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Forster answered,—

- (1.) No letter has been received from the Commissioner of Stamps respecting the Judgment referred to. Minutes have been received from that office respecting the refund (1) of Administration Duty paid before 31st December last, and (2) the refund of the value of unspoiled stamps. In both Minutes reference is made to the Judgment of the Supreme Court simply to explain that, under that Judgment, it would appear that there is no longer a Commissioner of Stamps, and no longer authority to make refunds.
 (2.) There is no objection to lay copies of these Minutes upon the Table.

- (4.) Time-table, Great Northern Railway:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce an amended Time-table for the Great Northern Railway; and if so, when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—An amended Time-table for the Great Northern Railway is now under consideration. It is expected to come into operation about the first of the month.

2. SEAMEN'S LAWS CONSOLIDATION ACT:—Mr. Davies presented a Petition from certain Officers and Seamen of the Port of Sydney, complaining of the administration of this Act; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration, with a view to relief.

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

3. DUTY ON GOLD ABOLITION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the Duty on Gold.
Question put and passed.
4. GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY—BULLOCK ISLAND BRANCH (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approve of the Plan, Section, and Book of Reference of a proposed Railway to Bullock Island, Newcastle, laid before the House on the 6th instant, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act 22 Victoria No. 19.
Question put and passed.
5. CROWN LANDS LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to declare and amend the laws relating to Crown Lands.
Question put and passed.
6. SALE OF COLONIAL WINES REGULATION ACT (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th April, from certain Vignerons in the Districts of Hunter and Williams, praying for amendments in the Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. BORDER DUTIES (*"Formal" Motions*):—
(1.) Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 13th April, from certain Residents in the Corowa District, praying for Free Trade across the Murray, be printed.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 13th April, from certain Residents of Albury, praying for Free Trade in Colonial Products, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. STORAGE OF GUNPOWDER, &c. (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, showing,—
(1.) The quantity of Gunpowder or other explosive material in the various Magazines in the Colony.
(2.) The places where stored.
(3.) The total quantities held by private individuals, and by the Government.
Question put and passed.
9. PAPER:—Mr. Lucas laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 6th April, 1875, in reference to a Gold Lease at Old Gulgong Reef.
Ordered to be printed.
10. STAMP DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to impose Stamp Duties.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to the following Resolution:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to impose Stamp Duties.
On motion of Mr. Forster, the Resolution was agreed to.
11. ROGERS' ESTATE BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable and authorize Martha Rogers or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of the late George John Rogers to sell a parcel of land situate at Craigend in the City of Sydney and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds of the sale thereof*,"—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.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14th April, 1875.
JOHN HAY,
President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Wisdom, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 23rd April.
12. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed until to-morrow.
13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 15 APRIL, 1875, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned, at fifteen minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Piddington asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What is the amount of Balances remaining unpaid on Conditional Purchases under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, from the passing of the same to 31st December, 1874?

Mr. Garrett answered,—£4,317,449 15s. 3d. I may explain, however, that this money is not due. The people exercise the right that exists under the law to retain these balances in their own hands, and those that are over three years unpaid are bearing interest at 5 per cent., of which a large portion exists.

- (2.) Court-house and Lock-up at Moree:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for the erection of a Court-house and Lock-up at Moree; and if so, when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A plan and estimate are now being prepared by the Colonial Architect for a Court and Watch-house at Moree. The sum required will be provided on next year's Estimates.

- (3.) Railway Trucks, Macquarie Plains:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Government refused to supply a sufficient number of Trucks to the residents of Macquarie Plains to enable them to have their produce brought by Rail to Sydney; and is the Government aware that from the want of Trucks hay and straw are thrown on the ground and left exposed to the weather, thereby causing a very serious loss to the owners?

(2.) If so, will he endeavour to have the evil complained of remedied?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The farmers of the O'Connell Plains and Fish River Districts were informed in reply to a complaint made in December, 1874, that during the wool season we should be short of Trucks, but as the season would soon be over, the wants of the Macquarie Plains Station would be better attended to. No other complaints have reached this Department of deficiency of Trucks.

(2.) Endeavours are being made to remedy the evil complained of by the supply of additional rolling stock.

- (4.) Light-houses at Solitary Island and Barronjoey:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for the erection of the Light-houses on the Solitaries and Barronjoey, the money for which was voted last Session?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Since the vote of £4,000 was taken for a Light-house at Solitary Island the Marine Board recommended that a revolving first order dioptric white light should be exhibited at this place, and as this will involve an additional cost of £10,000, tenders cannot be invited until this amount shall have been provided. I find upon inquiry that tenders for the proposed Light-house at Barronjoey have not yet been invited, but now that my attention has been called to the matter, I will ascertain what action can be taken.

2. CLARENCE ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL:—Mr. Bawden presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to subdivide the Electoral District of the Clarence,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 30th April.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1.
 (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 same Act. From end of February to end of March, 1875.
 Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Lucas laid upon the Table,—Regulations made by the Mining Board of New South Wales, and the Regulations relating thereto, made by His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council.
4. DUTY ON GOLD ABOLITION BILL :—Mr. W. Forster *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the abolition of the Duty on Gold*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 29th April.
5. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to declare and amend the laws relating to Crown Lands.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to declare and amend the laws relating to Crown Lands.
 On motion of Mr. Garrett, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
6. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply.
7. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 16 APRIL, 1875, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at fifteen minutes after One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Lake Macquarie:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What is the approximate distance round the shores of Lake Macquarie?
 - (2.) How many acres of Crown Lands are there on the water sheds of Lakes Macquarie and Tuggerah?
 - (3.) How many acres of such lands are leased for mining purposes?
 - (4.) Has any action been taken by the Government with the view of improving the entrance to Lake Macquarie?
 - (5.) If so, has any conclusion been arrived at, and the nature of such conclusion?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) 110 miles.
- (2.) The water shed at Lake Macquarie contains 90,000 acres of Crown Land. The water shed of Tuggerah Lake contains 150,000 acres of Crown Land. The water sheds of the two lakes together contain 240,000 acres of Crown Land.
- (3.) About 14,600 acres have been applied to lease.
- (4 and 5.) No definite action has been taken by the late Government in reference to the improvement of Lake Macquarie, and the subject will be considered by the present Government as soon as opportunity offers.

- (2.) Steam Laundry:—Mr. Byrnes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Did the late Government purchase from James Campbell, Esq., the machinery of the Steam Laundry belonging to him, and erected at Cleveland House?
 - (2.) If so, what amount was paid to Mr. Campbell for the same, and from what fund?
 - (3.) What was the cost of removing the machinery?
 - (4.) Where has the machinery been removed to, and has it since been erected?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) The late Government purchased the Steam Laundry referred to from A. Moore & Co.
- (2.) The amount paid was £550—from the Vote for additions to the Parramatta Lunatic Asylum.
- (3.) The cost of removing the machinery was £37 3s. 5d.
- (4.) It has been removed to the Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta. It has not yet been erected. It is awaiting the construction of a building for its reception. The mangle has been in use since its removal.

- (3.) Circulars to Inspectors of Stock:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it a fact that Circulars were issued to the different Inspectors of Stock throughout the Colony on 28th August, 1st September, and November, of 1874?
 - (2.) If so, will there be any objection to lay copies of such Circulars on the Table of this House?
 - (3.) Were such Circulars issued by direction of the Minister for Lands; if not, by whose authority?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No. I will presently lay copies upon the Table.
- (3.) Yes.

(4.)

(4.) Railway to Gunning:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government had under their consideration the expediency of opening the Southern Railway to Gunning?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The contract time for the completion of the work to Yass is 31st December, 1875, and if the line to Gunning is sufficiently advanced before this date, arrangements will be made for opening to that township.

(5.) Workmen on Great Northern Railway:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was the pay of the permanent-way men on the Great Northern Railway stopped during the Easter holidays?

(2.) Were the men permitted to work during the holidays?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Instructions were given to pay the men as formerly, but some delay took place in the payment—Saturday and Monday being proclaimed holidays; the men of course will be paid for them.

(2.) The men on the Northern Line did not work on Easter Monday, but the men on the Southern and Western Lines did. I am not aware that the former were prevented from working by any action of my department.

(6.) Inspectors of Schools:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What is the classification and length of service of each of the gentlemen appointed lately as Inspectors of Schools by the Council of Education?

Mr. Robertson answered,—John Henry Murray, Class 1, section A, appointed teacher August, 1855; Timothy Dwyer, Class 1, section A, appointed teacher July, 1863.

(7.) Shipping Business of the Colonial Agent General:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What was the cost of the Cablegrams sent by the Colonial Secretary to the Agent General, London, and the Agent General's reply thereto, relative to Question No. 2, placed on the Business Paper of Tuesday last by Mr. Buchanan?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The cost was as follows—Colonial Secretary's Telegram, 1st April, to the Agent General in London, £43 1s. 9d.; Captain Jopp's reply to the Colonial Secretary, £138 16s. 9d.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting Circulars issued to the different Inspectors of Stock throughout the Colony in regard to the Droving Roads and Reserves for feeding, watering, and camping Travelling Stock.
Ordered to be printed.

3. SEAMEN'S LAWS CONSOLIDATION ACT (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 14th April, from Officers and Seamen of the Port of Sydney, praying for amendment of the Seamen's Laws Consolidation Act, be printed.
Question put and passed.

4. BARRISTERS ADMISSION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act to regulate the admission in certain cases of Barristers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.
Question put and passed.

5. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to declare and amend the Laws relating to Crown Lands*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 28th April.

6. MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. Cameron moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until this day fortnight.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Cohen,	
Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Greville.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Montague,

Tellers.

Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Bawden.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Robertson moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned until this day week.
Debate ensued.

Question put on the motion for the adjournment of the Debate.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Bowden,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Byrnes.
Mr. R. Forster,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Pilcher,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Cohen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. **BARRISTERS ADMISSION BILL**:—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to regulate the admission in certain cases of Barristers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales,'*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
9. **CLAIMS AGAINST THE CROWN BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Terry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of Mr. Terry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment. On motion of Mr. Terry that report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. **ALL SAINTS PARSONAGE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of Mr. Browne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment. On motion of Mr. Browne that report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
11. **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill for the prevention of Contagious Diseases. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill for the prevention of Contagious Diseases. On motion of Mr. Farnell, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. **THE REVEREND D. M'GUINN**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Meyer, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum sufficient to compensate the Reverend D. M'Guinn for the loss of his stipend through the omission of his name from the Schedule of Clergymen entitled thereto under the "Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act." Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, that the Report be received on Friday next.
13. **SALE OF LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Pilcher, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to legalize the sale of Spirituous and Fermented Liquors in quantities less than two gallons in the Refreshment Rooms upon the Government Railways within the Colony of New South Wales. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to legalize the sale of Spirituous and Fermented Liquors in quantities less than two gallons in the Refreshment Rooms upon the Government Railways within the Colony of New South Wales. On the motion of Mr. Pilcher, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

14. Mr. JOHN CONNERY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole further to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary or Additional Estimates for the year 1874, a sum not exceeding £180, as refund to Mr. John Connery of moneys paid in by him to the Superannuation Fund, yearly, up to the time of his ceasing to hold office in 1873.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

The House adjourned, at thirteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Trigonometrical Survey:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What has been the total expenditure to the 1st January, 1875, in connection with the operations in the Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony?
 - (2.) What amount of work has been executed in the measurement of Base Line and Triangulation?
 - (3.) What number of Trigonometrical Stations have been completed?
 - (4.) What is the probable cost for Skeleton Survey of the Colony, at per acre, including field and office expenses?
 - (5.) What is the probable maximum error at per mile?
 - (6.) Has the Government taken any steps in verifying the Surveyor's computations of the Base Line, mathematical or otherwise?
 - (7.) If so, will the report containing the result of such inquiry be laid upon the Table of this House, and when?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I will have complete information on this subject prepared in a form more convenient to Honorable Members than that of answers to questions, and will lay it upon the Table to-morrow?

- (2.) Pilot Service, Port Jackson:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What steps do the Government intend to take to increase the efficiency of the Pilot Service of Port Jackson?

Mr. Forster answered,—Whenever the more pressing business which now occupies the attention of the Government shall have been disposed of, the Government fully intend to examine carefully the condition of the Pilot Service, with a view to render it more effective, and to take whatever steps may be necessary for that purpose. And whenever the Government may be in a position to afford the information asked for by the Honorable Gentleman, it shall be communicated to him and to the House.

- (3.) Mr. Weston, C.P.S. [Coonamble]:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Government arrived at any decision in the case of certain charges preferred by Mr. Geo. Cass against Mr. Weston, J.P., and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Coonamble?
- (2.) Was any inquiry held in consequence of those charges?
- (3.) What was the result of the inquiry?
- (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to remove Mr. Weston; if so, when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—By letter of 26th June last, the Police Magistrate, Coonabarabran, was instructed to inquire into, and report upon, certain charges preferred by Messrs. Driver and Merriman, solicitors, on behalf of Mr. George Cass, of Coonamble, against Mr. Weston. The late Minister of Justice having considered the evidence taken, Mr. Edwards's report, and Mr. Weston's explanation, did not think it necessary that Mr. Weston should be called upon to show cause against his removal from the public service, but that he should be required to exchange with some other

other officer holding a similar position. This decision was communicated to Mr. Weston on the 12th September last, and on the 14th of same month a letter was received, signed by seven Magistrates attending the Coonamble Bench, expressing their confidence in Mr. Weston. In consequence of this letter, and in the hope that the inquiry would prove a sufficient caution to him, and ensure greater propriety of conduct in the future, the late Minister of Justice decided not to insist upon Mr. Weston's removal. As this decision was withheld for some time, and not communicated, Mr. Allen having left the case for the consideration of his successor in office, on 18th February last the present Minister of Justice, &c., wrote a minute on the papers, of which the following is a copy,—“ Having carefully considered all the papers in this case, I am disposed to think he has been treated with great leniency by my predecessor. At the same time I do not yet feel disposed to reverse the decision at which he arrived. In communicating the result of inquiry to Mr. Weston, he must be very seriously warned, and informed, that if his subsequent conduct is made the subject of complaint, the present proceedings will weigh heavily against him.” This decision was communicated to Mr. Weston, and also to Messrs. Driver and Merriman.

- (4.) Extension of Telegraph Lines:—Mr. Bawden asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to bring down an Estimate for the extension of Telegraph Lines?

Mr. Burns answered,—Yes.

- (5.) Railway Accidents:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The number of Railway accidents on the Southern, Western, and Northern Lines, since 1865?
- (2.) The cause of such accidents, as stated on inquiry?
- (3.) The number of persons injured, and the amount paid to each person by way of compensation for injuries received.
- (4.) The names of such persons, and the nature of injuries?
- (5.) Whether the persons so compensated were under the influence of drink at the time of such accidents?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I am informed by the Officers of the Department that this is a question which would take considerable time to prepare an answer to. It involves a considerable amount of work in the preparation of Returns, and would occupy at least a week or ten days. If, however, the Honorable Member will move for the returns, or postpone his question, I shall be happy to supply the information desired. With reference to the fifth question, I would call the attention of the Honorable Member to the fact, that this involves matter of opinion, and that there is no officer of the Department whose duty it is to ascertain whether persons who may be injured are under the influence of drink or not.

- (6.) Dividing Fences:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to regulate the Dividing Fences of adjoining or Pastoral Lands?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The subject is under the consideration of the Government, and will be dealt with at the earliest possible opportunity.

2. WELLINGTON ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL:—Mr. J. S. Smith presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill for the Subdivision of the Electoral District of Wellington*,”—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Opinion of the Crown Law Officers respecting the appointment of the Curator of the Australian Museum.
 - (2.) Opinion of the Attorney General, for the guidance of the Ministry, in reference to the Appeal to the Privy Council in the cases of the *Joachims v. O'Shanassy*.
- Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—A Return showing the classification and proposed distribution, for 1875, of the Vote on the Estimates for Subordinate Roads. Ordered to be printed.

4. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. W. Forster, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

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 Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April, 1875, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1874.

*Government House,
Sydney, 20th April, 1875.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

5. RAILWAY TRIAL SURVEYS (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers, Reports, and Minutes, having reference to Trial Surveys authorized by the late Government, in view of the future extension of Railways throughout the Colony, for which a sum of £20,000 was voted. Also, a report of the progress made, and amount expended. Question put and passed.

6. PETITION OF MESSRS. BLOMFIELD AND MUNFORD (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. J. S. Smith 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 matter of a Petition, presented November 18th, 1874, from Messrs. Blomfield and Munford, relating to certain claims against the Government.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Driver, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Davies, Mr. Pilcher, Mr. Thomas Brown, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
7. LOAN FUNDS UNDER DEPARTMENT OF HARBOURS AND RIVERS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—
- (1.) The expenditure from Loan Funds under the Department of Harbours and Rivers from 1st January, 1859, to 31st December, 1874, specifying each work, and the amount in each case.
 - (2.) The balances of Loan Funds remaining unexpended to the credit of the respective works under the Department of Harbours and Rivers on 1st January, 1875.
 - (3.) The amount raised by Loan for the construction of Works of Defence in Sydney Harbour, including purchase of Land, and supply of Guns.
 - (4.) The amount expended under each head.
- Question put and passed.
8. GWYDIR ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. T. G. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to subdivide the Electoral District of The Gwydir. Question put and passed.
9. GAME PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Driver, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Game Protection Act of 1866. Question put and passed.
10. SQUATTING RUNS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Squatting Runs transferred from the 1st July, 1865, to the 31st December, 1874; the declared value of such Runs, and the amount of Stamp Duty paid thereon. Question put and passed.
11. TEACHER OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL, MORUYA (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of Correspondence and other Papers connected with the request of the Local Board for the removal of the Teacher of the Church of England School at Moruya.
 - (2.) Copies of Correspondence and other Papers with reference to the establishment of a Public School at that place.
- Question put and passed.
12. MR. JAMES GREY, LATE POSTMASTER AT ALBION PARK (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh 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 Reports, Correspondence, and Minutes thereon, of whatsoever nature, that may have taken place between the Post Office Department and James Grey, late Postmaster at Albion Park, having reference to his suspension or removal from the office of Postmaster at Albion Park. Question put and passed.
13. ORPHAN SCHOOLS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the average daily number of children in the Protestant Orphan School at Parramatta in the year 1874.
 - (2.) The number of children who died in 1874.
 - (3.) The number of boys and number of girls apprenticed from the Institution in 1874.
 - (4.) An account, in detail, of needlework performed by the girls in 1874.
 - (5.) A detailed account of any work or labour performed by the boys.
 - (6.) The total cost, in detail, of the whole Establishment for the year 1874, to be given under the several headings as follows:—Amount paid for salaries, maintenance, clothing, medical attendance furniture, crockery, &c., fuel, light, forage, and all other miscellaneous expenses not included under the above heads; costs of repairs, building, improvements, &c., made for and on account of the Establishment, under the order of the Minister for Works, or of the Colonial Architect.
 - (7.) All other charges or expenditure, of whatsoever kind, in connection with the Establishment, entered in detail.
 - (8.) The like Returns, for the year 1874, of the Roman Catholic Orphan School.
- Question put and passed.
14. CLAIMS AGAINST THE CROWN BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Terry, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Terry then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enforce claims against the Crown.*"
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, 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 enforce claims against the Crown,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th April, 1875.

15. **ALL SAINTS PARSONAGE BILL** ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. W. C. Browne, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Browne then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Lord Bishop of Newcastle to sell certain Land at Singleton and to apply the proceeds of the sale thereof in the erection of a Parsonage for the Officiating Clergyman of All Saints Church Singleton.*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered, 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 enable the Lord Bishop of Newcastle to sell certain Land at Singleton and to apply the proceeds of the sale thereof in the erection of a Parsonage for the Officiating Clergyman of all Saints Church Singleton,*"—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 Deed of Conveyance of certain lands from Benjamin Singleton and wife to the Bishop of Australia.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th April, 1875.

16. **THE EIGHT-HOUR SYSTEM OF LABOUR**:—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, having in view the moral and political welfare of the producing classes of the community, is of opinion,—

(1.) That all Government Building and Railway Contracts should contain a clause specifying that the work be carried out on the principle of eight hours daily labour for those engaged on such contracts.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Terry,

Tellers.

Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Cameron.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Lackoy,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hay,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. W. Watson,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Hoskins,	Tellers.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. J. S. Smith.
Mr. Warden,	

And so it passed in the negative.

17. **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, so much of the Regulation of the Council of Education numbered two, under the head of "School Administration," which requires in the case of the establishment of Public Schools the contribution from private sources of one-third of the cost of erecting and furnishing School "Buildings," ought not in future to be enforced.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Jacob moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion, after the word "Buildings," of the words "inclusive of Schools now in course of construction where sufficient funds have not been privately subscribed."

Debate continued.

Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted—put and passed.

Main Question,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, so much of the Regulation of the Council of Education numbered two, under the head of "School Administration," which requires in the case of the establishment of Public Schools the contribution from private sources of one-third of the cost of erecting and furnishing School Buildings, inclusive of Schools now in course of construction where sufficient funds have not been privately subscribed, ought not in future to be enforced.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—put and passed.

18. **WARATAH COAL COMPANY'S BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Farnell (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

19. JOACHIM v. O'SHANASSY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—The Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole a Resolution, which was read 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 £300 for the purpose of enabling the Crown to be represented on the hearing of the appeal in the case Joachim v. O'Shanassy, now before the Privy Council, and the decision in which will decide the question as to the legality of the Conditional Purchases which have been made by infants or minors under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Robertson, that the second reading of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

The House adjourned, at seven minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Coal Fields :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Examiner of Coal Fields surveyed 15,000 square miles of the Coal Fields of the Colony, and correctly charted same in accordance with the Rules and Regulations issued by the Survey Department?

(2.) Has the Surveyor General or the Geological Surveyor approved of, and certified to, the correct survey of this 15,000 square miles, or any arca whatever?

(3.) If so, will he be pleased to lay a copy of such Certificate upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lucas answered,—

(1.) 15,000 square miles of Coal Fields have been examined, as I said before, as shown on Sir Thomas Mitchell's map. There are no rules of the Survey Department applicable to this duty.

(2.) No.

(3.) The answer to the second question disposes of this.

- (2.) Bench of Magistrates, Patrick's Plains :—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a communication recently forwarded to the Honorable the Minister for Justice, calling his attention to the continual non-attendance to their magisterial duties of the majority of the Magistrates of the district of Patrick's Plains, and the great inconvenience to the public that was occasioned thereby?

(2.) Were any gentlemen nominated to the Commission of the Peace in this communication?

(3.) Was this communication forwarded to the Bench of Magistrates at Singleton, accompanied by a letter from the Honorable the Minister for Justice; if so, what was the purport of this letter?

(4.) Was a meeting of the Magistrates convened in consequence?

(5.) Is he aware that the Clerk of the Bench at Singleton was excluded from this meeting, notwithstanding that the communication from the Minister for Justice was addressed to the "Bench of Magistrates, Singleton"; and if so, for what reason?

(6.) Was any letter sent by the Bench of Magistrates to the Minister for Justice in reply to his communication; and if so, who were the Magistrates who signed it, and what was the purport of the letter?

(7.) Is he aware that this letter was submitted to the meeting of the Magistrates by a Magistrate named Thomson, who had never sat on the Singleton Bench previously; that the names of the gentlemen submitted for recommendation to the Commission of the Peace were severely criticised at the above meeting?

(8.) Can he point to any precedent since the inauguration of Responsible Government where the names of gentlemen submitted to the Executive Government for appointment to the Commission of the Peace were in the first instance referred by them to any Bench of Magistrates for their approval or otherwise?

(9.) Do the Government intend to retain the Magistrates before referred to in the Commission of the Peace, notwithstanding that they have absented themselves from their magisterial duties for the last three years?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) A letter to this effect was received by the Minister of Justice from Mr. W. C. Browne, M.L.A.
- (2.) Certain gentlemen were recommended for the Commission of the Peace in this communication.
- (3.) A copy of this letter was forwarded to the Bench of Magistrates at Singleton, and they were called upon for explanation and report upon the charges preferred against them.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) Yes; the purport of the letter was an explanation of the reasons which induced some of these Magistrates to decline taking part in Bench proceedings. The Magistrates signing this letter, were—Henry Glennie, J. A. M'Douall, Andrew M'Douall, John Johnston, George T. Loder, H. W. Swayne, R. Blaxland, James Hill Thomson, Alexander Bowman, R. Miller.
- (7.) No.
- (8.) It is not an uncommon practice.
- (9.) No charge of this nature has been preferred against these Magistrates.

- (3.) Mr. Thomas Garrett:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Parkes, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is the Thomas Garrett whose name appears to an advertisement dated February 8th, and inserted in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 8th instant, “respectfully soliciting parties” to give their Land Agency business to a Mr. Henry J. Withers, the same Thomas Garrett who was on the 9th February last appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, to the office of Secretary for Lands?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Thomas Garrett who was appointed Minister of Lands on the 9th February last is the same Thomas Garrett whose name appears to an advertisement dated 8th February, inserted in the *Sydney Morning Herald*; but I am informed by my Honorable Colleague that the advertisement referred to was inserted without his knowledge or consent.

- (4.) Prince Alfred Hospital:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is the intention of the Government to place on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient to enable the Trustees of the Prince Alfred Hospital to proceed at once with the erection of the proposed building?

Mr. Robertson answered,—A deputation waited on me on the subject on the 11th ultimo, and after some conversation it was determined that it was improbable that anything of the kind could be done with reference to the Estimates of this year, but that I would bring the matter, with my recommendation, before the consideration of my Colleagues for the Estimates of 1876.

- (5.) Supply of Rifles to the Engineer Company of Rifles:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to supply the Engineer Company of Rifles with the Henry Rifle, in common with the other branches of the Service?
- (2.) If so, will the Colonial Secretary state when it is likely they will be issued to the members of the above Company?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) When an additional and sufficient supply is received from England.

- (6.) Salaries of the Police Force:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the total amount of the Additional Expenditure of the present year caused by the increase of the salaries of the Police Force?
- (2.) When did such increase take place?

Mr. Forster answered,—

- (1.) £8,827, made up as under—

Office and officers	...	...	...	...	...	£590
General Police and Detectives	...	...	...	...	...	8,237
						£8,827

- (2.) The increase has not been paid, but will take effect from the commencement of the year, if the Appropriation Act be passed.

- (7.) Railway Branch Workshops:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Government had under consideration the desirability of establishing Branch Workshops at the Junction near Parramatta, in connection with the Railway Works, Redfern?
- (2.) If so, has any determination been arrived at in the matter?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The desirability of establishing Branch Workshops in connection with the Railway Works at Redfern, at the junction near Parramatta, is not one of the questions which has occupied the consideration of the Government since they have been in office.

- (8.) Warders in Parramatta Gaol:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Government taken into consideration the Petition from the Warders employed in the Parramatta Gaol for increase of salary?
- (2.) Is it intended to take such Petition into consideration; and if so, when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) When considering the Estimates for this year, of course the Government considered these Estimates, and in thus considering them it did not seem to be necessary to alter the salaries of these people; but when we came to the Police it was thought desirable that that should be done. Within the last few days the Comptroller General has brought under my consideration the question whether or not the one increase did not to some extent involve the other. No member of the Government has been consulted with reference to this matter but myself—there has been no time.
- (2.) When a convenient opportunity occurs.

(9.) Conditional Purchases by Minors:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of applications made by Minors for Conditional Purchases from May, 1872, to February, 1875?

(2.) The number of such Conditional Purchases forfeited during the same period?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) 6,435.

(2.) 155.

(10.) Sale of Intoxicating Drinks at Railway Stations:—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House the Petition presented to him by Members of Parliament, Magistrates and Clergymen, in favour of the sale of Intoxicating Drinks at the different Stations of our Railways?

Mr. Lackey answered,—There is no objection, and I will presently lay it upon the Table.

(11.) Maitland Gaol:—Mr. Scholey asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will the Return moved for by him with reference to the state of Maitland Gaol be laid upon the Table of the House?

(2.) What time has elapsed since this information was forwarded from the authorities of Maitland Gaol to the Comptroller General of Prisons?

(3.) Has it remained in his office ever since; if not, how long?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) I may be able to lay the Papers upon the Table to-day; if not, to-morrow.

(2.) Six days, but in an imperfect state.

(3.) Yes, till this morning.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—a Return respecting the Trigonometrical Survey of the Colony.

Ordered to be printed.

3. INSPECTION OF SHEEP (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. T. G. Danger moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return, showing the number of Sheep inspected by each Sheep Inspector for the year 1872, stating the name of Inspector, District or Districts, Owner of Sheep, and where inspected.

(2.) A Return showing the number of convictions that have taken place under the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866; also stating the name of Inspector who gave information, and amount paid to such under such convictions.

Question put and passed.

4. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Conditional Purchases that have been transferred by the original Conditional Purchasers prior to the issuing of the Grants therefor, in each year from the 1st of January, 1862, to the 31st December, 1874; such Return to show the transfers made after the first, second, and third year respectively, from date of Conditional Purchase.

Question put and passed.

5. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again This Day.

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

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

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

(4.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the Services of the year 1875, a sum not exceeding £184,545, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April, 1875, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1874, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1875.

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

6. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again This Day.

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

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

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

(4.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1875, the sum of £184,545 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of April, 1875.

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

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 4) to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1875.

(2.) Mr. Forster then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1875*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, “That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to *Contingent Notice*, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words,—
“ (1.) In the opinion of this House, the payment of £181 16s. 9d. by the Government for a “Cablegram to the Agent General, London, and the reply thereto, having reference to the Question “No. 2, placed on the Business Paper by Mr. Buchanan on Tuesday, 13th instant, was an unnecessary, improper, and wasteful expenditure of public money.
“ (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Original Question then put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
9. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled “A Bill to amend an Act, intituled ‘An Act to authorize the appropriation of the old Burial-ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other public purposes,’” through all its stages in one day.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL CLOSE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled “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.
(2.) Mr. Sutherland presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to amend an Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other purposes,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Bridge over Bowman's Creek:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Bridge over Bowman's Creek, on the Great Northern Road, between Camberwell and Muswellbrook, was swept away during the recent flood?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect another Bridge; and if so, when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) As the road is now superseded by railway, it is not the intention of the Government to erect another bridge.

(2.) Road from Singleton to Jerry's Plains:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the recent flood has washed away the road leading up the river bank on the Darlington side of the Hunter River, on the road from Singleton to Jerry's Plains, leaving a steep bank, which compels the inhabitants to travel two miles round?

(2.) If so, will he authorize the necessary repairs to be effected without delay?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes. Instructions have been issued to repair the damage without delay.

(3.) Cleveland-street:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to open Cleveland-street, in accordance with the provisions of the Act 38 Victoria No. 4?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The necessary preliminary steps have been taken, and the whole thing will be carried out without delay.

(4.) Assistant Training Master under Council of Education:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has an Assistant Training Master been recently appointed by the Council of Education?

(2.) What were the names, the length of service, and the classification of the Teachers who applied for this appointment?

(3.) Were the Inspectors of the Sydney District consulted before this appointment was made?

(4.) What officers of the Council reported in favour of the present holder of the office?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) An Assistant Training Master has recently been appointed by the Council of Education.

(2.) The names, length of service, and classification of the Teachers who applied for this appointment are:—A. Adams, 16 years, IB; C. A. Boulton, 4½ years, IIB; J. Coates, 2 years, IB; J. Cusack, 7 years, IIA; W. Edmunds, 1 year, IIA; J. W. Kevin, 14 years, IIA; J. G. Stewart, 4½ years, IB.

(3.) The Inspectors of the Sydney District not being the colleagues but the servants of the Council, were not consulted before this appointment was made.

(4.) The Council deemed it unnecessary to ask any officers to report, and consequently no officers reported in favour of the present holder of the office.

(5.)

- (5.) Dogs :—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What was the number of Dogs registered in Sydney during the year 1874?
Mr. Robertson answered,—13,098.
- (6.) Conditional Purchases at Patrick's Plains :—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) The number of Conditional Purchase Applications made in the district of Patrick's Plains in the years 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865 ; also in 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, and the area applied for?
(2.) The like information for Muswellbrook, Scone, Murrurundi, Tamworth, and Warialda?
Mr. Garrett answered,—The replies to these questions are so lengthy that I prefer submitting them in the form of a Return.
- (7.) Conditional Purchases at Molong :—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) What quantity of land has been taken up by selection at the Land Office, Molong, from January 1st, 1874, to March 31st, 1875?
(2.) What quantity has been purchased at auction in the same district during the same period?
(3.) What quantity has been selected from the beginning of the present year up to March 31st?
Mr. Garrett answered,—
(1.) 42,921 acres 2 roods.
(2.) 3,870 acres 3 roods 25 perches.
(3.) 10,922 acres 2 roods.
- (8.) Conditional Purchases at Wellington :—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) What area of land has been conditionally purchased at the Land Office, Wellington, from January 1st, 1874, to March 31st, 1875?
(2.) How much has been purchased at auction in the same district during the same period?
Mr. Garrett answered,—
(1.) 12,425 acres 2 roods.
(2.) 3,480 acres 3 roods 28 perches.
- (9.) Selections by Minors :—Mr. Farnell asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) The number of Minor Selections made from the 1st January, 1862, to May, 1872, and the number forfeited during that period?
(2.) Also, the number of Minor Selections that have been made from 1st February to 21st April, 1875, and the number that have been forfeited during the said period?
Mr. Garrett answered,—
(1.) This information cannot be given for the whole period asked for, as the Registers of this Department for a number of years do not show the cases in which conditional purchasers were minors, but this information will be given as far as practicable without delay.
(2.) All the conditional purchase returns up to the 21st April instant have not yet been sent in by the Land Agents, but those received show that 584 selections have been made by minors.
- (10.) Australian Museum :—Captain Onslow asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Will he state what are the opinions of the Crown Law Officers (past or present) as to the power of the Trustees of the Australian Museum to appoint or dismiss Museum Officials?
Mr. Robertson answered,—I think my Honorable Friend will find that I have already laid the Opinion of the Honorable the Attorney General upon the Table of the House.
2. DUBBO PRESBYTERIAN MANSE TRUSTEES BILL :—Mr. Pilcher presented a Petition from James Holmes, Thomas Baird, and others, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable James Holmes, Thomas Baird, John Cassels Rylie, and Thomas Alexander Thompson, and James Osborne, Esquires, or other the Trustees or Trustee of certain Lands situate in Macquarie-street, Dubbo, in the Colony of New South Wales, to sell the said Lands, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,
And Mr. Pilcher having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Dubbo Dispatch*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
3. BORDER DUTIES :—Mr. Day presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Bungowannah, in favour of the free interchange of Colonial Produce between the Colonies of New South Wales and Victoria ; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration.
Petition received.
4. SALE OF INTOXICATING DRINKS AT RAILWAY STATIONS :—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table a Petition presented to the Secretary for Public Works, requesting him to cause such action to be taken as will allow the present Lessee of the Railway Refreshment Rooms to sell Wines, Beer, and Spirits to passengers only.
Ordered to be printed.
5. PAPERS :—
Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table, a Return showing the number of Conditional Purchases made in the Districts of Patrick's Plains, Muswellbrook, Scone, Murrurundi, Tamworth, and Warialda, and the areas, for the years 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865 ; and also for the years 1871, 1872, 1873, and 1874.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 12th May, 1874, in reference to Contracts for Government Works.
6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Forster that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 23 APRIL, 1875, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned, at two minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) *Blakefield v. Shields*:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the attention of the Government been directed to the case of *Blakefield v. Shields*, charged with Cattle Stealing, and heard before the Bench of Magistrates at Molong; if so, what decision has the Government arrived at?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The attention of the Government has been directed to this case by the Honorable Member for Orange, and by *Blakefield*, the original prosecutor. The Attorney General, immediately on accepting office, was favoured with a visit from the Honorable Member for Orange, who endeavoured to urge upon the Attorney General the expediency of re-opening the whole case, stating that it was the intention of his predecessor to have done so. The Attorney General gave his immediate attention to the matter, and came to the conclusion that the adoption of any such course would be improper. On the 15th of February, the Attorney General gave the following opinion in the case, which is at variance with an opinion given by his predecessor on the 7th August, 1874, which opinion of the late Attorney General does not appear to have been acted upon:—“In my opinion, to re-open this case would be to attempt an interference with the ordinary tribunals of the country of a highly irregular and dangerous character. According to the explanations furnished to the Department of Justice by the Police Magistrate in his letter dated 19th January, 1875, this officer was perfectly satisfied, not that there was merely a preponderance of testimony in favour of the accused, but that beyond all doubt the animal, with the unlawful possession of which he was charged, was his own property. The other Magistrate who sat in the case was of the same opinion. The discretion exercised by these gentlemen has been confirmed by the verdict of a Jury in a Civil Court, after an investigation into all the circumstances of the case, extending over a period of two days; and the Judge who tried this action, which resulted in heavy damages against the prosecutor in the original case, expresses his satisfaction with the verdict. I am clearly of opinion that no steps can be taken by the Government to re-open this matter, and that the course of conduct pursued by the Magistrates who tried the case was the only one consistent with a proper discharge of their duty.” Since the Attorney General gave this opinion, the Honorable Member for Orange has more than once endeavoured to re-open the question. The Attorney General has refused to re-consider the matter, and on the 14th instant wrote this Minute for the advice of the Minister for Justice:—“Since the 10th of February, when I advised on this case, I have again considered this case, and my original opinion is only confirmed by a re-perusal of the documents. I think the request ought not to be complied with.”

- (2.) *Petty Sessions for Ennigona*:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish Courts of Petty Sessions and Police Force at Ennigona, on the Warrego River?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have in my hand a memorandum to this effect:—“On the 13th January, 1874, the Inspector General reported that the service of the Police Station at Ennigona might be dispensed with until further pressing requirements had been disposed of. Petty Sessions could not be held without Police.” The Superintendent of Police will now be called upon to report further.

- (3.) Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What amount of interest on the balance of Conditional Purchases was due on the 31st December, 1874, and what amount of the said interest was unpaid on the date aforesaid ?

Mr. Forster answered,—The answer to this question involves a large amount of reference, and could not well be prepared in the time allowed. The information can, of course, be obtained if the Honorable Member will kindly extend the time, or perhaps it would be preferable that the information should be asked for by motion.

- (4.) Alignment of Streets of Yass :—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the alignment of the streets of Yass be completed, and the streets handed over to the custody of the Municipal Council ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The plan of the survey of Yass was received on the 10th February last, but its examination has, as in other similar cases, been unavoidably delayed through press of business in the Surveyor General's Office, and from want of proper room at present to deal with large plans, the size of the plan being 10 feet 6 inches by 6 feet 6 inches.

- (5.) Great Southern Road through Yass :—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has his attention been called to the dangerous state of the Great Southern Road, where it passes through the Town of Yass ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Department have been long aware that the sides of the main road through Yass have been cut down by the accumulated drainage of the town, but no steps could be taken to amend this until some work had been done in the side streets by the Corporation. When they perform their part, the Department will at once take the necessary steps as promised.

- (6.) Applications under Real Property Act :—Mr. F. B. Suttor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many applications to bring properties under Torrens Act remained unexamined when the last two appointments of Examiners of Titles were made ?

(2.) How many applications have been received since ?

(3.) Since the date of these last two appointments, how many Titles have been examined, passed, deferred, or refused ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I hope to be able to lay upon the Table of the House in the course of next week a Return which will furnish replies to the questions of the Honorable Member.

- (7.) Mount Wilson :—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any land at Mount Wilson been submitted to sale by public auction, and at what upset price ?

(2.) How many acres so submitted remain unsold ?

(3.) Has the upset price of the land unsold been reduced ?

(4.) Have any persons been allowed to purchase these lands without competition at the reduced price ?

(5.) What are the names of the persons who have taken up these lands which were passed at auction, and what are the areas ?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes, on 25th and 26th April, 1870, at from £1 to £2 10s. per acre.

(2.) 44½ acres.

(3.) No.

(4.) As stated in my reply to previous question, the upset price has not been reduced. The land has been taken up at the original upset price, as provided by clause 25 of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

(5.) W. Hay, 104 acres 2 roods 38 perches ; P. F. Adams, 9 acres 34 perches ; C. B. Brownrigg, 10 acres ; J. Moring, 10 acres 2 roods 30 perches ; A. Dean, 26 acres 2 roods ; T. Salter, 24 acres 2 roods 27 perches ; A. Shannon, 17 acres 26 perches ; E. Daintrey, 20 acres ; Dr. Badham, 9 acres 2 roods 6 perches ; R. Wynne, 93 acres 1 rood 22 perches ; T. A. Strickland, 40 acres ; A. J. Stopps, 7 acres 23 perches ; E. M. S. Gerard, 7 acres 3 roods 33 perches ; T. B. Rolin, 9 acres 3 roods 33 perches ; T. Stackhouse, 7 acres 7 perches ; R. D. Fitzgerald, 9 acres 1 rood 12 perches ; D. Nicol, 19 acres 1 rood 20 perches ; F. A. Stratford, 11 acres 1 rood 11 perches ; T. Richards and C. A. Goodchap, 8 acres 22 perches ; E. F. Stephen, 8 acres 21 perches ; J. Gainsford and N. Lockyer, 7 acres 1 rood 19 perches ; Sir A. Stephen, 12 acres 2 roods ; M. H. Stephen, 10 acres 2 roods 31 perches ; R. P. Raymond, 9 acres 3 roods 11 perches ; J. J. Phelps, 72 acres 1 rood 27 perches ; S. A. Stephen, 112 acres 10 perches ; H. T. Shadforth, 21 acres 32 perches ; C. T. Rodd, 14 acres 2 roods 36 perches ; A. Stuart, 22 acres 2 roods 9 perches ; J. D. Macaish, 77 acres 2 roods ; W. F. M'Carthy, 24 acres 2 roods 36 perches ; T. Robertson, 28 acres 2 roods ; C. Smith, 122 acres 3 roods.

- (8.) Government Printing Office :—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many Journeymen Compositors, Pressmen, and Machinists, exclusive of Improvers, are permanently employed in the Government Printing Office ?

(2.) How many Journeymen Compositors, Pressmen, and Machinists rated as Improvers, are permanently employed in the same Establishment ?

(3.) Will he kindly state the rate at which the two above-named classes of workmen are paid ?

(4.) How many Improvers, not Journeymen, are employed, and what salary do they receive ?

(5.) The number of Overseers and Sub-overseers ?

(6.) How many Apprentices, indentured and unindentured, are employed at the present time ?

Mr. Forster answered,—

(1.) Journeymen Compositors, 39 ; Pressmen, 6 ; Machinists and Assistants, 9.

(2.) 1 Compositor rated as an Improver.

(3.) Compositors—2 at £232, 4 at £200, 9 at £180, 12 at £150 per annum, and 12 at 8s. each per diem. In addition to these there are 19 on piecework at 1s. per 1,000 ens, and 1s. 3d. per hour for timework.

timework. Pressmen—2 at £180 per annum, and 4 at 8s. each per diem. Machinists—1 at £200, 1 at £180, and 2 at £150 per annum, and 1 at 13s. 4d., 1 at 9s., and 1 at 8s. each per diem. Assistants, 2 at 5s. each per diem.

(4.) 1 Improver at 6s. per diem.

(5.) 2 Overseers (Night Staff and Day Staff), and 3 Sub-overseers in the Letter-press Branch.

(6.) 10 Boys under indentures, and 48 not indentured (including Messengers and Warehouse boys.)

(9.) Bridge across the Murray, at Moama:—Mr. Hay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any letter or minute been sent by the Government of New South Wales to the Government of Victoria, whereby the Government of this Colony agrees to pay half cost of the Bridge and Approaches to be erected across the Murray at Moama?

(2.) If so, what is the date of such letter?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1 and 2.) A letter of that purport was written from our Colonial Secretary's Office on the 1st February last, in reply to one from the Chief Secretary of Victoria of the 27th January last. The reply from this Colony did not deal, however, with a paragraph of the Victorian Minister's letter relating to alterations described as slight, but necessary, in the preliminary plans, previous to preparing the working drawings. That portion of the letter of the Victorian Minister was answered to-day.

(10.) Reserve at Nicholas's Lagoon:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Does he intend to proclaim the Reserve at Nicholas's Lagoon, between Quipolly and Breeza, a Reserve for Travelling Stock; and if so, when?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The Reserve referred to is already withdrawn from pastoral lease, and from conditional purchase, and is available for Travelling Stock. No further proclamation is necessary for that purpose.

2. HASTINGS ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL:—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to Subdivide the Electoral District of The Hastings,"—which was read a first time.

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

3. PETITION OF MESSRS. BLOMFIELD AND MUNFORD:—

(1.) Mr. J. S. Smith presented a Petition from Edward Merigold Munford and Matthew Blomfield, of Hill End, contractors, praying the House to direct that they may be heard by Counsel before the Select Committee now sitting on this subject.

Petition received.

(2.) Mr. Smith (*with the concurrence of the House*), moved, without Notice, That the Petition now presented by him be referred to the Select Committee on "Petition of Messrs. Blomfield and Munford."

Question put and passed.

4. DOGS:—Mr. Meyer presented a Petition from Sheepowners of the District of Carcoar, complaining of the ravages committed by Tame Dogs on their flocks, and stating their belief that a heavy tax on all Dogs would remedy the evil complained of; and praying for legislation in reference to the subject.

Petition received.

5. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT REPEAL BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Public Vehicles Regulation Act.

Question put and passed.

6. DUBBO PRESBYTERIAN MANSE TRUSTEES BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Pilcher moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable James Holmes, Thomas Baird, John Cassels Ryrie, and Thomas Alexander Thompson, and James Osborne, Esquires, and other the Trustees or Trustee of certain lands situate in Macquarie-street, Dubbo, in the Colony of New South Wales, to sell the said lands, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

Question put and passed.

7. BORDER DUTIES ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 22nd April, from certain Residents on the Murray River, praying for Free Trade in Colonial Produce, be printed.

Question put and passed.

8. SUSAN-LANE ABOLITION BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish a certain Lane proclaimed as Susan-lane, near the waters of Woolloomooloo Bay, in the City of Sydney, and dedicate to the public in lieu thereof, and in exchange therefor, a new street from Susan-lane on the Tusculum Estate to Forbes-street in the said City.

Question put and passed.

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL No. 3 ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Forster then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, 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 apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 23rd April, 1875.

10. **DUBBO PRESBYTERIAN MANSE TRUSTEES BILL**:—Mr. Pilcher 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 Holmes Thomas Baird John Cassels Ryrie and Thomas Alexander Thompson and James Osborne Esquires and other the Trustees or Trustee of certain Lands situate in Macquarie-street Dubbo in the Colony of New South Wales to sell the said Lands and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*"—read a first time.
11. **DOG BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Nelson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Garrett moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned until this day week.
Debate ensued.
Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Day,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	
Mr. Lord,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Meyer,
Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Charles,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Nelson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. **BONUS FOR PRODUCTION OF CAST-IRON**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum not exceeding £5,000, to be given as a bonus to any person or persons who will produce, at the works of one establishment in the Colony of New South Wales, prior to the 31st December, 1876, one thousand tons of Cast-iron from the mineral ores of the said Colony—such iron to be of a merchantable character, and not to exceed in its cost of manufacture £5 sterling per ton, exclusive of the original cost of plant.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
13. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day in reference to a Distillation Bill postponed until Friday, 7th May.
14. **ROGERS' ESTATE BILL**:—The order of the day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Farnell that report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
15. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate on the motion for the third reading of this Bill,—and no Debate arising,—Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.
Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Farnell, *passed*.
Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, 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 Divorce and Matrimonial Causes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd April, 1875.
16. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Barristers Admission Bill postponed until Friday next.
17. **THE REVEREND D. M'GUINN**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—the Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole a Resolution, which was read 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 Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum sufficient to compensate the Reverend D. M'Guinn for the loss of his stipend through the omission of his name from the schedule of Clergymen entitled thereto under the "Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act."
Mr. Driver moved, That the Resolution be now read a second time.
Debate ensued,—and, on motion of Mr. Nelson, adjourned until Friday, 7th May.

18. MR. JOHN CONNERY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary or Additional Estimates for the year 1874, a sum not exceeding £180, as refund to Mr. John Connery of moneys paid in by him to the Superannuation Fund, yearly, up to the time of his ceasing to hold office in 1873.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 7th May.
19. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day in reference to “Joachim v. O’Shanassy” postponed until Friday next.
20. ST. ANDREW’S CATHEDRAL CLOSE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. Nelson moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
Question put,—
And Division called for,—
But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes after Eleven o’clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o’clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 APRIL, 1875.

I. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Municipal Council of Sydney:—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of *Mr. Stuart*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What is the estimated amount which would be due to the Corporation of the City of Sydney from its re-establishment in 1857 to the present time, if the Buildings within the said City which have been occupied by the Colonial and Imperial Governments had been made subject to the same annual municipal taxation to which private buildings in the City have been liable, and what would the interest thereon amount to—

- (1.) As to the City Rates ?
- (2.) As to the Water Rates ?
- (3.) As to the Sewerage Rates ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I give, without having now means of Governmental verification, the replies furnished by the Mayor of Sydney:—

(1.) City Rate	...	...	...	...	£34,000	
Interest	...	...	...	...	22,600	
						£56,600
(2.) Water Rate	...	...	...	...	41,800	
Interest	...	...	...	...	26,400	
						68,200
(3.) Sewerage Rate	...	...	...	...	17,000	
Interest...	...	...	...	...	11,300	
						28,300
						£153,100

(2.) Police Magistrate, Broulee:—*Mr. Byrnes* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Police Magistrate of Broulee has been acting for some years in the capacity of agent for an absentee landlord, and receiving rents and letting farms in his district ?
- (2.) Is this occupation considered consistent with his duties as Police Magistrate ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) I am informed that the Police Magistrate acts only as confidential friend, and not as business agent of an absentee landlord.
- (2.) I am not aware that in so acting there is anything inconsistent with his duty as Police Magistrate.

(3.) Distillation on Vineyards:—*Mr. Macintosh* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is the Government aware of the fact that *Dr. J. B. Keene*, Head of the Distillation Department of Her Majesty's Customs, London, in his Report, headed International Exhibition, 1873, addressed to the Honorable Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs, stated that, after carefully testing the samples of Colonial Wine sent Home, found them to range up to 28 per cent. of alcohol naturally developed, and condemned in emphatic terms the practice of adding distilled spirits to Colonial Wine ?

(2.) Is there any immediate supervision over the distillation of brandy from grapes on the vineyards by officers of the Distillery Department; if not, has such supervision been recommended ?

(3.)

- (3.) Are there any travelling Inspectors, whose duty it is to visit the vineyards, to check illicit distillation, except the nominal supervision of the Police, who act as Inspectors of Distilleries without receiving any pay for performing the duty?
- (4.) Have the Government received any complaints, or are they in possession of any information, in regard to illicit distillation being carried on in the wine making districts of the Colony?
- (5.) Have there been any seizures of illicit spirits from any vineyard, or for illicit distilling on any vineyard from 1869 to 1875; if so, have they been confirmed, with the number made, and the particulars of each seizure?
- (6.) What is the minimum size of still allowed by the present Distillation Act to manufacturers of sugar, and others who are desirous of keeping a still to utilize by distillation what would otherwise be of little value; also the amount of license fee?
- (7.) What is the minimum size of still allowed to Vignerons, and the amount of license fee?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

- (1.) I am not in a position to examine the report in question, but I am obliged to the Honorable Member for his information.
- (2.) There has hitherto been no immediate supervision by any salaried officers of the Department over the distillation of brandy at the different licensed vineyards, but the necessity of such supervision has been suggested by the Chief Inspector of Distilleries. Under the 4th clause of 30 Victoria, No. 15, vineyard proprietors having licensed stills are required to keep a Record Book, open at all times to inspection by any excise officer, of every separate distillation, and of the disposal of all spirit made. A Return from this source is requested every year, but the regulation in this respect is imperfectly complied with, owing to a defect in the law.
- (3.) The Chief Inspector of Distilleries makes periodical visits to the different vineyards of the Colony, and, having recently returned from the Southern District, is about to further inspect the Hunter River District and the Counties of Cumberland and Camden.
- (4.) Not that I am at present aware of, but inquiry will be made.
- (5.) Only one seizure of spirits; the offender was sentenced to six months imprisonment, but liberated when between three and four months of his sentence had expired.
- (6.) One thousand gallons—ten pounds.
- (7.) Twenty-five gallons—one pound.

- (4.) Bridge at Manilla Crossing-place :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to erect a Bridge over the River Namoi, at the Manilla Crossing-place, this year?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No; as it is probable the Railway will be constructed beyond this before long the Government are not prepared to incur the great cost of a bridge for ordinary traffic at this place.

- (5.) Court Houses at Wallabadah, Gunnedah, and Nundle :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any provision for the erection of Court Houses at the following places :—Wallabadah, Gunnedah, and Nundle?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No application appears to have been made for a new Court House at Wallabadah, and the present accommodation is considered sufficient. The question of providing additional Court House accommodation at Gunnedah and Nundle is under consideration.

- (6.) Warders at Mudjee Gaol :—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Were a number of Warders dismissed from the Mudjee Gaol during the last six months?
- (2.) Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the whole of the Papers concerning the inquiry, and the names of the men dismissed?

Mr. Robertson answered,—One warder only, Michael Kileran, was dismissed, after full investigation by the Comptroller-General, approved by the Colonial Secretary, for insubordination and false charge against the Gaoler. Four others were removed from Mudjee Gaol, not formally dismissed the service, with permission to apply for re-employment, as follows :—John Toner, after six months; Charles Graham, after four months; Owen Smythe, after four months; P. J. Fitzgibbon, after two months.

- (7.) Single-headed Rails :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What quantity of single-headed Rails was ordered from the Park Gate, or other English Company?
- (2.) What was the price per ton to be paid for these Rails in England?
- (3.) What is the highest price quoted for similar Rails in England?
- (4.) About what quantity of these Rails have as yet been delivered in the Colony?
- (5.) What is the difference in weight per yard between these and the ordinary double-headed Rails hitherto used on our Railways?
- (6.) By whose recommendation or advice was this particular section of single-headed Rail ordered?
- (7.) Have any of these Rails been laid on the Permanent Way of our Railways open for traffic; and if so, what time were they down before either requiring to be turned or taken up as useless?
- (8.) Has any Board been appointed to inspect, test, and report upon these Rails; and if so, will the Government lay the Report, as soon as received, upon the Table of the House?
- (9.) Were the Rails inspected and passed by any one in England on behalf of the Government; and if so, by whom?
- (10.) Have the Rails that have been delivered for shipment, up to last advices, been paid for?
- (11.) Has it been found necessary by the contractors on the extensions to strengthen these Rails before they can be used at all; and if so, is it the intention of the Government to pay them for this extra work?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) 33,220 tons contracted for by the following firms :—Park Gate Iron Company, 6,600 tons; Consett Company, 13,860 tons; Bolcow, Vaughan, & Co., 5,390 tons; North Yorkshire Company, 7,370 tons.

(2.) For 6,600 tons, £12 12s. 6d. per ton; for 13,860 tons, £11 per ton; for 5,390 tons, £7 17s. 6d. per ton; for 7,370 tons, £7 19s. 9d. per ton; average rate, £10 3s. per ton.

(3.)

- (3.) Tenders were invited for the supply of these Rails, and the highest price quoted in October, 1873, was £13 10s. per ton, and in November, 1874, £9 17s. 6d. per ton.
- (4.) 12,806 tons have arrived to date.
- (5.) 5 lbs. per yard.
- (6.) The Engineer-in-Chief first recommended a 75 lb. double-headed Rail with chairs; but to meet the almost universal demand for cheap railways the single-headed Rail, weighing 70 lbs. per yard, without chairs, was adopted, as being cheaper in first cost.
- (7.) Until the Board appointed to test the Rails have made their Report, I shall not be in a position to answer this question.
- (8.) A Board has been appointed for the purpose alluded to. I do not at present see that there can be any objection to lay their Report, when received, upon the Table of the House.
- (9.) Yes—Mr. W. F. Shields, C.E.
- (10.) Yes.
- (11.) No.
2. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. **ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL**:—Mr. Charles presented a Petition from John Harris, of Shane's Park, Esquire, praying to be heard by Counsel in opposition to this Bill.
Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.
4. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) List of Directors of the Destitute Children's Asylum, for the year 1875.
 - (2.) Further Correspondence respecting the case "Joachim v. O'Shanassy."
 - (3.) Return to an Address, adopted on 1st April, 1875, in reference to the exclusion of the Honorable Member for Gold Fields West from Darlinghurst Gaol.
 - (4.) By-laws of St. John's College.
 - (5.) Plan of, and Report on, Islands in Nanuku Passage, Fiji Group.
Ordered to be printed.
5. **ALLEGED MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE AT BRAIDWOOD**:—Mr. Greville presented a Petition from Gold Miners and others resident in the Braidwood Division of the Southern Gold Mining District, alleging that a miscarriage of Justice took place in a case for trespass, tried at the District Court, Braidwood, in the month of November, 1874; and praying the House to inquire into the matter.
Petition received.
6. **REPORTS FROM STOCK INSPECTORS ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. T. G. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of the Reports of the various Stock Inspectors throughout the Colony, furnished in compliance with the Circulars issued to them by the Chief Inspector of Stock, under date 23th August, 1st September, and November, 1874, and which were directed to be furnished on 1st February, 1875.
 - (2.) Maps of the various Districts forwarded to the Inspectors of Stock as per these Circulars, and showing the information marked on such, in compliance with the fourth paragraph of Circular of November, 1874.
Question put and passed.
7. **ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Lord 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 the following Documents:—
- (1.) Any telegrams, letters, or despatches (not yet communicated to the House), from His Excellency to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, having reference in any way to the question of the appointment and swearing in of, or the assumption of office by, or the devolution of office upon, an Administrator during the absence of the former from the Colony.
 - (2.) Any telegrams, letters, or despatches from the Secretary of State to His Excellency, or relating to the same subject.
 - (3.) Any opinion of the Crown Law Officers in England on the same subject.
 - (4.) Any recommendations made by His Excellency to the Home Government in reference to the appointment of an Administrator, and any answer to such recommendation, or any decision thereon.
 - (5.) Any instructions sent out by the Secretary of State to His Excellency in reference to the question of an Administrator during his absence.
Question put and passed.
8. **REPORTS RESPECTING PREMISES OF WINE MERCHANTS AND OTHERS ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Inspectors Reports, after making their annual visitation of inspection of the premises of the Wine Merchants, Cordial Manufacturers, and Coppermiths of Sydney, for 1873, sent to the Chief Inspector of Distilleries, with any Minutes of the Chief Inspector thereon.
Question put and passed.
9. **DISTILLATION ON VINEYARDS ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of Vineyards in the Colony of New South Wales; their size in acres, where situated, with the names of the owners.
 - (2.) The number of vineyards having a licensed still, the size of the still, the names of the owners, and where situated.
 - (3.) The number of gallons of wine produced from each vineyard per acre, in each year, from 1869 to 1875.
 - (4.) The quantity of proof gallons of brandy distilled on each vineyard having a licensed still, in each year, from 1869 to 1875.
 - (5.) The number of gallons of wine fortified with brandy, in each year, from 1869 to 1875, by each Vignerone. (6.)

- (6.) The number of proof gallons of brandy used on each Vineyard in fortifying the wine in each year, from 1869 to 1875.
 (7.) The number of proof gallons of brandy distilled on the vineyards and used by the Vignerons for home consumption as allowed by the Act 13 Vic. No. 27, sec. 19.
 (8.) The quantity of proof gallons of brandy, now held by each Vigneron having a licensed still.
 (9.) The natural developed spirit strength of the wine previous to being fortified with brandy.
 (10.) The spirit strength of the wine after being fortified with brandy.
 (11.) The per-centage of alcohol permitted to wine makers in fortifying their wines by the present Distillation Act 13 Vic. No. 27, sec. 20.

Question put and passed.

10. VOLUNTEER LAND ORDERS ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and all Opinions that have been given by the Crown Law Officers with respect to the non-granting of second Land Orders to Volunteers.
 Question put and passed.
11. GOODS TRAFFIC ON SOUTHERN AND WESTERN RAILWAYS ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence since December, 1872, in reference to a reduction in the Tariff for the carriage of Goods on the Southern and Western Railways.
 Question put and passed.
12. DUBBO PRESBYTERIAN MANSE TRUSTEES BILL:—("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Pilcher moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Dubbo Presbyterian Manse Trustees Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Hay, Mr. Davies, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Burns, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Charles, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Meyer, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
13. GOULBURN CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Teece, moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Goulburn Cattle Sale-Yards Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Booth, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Davies, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Terry, and the Mover.
 Question put and passed.
14. WARATAH COAL COMPANY'S 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 authorize the Waratah Coal Company to extend their Line of Railway by the construction of Branches.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, 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 authorize the Waratah Coal Company to extend their Line of Railway by the construction of Branches,*"—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, 27th April, 1875.*

15. ROGERS' ESTATE 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 and authorize Martha Rogers or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of the late George John Rogers to sell a parcel of land situate at Craighend in the City of Sydney and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds of the sale thereof.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, that the 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 enable and authorize Martha Rogers or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of the late George John Rogers to sell a parcel of land situate at Craighend in the City of Sydney and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds of the sale thereof,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 27th April, 1875.*

16. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT REPEAL BILL:—Mr. Davies presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal an Act intituled 'An Act to regulate Vehicles in the City and Suburbs of the Police District of Sydney,'*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

17. PRIVILEGE (*Joachim v. O'Shanassy*):—Mr. Buchanan proceeding to make the Motion standing in his name in reference to the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into certain charges made against the Honorable Member for Yass Plains relative to his alleged connection with the case "*Joachim v. O'Shanassy,*"—

Mr. Speaker said,—Before the Honorable Member proceeds to move the Resolutions of which he has given notice, I feel it to be my duty to call the attention of the House to the similarity between them and the motion which was made by the same Honorable Member, and negatived by the House, on the 1st April last. The motion then made was in the following words:—

"That

"That it is a breach of the privileges of this House for any Member to receive money for advocating the claims of individuals either in the House or before any Minister of the Crown; and that the Honorable Member for Yass having so acted, his conduct in so doing be referred to a Select Committee to inquire into the truth of the said charge, and report to the House." The motion of which the Honorable Member has given notice to move now is, "That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the truth of certain charges made by an Honorable Member of this House against the Honorable Member for Yass Plains, Mr. Fitzpatrick, to the effect that the Honorable Member for Yass Plains had, since he occupied a seat as a Member of this House, received from Sir John O'Shanassy, or his agent or agents, a sum or sums of money to advocate, uphold, or support his, the said Sir John O'Shanassy's, claims or interests before the Minister for Lands in the dispute between Sir John O'Shanassy and Mr. Joachim." It appears to me that these motions are substantially the same; they have the same purpose in view, and propose to effect that purpose by the same means. The House is aware that, according to the rules and practice of Parliament, no question may be proposed which is the same in substance as any question which, during the same Session, has been resolved in the affirmative or negative. Holding the view I have expressed, I felt it my duty thus to bring the matter before the consideration of the House. I am deeply impressed with the importance of the subject of the Honorable Member's motion, and I am very unwilling that any ruling of mine should prevent a full and proper consideration of any charge made against an Honorable Member of this House. I shall therefore content myself with having drawn the attention of the House to the Question of Order, and shall not prevent the Honorable Member for Gold Fields West from proceeding with his motion if no objection be raised to this course.

Objection being taken to the Honorable Member proceeding,—Mr. Speaker ruled that, for the reasons he had expressed, the proposed Question could not be put.

And a Debate arising upon the ruling of Mr. Speaker,—the motion was withdrawn.

18. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

19. FUTURE GOVERNORS SALARIES REDUCTION BILL:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the Salaries of future Governors.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Burns,	Tellers.
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Goold,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Davies.
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Moses,	

Noes, 23.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Day,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Meyer,	Tellers.
Mr. Greville,	
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. Shepherd,	

And so it passed in the negative.

20. GOVERNMENT OF FIJI:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That in the opinion of this House the proposition of the British Government, disclosed in the Correspondence laid upon the Table, to the effect that this Country should contribute money to provide a Government for Fiji, while we are studiously excluded from all participation or responsibility in the Government of that Territory, should be met by the unqualified opposition of this House.

(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Byrnes.

Noes, 39.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Day,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Meyer,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Goold,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Tellers.
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. R. Forster,	

And so it passed in the negative.

21. **MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, with a view to the introduction of a Bill to amend the law relating to Mining.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
22. **IMMIGRATION**:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That a Board of Immigration shall be appointed by the Governor, consisting of three members, and shall hold office for three years, and be eligible for re-appointment, and that the Colonial Treasurer for the time being shall be an ex-officio member of the Board.
(2.) That the sum of £12,000 per month shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the credit of the Board of Immigration.
(3.) That a special grant of £300,000 shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the credit of the Board of Immigration.
(4.) That the members of the Board shall be paid by fees, not to exceed £2 2s. per day for each day of meeting.
(5.) That the Board shall have full power to expend the money appropriated by Parliament for Immigration, and to appoint and remove Immigration Agents, Clerks, and other officers, to appoint their Chairman, to frame Regulations for the performance of their duties and holding their meetings, and to do all other things necessary to be done, and any two members of the Board shall form a quorum, and shall be competent to transact any business at any meeting of the Board.
(6.) All Regulations shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within one month, if Parliament be then sitting, and if Parliament be not sitting, then within one month after the next sitting of Parliament, and all such Regulations shall, upon being published in the *Gazette*, be valid in law.
(7.) That the Immigrants shall be selected from England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, in proportion to the population of such countries, respectively, according to the last Census.
(8.) That a Bill ought to be introduced this Session to carry out the above Resolutions.
That the preceding Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
23. **BENCH OF MAGISTRATES, SINGLETON**:—Mr. W. C. Browne 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 Minister of Justice and the Bench of Magistrates at Singleton, relative to the non-attendance of the majority of the Magistrates at the Court-house, Singleton, together with all Minutes and Documents relating thereto.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
24. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Site for German Lutheran Church; resumption of the Debate, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That in the opinion of this House, the Government should be empowered to grant to the German Residents of Sydney a piece of land within the City as a site for the erection of a Church." } *until Tuesday next.*
(2.) Wellington Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading.
(3.) St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 7th May.*
25. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Lackey moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-seven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Land adjoining General Post Office :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Government had any Correspondence, direct or otherwise, with the proprietors or leaseholders of the land abutting upon the proposed street to the north of the New Post Office, with the object of purchasing their interest in the said land ?

(2.) If so, will he be pleased to state the purport of such correspondence ?

Mr. Burns answered,—A proposal in reference to this matter has recently been made in writing by one of the parties interested in the land abutting upon the proposed street to the north of the General Post Office, and is now under the consideration of the Government. It is not deemed expedient to make public at present the nature of the proposal.

- (2.) Conditional Purchases :—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the number of Conditional Purchasers who have ceased to pay the interest on the balance of the purchase money, from the passing of the Land Act to March 31, 1875 ?

(2.) Has any report of the names of such defaulters been made by the Treasury to the Secretary for Public Lands, in order that the provisions of the 18th clause of the Lands Alienation Act may be duly carried out ?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1.) It has been found impossible to supply the information asked for by the Honorable Member in the short time allowed. A Return, however, is in preparation at the Treasury for the Lands Department which involves all this information. This Return, I am told, will occupy three months in preparation. Perhaps the Honorable Gentleman will not object to ask for it by motion. There will be no objection on the part of the Government to its being produced.

(2.) Such a report was transmitted up to 1871, and since similar ones have been casually transmitted.

- (3.) Sale of Liquors at Sydney Railway Station :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that certain Magistrates have granted a license to sell Fermented and Spirituous Liquors at the Sydney Railway Station ?

(2.) Is it true that such sale has been carried on by the permission of the Commissioner for Railways ?

(3.) Will the Government institute an inquiry, and if found to be true, will they give instructions for the withdrawal of such permission ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The Government is aware that a license has been granted, and that an action respecting the validity of such license is pending.

(2.) The Commissioner, upon application, gave the lessee permission to sell Spirituous Liquors if he could legally do so. The illegality of such course has not been established.

(3.) The Government will cause inquiry.

- (4.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Bathurst :—Mr. F. B. Suttor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government accepted any tender for the erection of a Telegraph Office in Bathurst ?

(2.) Have the Government any intention of calling for tenders for the erection of the other Public Buildings in Bathurst for which plans have been prepared, and for which the money was voted by this House ?

Mr.

Mr. Lackey answered,—Tenders for the erection of Post and Telegraph Offices at Bathurst, conjointly, have been repeatedly invited, but no reasonable offer has been received; it was therefore decided to advertise the works separately. A tender for the Telegraph Office was accepted on the 21st instant, and tenders for the Post Office will be invited with the least possible delay.

- (5.) Sale of Liquors at Sydney Railway Station:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of a Letter, which Mr. Davies has seen, written by the Inspector General of Police, dated 28th December, 1874, addressed to Superintendent Read, having reference to the granting of a License for the Refreshment Rooms at Sydney Railway Station?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Honorable Member says that he saw this letter. I can only say that he never saw it in my hands. I think I ought to lay this Paper upon the Table of the House, because perhaps in strictness it ought to be put with the papers; but I do not think the Inspector General of Police was wise in letting the Honorable Member see this letter.

- (6.) Bonded Warehouses:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has permission been granted to certain Bonded Storekeepers to place free goods in Bonded Warehouses?
- (2.) Has similar permission been asked for, and refused to other Bonded Storekeepers?
- (3.) Has permission been granted to any importers to store goods subject to duty in Free Warehouses?
- (4.) Has any correspondence passed between the Treasury, the Customs Department, and the Bonded Warehousekeepers, on these subjects?
- (5.) Will he have any objection to lay the Correspondence upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Forster answered,—

- (1.) I am unable to discover that such permission has ever been granted.
- (2.) No, so far as I am aware. It has been asked, but refused.
- (3.) It appears that such permission has been granted in the case of goods in transitu, and under the Crown's lock while so stored.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) No objection.

- (7.) Reserves in Town of Sydney:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return, ordered by this House on April 8th, 1874, relating to the Reserves in the Town of Sydney, be complied with?

Mr. Garrett answered,—A Return will be laid upon the Table of the House either this afternoon or to-morrow, so far as it is in the power of the Department to furnish the information sought for.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Memorandum of the Inspector General of Police, dated 28th December, 1874, addressed to Superintendent Read, relative to granting a License for the Sale of Liquors at the Refreshment Rooms at the Sydney Railway Station. (*To be appended to the papers on the same subject, laid upon the Table, and ordered to be printed, on 13th April, 1875.*)

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 7th April, 1875, in reference to the Maitland Gaol. Ordered to be printed.

3. ELECTORATE OF NORTHUMBERLAND INCREASED REPRESENTATION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Stevens moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Representation of the Electoral District of Northumberland.

Question put and passed.

4. ADDITIONAL JUDGES BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to increase the number of Judges of the Supreme Court, and to make further provision for their salaries and pensions.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly the appropriation of Funds for the salaries and pensions of an increased number of Judges of the Supreme Court.

*Government House,
Sydney, 27th April, 1875.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on the Bill.

5. SUSAN-LANE ABOLITION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Garrett, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly to make provision for granting compensation to owners of land resumed for the purpose of forming a new street from Susan-lane on the Tusculum Estate to Forbes-street, instead of a certain lane proclaimed as Susan-lane near the waters of Woolloomooloo, in the City of Sydney.

*Government House,
Sydney, 28th April, 1875.*

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on the Bill.

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—

(1.) The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Lands Acts Amendment Bill postponed until to-morrow.

(2.) The Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day No. 4.

7. SUSAN-LANE ABOLITION BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish a certain Lane proclaimed as Susan-lane, near the waters of Woolloomooloo Bay, in the City of Sydney, and dedicate to the public in lieu thereof, and in exchange therefor, a new street from Susan-lane on the Tusculum Estate to Forbes-street, in the said City. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to abolish a certain Lane proclaimed as Susan-lane, near the waters of Woolloomooloo Bay, in the City of Sydney, and dedicate to the public in lieu thereof, and in exchange therefor, a new street from Susan-lane on the Tusculum Estate to Forbes-street, in the said City.

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

(2.) Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to abolish a certain Lane proclaimed as Susan-lane near the waters of Woolloomooloo Bay in the City of Sydney and dedicate to the public in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor a new street from Susan-lane on the Tusculum Estate to Forbes-street in the said City*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

8. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned, at six minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Coal Fields:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Will he be pleased to lay upon the Table of the House Sir Thomas Mitchell's Map of the Coal Fields of this Colony, referred to in the reply to Question of the 21st instant; and also the Map said to have been published by the Examiner of Coal Fields, in reply to Question of the 16th instant?
- (2.) Copies of all Reports by the Examiner of Coal Fields received in the Department of Mines previously to the 31st December, 1874, referring to, and in explanation of, his examination of 15,000 square miles of the Coal Fields of the Colony, in the following order:—
- (1.) The course of examination pursued in each of the 15,000 square miles?
- (2.) The date of examination of each of the 15,000 square miles?
- (3.) The number of outcrops, and their correct position in the 15,000 square miles?
- (4.) The sinking required to win the top seam of coal in each of the 15,000 square miles?
- (5.) The number of faults in each of the 15,000 square miles?
- (6.) The bearing and extent of such faults?
- (7.) The direction and angle of dip of the strata in each of the 15,000 square miles said to have been surveyed and correctly charted by the Examiner of Coal Fields?

Mr. Lucas answered,—

- (1.) Yes. Both replies refer to the same Map, which I have here. I will presently lay it upon the Table of the House as an Exhibit. I suppose it will not be required as a record of the House. It is very useful in the Lands Department.
- (2.) No Reports were received in the Department of Mines from the Examiner of Coal Fields previous to the 31st December, 1874, excepting such as have already been laid before Parliament.
- (2.) Aboriginal Electors:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is the Government aware that Aborigines of New South Wales were placed upon the Electoral Roll of the Colony, and voted at the last General Election, and also placed upon the Electoral Rolls for the present year?
- (2.) Will the Government have any objection to obtain the opinion of the Crown Law Officers (and lay upon the Table for the information of the House) whether, under the Electoral Act of 1858, Aborigines of this Colony can be placed upon the Electoral Rolls and record their votes at elections?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Government is not aware that Aborigines of New South Wales were placed upon the Electoral Roll of the Colony. I do not think the law prohibits such persons from being so enrolled; but if the Honorable Member will be good enough to indicate exactly what he desires, we will make more careful inquiry, and if we find it is as his question implies, we will make no difficulty in obtaining the opinion of the Crown Law Officers upon the subject.

- (3.) Bridge over Cockburn River:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Bridge over the Cockburn River, Tamworth, and the Road from the said bridge to Dungowan, Bowling Alley Point, and Nundle, be open for general traffic?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Bridge has been ready for traffic since March last, but cannot be opened until the road is proclaimed. The road works are far advanced, and will be ready in three months.

(4.) Gaol at Tamworth :—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect a Gaol at Tamworth; if so, when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The question of the erection of a new Gaol at Tamworth is under the consideration of the Government.

(5.) Toll-bar at Green Swamp :—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What Revenue does the Government derive from the Toll-bar at Green Swamp, on the Main Western Road?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Gross collections for 1873, £189 9s. 6d.; for 1874, £122 0s. 3d.; estimated for 1875, £120. The tolls are collected by the wife of the maintenance man, who receives extra pay for her services—about £15 per annum.

2. COAL FIELDS :—Mr. Lucas laid upon the Table (*as an Exhibit*) a Map of the Coal Fields of the Colony.

3. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS :—The following Petitions in opposition to the sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Railway Lines, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) By Mr. Buchanan. From the Minister and Members of the Mariners Church, Sydney.

(2.) By Mr. Macintosh. From the Minister and Members of the Presbyterian Church (Chalmers), Sydney.

(3.) By Mr. Wearne. From the Executive Council of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

(4.) By Mr. Piddington. From the Bishop of Sydney, Dean, Canons, Clergymen, and others, of the Church of England Synod.

(5.) By Mr. Davies. From the Representatives of seventy-one Sub-divisions of Number One Grand Division Sons of Temperance located in Sydney East.

Petitions received.

4. DUBBO PRESBYTERIAN MANSE TRUSTEES BILL :—Mr. Pilcher, 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 27th April, 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Pilcher then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

5. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That during the remainder of the present Session, after Monday next, unless otherwise ordered, Monday be a sitting day of this House; and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. Scholey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Goold,	
Mr. Wearne.	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Pileher,
Mr. Stevens,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Meyer,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. W. Watson,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Taylor.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. PAPER :—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 8th April, 1874, in reference to Reserves in the Town of Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Duty on Gold Abolition Bill postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.

8. ADDITIONAL JUDGES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to increase the number of Judges of the Supreme Court, and to make further provision for their salaries and pensions.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, that the Report be received on Wednesday next.

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3) :—Mr. 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 apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875.*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th April, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

10. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Lands Acts Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—*until Wednesday next.*
(2.) Susan-lane Abolition Bill ; second reading ;—*until to-morrow.*
11. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 30 APRIL, 1875, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The House adjourned, at half-past One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 30 APRIL, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Accidents:—*Mr. Scholey*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) The number of Railway Accidents on the Southern, Western, and Northern Lines, since 1865?
 - (2.) The cause of such accidents, as stated on inquiry?
 - (3.) The number of persons injured, and the amount paid to each person by way of compensation for injuries received?
 - (4.) The names of such persons, and the nature of injuries?
 - (5.) Whether the persons so compensated were under the influence of drink at the time of such accidents?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I will lay upon the Table of the House next week a Return which will afford the Honorable Member the information he seeks.

- (2.) Toll-bar on Newtown Railway Bridge:—*Mr. Hill* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is the Government aware that a Toll-bar proclaimed in 1860 on the Newtown Railway Bridge, but abandoned in 1864, has been revived by the present Lessee, after permission had been refused by the Government for its re-establishment?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have made inquiries, and I understand such to be the fact.

- (3.) Wharf Accommodation, Sydney Harbour:—*Mr. James Watson* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government taken into consideration the Evidence given before, and the Plans submitted to, the Committee for improving the Wharf Accommodation of Sydney Harbour, and if so, will any proposal be submitted to this House during the present Session for carrying out, and on what plan, a work which is so urgently required?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This matter is engaging the attention of the Government, and will receive very early consideration.

- (4.) Land Office at Gunnedah:—*Mr. Wisdom* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Land Office at Gunnedah, distinct from that at Tamworth?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Yes. The boundaries of the new District have recently been approved, and the notification of the same, and of the establishment of the new Land Office, will be gazetted when the books necessary to carry on the business have been prepared.

- (5.) Sydney Foundling Institution:—*Mr. Davies* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How long has the Sydney Foundling Institution been in existence?
 - (2.) What number of children have been received into the Institution?
 - (3.) What has been the health and mortality of the children in the Institution?
 - (4.) What are the names of the Office-bearers, and have the Government any control in the management of the Institution?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) The Foundling Institution was opened in May last.
- (2.) Forty-one children, most of whom were in a moribund state when received, and almost all weakly.

(3.)

- (3.) Twenty-four have died. The children having come in an unhealthy state, there has been a considerable amount of ill health. The children are now thriving.
- (4.) Patroness: The Honorable Lady Robinson. President: Mrs. E. B. Parnell. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Bensusan.

Ladies of the Committee:

Mrs. St. John,	Mrs. Alexander,
Lady Deas-Thomson,	Mrs. Wise,
Lady Murray,	Mrs. John Smith,
Mrs. Holt,	Mrs. Fischer,
Mrs. Henry Moore,	Mrs. E. B. Parnell,
Mrs. Heron,	Mrs. John Eales,
Mrs. Dumaresq,	Mrs. Bensusan.

I may add, that seven of the children were found on the doorstep of the Institution, and one was born in the Infirmary. Five have been reclaimed by their friends. The Institution is anti-sectarian.

- (6.) Railway from Redfern to Circular Quay:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he be pleased to lay a Progress Report upon the Table of this House showing the progress made in the Trial Survey for a Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay? Mr. Lackey answered,—I shall have much pleasure in allowing the Honorable Member to see the papers and plans on this subject; but it is considered undesirable to make the Progress Reports public until the route which the Railway will take has been decided upon.
- (7.) Railway from Wagga Wagga to Albury:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for the extension of the Great Southern Railway from Wagga Wagga to Albury; if so, when? Mr. Lackey answered,—This work, and others of a like character, which will comprise a large question of Railway extension, are now receiving the best attention the Government can give, with a view to their being submitted to Parliament during the next Session.

- (8.) Police Magistrate, Wollombi:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to remove the present Police Magistrate of the Wollombi District to Singleton?

(2.) If so, will another Police Magistrate be appointed to the Wollombi District?

(3.) If not, what provision has been made for the performance of the duties of Police Magistrate at the Courts of Petty Sessions held at Wollombi, Ellalong, and Macdonald River, and those of Crown Lands Agent at the former town?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) If it become necessary to do so it will be done.

(3.) The Police Magistrate stationed at Singleton will be required to visit Wollombi for the purpose of holding a Court of Petty Sessions there. He will also visit Ellalong and Macdonald River when required to do so by the Magistrates. A Crown Lands Agent will be appointed for the Wollombi.

2. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No 3.):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. W. Forster, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875,*" 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, 30th April, 1875.

3. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS:—The following Petitions in opposition to the sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Railway Lines, were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Stephen Brown. From Inhabitants of Newtown, Camperdown, and Marrickville.

(2.) By Mr. Stuart. From Inhabitants of the Glebe and Balmain.

(3.) By Mr. Scholey. From Citizens of Maitland.

(4.) By Mr. Stuart. From the Sydney Young Men's Christian Association.

(5.) By Mr. Davies. From Members of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, Northern District.

Petitions received.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 1st April, 1875, in reference to Workmen employed on Railways.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Opinion of the Attorney General respecting the case of Dr. Frederick Beer.

Ordered to be printed.

5. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL:—Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the prevention of Contagious Diseases,*"—which was read a first time.

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

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cunneen moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. COST OF GENERAL ELECTION (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. T. G. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A Return showing the cost of the last General Election; also, cost in the case of each Electorate.
 (2.) A detailed statement of the disbursements in each Electorate, showing the names of parties employed, nature of service, and amount received for such.
 Question put and passed.
8. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The Public Schools at which the hour set apart for Religious Instruction has been availed of by the Clergy of the various Denominations.
 (2.) The attendance of Scholars at the Public Schools where such Religious Instruction has been given.
 (3.) The names of the Clergy, with the Denominations to which they belong, who have availed themselves of the hour so set apart, and the number of their attendances.
 The Return to be made up for the years 1873 and 1874.
 Question put and passed.
9. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The names of all Conditional Purchasers who have ceased to pay interest upon the balance of the purchase money, from the passing of the Lands Alienation Act to March 31, 1875.
 (2.) The acreage of each purchase.
 (3.) The District in which it is situated.
 (4.) Whether such purchases were forfeited or not at the date of this Return.
 Question put and passed.
10. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS (*"Formal" Motions*):—
 (1.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th April, from the Minister and Members of the Mariners Church, against the proposed Bill to legalize the sale of Liquors at Railway Stations, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th April, from the Minister and Members of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, against the proposed Bill to legalise the sale of Liquors at Railway Stations, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 (3.) Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Wearne, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th April, from the Independent Order of Good Templars, against the passing of the proposed Bill to legalise the sale of Liquors at Railway Stations, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 (4.) Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 29th April, from the Representatives of Seventy-one subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance, against the proposed Bill to legalize the sale of Liquors at Railway Stations, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
11. ALIENS NATURALIZATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
 Mr. Nelson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Nelson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Nelson (*with the concurrence of the House*) the report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
12. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of The Clarence Electorate Sub-division Bill postponed until Friday next.
13. MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL,—on motion of Mr. Buchanan, read a third time, and *passed*.
 Mr. Buchanan then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to legalize the Marriage of a man with the Sister of his deceased Wife.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, 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 legalize the Marriage of a man with the Sister of his Deceased Wife,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 30th April, 1875.*
14. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of The Hastings Electorate Sub-division Bill postponed until Friday, 14th May.
15. DOG BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Nelson, That this Bill be now read a second time,—
 Debate resumed.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Montague,

Tellers.

Mr. Gray,
Mr. J. Watson.

Noes, 27.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Scholey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stevens,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Shepherd,	

And so it passed in the negative.

16. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Barristers Admission Bill postponed until Friday next.
17. **JOACHIM v. O'SHANASSY**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of the Resolution from a Committee of the Whole,—
Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Resolution be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Davies,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. Watson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Scholey,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Stephen Brown.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Mr. Piddington,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a second 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 £300 for the purpose of enabling the Crown to be represented on the hearing of the appeal in the case *Joachim v. O'Shanassy*, now before the Privy Council, and the decision in which will decide the question as to the legality of the Conditional Purchases which have been made by infants or minors under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861.

On motion of Mr. Buchanan, Resolution agreed to.

18. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS** (*Stephen v. Watson*):—Mr. Stephen Brown, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, relative to the Petition of George Milner Stephen, Esquire, against the return of William Watson, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Williams, which was referred to the said Committee on 5th February last.
Report read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 28th January, 1875, to whom was referred, on the 5th February, 1875, a Petition from George Milner Stephen, Esquire, of Balmain, against the return of William Watson, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Williams, have determined, and do hereby accordingly declare,—

“(1.) That the said William Watson, Esquire, did not commit acts of bribery and corruption within the meaning of the ‘Electoral Act of 1858,’ at the late election for The Williams, and that, therefore, the said William Watson, Esquire, was duly elected as Member for The Williams.

“(2.) That no award be made as to costs.

“No. 2 Committee Room,
“Legislative Assembly,
“30th April, 1875.”

“S. C. BROWN,
Chairman.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brown, that the Report, and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, be printed.

19. **IMMIGRATION**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That a Board of Immigration shall be appointed by the Governor, consisting of three members, and shall hold office for three years, and be eligible for re-appointment, and that the Colonial Treasurer for the time being shall be an ex-officio member of the Board.
- (2.) That the sum of £12,000 per month shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the credit of the Board of Immigration.
- (3.) That a special grant of £300,000 shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the credit of the Board of Immigration.

(4.)

(4.) That the members of the Board shall be paid by fees, not to exceed £2 2s. per day for each day of meeting.

(5.) That the Board shall have full power to expend the money appropriated by Parliament for Immigration, and to appoint and remove Immigration Agents, Clerks, and other officers, to appoint their Chairman, to frame Regulations for the performance of their duties and holding their meetings, and to do all other things necessary to be done, and any two members of the Board shall form a quorum, and shall be competent to transact any business at any meeting of the Board.

(6.) All Regulations shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within one month, if Parliament be then sitting, and if Parliament be not sitting, then within one month after the next sitting of Parliament, and all such Regulations shall, upon being published in the *Gazette*, be valid in law.

(7.) That the Immigrants shall be selected from England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, in proportion to the population of such countries, respectively, according to the last Census.

(8.) That a Bill ought to be introduced this Session to carry out the above Resolutions.

That the preceding Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

The House adjourned, at seven minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 MAY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Kevin, Assistant Training Master under Council of Education:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did Mr. J. Kevin, who has been recently appointed to the office of Assistant Training Master under the Council of Education, fail in obtaining a Second Class Certificate by examination?

(2.) What were the grounds upon which the Council of Education appointed Mr. Kevin to that office over the head of a gentleman who had been two years longer in the service, and who held a higher classification?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have received from the Council of Education the following replies to the questions of the Honorable Gentleman:—

(1.) Yes. Five years ago Mr. Kevin obtained his present classification, in accordance with the provisions of Article 39 of the Regulations.

(2.) Because the Council considered, under all the circumstances, that Mr. Kevin was better suited for the office.

(2.) Quarter Sessions at Gunnedah:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Court of Quarter Sessions at Gunnedah; if so, when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have been informed that the Court of Quarter Sessions at Gunnedah is altogether inadequate for Quarter Sessions purposes. The subject, however, shall receive the early attention of the Government.

(3.) Conditional Purchases of Michael Allen at Moama:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that a man named Michael Allen selected at Moama, some time ago, two measured portions of land?

(2.) Is it true that Sir John O'Shanassy, or the Honorable Member for Yass Plains, Mr. Fitzpatrick, acting as his agent, applied to the Under Secretary for Lands to know if the two portions of land selected by Mr. Allen could be taken up by him, Sir John O'Shanassy, as auction selections, on paying the full amount into the Treasury?

(3.) What was the answer given to Sir John O'Shanassy's question by the Under Secretary for Lands, and to whom was the answer given?

(4.) Is it true that Sir John O'Shanassy, or his agent the Honorable Member for Yass Plains, paid the amount into the Treasury, and did the officer who received it at the Treasury only give a suspense receipt for it?

(5.) Is it true that Sir John O'Shanassy, accompanied by his agent the Honorable Member for Yass Plains, went back to the Lands Office and presented the receipt to Mr. Thurlow, the head of the Deeds Branch of the office, and asked him to issue the Deeds without delay, to enable Sir John O'Shanassy to take them with him to Melbourne where he was going?

(6.) Is it true that this was actually done, and that Sir John O'Shanassy got the Deeds immediately on application having been made for them?

(7.) Is it true that Michael Allen has never been dispossessed of the land, although Sir John O'Shanassy holds possession of the Deeds?

(8.)

- (8.) Is it true that different Ministers for the Department of Lands have repeatedly appealed to Sir John O'Shanassy to give back the Deeds in question?
 (9.) Has the present Minister for Lands done so?
 (10.) Has Sir John O'Shanassy complied with the request of any of the Ministers by giving back the Deeds?
 (11.) Is it the usual practice of the Department to issue Title Deeds with the same dispatch that governed the case in question?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes, on the morning of 25th August, 1870.
 (2.) Sir John O'Shanassy applied personally on the afternoon of the same day. Mr. Fitzpatrick did not act as his agent at that time in any way whatever.
 (3.) There is nothing on the papers connected with the transaction to show the exact answer given. It can only be said from the Under Secretary's recollection, and from what actually took place subsequently, that he was allowed to do so. This reply was given to Sir John O'Shanassy himself.
 (4.) The amount was paid by Sir John O'Shanassy, on the morning of the 26th, and the Treasury gave him a suspense receipt only, pending receipt of the necessary documents from the local land office.
 (5.) Mr. Thurlow was not in charge of the Deeds Branch at the time. There is a memorandum, however, of the Under Secretary with the papers, which shows that Sir John O'Shanassy requested that the Deeds might be expedited, as he was leaving for Melbourne on the 7th September.
 (6.) The Deeds were prepared on the 5th September—ten days after the date of his paying the money into the Treasury.
 (7.) Yes.
 (8.) A communication was addressed to him, by direction of the Honorable John Robertson, on the 28th October, 1870, asking him to surrender the Deeds, and a similar course was taken by Dr. Wilson when he was in office.
 (9.) Yes.
 (10.) No.
 (11.) No; as a general rule each case is dealt with in the order received; but in such cases as the purchaser being about to leave the Colony, a rule of the kind is not made imperative.

- (4.) Conditional Purchase of Mr. J. R. Russell at Lake Macquarie:—*Mr. Bowden*, on behalf of Mr. Cunneen, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it intended to cancel the Conditional Purchase made by Mr. J. R. Russell of certain Crown Land on the shores of Lake Macquarie, in the Gosford District, because it is partly on a Reserve?
 (2.) If so, when was the Reserve proclaimed, and when charted?
 (3.) How many acres of the Conditional Purchase are included in the Reserve?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) The Conditional Purchase was "declared void" on 22 February, 1875.
 (2.) The Reserve has been proclaimed, and the land embraced within it was excepted from Conditional Purchase by Lands Department notice of 23rd December, 1861, published in *Gazette* of 24th December, 1861, paragraph 3, under the authority of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council. The date of charting is not known, but the Reserve appears on a number of the old county maps of the County of Northumberland, also upon a map (Cat. H, 434) of date about 1831.
 (3.) Wholly within the Reserve.
- (5.) Mr. Amos Davis:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has any Petition been received by the Secretary for Public Works from the Inhabitants of Wallabadah relative to Amos Davis and the Commissioner for Roads?
 (2.) If so, has the prayer of such Petition been complied with?
 (3.) Will he lay such Petition, if any, upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes, a Petition has been received.
 (2.) The prayer of such Petition has not been complied with.
 (3.) Yes, I will presently lay a copy of such Petition upon the Table of the House.
- (6.) Land Office at Corowa:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
 Is it the intention of the Government to make provision for the erection of a proper Land Office at Corowa?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is the intention of the Government to provide the accommodation required for the establishment of a Land Office at Corowa.

- (7.) Wharf Accommodation, Sydney Harbour:—Mr. James Watson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government taken into consideration the Evidence given before, and the plans submitted to, the Committee for improving the Wharf Accommodation of Sydney Harbour; and if so, will any proposal be submitted to this House during the present Session for carrying out, and on what plan, a work which is so urgently required?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Government has had under its consideration the Evidence and Plans submitted to the Committee for Improving the Wharf Accommodation of Sydney Harbour, and find that the Report from the Committee, through Mr. Parkes, the Chairman, was brought up on the 24th April, 1873. That Committee refused to make any positive recommendation as to the most desirable plan submitted, considering that the Government must enter upon an independent examination of the Plans and Evidence, with the assistance of those Public Officers whose professional knowledge is available in leading to a right conclusion. The present Government find that the sum of £89,000 was voted by Parliament in 1873 for the purpose of carrying out the proposed work, and regret that their short tenure of office has precluded the special attention which this highly important and necessary work demands. They propose, however, as soon as the approaching recess will afford the necessary time, to give this work immediate attention, so that the most suitable plan may be adopted, and the necessary work commenced without any further delay.

- (8.) Storage of Gunpowder :—Mr. Stuart asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is the Government aware that the Board appointed to inquire into the storage of Gunpowder has not yet held a meeting?
 - (2.) If such be the case, what is the reason why no meeting has been held?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—Some delay has arisen from the circumstance that it was considered desirable to add to the number of the gentlemen appointed to the original Board of Inquiry. This addition has now been made, and the necessary instructions have been issued to the Chairman to enable the Board to proceed with the business at once.
2. NORTHUMBERLAND ELECTORATE INCREASED REPRESENTATION BILL :—Mr. Stevens presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to increase the Representation of the Electoral District of Northumberland*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 14th May.
3. PAPERS :—
- Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Report on the University of Sydney for the year 1874.
Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Copy of a Petition received by the Secretary for Public Works from the Inhabitants of Wallabadah, relative to Amos Davis and the Commissioner for Roads.
4. SALE OF COLONIAL WINES REGULATION ACT :—Mr. Bawden presented a Petition from Vine-growers and others in the District of Grafton, against the repeal of this Act, but in favour of its amendment; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration.
Petition received.
5. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT :—Mr. Bawden presented a Petition from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, in favour of certain amendments in this Act; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, and legislate in accordance therewith.
Petition received.
6. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT REPEAL BILL :—Mr. Davies presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney, in favour of the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
7. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS :—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Ryde, in opposition to the Sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Railway Lines.
Petition received.
8. TENTERFIELD ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Bawden, on behalf of Mr. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Subdivision of the Tenterfield Electorate.
Question put and passed.
9. ALLEGED MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE AT BRAIDWOOD ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Greville moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 27th April, from Gold Miners in the Braidwood District, relative to an alleged miscarriage of Justice, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS ("*Formal*" Motions) :—
- (1.) Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th April, from certain Inhabitants of Newtown, Camperdown, and Marrickville, against the proposed Bill to legalize the sale of Liquors at Railway Stations, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 30th April, from No. 2 Grand Division of Sons of Temperance, in the Northern District, against the proposed Bill to legalize the sale of Liquors at Railway Stations, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (3.) Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petitions presented by him on 30th April, from the Young Men's Christian Association, and from Inhabitants of Balmain and the Glebe, against the proposed Bill to legalize the sale of Liquors at Railway Stations, be printed.
Question put and passed.
11. LETTER ADDRESSED TO M. M. ROCHEFORT AND GROUSSET :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire and report whether the Post Office authorities of Sydney have delivered to the French Consul here, or to the French authorities anywhere, a letter, entrusted to their care, addressed to MM. Rochefort and Paschal Grousset, Switzerland or Belgium.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Burns, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Hay, Mr. Warden, Mr. Cunneen, and the Mover.
 - (3.) That the Proceedings and Evidence, &c., taken before the Select Committee on this subject during the Session of 1874 be laid upon the Table, with a view to being referred to this Committee.
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
And the Clerk having laid the Documents upon the Table,—
- Mr. Buchanan (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, that the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, &c., on the subject of the "Letter addressed to M. M. Rochefort and Grousset," just laid upon the Table by the Clerk, be referred to the Committee now appointed on that subject.
Question put and passed.

12. **JOACHIM v. O'SHANASSY** (*Question of Order*):—Mr. Speaker said that he felt it to be his duty to call the attention of the House to the Motion standing in the name of the Honorable Member for Gold Fields West. For the reasons given by him in his ruling on the 27th April last, he was of opinion that the proposed question was the same in substance as that which had been negatived by the House on the 1st April.
 And objection having been taken by the Honorable Member for Newtown to the Honorable Member proceeding,—
 Mr. Speaker ruled that it would not be competent to him to put the Question.
 Whereupon Mr. Buchanan moved,—
 “(1.) That it is a breach of the privileges of this House for any Member to receive money for advocating the claims of individuals either in the House or before any Minister of the Crown; and that the Honorable Member for Yass having so acted, his conduct in so doing be referred to a Select Committee, to inquire into the truth of the said charge, and report to this House.
 “(2.) That the Honorable the Colonial Secretary be appointed to select the Committee.”
 “Debate ensued.
 “7. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
 “(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the truth of certain charges made by an Honorable Member of this House against the Honorable Member for Yass Plains, Mr. Fitzpatrick, to the effect that the Honorable Member for Yass Plains had, since he has occupied a Seat as a Member of this House, received from Sir John O'Shanassy, or his agent or agents, or any other person or persons, a sum or sums of money to advocate, uphold, or support his, the said Sir John O'Shanassy's claims or interests, or the claims or interests of any other person or persons before the Minister for Lands.
 “(2.) That when the subject matter of the dispute between Sir John O'Shanassy and Mr. Joachim came, on motion, before this House for discussion, the Honorable Member for Yass Plains, Mr. Fitzpatrick, took part in the discussion, and spoke earnestly and warmly against the interests of Joachim, giving effect to his advocacy by his vote.
 “(3.) That the said Committee consist of,—Mr. Farnell, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Stuart, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Davies, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Cameron, and the Mover.”
 “The Speaker having ruled that the two Resolutions just read are the same, I dissent from such ruling.”
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
13. **STAMP DUTIES BILL**:—Mr. W. Forster presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to impose Stamp Duties*,”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
14. **ALLEGED PERSONATION AT ELECTION FOR WEST MACQUARIE**:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Meyer, 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 Mr. Henry Rotton, of Blackdown, near Bathurst, and Mr. Superintendent Lydiard, and between Mr. Superintendent Lydiard and the Inspector General of Police, and between the Inspector General of Police and the Minister for Justice, and the Reply or Replies of the Minister for Justice to such Correspondence, relative to certain charges preferred against two persons of the name of Maher and one named M'Gann, for offences alleged to have been committed by them against the provisions of the Electoral Act 22 Victoria No. 20 at the recent Election for West Macquarie, together with all Minutes and Documents relating thereto.
 Question put and passed.
15. **CASE OF DR. BEER**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Minutes, Correspondence, and other Papers written by the late Premier, Mr. Parkes, in reference to the case of Dr. Beer.
 Question put and passed.
16. **BULLOCK ISLAND BRIDGE**:—Mr. Stevens moved, pursuant to Notice, 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 Supplementary Estimates for 1875, a sum not exceeding £1,000 for the completion of the Bullock Island or Onebygambah Bridge.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
17. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Cameron moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Question put and negatived.
18. **PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT REPEAL BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Davies moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
 On motion of Mr. Davies, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.
19. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Mining Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Mining,—*until Friday next*.
 (2.) Site for German Lutheran Church; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, “That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should be empowered to grant to the German Residents of Sydney a piece of land within the City as a site for the erection of a Church,”—*until Tuesday next*.
 (3.) Wellington Electorate Bill; second reading,—*until Tuesday, 25th May*.

20. DUBBO PRESBYTERIAN MANSE TRUSTEES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Pilcher moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Pilcher, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Pilcher, that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 MAY, 1875.

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

DEATH OF FRANCIS WHITE, ESQUIRE, M.P.:—Mr. Robertson informed the House that he had received the melancholy intelligence of the death of Francis White, Esquire, Member for the Upper Hunter,—and said that, as it had been the practice of this House to adjourn on being informed of the death of one of its Members, he did not think it would be seemly to proceed with any business to-day; and he therefore moved that this House do now adjourn, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. White.

Debate ensued.

Question put, That this House do now adjourn.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. W. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. F. B. Suttor.
Mr. Meyer,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Farnoll,	Mr. W. Watson,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Wisdom,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. R. Forster.
Mr. Jacob,	
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Filcher,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Montague,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at ten minutes before Five o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 MAY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Border Duties:—Mr. Day asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Government of this Colony received any communication from the Government of Victoria with respect to the Border Duties between the two Colonies?

(2.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to open negotiations with Victoria, with a view to the settlement of this vexed question?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) For more than a year there has been no official communication from the Government of Victoria.

(2.) This Government, since we have been in office, have had very little opportunity of approaching questions of this kind, but this question will have the consideration of the Government during the recess, should we ever get a recess at all.

- (2.) Case of Thomas M'Brien:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was Thomas M'Brien brought before the Parramatta Bench of Magistrates on the 14th day of April last for protection, and supposed to be of unsound mind; and was the said Thomas M'Brien on the above date remanded to the Parramatta Gaol for seven days?

(2.) Was the said Thomas M'Brien discharged from the Gaol at Parramatta on the morning of the 20th of April last; and if so, at what hour, and by what authority, and by whose orders, and under what circumstances was he discharged?

(3.) Was the said Thomas M'Brien re-arrested on the last mentioned date; if so, where, and by whose orders, and by what authority (if any), and by whom, and under what circumstances was he re-arrested?

(4.) Has any investigation (official or otherwise) been held to inquire into the circumstances of the abovementioned discharge and arrest of the said Thomas M'Brien; if so, when, where, and before whom was such investigation held?

Mr. Robertson answered,—From information received from the Comptroller General of Prisons, I beg to say in answer to—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes, at Seven o'clock, A.M., by order of the Chief Warder, to whom he was brought by Warder Finucane in error for discharge.

(3.) By the authority of the Gaoler, who had him re-arrested on discovering the mistake that had been made.

(4.) The facts, not disputed, were reported, and the matter dealt with. It was dealt with by censure of the officers in fault, and a notification that they would be held liable for any legal consequences.

- (3.) Public School Buildings:—Mr. Parkes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What steps have been taken to give effect to the Resolution of this House, agreed to on the 20th April, in favour of erecting and furnishing Public Schools Buildings entirely from Public Funds?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Government have before Parliament a Bill for the purpose of obtaining funds to enable the carrying out of the principle indicated by these Resolutions, and the Government will be very glad when that Bill is passed—I mean the Appropriation Act.

(4.) Railway Coal Traffic:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What are the rates of freight charged upon Coal per ton per mile on the Great Northern Railway in Government trucks, and in owners trucks?

(2.) What are the rates charged for the same on the Great Western Railway?

(3.) What rent is paid by the Western Collieries for the special use of the land occupied by them at the Redfern Railway Station?

(4.) Has any demurrage ever been paid by any of the Western Collieries for allowing Coal to remain in the Government trucks beyond the usual time; if so, by which Company or Companies?

(5.) Is not demurrage strictly enforced upon billet wood, hay, and other produce, if not removed within twenty-four hours?

(6.) What amount (if any) has been received by the Government for demurrage upon coal, wood, and hay, during the past two years, specifying the amount received upon each article separately?

(7.) Have not complaints frequently been made by the consignees of wood of want of trucks, while at the same time trucks have been lying at the Redfern Station full of coal consigned to the agents of the Western Collieries beyond the usual time allowed for emptying them?

(8.) Have not complaints continually been made about wood being kept on the other side of the line to the inconvenience and loss of both sender and receiver, through want of room on the Regent-street side, the only place from which it can be taken?

(9.) Do the Government intend to allow this inconvenience to continue by still permitting the best portion of the line to be continually occupied by a private Company or Companies?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) 1½d. per ton per mile in Commissioners trucks, with a terminal charge of 2s. per ton for first 15 miles. The following are the charges in owners trucks:—

	s.	d.
For any distance under 7 miles	0	10
Above 7 miles and not exceeding 10 miles	1	0
Over 10	1	3
„ 15	1	10
„ 25	2	4

For distances exceeding 35 miles, 1d. per ton per mile in addition to the rate for 35 miles.

(2.) The same as the Great Northern in Commissioners trucks. The rate for the carriage of coal in owners trucks has not yet been definitely fixed for South and West lines.

(3.) The Bowenfels Coal Company has leased a small piece of land at Redfern Railway Station, at 5s. per week.

(4.) Yes, by the Bowenfels and Esk Bank Companies.

(5.) Demurrage is not enforced in the case of billet wood, because the trucks are not really delayed, the Department, to meet the demand for trucks, having to provide for the unloading of them should the consignees omit to do so. A charge for undue occupancy of yard space for storing wood is, however, made. Demurrage is enforced upon hay trucks, but twenty-four hours are not made the limit, as reasonable allowance is made for wet weather and other causes interfering with acceptance of delivery.

(6.) The amount received for demurrage on hay is £562 16s. 7d.; on coal due and collected, £53 16s.; on wood, nil; but a sum of £164 11s. 11d. has been collected for undue occupancy of yard.

(7.) No; the Companies coal is unloaded with great promptitude, and within regulation time.

(8.) Complaints have occasionally been made when delays of a few hours have taken place, owing to want of space; the loss (if any) entailed upon the owner of the wood must necessarily have been very trifling. It may be mentioned that the Darling Harbour sidings will be opened in a few weeks, when all cause of complaint will cease.

(9.) No such occupation has ever been allowed, and consequently the Honorable Member's inference is incorrect.

(5.) Reserve at Head of Cataract and Loddon Rivers:—Mr. Terry asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any portion of Reserve No. 19, reserved for the preservation of water supply, on the recommendation of the Water Commission, notified 16th November, 1869, and situated at the heads of the Cataract and Loddon Rivers, in the parish of Southend, county of Cumberland, been revoked for sale?

(2.) If revoked, to whom, and what area?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) To Charles Wright, 40 acres; to George Wright, 40 acres, under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Act.

(6.) Payment of Wages of Railway Workmen:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Mechanics of the Locomotive Department, the Labourers, and Permanent Way men, have not received their wages for the past four weeks?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to devise some better means of paying the employés more regularly for the future?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The wages which were due on the 23rd of April were not paid till the 3rd of May, in consequence of Parliament not having voted the necessary supplies.

(2.) No unnecessary delay takes place when funds are available.

2. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—

- (1.) *Shipway and others v. Fitzpatrick* :—Mr. Stephen Brown, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, relative to the Petition of Joshua Shipway and others, against the return of Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of Yass Plains, which was referred to the said Committee on the 1st April last.

Report read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows :—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 28th January, 1875, to whom was referred on the 1st April, 1875, a Petition from Joshua Shipway and others, against the return of Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of Yass Plains, do hereby report to the House that they have agreed to the following Resolution,—

“ That the Petition not having been lodged within the time prescribed by law, the Committee are of opinion the same cannot be entertained.

“ No. 2 Committee Room,
“ Legislative Assembly,
“ Sydney, 5th May, 1875.”

“ S. C. BROWN,
“ Chairman.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Brown, that the Report, and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, be printed.

- (2.) *Adjournment of the Committee* :—Mr. Brown moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matters referred to them having been disposed of. Question put and passed.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Progress Report of the Sydney City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board.
(2.) Return to an Order, made on 4th May, 1875, in reference to the Case of Dr. Beer.
Ordered to be printed.

4. ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL :—Mr. Charles presented a Petition from certain Freeholders and Leaseholders resident on the Ultimo Estate, praying to be heard by Counsel in opposition to this Bill.

Petition received, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.

5. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Petitions, in opposition to certain clauses in this Bill, were presented by Mr. Day :—

- (1.) From certain Free Selectors, Farmers, and Landowners of the Hume District, in Public Meeting assembled at Albury.
(2.) From certain Free Selectors, Farmers, and Landowners of the Hume District, in Public Meeting assembled at Bowna.

Petitions received.

6. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS :—The following Petitions in opposition to the sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Railway Lines were presented by the Members named :—

- (1.) By Mr. Sutherland. From Inhabitants of Paddington, Waverley, Woollahra, and Waterloo.
(2.) By Mr. Wisdom. From the Minister and Members of the Congregational Church, Pitt-street, Sydney.

Petitions received.

7. GOULBURN CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of the Chairman (Mr. Teece) 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 the 27th April, 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 18th May.

8. ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL :—Mr. Macintosh (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the Ultimo Presbyterian Church Trustees Bill be authorized to make visits of inspection to the Ultimo Estate.

Question put and passed.

9. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS (“*Formal*” Motions) :—

- (1.) Mr. Scholey moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 30th April, from Citizens of Maitland, against the proposed Bill to legalize the sale of Liquors at Railway Stations, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 29th April, from the Bishop of Sydney, the Dean of Sydney, and other Clergymen and Laymen, members of the Church of England Synod, against the proposed Bill to legalize the sale of Liquors at Railway Stations, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (3.) Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 4th May, from certain Inhabitants of Ryde, against the proposed Bill to legalize the sale of Liquors at Railway Stations, be printed.
Question put and passed.

10. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT REPEAL BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th May, from the Mayor and Aldermen of Sydney, in favour of the Public Vehicles Regulation Act Repeal Bill, be printed. Question put and passed.
11. SALE OF COLONIAL WINES REGULATION ACT (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 4th May, from certain Vinegrowers and others in the Clarence District, relative to the Colonial Wines Act, be printed. Question put and passed.
12. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 4th May, from the Synod of Eastern Australia, relative to Public Education, be printed. Question put and passed.
13. ALIENS NATURALIZATION ACT AMENDMENT 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 amend the Law relating to Aliens.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, 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 Aliens,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th May, 1875.*
14. DUBBO PRESBYTERIAN MANSE TRUSTEES BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Pilcher, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Pilcher then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain Lands situate in Macquarie-street Dubbo in the Colony of New South Wales to sell the said Lands and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, 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 enable the Trustees of certain Lands situate in Macquarie-street Dubbo in the Colony of New South Wales to sell the said Lands and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds 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, together with a copy of the Deed of Grant.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th May, 1875.*
15. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
(1.) Claims against the Crown Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enforce Claims against the Crown,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.
*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th May, 1875.* JOHN HAY,
President.
- (2.) Waratah Coal Company's Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Waratah Coal Company to extend their line of Railway by the construction of Branches,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.
*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 6th May, 1875.* JOHN HAY,
President.
16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Gray moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
17. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Stamp Duties Bill postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Lands Acts Amendment Bill.
18. ADDITIONAL JUDGES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—the Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole a Resolution, which was read as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to increase the number of Judges of the Supreme Court, and to make further provision for their salaries and pensions.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
19. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Sutherland moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until Wednesday next.
Debate ensued.

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned until Wednesday next.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Abbott,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Hay,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Davies,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and negatived.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Bill was adjourned until Monday next.

The House adjourned, at twelve minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 7 MAY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What amount of interest on the balance of Conditional Purchases was due on the 31st December, 1874, and what amount of the said interest was unpaid on the date aforesaid?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—This question cannot well be answered unless in the shape of a Return, which, I am told, will take a very long time to prepare—at least three months; but a Return is being prepared for the Lands Department in which the information asked for in the Honorable Member's question will be included. There will be no objection on the part of the Government to have this Return laid upon the Table.

- (2.) Reserve at head of Cataract and Loddon Rivers:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any portion of Reserve No. 19 (reserved for the preservation of Water Supply on the recommendation of the Water Commission), situated on the heads of the Loddon and Cataract Rivers, in the Parish of Southend, County of Cumberland, been revoked for sale as Mineral or Coal land?

(2.) If revoked, what area, and to whom sold?

(3.) Are the unalienated lands situated on both sides of the projected Sydney and Illawarra Railway still under reserve, in pursuance of the Governor's proclamation of March 10th, 1874?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes, but not for sale as mineral or coal land.

(2.) 40 acres to George Wright; 40 acres to Charles Wright, under the 13th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, and 2 acres for a Public School.

(3.) The notification of the 10th March, 1874, was cancelled by subsequent notice of 7th July, 1874.

- (3.) Cook's River Trust Road:—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that the Cook's River Trust Road passes through four different Municipalities; that it is only a little over four miles long, and has a revenue from tolls of nearly £3,000 per annum?

(2.) Has the Government any objection to proclaim this road a main road under the Main Roads Management Act, and hand over the proceeds from tolls to the respective Municipalities proportionately?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No objection, if requested by the Municipalities so concerned, and they undertake to keep the roads in good order with the proportion of the tolls, without further grant from the Government.

- (4.) Pilot Service, Port Jackson:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Davies, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that, on the night of 17th September, 1874, when the "Oscar" barque was lost, No. 3 Pilot was in Sydney, and that No. 1 Pilot was present at a place of amusement in Sydney when he should have been at the South Head on duty as look-out?

(2.) Is it true that No. 2 Pilot was in Sydney on that day, and on his return was incapable of performing his duty?

(3.)

- (3.) Did Pilot No. 4 on that evening see signals of distress made from the barque "Oscar," and say to some of his crew that he would not go out or take the light-ship when it was not his turn?
- (4.) Is it true that during Pilot Coutts's suspension he brought in and took out small vessels, and the other Pilots brought in and took out all large ones?
- (5.) Has the Colonial Treasurer any objection to state the amount of money received by Pilot Coutts six months previous to his suspension, and the amount received by him during his suspension?
- (6.) Is it a fact that the Mail Steamer "Normanby," on her last voyage here, came in without a Pilot; and where was the last Mail Steamer boarded?
- (7.) Is it true that one of the Mail Steamers was boarded off Middle Head, inside of the Heads of Port Jackson?
- (8.) Is the Colonial Treasurer aware that three weeks ago the schooner "Ariel" came in at 8 o'clock p.m. without a Pilot; and if so, by whose neglect?
- (9.) Where was the schooner "Free-trader" boarded on her last voyage?
- (10.) Is it true that the ship "Clieut," on last passage here, came inside South Reef, and had to wear and stand to sea again before she could get a Pilot?
- (11.) Is it true that some of the white men had to leave the boats, and were afraid to go to sea because the boats were not sufficiently manned, as the black men at present employed by the Pilots cannot be trusted in bad weather?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—The following answers to the Honorable Member's questions are supplied by the Marine Board:—

- (1, 2, 3.) The barque "Oscar" was not lost on the 17th September, 1874, but on the 17th September, 1873. During the inquiry held by the Marine Board into the circumstances attending the loss of the vessel it was ascertained that the Pilot who boarded her was the only one on the station. Each absent Pilot was called on to show why he should not be dismissed. Written explanations were made, but the Board intimated that if, at any future time, a Pilot should be absent from the station on private business without leave, his licence would be revoked. As so much time has elapsed since the loss of the "Oscar," it is considered impossible to answer questions 1, 2, 3 in a more specific way.
- (4.) Pilot Coutts was never suspended—his fees were reduced one-half for six months.
- (5.) Six months previous to Pilot Coutts's fees being reduced, he received £470 15s. 10d.; and during the six months that he only received half fees, he was paid £164 1s. 5d.
- (6.) It is not a fact that the Mail Steamer "Normanby" came in without a Pilot; she was boarded off North Head; and by the statement of the Captain endorsed on the Pilot's Certificate, immediately after the signal was made.
- (7.) No report of such circumstance has reached the Government. If a particular ship is designated, further inquiries will be made.
- (8.) The schooner "Ariel" has an exempt master, and did not require a Pilot.
- (9.) A Pilot started to board the "Free-trader" when she was a long way off; but he was diverted from her by a steamer, closer in shore, which unexpectedly hoisted a signal for a Pilot. By the time a second Pilot reached the "Free-trader" she was between the Heads.
- (10.) There is no record of any such ship ever having visited the port. Possibly there is a mistake in the name. If the date of the alleged occurrence is given, further inquiry will be made.
- (11.) No such complaint has ever reached the office; but it is inferred that, as the life of the Pilot is at stake in the performance of his duty, he would be the best judge in choosing whether his crew is efficient or not.

(5.) Fines inflicted on Gaol Warders:—Mr. Scholey asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Into what fund have the Fines for neglect of duty or infringement of Rules by the Warders of the various Gaols of the Colony been paid?
- (2.) The amount of such Fines during the year 1874?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) They are left in the Consolidated Revenue Fund by not being drawn from the Treasury, excepting in cases where they are directed to be paid to persons who have acted as substitutes for the officers fined while they may have been unfit for duty or suspended.
- (2.) £46 8s.

(6.) French Works of Art:—Mr. H. C. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Government received from the French Consul any communication with reference to the presentation to the Colony by his Government of Works in the various Departments of Art?
- (2.) If they have, will he lay it upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) It is intended to publish it in the *Government Gazette*.

(7.) Conditional Purchases of Michael Allen, at Moama:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—In answer to a question put to the Minister for Lands last Tuesday, he stated that he had asked Sir John O'Shanassy to deliver up the Title Deeds to the land selected by Michael Allen, and that Sir John O'Shanassy had given up the Deeds in question,—I now ask the Honorable the Minister for Lands if he will give the date on which the said Title Deeds were given up?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No. If the Honorable Member will refer to the recorded Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday last he will find that my reply was "No," not "Yes."

(8.) Oyster Beds:—Mr. H. C. Dangar, on behalf of Mr. Stuart, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many leases of Natural Oyster Beds have been granted since the passing of the Oyster Beds Act of 1868?
- (2.) How many leases have been granted for the purpose of laying down or forming Oyster Beds?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Twenty-five of both classes.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Despatch respecting Sydney Branch Royal Mint.
- (2.) Trust Moneys Deposit Account, from 1st April, 1874, to 31st March, 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Address, adopted on 20th April, 1875, in reference to Mr. James Grey, late Post-master at Albion Park.
- (2.) Return to an Address, adopted on 6th April, 1875, in reference to the San Francisco Mail Services.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ADDITIONAL JUDGE BILL :—Mr. Robertson presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to increase the number of Judges of the Supreme Court to five and to make further provision in reference to their Salaries and Pensions.* ”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
4. ENCROACHMENT OF THE MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER :—Mr. W. Forster presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of Wagga Wagga, and the Inhabitants of the Town and District, representing that, by the encroachment of the River Murrumbidgee, the destruction of the Town of Wagga Wagga is threatened ; and praying the intervention of the House, with a view to the adoption of measures to arrest the encroachment of the river.
Petition received.
5. GOULBURN CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL :—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from Stockowners, Stock Agents, and others interested in the sale and purchase of Live Stock, in opposition to this Bill.
Petition received.
6. COLONIAL DISTILLED SPIRITS (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—Mr. T. G. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Convictions and Fines levied, with names of parties so fined, for selling Colonial Distilled Spirits at Wine-shops, or by Vineyard Proprietors, within the last ten years.
Question put and passed.
7. PETITION OF AMOS DAVIS (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report on, certain allegations contained in a Petition from Amos Davis, which was presented to this House, and ordered to be printed, on the 11th November last.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lackey, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Cohen, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Gray, Mr. W. C. Browne, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
8. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS (“ *Formal* ” Motions) :—
(1.) Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th May, from Residents of Paddington, Waverley, Woollahra, and Waterloo, against the proposed Bill to legalize the sale of Liquors at Railway Stations, be printed.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Wisdom moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 6th May, from the Minister and Members of the Pitt-street Congregational Church, against the proposed Bill to legalize the sale of Liquors at Railway Stations, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on the 6th May, in reference to the Lands Acts Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. DOG ACT AMENDMENT BILL (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—
(1.) Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Terry, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Act commonly known as the Dog Act.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend and extend the Act commonly known as the Dog Act.* ”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. DISTILLATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Bawden, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Distillation.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to regulate Distillation.
On motion of Mr. Bawden, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. THE REVEREND D. M'GUINN :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Driver, “ That the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole “ be ” now read a second time, ”—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Davies moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word “ be, ” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “ recommitted to the Committee. ”
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

Question

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Stephen Brown.

Mr. Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. W. Forster,	
Mr. W. Watson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put,—That the Resolution from the Committee of the Whole be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Noes, 10.

Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Gray,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Meyer,	
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Bawden.

Mr. W. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Stuart.
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. W. Watson,	
Mr. Robertson,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a second 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 Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum sufficient to compensate the Reverend D. M'Guinn for the loss of his stipend through the omission of his name from the schedule of Clergymen entitled thereto under the "Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act."

On motion of Mr. Driver, the Resolution was agreed to.

13. MR. JOHN CONNERY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary or Additional Estimates for the year 1874, a sum not exceeding £180, as refund to Mr. John Connery of moneys paid in by him to the Superannuation Fund, yearly, up to the time of his ceasing to hold office in 1873.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

14. ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL CLOSE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sutherland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

15. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*

(2.) Clarence Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*

(3.) Barristers Admission Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*

(4.) Immigration; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*until Friday, 21st May.*

(5.) Mining Act Amendment Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Mining;—*until Tuesday next.*

The House adjourned, at seven minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 10 MAY, 1875.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and negatived.
2. QUESTION.—Mining Registrars:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) How many Mining Registrars have been appointed under the Mining Act of 1874?
(2.) How many Mining Registrars hold other appointments or offices of profit under Government, either directly or indirectly?
(3.) If any, what is the nature of the appointments or offices so held?
Mr. Lucas answered,—
(1.) 100.
(2.) 100.
(3.) Clerks of Petty Sessions, Land Agents, Warden's Clerks, Registrars of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and Police Officers.
3. DISTILLATION BILL:—Mr. Bawden *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate Distillation*,"—
which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 21st May.
4. ENCROACHMENT OF THE MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 7th May, from the Mayor and Aldermen of Wagga Wagga, relative to the encroachment of the Murrumbidgee River, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,—"
And the Question being again proposed,—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Abbott moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until Wednesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
Original Question again proposed.
Debate continued.
On motion of Mr. Farnell, the Debate was adjourned until Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 MAY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reserve on Bone Creek:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is he aware that Reserve No. 81, of 640 acres on Bone Creek, adjoining the road from Murrurundi to Coolah, County of Pottinger, is not accessible to the Public?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim this Reserve a Reserve for Travelling Stock; and if so, when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) The Government is not aware. The Crown Bailiff has been requested to report. The Reserve, however, is not withdrawn from lease.
 (2.) The matter will receive due consideration as soon as the facts are made known to Government.

- (2.) Mr. Weston, C.P.S., Coonamble:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Police business at Coonamble is conducted in the private residence of Mr. Weston, the Clerk of Petty Sessions there, and rent paid him for the use of such; and if so, what rent?
 (2.) How many Government appointments does Mr. Weston, the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Coonamble, hold?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) The police business at Coonamble, for want of Court-house accommodation, appears to be conducted in a room of the private residence of Mr. Weston, and rent is paid for the same at the rate of 10s. per week.

- (2.) Mr. Weston, as is usual with other officers in his position, holds the following appointments:—Clerk of Petty Sessions, Coroner, Land Agent, Agent for the Curator of Intestate Estates, Clerk of Small Debts Court, Commissioner of the Supreme Court for taking Affidavits, and Postmaster for Coonamble.

- (3.) Court-house at Coonamble:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any money been voted for erection of Court-house, &c., at Coonamble; if so, what amount, and when voted?
 (2.) Have tenders been called for, or accepted, for this work; if not, what steps have, or will be taken, to expedite the work?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The sum of £800 was voted on the Estimates of 1874 for the erection of a Court-house at Coonamble; as, however, a contract could not be taken in time, the vote lapsed in terms of the Audit Act. The amount required having been re-voted, the necessary plans are now in course of preparation, and when completed, tenders will be invited for the execution of the work.

- (4.) Municipalities Act:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government taken into consideration the necessity of amending the Municipalities Act of 1867, so far as extending and increasing the amount of Endowment now granted by the provisions of sec. 189 of the said Act.

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—This has engaged the earnest and careful attention of the Government from the time of our taking office. We found a measure in some way approaching this left by our predecessors; but unquestionably it will be necessary to deal with it more fully. The Mayor and Corporation of the City of Sydney have in course of preparation a Bill which they desire shall be submitted to the Government before the Government bring in their Bill, and for this we are waiting, being desirous of showing every consideration to the Corporation, without binding ourselves to adopt their proposals. I suppose, however, it will be admitted that we cannot bring forward this Bill during the present Session, though some legislation will be necessary, and I hope in a few days to introduce a Bill to deal with the immediate requirements of the City.

- (5.) Postal Accommodation, Prospect and Sherwood:—Mr. Taylor asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended to provide any, and if any, what additional Postal accommodation for the inhabitants of the Municipality of Prospect and Sherwood?

Mr. Burns answered,—Application for increased Postal accommodation for the inhabitants of the Municipality of Prospect and Sherwood was made to me on the 16th ultimo, by a deputation consisting of Mr. Good (the Mayor), Aldermen Jones and Booth. An Inspector has since then visited the locality and reported upon its Postal requirements, and I am of opinion that increased accommodation is required, but I have not yet decided in what shape it shall be provided.

- (6.) Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to the reply given by the Secretary for Lands on the 15th April last to a question asked by the Honorable Member Mr. Piddington, wherein it is stated that the balances remaining unpaid upon Conditional Purchases amounted to £4,317,449 15s. 3d.,—In arriving at that amount, has any allowance been made in respect of lapsed, forfeited, and cancelled Conditional Purchases; and if so, what allowance?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The answer to Mr. Piddington's question was intended as an approximate one, and allowance was made therein for refunds on cancelled selections to the extent of £135,705 11s. No allowance was made for selections which had been declared lapsed or forfeited, as that amount could not, in the short space of time allowed for the answer, be arrived at even approximately, without going through all the selections from 1862.

- (7.) Queensland Debt:—Mr. H. C. Dangar asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to take steps to obtain from the Government of Queensland payment of the proportion of Debt taken over by that Colony on its separation from this Colony?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—Ineffectual attempts were made many years ago by Governments and Legislatures one after the other to deal with this question, but nothing has been done for a long time. I cannot say that the question has been in any way under the consideration of the present Government; but upon the Honorable Gentleman's suggestion, and also because the matter is of considerable importance, it shall be dealt with when the disposal of other pressing matters may afford the opportunity.

- (8.) "Wave Breaker":—Mr. Stuart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Have the Government received communications from Captain C. A. Blom Crawford respecting his discovery styled the "Wave Breaker"?
(2.) Have the Government, in accordance with such communication, conveyed representations, or made any intimations, concerning such discovery to Her Majesty's Government?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
(2.) No; it was referred to the Marine Board, but they were unable to decide on the merits of the invention in consequence of the deficient character of his information. On communicating to Mr. Crawford, he, without affording further information, seeks to make terms and to secure protection, which is beyond the present law. The proper course would be to secure his patent according to the existing law. He desires that a Commission should be appointed to inquire into its merits, which does not appear to me to be necessary.

- (9.) Uniforms for Railway Employés:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have uniforms been issued to the employés of the Great Northern Railway this year; and if not, when will they be supplied?
(2.) The like information with regard to the employés of the Southern and Western Railways?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Previous to last year the guards and porters on all the Lines were in the receipt of a money allowance for dress. The experiment was tried on the South and West Lines of supplying the men with uniforms in lieu of the allowance, and as it has resulted satisfactorily the system will be extended at once to the employés on the Northern Line.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) By-laws of the Wagga Wagga Free Library.
(2.) Report respecting the employment of Prison Labour in forming a Harbour of Refuge at Trial Bay.
(3.) Statement of Moneys expended in 1874 under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
(4.) Return respecting Applications under the Real Property Act.
(5.) Return to an Order, made on 27th April, 1875, in reference to Volunteer Land Orders.
(6.) Return to an Order, made on 12th November, 1874, in reference to the Australian Museum.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return respecting Railway Accidents.
Ordered to be printed.

3. RESERVE ON BYRON RUN ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Reports, Letters, Telegrams, Papers, and Minutes, relating to the cancellation of Reserve No. 123 on Byron Run, New England District.
Question put and passed.

4. GOULBURN CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 7th May, from Stockholders and Agents, against the passing of the Goulburn Cattle Sale-Yards Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. THE CASE OF JOHN CHIPLIN (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Butler, 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 Depositions in the case of the prosecution of one John Chiplin, at Hargraves, on or about the 4th of September, 1874, on a charge of perjury, preferred against him by one William Johnstone; also, copies of all Correspondence between the said Chiplin and Mr. Lydiard, Inspector of Police, and Sergeant M'Nanamy, and Mr. Fosbery, Inspector General of Police, respectively, in reference to the said prosecution.
Question put and passed.
6. AGENT GENERAL FOR THE COLONY:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) "That" it is desirable that the office of Agent General in England should be filled by a person possessing the most recent and correct knowledge of the condition and prospects of the Colony, acquired by residence and experience.
(2.) That the office ought not to be regarded merely as an office of profit, to be held on good behaviour, like the ordinary offices under Government, but that the incumbent thereof ought to be subject to recall at any time for reasons of policy, without censure or dissatisfaction being implied by such act of recall.
(3.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the first word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House shall, on "Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of declaring "the office of Agent General to be a political office; and also to consider an Address to the "Governor, praying that his Excellency will be pleased to take whatever steps may be necessary "to make provision for the travelling expenses of any holder of such office to and from the "Colony."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. R. B. Smith.
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. W. Watson,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Stevens,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Piddington,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. J. Watson,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Pilcher.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Lackey,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Burns.

Noes, 33.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. J. Watson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. W. Watson,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Pilcher,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Meyer,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Jacob,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Driver.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. H. C. Dangar then moved, That the following words be inserted in place of the words omitted,—
"it is the opinion of this House that the office of Agent General ought not to be regarded
"merely as an office of profit, to be held on good behaviour like the ordinary offices under Govern-
"ment, but that after the expiration of five years the incumbent thereof ought to be subject to
"recall at any time for reasons of policy, without censure or dissatisfaction being implied by such
"act of recall.

"That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. LETTER ADDRESSED TO MM. ROCHEFORT AND GROUSSET (Member of Legislative Council as a Witness) :—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, *without previous Notice*, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having appointed a Select Committee on "Letter addressed to MM. Rochefort and Grousset," and that Committee being desirous to examine the Honorable Saul Samuel, C.M.G., Member of the Legislative Council, in reference thereto, requests that the Legislative Council will give leave to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, on such day and days as shall be arranged between him and the said Committee.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 11th May, 1875.*

Question put and passed.

8. MINING ACT:—Mr. R. Forster presented a Petition from Miners and Residents of Inverell, Tingha, and Cope's Creek; praying that certain amendments may be made in this Act.
Petition received.
9. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Robertson moved, That the Seat of Francis White, Esquire, lately serving in this House as Member for the Electoral District of The Upper Hunter, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the death of the said Francis White, Esquire.
Question put and passed.
10. WIDOWS OF THE LATE LIEUTENANT GOWLLAND AND — PETERSEN AND THOMAS HAVENHAND:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday 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 present year, a sum of money for the relief of the Widows of the late Lieutenant Gowlland and "— Petersen," who lost their lives in performance of their duties in the Public Service.
Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That the question be amended by the insertion, after the word "Petersen," of the words "and Thomas Havenhand."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That this House will, on Tuesday 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 present year, a sum of money for the relief of the Widows of the late Lieutenant Gowlland and — Petersen and Thomas Havenhand, who lost their lives in performance of their duties in the Public Service,—put and passed.
11. REMOVAL OF PUBLIC MONEY FROM BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Parkes 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 circumstances attending the recent removal by the Government of large sums of Public Money from the Bank of New South Wales to other Banking Institutions,
* * * * *
[*Certain words expunged by order of the House. See Votes and Proceedings No. 86 of 20 July, 1875. Entry 5.*]
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Lackey, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Stuart, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Gray, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. B. Suttor, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
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- And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—
- WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY, 1875, A.M.
- And Mr. Hoskins requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
Question,—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances attending the recent removal by the Government of large sums of Public Money from the Bank of New South Wales to other Banking Institutions,
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[*Certain words expunged by order of the House. See above.*]
put and passed.
Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed :—Mr. Parkes, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Stuart.
12. TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return showing the services in which it was intended to apply the additional 38 Officers on the Estimates of the Telegraph Department which were presented to the House by the late Government on the 19th November, 1874, and the salary proposed to be paid in each case.
(2.) A similar Return with regard to the 88 additional Officers asked for on the Estimates presented by the present Government on the 31st March, 1875.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Election for Liverpool Plains :—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Poll was taken at the residence of Peter O'Rourke, saddler, and not at the Court-house, Gunnedah, Liverpool Plains, at the last election?

(2.) The names of the Presiding Officer and Poll Clerk at Gunnedah, during the last election?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1.) Yes, in consequence of want of room at the Court-house.

(2.) Presiding Officer, Mr. P. O'Rourke; Poll Clerk, Mr. John Lloyd.

(2.) Crown Lands Bailiff, Tamworth :—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a part of the duty of the Crown Lands Bailiff, Tamworth, to act as Presiding Officer at elections?

(2.) On whose authority did the said Bailiff so act at the last and previous elections for Liverpool Plains?

(3.) Is the said Bailiff paid extra for such special duty?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) He was appointed by the Returning Officer, as was his right, or presumed to be so.

(3.) He received the usual remuneration as Presiding Officer.

(3.) Election for Liverpool Plains :—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

Is it true that the Presiding Officer at Currabubula, Liverpool Plains, at the last Election, allowed a Magistrate to obliterate the names from the Ballot Papers given to three Chinamen, instead of allowing themselves or the Presiding Officer to do so?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—The reply to this question is, that the Returning Officer has ascertained that it is not true.

(4.) Maitland Gaol :—Mr. Scholey asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it his intention to lay upon the Table of the House the Report of the Comptroller General of Prisons on the charges made against him and the Gaoler at Maitland, contained in the documents presented to the Colonial Secretary by the Member for East Maitland?

(2.) Did he authorize Mr. Maclean to inform the Warders that they were likely to have an increase in their salaries of sixpence per day?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1.) The papers handed in by the Honorable Gentleman were neither signed nor authenticated by any one, and it has not yet been possible to forward them to the Comptroller General.

(2.) No.

2. MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK :—Mr. Cameron presented a Petition from Richard Neville and others, alleging that they have been unjustly deprived of land selected by them as a Mineral Conditional Purchase at Milburn Creek; and praying the House to inquire into the matter, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

3. SYDNEY CITY AND SUBURBAN SEWAGE AND HEALTH BOARD (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Progress Report of the Sydney City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board, and all Evidence taken by that Board to date of Report.
Question put and passed.
4. MINING ACT (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. R. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th May, from Miners on Mineral Lands at Inverell, Tingha, and Cope's Creek, relative to an amendment of the Laws and Regulations relating to Tin Mining, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1858, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing James Hoskins, Esquire, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy:—

*"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

"James Hoskins, Esquire,

"being a Member of the said Assembly, to be a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in the said Act referred to, during the present Session of the Assembly aforesaid, in the room of Francis White, Esquire, whose Seat in the said Assembly was declared vacant on the 11th May, by reason of his death.

"Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Macquarie-street,
Sydney, this twelfth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and seventy-five.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
"Speaker."

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Additional Judge Bill postponed until to-morrow.
7. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—And the Question being again proposed,—Debate resumed.
On motion of Mr. Piddington, the Debate was adjourned until to-morrow.
8. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Letter addressed to MM. Rochefort and Grousset:—

MR. SPEAKER,

In answer to the Message from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 11th instant, requesting leave for the Honorable Saul Samuel, C.M.G., Member of the Legislative Council, to attend, and be examined before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on "Letter addressed to MM. Rochefort and Grousset,"—the Council acquaints the Assembly that leave has been granted to its said Member to attend and be examined by the said Committee, if he think fit.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th May, 1875.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Darien-street at Kiama Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to close a portion of a certain Road at Kiama called Darien-street and to vest the same in the adjoining proprietor*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber
Sydney, 12th May, 1875.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Garrett, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

- (3.) All Saints Parsonage Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Lord Bishop of Newcastle to sell certain Land at Singleton and to apply the proceeds of the sale thereof in the erection of a Parsonage for the officiating Clergyman of All Saints Church Singleton*,"—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 May, 1875.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

ALL SAINTS PARSONAGE BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 12th May, 1875.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, Preamble, line 6. *After* " thereof" *omit* portion of clause to the word " patent" inclusive in line 28, *insert* " And whereas the land described in the said indentures and in the schedule " to this Act is now vested in the Lord Bishop of Newcastle under and in pursuance of a " certain Act made and passed on the twenty-seventh day of August one thousand eight " hundred and fifty-eight intituled ' An Act to remove doubts respecting the vesting of " certain lands situated within the Dioceses of Sydney and Newcastle respectively which " were formerly vested in the Bishop of Australia. "
- Page 2, clause 1. *Omit* clause 1.
- " clause 2, line 51. *Omit* " said "
- " " " *Omit* " his successors" *insert* " other the trustee for the time-being in " whom the said land may be or become vested "
- " clause 2, line 55. *Omit* " Lord "
- " " " *Omit* " his successors" *insert* " the trustee for the time-being "
- " " " 58. *Omit* " Lord "
- " " " *Omit* " his successors" *insert* " the trustee for the time-being "
- " 3 " " 8. *Omit* " Lord "
- " " " *Omit* " his successor " *insert* " the trustee for the time-being "
- " " 3 " 14. *Omit* " Lord "
- " " " 15. *Omit* " his successors" *insert* " the trustee for the time-being "
- " " " 18. *Omit* " Lord "
- " " lines 18 and 19. *Omit* " his successors" *insert* " the trustee for the time-being "
- " " line 23. *Omit* " Lord "
- " " lines 23 and 24. *Omit* " his successors" *insert* " the trustee for the time-being "
- " " 4, line 27. *Omit* " Lord "
- " " " *Omit* " his successors" *insert* " the trustee for the time-being "
- " " " 30. *Omit* " Lord "
- " " " 31. *Omit* " his successors" *insert* " the trustee for the time-being "
- " " " 35. *Omit* " said Lord "
- " " " 36. *Omit* " or his successors" *insert* " for the time-being "
- " " " 39. *Omit* " Lord "
- " " lines 39 and 40. *Omit* " his successors or assigns" *insert* " or the trustee for the " time-being "

Examined,—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday next.

The House adjourned, at eight minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 MAY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Free Public Library:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year to enable the Trustees of the Free Public Library to open a Lending Branch of the abovenamed Institution?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Government have been so very much engaged that we have not yet been able to approach the question of what shall be put upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year. When that is brought forward I will take care that this matter shall come under consideration.

- (2.) Municipalities Act:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government taken into consideration the necessity of amending the Municipalities Act of 1867, so far as extending and increasing the amount of Endowment now granted by the provisions of sec. 189 of the said Act?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am quite sure that this matter has been under the attention of every Member of the Government, and I presume it has been under the attention of every Member of this House, but I am not in a position, and the Government are not in a position, to say the mode in which the Government intend to deal with it. If I were to say we have brought this before the Cabinet, I should say what is not the case; if I were to say I have not discussed this matter with Members of the Cabinet, I should say what is not the case—still the Government have not discussed it. We have been pretty well harassed since we have been in office by the various questions with which we have had to deal, and I do not suppose that the Honorable Gentleman expects we shall be able to bring in a measure this Session; if he does expect it, I do not think it very likely we shall be able to meet his expectations, as we have too many other things to do.

- (3.) Salaries of Civil Servants:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take into consideration the advisability of refunding the Deductions taken from the Salaries of the Civil Servants from the 1st of January, 1871, to the 31st of December, 1873; and if so, when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I find, on referring to the papers, that on the 24th July last the late Government, or the late Colonial Secretary, was applied to by certain of the leading public officers of the Colony for this money to be restored, and the Honorable Gentleman remained quiet, and made no inquiry into the matter for more than half a year during the time he remained in office. I have never had an opportunity to bring the subject before my Colleagues, or even to approach it myself, and I do not think there is any particular hurry about it. I have said often that I am not disinclined to do this, but I am not in a position to say what my Colleagues may be inclined to do, or what I may be inclined to do when I give the matter more consideration.

2. MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th May, from Richard Neville and others, relative to a Copper Mining Lease at Milburn Creek, be printed.
Question put and passed.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table a Memorandum of the Chief Inspector of Stock, enclosing a Statement respecting the Inoculation for Pleuro Pneumonia.
Ordered to be printed.

4. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Additional Judge Bill postponed until to-morrow.
5. **LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And the Question being again proposed,—
Debate resumed.
Question put,—That this Bill be now read second time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 34.		Noes, 7.
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Warden,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Clarke,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Gray,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Bawden.
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Lord,	
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Hay,	
Mr. W. Watson,	Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Day,	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Greville,	
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Moses.	
Mr. Stevens,		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 14 MAY, 1875, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Darien-street at Kiama Bill; second reading;—*until to-morrow.*
 - (2.) Stamp Duties Bill; second reading;—*until Monday next.*
 - (3.) Supply; resumption of the Committee;—*until Monday next.*
 - (4.) Susan-lanc Abolition Bill; second reading;—*until to-morrow.*
 - (5.) Duty on Gold Abolition Bill; second reading;—*until Monday next.*
 - (6.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee;—*until Monday next.*
7. **REMOVAL OF PUBLIC MONEY FROM BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES** :—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That in the Committee upon "Removal of Public Money from Bank of New South Wales," Mr. Gray be substituted for Mr. W. Forster.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-four minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 14 MAY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Examiner of Coal Fields:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How long has the Examiner of Coal Fields been a paid officer of the Crown?
- (2.) What is the total amount of salary he has been paid?
- (3.) What is the total amount of other charges he has been allowed, and what are the items?
- (4.) Has he been allowed a private practice during the time he has been paid by the Crown?
- (5.) Has he been in the habit of reporting to private persons information he has never given to this House and the public?
- (6.) Has the Government any knowledge of the amount of fees charged for private services?
- (7.) The number and names of persons who have applied to the various Ministers for his services?
- (8.) The purposes for which such services have been granted?
- (9.) Is it the intention of the Government to allow this practice to continue?
- (10.) What are the public duties of this officer required by law?
- (11.) What are his duties required by Departmental Regulation?

Mr. Lucas answered,—

- (1.) As Examiner at present in charge of Coal Fields, from the 22nd March, 1872.
 - (2.) £1,805 18s. 5d.
 - (3.) £456 10s. from the Government, *i.e.* travelling expenses £381 10s., and forage, £75.
 - (4.) The Examiner of Coal Fields has been permitted by the Government to make reports for persons who applied for his services.
 - (5.) Yes, under authority, in the manner indicated by the previous answer.
 - (6.) Yes, £1,800, including travelling expenses in such cases.
 - (7.) Messrs. Lamb and Burdekin, the Victorian Government, the Honorable J. Robertson, Messrs. Brown and Lamb, Messrs. G. A. Lloyd, M.L.A., J. H. Neale, M.L.A., James Hannell, M.L.A., Messrs. Macdonald, Smith, and others, E. C. Merewether, T. Bawden, M.L.A., J. D. Lanser, M'Vey, Baird, James Manning, Hardie and Gorman, H. Parkes, M.L.A., and J. Sutherland, M.L.A., C. K. Moore, H. W. Statham, The Honorable T. Garrett, E. Greville, M.L.A., and others.
 - (8.) For examining and reporting on land supposed to contain coal, iron, &c., some of which I believe is private land.
 - (9.) Under consideration of the Government.
 - (10.) They are defined by the Coal Fields Regulation Act, section 4. He has other duties not specially defined by law.
 - (11.) There are no Departmental Regulations relating to this office; but the Examiner of Coal Fields is required to report on all matters referred to him for that purpose.
- (2.) Great Northern and Wallsend Railway:—Mr. Stuart asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) The gross receipts per train mile for passenger traffic over the Great Northern Railway for the year 1874; and costs per train mile for the year 1874?
 - (2.) The gross receipts per train mile for goods traffic (exclusive of coal traffic) over the Great Northern Railway, for the year 1874; and costs per train mile for the year 1874?
 - (3.) The gross receipts per train mile for coal traffic over the Great Northern Railway, for the year 1874,—
 - (1.) For distances up to 10 miles?
 - (2.) For distances over 10 miles?

And costs per train mile for the same distances; and cost of shipping at cranes and staiths respectively?

(4.)

- (4.) The gross receipts per train mile for passenger traffic (both ways) between Newcastle and Wallsend ?
 (5.) The gross receipts per train mile for goods traffic (both ways) between Newcastle and Wallsend ?
 (6.) The length of the Great Northern and Wallsend Railway, between Newcastle and Wallsend ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

	s.	d.
(1.) Gross receipts per train mile for passenger traffic	5	10
(2.) Gross receipts per train mile for goods traffic exclusive of coal	13	1½
(3.) Gross receipts per train mile for coal traffic—		
1. For distances up to ten miles	8	4½
2. For distances over ten miles	7	3½
Cost of shipping at cranes	0	2 per ton.
Do. at staiths	0	1 „
(4 and 5.) The receipts cannot be given separately as the passengers and goods are carried by same trains—the gross receipts per train mile, for both ...	6	3½
(6.) Length of Great Northern Line	4	40
Wallsend Line to platform	3	15

Referring to the question of cost per train mile asked in questions 1, 2, and 3, I may state that in consequence of the practice of running goods with some of the passenger trains, and of several services, such as for instance those of porters, gatekeepers, and signalmen, being common both to passenger and goods traffic, separate estimates of the cost of each running cannot be given with any pretence to close accuracy. The cost per train mile for passenger and goods is 4s. 2½d., exclusive of coal, and the cost of the coal traffic is 5s. 0½d. per train mile; but this is necessarily approximate only, as the permanent way for the coal traffic is used of course for other traffic, and it would be impossible to state with accuracy what proportion of the repairs are rendered necessary by the coal traffic as distinguished from the other traffic. With these exceptions, it is estimated that the passenger traffic costs 4s. 2½d. per train mile. The goods traffic (exclusive of coal) 4s. 3½d. per train mile, and the coal traffic, including shipping at the cranes and staiths, 5s. 0½d. per train mile.

- (3.) Free Library, Wollongong:—Mr. Gray asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has an application been received by the Government from the Borough Council of Wollongong for the sum of £200 in aid of a Free Library established by the said Council, in accordance with the 141st section of the Municipalities Act of 1867 ?
 (2.) Has such application been complied with ?
 (3.) If not, what steps do the Government intend to take in the matter ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Not yet.
 (3.) When references shall be completed it will be approved of if found to be warrantable.

- (4.) Railway Rolling Stock:—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum of money sufficient to allow Contracts to be immediately called for for such Rolling Stock as may be required for Railway Extensions at present in course of construction, with a view, if possible, of allowing the work to be performed in the Colony ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Provision will be made on the next Loan Estimates for Rolling Stock for the Railway extensions, and Contracts for some portions of this Stock will at once be called for in the Colony ?.

- (5.) Stealing Goods from Sydney Railway Station:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is he aware that goods are frequently stolen while in charge of the officers at the Sydney Railway Station ?
 (2.) If so, will he instruct the officers to prosecute all persons found so offending ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I am informed by the officers of the Department that there is no foundation for the statement that goods are frequently stolen while in their possession. Any person found stealing the goods would of course be prosecuted.

- (6.) Sydney Corporation:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session to extend the powers of the Sydney Corporation, as recommended by the Report of the Health and Sewage Commission ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have been engaged from the very day of the receipt of the Report from the Board appointed by the Government to inquire into this matter in the preparation of a Bill to carry out the recommendations in their Report. I think it likely, however, that something further will be provided for in that Bill than they recommend.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Lucas laid upon the Table,—Report from the Examiner of Coal Fields for 1874.
 Ordered to be printed.

3. SALE OF LIQUORS AT REDFERN RAILWAY STATION (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, with Enclosures, between John Sutherland, Esquire, M.P., and the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works, and between Henry Parkes, Esquire, M.P., and the Commissioner for Railways, having reference to the Wine and Spirit License granted to the lessee of the Refreshment Room at the Redfern Railway Station.
 Question put and passed.

4. HASTINGS ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Farnell,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Bawden.
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Stevens,	
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Driver,	

Nocs, 25.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. W. Watson,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Wearne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Montague,	
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Stuart.
Mr. Hay,	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS BILL:—Mr. Pilcher presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalize the sale of Spirituous and Fermented Liquors in quantities less than two gallons in the Refreshment Rooms upon the Government Railways within the Colony of New South Wales,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 28th May.

6. NORTHUMBERLAND ELECTORATE INCREASED REPRESENTATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stevens moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Wisdom,	

Nocs, 25.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Pilcher,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Greville,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Meyer,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. W. Watson,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Wright,	

And so it passed in the negative.

7. ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL CLOSE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Sutherland, that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill postponed until Friday, 28th May.

9. CLARENCE ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Bawden moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. T. G. Dangar.
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Stevens,	
Mr. Driver,	

Nocs, 16.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Buchannan,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Meyer,	Mr. Wearne.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Barristers Admission Bill postponed, until Tuesday, 25th May.

11. ALL SAINTS PARSONAGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Browne, that report was adopted.

Ordered,

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 enable the Lord Bishop of Newcastle to sell certain Land at Singleton and to apply the proceeds of the sale thereof in the erection of a Parsonage for the Officiating Clergyman of All Saints Church Singleton.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th May, 1875.*

12. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 (1.) Bullock Island Bridge; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday, 28th May.*
 (2.) Site for German Lutheran Church; resumption of adjourned Debate in reference to this subject;—*until Friday, 21st May.*
 (3.) Dog Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 4th June.*
13. **MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Mining.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Mining.
 On motion of Mr. Buchanan, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
 (2.) Mr. Buchanan *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Mining,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 28th May.
14. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Additional Judge Bill postponed until Monday next.
15. **DARIEN-STREET AT KIAMA BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Cameron, the Debate on this Question adjourned until Tuesday next.
16. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Susan-lane Abolition Bill postponed until Monday next.

The House adjourned, at nine minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 17 MAY, 1875.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table,—Agreement with the Bank of New South Wales with respect to Interest on the Public Moneys deposited with that Institution.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report from Captain Nares relative to Soundings for Telegraphic Cable between New South Wales and New Zealand.

(2.) Report from Captain Nares respecting the best Route for Voyage between New South Wales and China.

Ordered to be printed.

2. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS:—The following Petitions in opposition to the sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Railway Lines were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Davies. From Residents in Campbelltown.

(2.) By Mr. Fitzpatrick. From Inhabitants of Yass.

(3.) By Mr. Bennett. From Residents of the Town of Murrurundi.

Petitions received.

3. ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL CLOSE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Sutherland, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Sutherland then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend an Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, 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 authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th May, 1875.*

4. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 MAY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Nautical School Ship "Vernon":—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The number of Boys on Board the Training Ship "Vernon" over the age of 14 years?
 (2.) Are such Boys apprenticed out to eligible applicants?
 (3.) Are there more applications for them at the present time than can be supplied?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Seventeen. Two of these Boys are apprenticed, but have not yet left the ship. The remainder are not eligible for apprenticeship.
 (2.) Yes, when they have been twelve months on board, on the approval of the Colonial Secretary.
 (3.) Yes, 132 applications still uncomplished with.

- (2.) Maitland and Port Macquarie Gaols:—Mr. Scholey asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Are the Documents presented to the Colonial Secretary by the Member for East Maitland, with reference to charges against the Comptroller General of Prisons and Gaolers of Maitland and Port Macquarie Gaols, signed by Thomas Shone, late schoolmaster at Port Macquarie Gaol; Charles Mullens, late Warder, Port Macquarie Gaol, Horse and Jockey Hotel, Bathurst; R. B. Smith, Mk. O'Connel, and R. Smith?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The papers, alleged to be copies only of the documents referred to, were handed to me. The names, but not the signatures of certain parties are attached thereto.

- (3.) Deeds of Land:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many Deeds of Land are now waiting the signature of His Excellency the Governor?
 (2.) Can he explain the great cause of delay in the delivery of Deeds, often months and years after payment for land is made?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) The Honorable Gentleman gave notice of this question on Friday last, and on the following morning not one Deed was waiting at Government House. On Monday 191 were sent up, and this morning 107 were returned in duplicate. There are 449 Deeds ready for transmission for His Excellency's signature from the Colonial Secretary's Office, where they have always to be forwarded in the first instance from the Lands Department for the Great Seal to be affixed. With regard to the number of papers to which His Excellency's signature has been placed since the 1st of January of the present year, I have been supplied with the following information by the Governor's Private Secretary:—

Deeds and Leases	...	...	...	6,618 in duplicate	...	...	13,236 signatures.
Commissions	...	...	...	66 single	...	...	66 "
Election Writs (signed)	...	...	...	5 "	...	...	5 "
Do. (noted)	...	...	...	32 "	...	...	32 "
Mint Orders	...	...	...	19 "	...	...	19 "
Certificates of Naturalization	...	...	...	109 "	...	...	109 "
Schedules of remission of sentences (monthly)	...	...	...	5 in triplicate	...	...	15 "
Proclamations	...	...	...	37 single	...	...	37 "
Warrants for working prisoners, &c...	...	...	...	38 "	...	...	38 "
Naval prisoners (notification of release)	...	...	...	23 "	...	...	23 "
Treasury Warrants	...	...	...	81 "	...	...	81 "
Lunacy Warrants	...	...	...	182 "	...	...	182 "
Acts	...	...	...	3 in duplicate	...	...	6 "

Executive

Executive Council	19 (say 40 papers each Council)	760 signatures.
Letters of Registration	15 (averaging 4 signatures each)	60 "
Miscellaneous	79 single	79 "
		14,748 "

These figures were extracted from the Office Register Book.

(2.) No unnecessary delay takes place in the preparation of Deeds. As to the delay in the delivery of Deeds referred to by the Honorable Member, it is generally the result of the Grantees failing to apply for them. Constant applications and inquiries are made at the Lands Department with respect to Deeds which have been for months at the Registrar General's Office, where they are properly deliverable. Lists of all Deeds ready for delivery are published by the Registrar General every three months. Yesterday I received a note asking about a Deed which had been in the Registrar General's Office ever since 1866.

(4.) Land occupied by Mr. Want, near Water Reserve:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What steps (if any) have the Government taken to resume the land now in the occupation of Mr. Want, and bounded by the Water Reserve, and used for the purpose of a dog kennel?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Immediate steps will be taken for the resumption of the land referred to.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—

(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 Vic. No. 1. April, 1875.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the same Act.

(3.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the same Act. April, 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

3. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Petitions in favour of certain amendments in this Bill were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Terry. From Farmers, Free Selectors, and others, Inhabitants of Armidale and the surrounding Districts.

(2.) By Mr. W. C. Browne. From Conditional Purchasers residing in the District of Muswellbrook.

Petitions received.

4. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS:—Mr. F. B. Suttor presented a Petition from Citizens of Bathurst, in Public Meeting assembled, in opposition to the sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Railway Lines.

Petition received.

5. MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Waratah Coal Company's Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Waratah Coal Company to extend their Line of Railway by the construction of Branches,*"—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, 18th May, 1875.

(2.) Rogers' Estate Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable and authorize Martha Rogers or other the Trustee or Trustees for the time being of the Will of the late George John Rogers to sell a parcel of Land situate at Craighend in the City of Sydney and to make provision for the investment of the proceeds of the sale 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, 18th May, 1875.

(3.) Claims against the Crown Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enforce claims against the Crown,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has reserved the said Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

The proper measures will be forthwith adopted for obtaining the Queen's decision accordingly, and in the meantime the Bill has been transmitted to the Legislative Council, to await Her Majesty's pleasure.

Government House,
Sydney, 18th May, 1875.

6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing James Hoskins, Esquire, a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, to fill a vacancy in the said Committee, laid upon the Table on the 12th May, 1875, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the despatch of business, had now taken effect, and intimated that it was therefore open to Mr. Hoskins to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.
7. REV. J. S. WHITE (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. W. C. Browne 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 Supplementary Estimates for 1875, a sum not exceeding £205, to compensate the Rev. J. S. White for certain Land taken from him at Singleton by the Government for public purposes.
Question put and passed.
8. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS (*"Formal" Motions*):—
(1.) Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th May, from Residents in Campbelltown, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 17th May, from Inhabitants of Yass, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. CONDUCT OF CERTAIN CLERKS IN LANDS OFFICE:—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, copies of all Minutes of Evidence, Minutes of the Minister for Lands, Minutes of the Executive (if any), and all other Papers in connection with the inquiry into the conduct of two Clerks in the Lands Office, who entered the premises after office hours through a window, and by means of a ladder.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. FLOODS IN THE HUNTER DISTRICT:—Mr. Scholey moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the amount contributed by the Government to West Maitland, East Maitland, Morpeth, and Raymond Terrace, for relief of distress caused by floods, showing the amount given to each place for the year ending April, 1875.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. GOULBURN CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Teece moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Teece, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Teece (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
12. WIDOWS OF LIEUTENANT GOWLLAND, PETERSEN, AND THOMAS HAVENHAND:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Dibbs, Mr. 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 upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum of money for the relief of the Widows of the late Lieutenant Gowlland and — Petersen, and Thomas Havenhand, who lost their lives in performance of their duties in the Public Service.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Immigrants per "Jerusalem":—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has a complaint been made by a number of the Immigrants who arrived last month by the ship "Jerusalem" of the quality of provisions supplied?
 - (2.) Has an investigation been held before the Immigration Commissioners?
 - (3.) What is the result of the investigation?
 - (4.) Will the report of the Commissioners (if any) be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Yes; by sixty-seven of the male Immigrants, who complained of the short issue of water and of meat, of bad and light bread, of cheese unfit for use, and of being debarred from going on the fore-castle deck.
 - (2.) An investigation has been held by the Immigration Board.
 - (3.) The Board was occupied for seven days, examined sixteen witnesses, and arrived at the following conclusion, viz.:—That up to the 16th February the issue of water was somewhat less than the full quantity. When, however, a formal complaint was made to the Surgeon-Superintendent, the regulated quantity was issued. As to the alleged short issue of meat, the Board were satisfied that the complaint was made without cause, they having from inquiry discovered that, owing to a patent machine used for weighing the meat, the Immigrants received a larger supply of meat than they were entitled to under the dietary scale. The issue of bad bread occurred occasionally during the first two or three weeks; when brought under notice, the baker was instantly discharged, and another man appointed in his place, who appeared to give satisfaction for the remainder of the voyage. As regards the cheese, it was unfit for use towards the latter part of the passage, and the Surgeon-Superintendent did not, as he should have done, provide a substitute therefor. The Immigrants were debarred from going on the fore-castle deck by the Captain, who had an undoubted right to debar them. The space set apart for the single men contained, by actual measurement, a larger area than they were entitled to.
 - (4.) It has not been usual to lay such Reports upon the Table, but I have no objection to do so in this case.
- (2.) Mining Bill:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Mining Bill this Session; and if so, when?

Mr. Lucas answered,—Taking into consideration the state of the public business, the period of the year in which we are now sitting, and the desirability of closing this Session as soon as possible, I fear the Government will be unable to deal with this Bill during the present Session.

- (3.) Land adjoining new School of Industry:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to dedicate the piece of land at Darlinghurst, next the new School of Industry, as a Public Recreation Ground; and if so, when?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Nothing further has been done in this matter since the reply given by me to a similar question, asked on the 1st April last by the Honorable Member Mr. Macintosh, when it was stated that the land was reserved for future public requirements.

(4.)

- (4.) Public School Buildings:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Council of Education framed any By-law in compliance with the Resolution of this House, adopted on the motion of Mr. Parkes on April 20th, relative to Grants for Public School Buildings?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am not aware of any such Regulations having been prepared, nor do I suppose, although I do not know, that they will be prepared until the Estimates are passed.

- (5.) Excursion Trains:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he make some arrangement by which persons travelling by Excursion Trains on Saturdays to Campbelltown, Richmond, and Penrith, may return on the following Mondays by the ordinary trains?

Mr. Lackey answered,—If the question refers to the Saturday Excursion Trains at 1d. a mile, the traffic arrangements would not admit of the persons travelling thereby being allowed the privilege of returning on the following Mondays by the Ordinary Trains; but passengers to the places named on Saturdays, on payment of a single fare for the double journey, will be allowed to return by the Monday trains.

- (6.) Salaries of Civil Servants:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all Minutes, Correspondence, and Papers with reference to the refunding to the Civil Servants the Deductions taken from them from the 1st January, 1871, to the 31st December, 1873?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Correspondence on this matter is not very long, therefore I am not unwilling to lay it upon the Table; yet the usual way in asking for Correspondence is to move for it. The Honorable Member's question speaks of deductions taken from Civil Servants. Now I would point out that nothing was taken from any officer. You cannot take anything unless it is first given, and the will of the Parliament was that certain rates of salary should be fixed for those years.

- (7.) Road to Tillegerry Creek:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a letter received by the Surveyor General, in December, 1873, recommending the extension to Tillegerry Creek of the road "Stockton and Raymond Terrace Road to Saltash," in the district of Raymond Terrace?

(2.) If so, was a surveyor instructed to lay out the extension, and with what result?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes. He has not yet sent in his plans. He has this day been reminded.

2. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. W. Forster, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Message No. 14.

Governor.

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 Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of May, 1875, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1874.

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Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS:—The following Petitions in opposition to the sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Railway Lines were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Davics. From certain Citizens of Sydney.

(2.) By Mr. Buchanan. From the Minister and Members of the Baptist Church, Harris-street, Sydney.

(3.) By Mr. Cameron. From the Minister and Members of the Particular Baptist Church, Sydney.

(4.) By Mr. Stuart. From the Minister and Members of St. Francis Roman Catholic Church, Campbell-street, Sydney.

Petitions received.

4. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Blue Book for the year 1874.

(2.) List of Magistrates of the Colony.

Ordered to be printed.

5. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" *Motions*):—

(1.) Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 18th May, from Conditional Purchasers in the District of Muswellbrook, be printed.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 18th May, from Free Selectors and others near Armidale, in reference to the proposed amended Land Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS ("*Formal*" *Motions*):—

(1.) Mr. F. B. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 18th May, from Inhabitants of Bathurst, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 17th May, from Residents of Town of Murrurundi, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

7. GOULBURN CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Teece, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Teece then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Goulburn on a portion of land dedicated for that purpose.*"

Question put and *passed*.

Ordered, 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 authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Goulburn on a portion of land dedicated for that purpose,*"—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, 19th May, 1875.*

8. DUBBO PRESBYTERIAN MANSE TRUSTEES BILL:—Mr. 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 the Trustees of certain Lands situate in Macquarie-street Dubbo in the Colony of New South Wales to sell the said Lands and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th May, 1875.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1, 2, and 3, postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day No. 6.

10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the report be *now* received.

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

(5.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty the sum of £184,545 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony from the first to the thirty-first May, 1875, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1874, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day No. 5 postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day No. 3 (as postponed.)

12. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

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

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

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

(5.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of 1875, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales a sum of £184,545 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony during the month of May, 1875.

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

13. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means (No. 5) to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1875.

(2.) Mr. Forster then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, a read a second time to-morrow.

14. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned, at half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 MAY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Money Order Offices and Government Savings Banks:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—How many Money Order and Savings Bank Offices are there established under the Postmaster General of this Colony, and where situated?

Mr. Burns answered,—215 Money Order Offices, and 124 Savings Bank Offices, have been established under the Postmaster General of this Colony. A Return has been prepared, which I will presently lay upon the Table, showing where the Offices have been established.

- (2.) Railway Iron:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has any Report been received from the Commission appointed to inquire into the quality of certain Railway Iron imported on account of the Government?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A Report has been received from the Board appointed to inquire into this matter, and it has been placed in the hands of the Crown Law Officers for their opinion. A copy of the Report will be laid upon the Table without delay.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table a Return showing the number of places in New South Wales at which Money Order Offices and Government Savings Banks are in operation.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 18th May, 1875, in reference to the conduct of two Clerks in the Lands Office.
Ordered to be printed.

3. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from Farmers, Graziers, Landowners, and others, residing in the Electoral District of The Hume, in favour of certain amendments in this Bill.
Petition received.

4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Robertson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, on its rising to-morrow, do adjourn until Tuesday, the 25th instant.
Question put and passed.

5. DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands.
Question put and passed.

6. LEAVE OF ABSENCE (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for fourteen days be granted to John Booth, Esquire, Member for East Macquarie, on account of ill health.
Question put and passed.

7. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS (*"Formal" Motions*):—
- (1.) Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th May, from certain Citizens of Sydney, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th May, from the Minister and Congregation of the Particular Baptist Church, Sydney, against the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (3.) Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Stuart, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th May, from the Minister and Members of St. Francis Roman Catholic Church, against the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
- (4.) Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th May, from the Minister and Members of the Harris-street Baptist Church, against the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.

8. ALL SAINTS PARSONAGE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Lord Bishop of Newcastle to sell certain Land at Singleton and to apply the proceeds of the sale thereof in the erection of a Parsonage for the Officiating Clergyman of All Saints Church Singleton.*"—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, 20th May, 1875.

9. DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL:—Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the resumption of certain dedicated Crown Lands.*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 and 2 postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day No. 4.
11. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4):—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Forster, that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

12. INNKEEPERS LIABILITY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law respecting the Liability of Innkeepers and to prevent certain Frauds on them.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th May, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 28th May.

13. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 21 MAY, 1875, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-nine minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 MAY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Alignment of Streets of Yass:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What progress has been made with the Alignment of the Streets of Yass?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Arrangements are being made to examine the plans, and the necessary steps as to proclamation will follow as speedily as possible.

- (2.) Sale of Liquors at Redfern Railway Station:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has Mr. Castner a Lease or Agreement of the Redfern Railway Station from the Commissioner of Railways for the sale of Spirituous Liquors?

(2.) Is it true that Mr. Castner has the right to sell or serve Spirituous Liquors in the Ladies' or Gentlemen's Waiting Rooms?

(3.) Is it true that Mr. Castner has furnished one or more of the Ladies' or Gentlemen's Waiting Rooms at the Sydney Station at his own expense?

(4.) Has Mr. Castner any control over the Waiting Rooms?

(5.) Has the Traffic Manager at any time given permission to the Lessee of the Refreshment Room to sell or serve Spirituous Liquors in the Waiting Rooms at the Sydney Station?

(6.) Has the Commissioner let more than one room for the sale of Refreshments at the Sydney Station, and what is the rental?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) He has not.

(2.) Mr. Castner has no right to sell Spirituous Liquors in the Waiting Rooms.

(3.) It is not true.

(4.) No.

(5.) The Traffic Manager reports that when the Refreshment Room was first opened, several of the public asked to be served with refreshments in the Waiting Rooms. The Lessee appealed to him, as rather objecting to do this, but he urged upon him the desirability of affording the public as much accommodation as possible. Since that time, the Traffic Manager adds, Mr. Castner has occasionally served refreshments in the Waiting Rooms when desired by the passengers.

(6.) There is only one room for the sale of refreshments at the Redfern Station. The average rental is £200 a year.

- (3.) Suburban Station Masters:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that Suburban Station Masters act as Agents for the Sale of Wood and Coal; and if so, do they do it with the Commissioner's approval?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I am informed that it is not true that the Suburban Station Masters act as Agents for the sale of Wood and Coal. They have, however, when requested by persons in the habit of using the railway, occasionally sent in orders for wood to oblige our customers, but never coal, and no remuneration has been received for this.

2. MR. WESTON, CLERK OF PETTY SESSIONS, COONAMBLE (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers, Letters, Reports, Evidence, and Minutes relating to the removal of Mr. Weston, J.P., and Clerk of Petty Sessions, Coonamble.
Question put and passed.

3. DIVORCE BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law in reference to Divorce.
Question put and passed.
4. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL NO. 4 ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Forster then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, 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 apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st May, 1875.*
5. DIVORCE BILL:—Mr. Buchanan *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the law relating to Divorce,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 4th June.
6. IMMIGRATION:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the following Resolutions:—
(1.) That a Board of Immigration shall be appointed by the Governor, consisting of three members, and shall hold office for three years, and be eligible for re-appointment, and that the Colonial Treasurer for the time being shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Board.
(2.) That the sum of £12,000 per month shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the credit of the Board of Immigration.
(3.) That a special grant of £300,000 shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the credit of the Board of Immigration.
(4.) That the members of the Board shall be paid by fees, not to exceed £2 2s. per day for each day of meeting.
(5.) That the Board shall have full power to expend the money appropriated by Parliament for Immigration, and to appoint and remove Immigration Agents, Clerks, and other officers, to appoint their Chairman, to frame Regulations for the performance of their duties and holding their meetings, and to do all other things necessary to be done, and any two members of the Board shall form a quorum, and shall be competent to transact any business at any meeting of the Board.
(6.) All Regulations shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within one month, if Parliament be then sitting, and if Parliament be not sitting, then within one month after the next sitting of Parliament, and all such Regulations shall, upon being published in the *Gazette*, be valid in law.
(7.) That the Immigrants shall be selected from England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, in proportion to the population of such countries, respectively, according to the last Census.
(8.) That a Bill ought to be introduced this Session to carry out the above Resolutions.
That the preceding Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 4th June.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Distillation Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 4th June.*
(2.) Site for German Lutheran Church; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should be empowered to grant to the German Residents of Sydney a piece of land within the City as a Site for the erection of a Church";—*until Friday next.*
(3.) Rev. J. S. White; 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 Supplementary Estimates for 1875, a sum not exceeding £205, to compensate the Rev. J. S. White for certain Land taken from him at Singleton by the Government for public purposes;—*until Friday, 4th June.*
(4.) Widows of Lieutenant Gowlland, Petersen, and Thomas Havenhand; 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 upon the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum of money for the relief of the Widows of the late Lieutenant Gowlland and — Peterson, and Thomas Havenhand, who lost their lives in performance of their duties in the Public Service;—*until Friday, 11th June.*
8. OYSTER-BEDS:—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that an inspection of the Oyster-beds, and of the leases made in connection therewith, be made by a competent person, with a view to further legislation on the subject, if deemed necessary.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. BLAKEFIELD *v.* SHIELDS:—Mr. Nelson 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, copies of all Papers, Letters, Petitions, Telegrams, Evidence, and Minutes, having reference to the case of Blakefield *v.* Shields, charged with Cattle Stealing, heard before the Bench of Magistrates at Molong.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 2 and 3 postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day No. 8.

11. **DARIEN-STREET AT KIAMA BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garrett, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
And no Member rising to address the House,—
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
12. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 5, 6, and 7, postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day No. 3 (as postponed).
13. **SUSAN-LANE ABOLITION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at seventeen minutes after Ten o'clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 MAY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Steam-launch "Leila,"—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Steam-yacht "Leila" used as a Ferry-boat between Mossman's Bay and the Circular Quay?

(2.) If so, what is the amount of her earnings weekly to date?

Mr. Lackey answered,—(1 and 2.) No. The Launch is used to convey the workmen to and from the Fitzroy Dock, and is also used by the Engineer-in-Chief for a similar purpose.

- (2.) Crown Lands Alienation Act:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Have any cases in reference to the provisions of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, similar to that of Barton *versus* Muir, been brought under his notice since the decision of the Privy Council; and if so, how many?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Four cases have recently come under observation in which land has been selected for the benefit of persons other than the selectors, but from the nature of the case the Government is seldom advised of such attempts when made.

- (3.) Railway Trial Surveys:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Returns moved for by him on 20th April with regard to the Railway Trial Surveys be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Returns asked for are in hand, and will be laid upon the Table as soon as completed. Being of a character that involves much clerical labour, the time for completion will necessarily entail some delay.

2. MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Cameron 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 Richard Neville and others, relative to the ownership of a Copper Mining Lease at Milburn Creek.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lucas, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Farnell, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Terry, Mr. Davies, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. W. C. Browne, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

3. ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO PARLIAMENTARY BUILDINGS ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Piddington, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the sums of Money expended each year, from January 1st, 1855, upon the Alterations, Additions, and Improvements of the Houses of Parliament and the premises connected therewith, and the sum voted for the further alteration of the present Buildings, and their aggregate amount, to 1875.

Question put and passed.

4. VOLUNTEER LAND ORDERS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Wisdom moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Land Orders which have been issued since the date of the Return respecting Volunteer Land Orders, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on the 30th September, 1873, such Return to specify in each case the name and rank of the Volunteer to whom a Land Order has been issued, together with the date upon which such Volunteer's service commenced, and the date upon which he became entitled to such Order.
Question put and passed.
5. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 20th May, from a Public Meeting held at Ten-mile Creek on the 28th ultimo, against certain clauses in the Lands Acts Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. DARIEN-STREET AT KIAMA 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 close a portion of a certain Road at Kiama called Darien-street and to vest the same in the adjoining proprietor.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to close a portion of a certain Road at Kiama called Darien-street and to vest the same in the adjoining proprietor,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th May, 1875.*
7. SUSAN-LANE ABOLITION 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 abolish a certain Lane proclaimed as Susan-lane near the waters of Woolloomooloo Bay in the City of Sydney and dedicate to the public in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor a new street from Susan-lane on the Tusculum Estate to Forbes-street in the said City.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, 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 abolish a certain Lane proclaimed as Susan-lane near the waters of Woolloomooloo Bay in the City of Sydney and dedicate to the public in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor a new street from Susan-lane on the Tusculum Estate to Forbes-street in the said City,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th May, 1875.*
8. NEW SOUTH WALES ACADEMY OF ART:—Mr. J. Watson 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 Supplementary Estimates for 1875 the sum of £1,000 in aid of the New South Wales Academy of Art.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. MR. E. H. HARGRAVES:—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice, 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 a Supplementary Estimate for 1875, a sum not exceeding £7,619, as compensation to Mr. E. H. Hargraves for the discovery of Gold made by him in New South Wales.
Mr. Garrett moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned until Friday, 11th June.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned until Friday, 11th June.
The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Meyer,	
Mr. H. H. Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. W. Watson,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. Dibbs,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Nelson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Cohen.
Mr. Scholey,	

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

10. DOG BILL:—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Dog Bill be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Nelson,

Tellers.

Mr. Day,
Mr. Taylor.

Noes, 21.

Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Driver,

Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. W. Watson,	Mr. T. G. Dangar.
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. Stevens,	
Mr. Montague,	

And so it passed in the negative.

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Wellington Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
 (2.) Barristers Admission Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 1st June.*

The House adjourned, at nine minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Post Office Savings Banks:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Has he taken into consideration the inadequate remuneration given to the Managers of Post Office Savings Banks; and if so, with what result?

Mr. Burns answered,—I have taken into consideration the remuneration paid to the Managers of Post Office Savings Banks, and the matter is still under consideration.

(2.) Silver Coin :—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—To which of the Banks has the new Silver Coin, amounting to £50,000, imported by the Government, been distributed, and in what amounts to each Bank?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—The money has been distributed as follows :—

Australian Joint Stock Bank...	£11,300
Commercial Bank	1,000
City Bank	340
London Chartered Bank	6,000
Mercantile Bank	1,000
New South Wales	2,000
Oriental	23,000
Union	2,000
Government, on account of Fiji	1,000
Balance remaining at disposal of Government	2,360

£50,000

(3.) Single-headed Rails :—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Is it true that a number of men are constantly employed straightening the Single-headed Rails recently imported; and if so, what number are so employed?

(2.) What will be the additional cost per mile for the straightening of such Rails?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Yes; but, as they are employed by the Railway Contractor, I possess no information as to the number employed.

(2.) £44 per mile.

(4.) Single-headed Rails:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government taken any action with reference to Mr. Shields's conduct in passing the Single-headed Rails recently imported, and which were condemned as not being in compliance with the Specifications of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Honorable the Attorney General, in an Opinion furnished to the Commissioner of Railways, has advised, amongst other matters, that the Agent General in England should be directed to employ some persons other than Mr. Shields to make the governmental inspection of any of the Rails under the contract with the Park Gate Iron Company which have not yet been delivered by the Company, and that a proper survey of any Rails remaining in England under this Company should be at once made,—the Company having notice of such survey.

(5.)

(5.) **Telegraph Department**:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—When will he lay upon the Table the Return ordered by the House on the 12th May with reference to the Telegraph Department?

Mr. Burns answered,—It has been prepared in a tabular form, showing the salaries of each officer, and I hope to be able to lay it upon the Table of the House to-morrow.

2. **SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS**:—The following Petitions in opposition to the sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Railway Lines were presented by the Members named:—

(1.) By Mr. Teece. From Citizens of Goulburn.

(2.) By Mr. Warden. From Residents of Shoalhaven.

(3.) By Mr. Davies. From Residents of Kangaloon.

(4.) By Mr. J. S. Smith. From Residents of Hill End.

Petitions received.

3. **DUBBO PRESBYTERIAN MANSE TRUSTEES BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Garrett, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of certain Lands situate in Macquarie-street Dubbo in the Colony of New South Wales to sell the said Lands and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds 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, 26th May, 1875.

4. **LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Hoskins presented a Petition from Delegates appointed at a Public Meeting held on 18th May, 1875, by Free Selectors, Landowners, Farmers, and others, resident in the District of Tumut, praying that the third reading of this Bill may be deferred until some general expression of opinion from the Country has been obtained thereon.
Petition received.

5. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on the condition of Rails supplied by the Park Gate Iron Company to the Railway Department of this Colony.

(2.) Report on the quality of Iron Castings, &c., supplied by the Patent Nut and Bolt Company, the Ebbw Vale Iron Company, and the Darlington Iron Company, for the extension from Goulburn to Yass.

Ordered to be printed.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—James Hoskins, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

8. **SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS AT RAILWAY STATIONS**:—Mr. Driver presented a Petition from the Licensed Victuallers Association of New South Wales, praying that the House will not consent to any License being granted for Refreshment Rooms at Railway Stations at a less annual fee than that paid by the Licensed Victuallers of the Colony.
Petition received.

9. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill postponed until to-morrow.

10. **LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 MAY, 1875.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS (*"Formal" Motions*):—
 (1.) Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th May, from Residents of Kangaloon, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed. Question put and passed.
 (2.) Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th May, from Residents of Goulburn, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed. Question put and passed.
 (3.) Mr. Warden moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th May, from Residents of Shoalhaven, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed. Question put and passed.
 (4.) *Mr. Wisdom*, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th May, from Residents of Hill End, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed. Question put and passed.
2. **LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL** (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Hoskins moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th May, from Free Selectors and others, in Public Meeting assembled at Tumut, relative to the Lands Acts Amendment Bill, be printed. Question put and passed.
3. **SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS AT RAILWAY STATIONS** (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th May, from the Licensed Victuallers Association, praying that the License Fee for Railway Refreshment Rooms may not be less than that paid by Licensed Victuallers, be printed. Question put and passed.
4. **PAPER**:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 12th May, 1875 A.M., in reference to the Telegraph Department.
5. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill postponed until to-morrow.
6. **LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.
7. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 4)**:—Mr. 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 apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th May, 1875.
 JOHN HAY,
 President.
8. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at five minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 MAY, 1875.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT:—Mr. Burns (*by consent*) moved, That the Paper laid upon the Table by him yesterday in reference to the Telegraph Department be printed.
Question put and passed.
2. BEER'S DISABILITIES BILL ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—
(1.) Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to relieve Frederick Beer M.D. from all Disabilities consequent upon his being improperly and erroneously convicted of Felony.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Driver then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to relieve Frederick Beer M.D. from all Disabilities consequent upon his being improperly and erroneously convicted of Felony,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
3. RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. W. H. Suttor moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until "Tuesday week."
Mr. Macintosh moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Tuesday week," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this day three months."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.
Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Original Question put and passed.
4. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Davies moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day fortnight.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
5. BULLOCK ISLAND BRIDGE:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stevens, Mr. 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 Supplementary Estimates for 1875, a sum not exceeding £1,000 for the completion of the Bullock Island or Onebygambah Bridge.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Resolution was then 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 Supplementary Estimates for 1875, a sum not exceeding £1,000 for the completion of the Bullock Island or Onebygambah Bridge.
On motion of Mr. Stevens, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Mining Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*

(2.) Innkeepers Liability Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*

(3.) Site for German Lutheran Church; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should be empowered to grant to the German Residents of Sydney a piece of land within the City as a site for the erection of a " Church;"—*until Friday, 11th June.*

7. NEW SOUTH WALES ACADEMY OF ART:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. Watson, Mr. 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 Supplementary Estimates for 1875 the sum of £1,000 in aid of the New South Wales Academy of Art.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

The Resolution was then 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 Supplementary Estimates for 1875, the sum of £1,000 in aid of the New South Wales Academy of Art.

On motion of Mr. Watson, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 31 MAY, 1875.

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

PAPER:—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 14th May, 1875, in reference to the Sale of Liquors at the Redfern Railway Station.
Ordered to be printed.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cameron moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

3. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. W. Forster, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 4):—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875,*"—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, 29th May, 1875.

(2.) Darien-street at Kiama Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to close a portion of a certain Road at Kiama called Darien-street and to vest the same in the adjoining proprietor,*"—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, 31st May, 1875.

4. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from Richard Sadleir, R.N., in favour of certain amendments in this Bill.
Petition received.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

6. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned, at five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 1 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Election for Liverpool Plains:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How many rooms are there in the Court-house at Gunnedah?
 - (2.) Did the Presiding Officer make application for the use of any of the rooms of the Court-house, for the purpose of taking the Poll at the last or any previous Election for Liverpool Plains?
 - (3.) If so, upon what ground was the Presiding Officer refused the use of the Court-house at the last or any previous Election for Liverpool Plains?
 - (4.) The name of the person who refused to allow the Presiding Officer the use of the Court-house for taking the Poll at the last or any previous Election for Liverpool Plains?
 - (5.) The date when each application was made by the Presiding Officer for the use of the Court-house for the purpose of taking the Poll at the last or any previous Election for Liverpool Plains?
 - (6.) The amount received by Peter O'Rourke, saddler, Gunnedah, for the use of his residence for the purpose of taking the Poll at the last or any previous Election for Liverpool Plains?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

- (1.) Four—only two of which would be available for elections.
 - (2, 3, 4, 5.) No application was made at the last or any previous election for the use of rooms at the Court-house for a polling place.
 - (6.) The amount paid for the use of the polling room was on each occasion £2.
- (2.) Border Duties:—Mr. Phelps asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government, during the coming Recess, to open negotiations with the Governments of the several Australian Colonies, with the view and determination of immediately carrying into effect free intercourse amongst us in our own produce in the manner that all the Australian Colonies are now empowered by Imperial Statute?
 - (2.) Is the Government aware that the increase of population has almost ceased, settlement driven away, cultivation, quantity, and value of produce decreasing, especially in Cereals and Wine, since the re-imposition of the Border Duties in the regions of the Murray River, of which Albury may be considered the centre, the natural markets for the sale of said produce being closed?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

- (1.) This question was for a long time under consideration by the late Government without any conclusion being arrived at, and as the question is not only important, but highly complicated, in view of the various interests apparently involved, the present Government can only undertake to fully consider it before the next Session, and then to make the House acquainted with their determination.
 - (2.) The Government are not quite aware of all the facts stated by the Honorable Member, but they will make inquiry into them.
- (3.) Mail Service *via* San Francisco:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- What was the cost of furnishing to this House the Return called for by Mr. Dibbs of the Correspondence of the Mail Service between San Francisco and the Colonies of New South Wales and New Zealand?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—It has been ascertained that the actual cost, including paper, amounted to £242 14s. 1d.

- (4.) The Case of John O'Hehir:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Will he be pleased to make inquiry as to whether John O'Hehir died on board the ship "Vernon" without his parent or a clergyman being informed of his sickness?
 - (2.) Will he be pleased to state the result of such inquiry?
- Mr. W. Forster* answered,—
- (1.) Inquiry has been made, and it has been ascertained that John O'Hehir was taken ill on the 8th instant with pains in the stomach, and died two days after. The Visiting Surgeon of the ship who saw him did not anticipate fatal results.
 - (2.) The clergyman visits weekly only. There was not time to inform the clergyman or the boy's mother before his death. After his death word was immediately sent to the mother and to the clergyman.
- (5.) Mr. Lett, J.P.:—*Mr. Pilcher*, on behalf of Mr. Cohen, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has Mr. District Court Judge Macfarland made any return, by way of report or otherwise, under the Commission issued some months since, empowering him to inquire into certain charges preferred against Mr. Lett, Justice of the Peace, of Kiandra?
 - (2.) If so, have the Government taken the same into consideration, and at what determination (if any) have they arrived?
 - (3.) If the Government have not yet taken the same into consideration, is it their intention to do so, and when?
 - (4.) Will the Government have any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of the evidence taken by the Judge under the said Commission, and his report thereon?
- Mr. W. Forster* answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The Government have not yet taken the subject into consideration.
 - (3.) An early opportunity will be taken to consider the matter.
 - (4.) No, if the House order the production of the papers.
- (6.) Joachim v. O'Shanassy:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- What steps has the Government taken with the view to its being heard before the Privy Council in the Appeal Case "Joachim v. O'Shanassy"?
- Mr. W. Forster* answered,—Telegrams have been sent to the legal agents of the Government in England notifying the intention of the Attorney General to apply to Her Majesty for leave to be heard before the Privy Council, and asking that the necessary steps may be taken. The Petition of the Attorney General will be forwarded by the next Overland Mail.
- (7.) The Case of Captain Bamford:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. Cameron, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Did His Excellency's Minute in the case of Captain Bamford, Volunteer Artillery, authorize that Officer's removal altogether from the Volunteer Force?
 - (2.) If not, under what authority did the Commandant, by Brigade Order, so remove him?
 - (3.) Has His Excellency since explained that Captain Bamford's removal was not intended by him?
 - (4.) Has the Commandant notwithstanding refused to rescind the Brigade Order?
 - (5.) Has the Commandant granted Captain Bamford the usual Certificates of Efficiency for the years 1873 and 1874?
- Mr. W. Forster* answered,—
- (1.) His Excellency's Minute, written by him as Commander-in-Chief, and laid before Parliament on 14th January, 1874, gave no instructions in the matter; but his letter to the Commandant of the 4th September, 1873, also laid before Parliament on the same day, directed that "Captain Bamford's services as Commanding Officer of No. 8 Battery should be dispensed with."
 - (2.) The Brigade Order of 6th September, 1873, laid before Parliament as above, was issued, notifying that the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, "dispensed with the further services of Captain James Bromley Bamford, officer commanding No. 8 or Prince Alfred's Own "Battery, Volunteer Artillery Brigade."
 - (3.) His Excellency has since explained to the Commandant his view of the decision, and that it merely deprived Mr. Bamford of his command. It was not intended to reduce him to the ranks, and thus compel him to serve in that capacity, but to leave it optional with Mr. Bamford to re-join as a Gunner on application, if he desired to do so. He did not so apply.
 - (4.) Yes, the Brigade Order, in the Commandant's opinion, not being inconsistent with the Governor's Minute.
 - (5.) No, because the Commandant did not consider Mr. Bamford entitled to them, in consequence of non-performance of drills and want of service. The special circumstances connected with the matter are under the consideration of the Government.
- (8.) Police Magistrate, Bingera:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- Has the Government any intention of making provision for the appointment of a Police Magistrate at Bingera, with power to settle Mining Disputes?
- Mr. Lucas* answered,—Mr. Fullerton, the Police Magistrate of Warialda, visits Bingera periodically, and I intend to appoint him a Warden. At present Bingera is under the jurisdiction of Mr. Warden Buchanan. This is merely a temporary arrangement, and the Government will take the matter into consideration at an early date.
- (9.) The Case of William Stringer:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it true that the murderer William Stringer, who was recently tried at Wagga Wagga, and convicted of the murder of James Mitchell, and sentenced to death, has had such sentence commuted to ten years imprisonment?
 - (2.) Upon whose advice, and upon what grounds, was such sentence commuted?
 - (3.) Are the Government aware that the people of Wagga Wagga generally feel very indignant, and regard such commutation of sentence as a miscarriage of Justice?
 - (4.) Have the Government any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of all Papers and Minutes of the Executive Council having reference to this case?
- Mr.

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

- (1.) The sentence of death passed upon William Stringer on his conviction for the murder of James Mitchell has been so commuted.
 - (2.) The commutation was advised by the Executive Council, on the strong recommendation of the learned Judge before whom the prisoner had been tried.
 - (3.) The Government was not aware of any generally felt indignation of the people of Wagga Wagga, nor of their opinion upon such commutation.
 - (4.) If the House order the production of these papers, there will be no objection on the part of the Government.
- (10.) Public School Buildings:—*Mr. Parkes* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) With reference to the Resolution of this House of April 20th, against the enforcement of the School Regulation which requires from private sources a contribution of one-third of the cost of Erecting and Furnishing Public School Buildings,—On what date was the Address embodying that Resolution sent to the Council of Education?
 - (2.) Since the Address referred to was sent to the Council of Education, has the Council, in dealing with any application for a Public School, required from private sources a contribution of one-third, or any other proportion of the cost of its establishment?
 - (3.) Is it intended by the Council to require contributions from private sources in dealing with future applications for the establishment of Public Schools?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

- (1.) The Address was received by the Council of Education on the 23rd April last.
 - (2.) No; but in one case, that of Queanbeyan, in which there had been negotiations for some time the Council offered to commence building the school at once if the inhabitants would subscribe towards the same £300 out of the £1,800 required.
 - (3.) No; but after dealing with urgent cases the Council will give precedence to those in which the applicants voluntarily contribute.
- (11.) Leave of Absence to Railway Employés:—*Mr. Byrnes* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How many men employed upon the Permanent Line of Railway between Sydney and Campbelltown, on the Southern Line, and between Sydney and Penrith, on the Western Line, applied for leave of absence from the 1st to the 15th April, 1875?
 - (2.) Will the Secretary for Public Works have any objection to state the names of the applicants who obtained leave of absence, and of those who did not, and the reason in each case?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Eighteen.
 - (2.) The following applicants obtained leave, as their services could be spared:—*George Elliott, John Sevinfield, George Burwan, John Woodrow, Francis Wilson, John Keating, and James Castle.* The following did not obtain leave, in consequence of their services being required on the line:—*William Rainbow, Henry Hopkins, Samuel Crisp, Joseph Chesham, Patrick Craddock, Edward Dean, Thomas M'Gill, George Goldby, William Castles, Frederick Elliott, and Patrick Leahy.*
- (12.) Riot Act:—*Mr. Davies* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has it come under his notice that a certain Magistrate of the name of J. W. Smart read the Riot Act on Sunday, the 16th May, to a number of persons in Nicholls-street, Surry Hills?
 - (2.) Is it his intention to institute an inquiry into such extraordinary conduct?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

- (1.) I think I shall best reply to the Honorable Member's question by reading an explanation from *Mr. Smart* himself:—"Sir,—I see by the report of this day's date a notice of a question to be asked by *Mr. Davies* this evening, in his place in the Assembly, relative to my conduct. On Sunday evening the 16th instant, between the hours of 9 and 10 at night, a number of people came to my house asking if I would come out and endeavour by my presence to quell a disturbance then going on in Fitzroy-street. I at first refused to interfere, thinking it was only a squabble. Shortly after that some one came and said, 'As a Magistrate you ought to come out, if you do not there will be murder committed.' I then went out and saw a crowd of between two and three hundred persons assembled, and there was what appeared to me to be a free fight going on. I ordered them all in the Queen's name to depart peaceably and quietly to their own homes, under the pains and penalties they would incur by insisting in such disorderly conduct. After a short time they all did so. In conclusion, I may state that I consider I did my duty to restore peace and order, as is clearly my duty to do under the Commission I have the honour to hold."
 - (2.) The Government will make a further inquiry into the matter, after receiving this explanation from *Mr. Smart*.
- (13.) The Case of Phillip Hagan:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Was a Petition sent to the Comptroller General of Prisons from a prisoner in Bathurst Gaol named Phillip Hagan, setting forth that his state of health was so bad that any further imprisonment would probably put an end to his life?
 - (2.) Was there also a Petition sent by *Dr. Basset*, the Visiting Surgeon of the Gaol, to the Comptroller General of Prisons, on the same subject?
 - (3.) Would the Colonial Secretary state the purport of *Dr. Basset's* Petition?
 - (4.) Is it true that no answer was sent to either of those Petitions?
 - (5.) Is it true that the man died in the Gaol?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

- (1.) A Petition was sent by permission of the Comptroller General, setting forth that the Petitioner for the past six months had been a "confirmed invalid, suffering from the effects of a recent very severe illness; that his constitution had fairly given way," and that unless released, "he must soon sink into an early grave."
- (2.) No; but a report from the Visiting Surgeon, which had been required by the Comptroller General, accompanied the Petition.

(3.) The purport of the Surgeon's report was that the prisoner had been in a very infirm state of health, and that on two occasions during the past six months had been reduced to a very low condition by hemorrhage, upon which occasions the Surgeon considered his life to have been in danger; further, that he believed that liberation would prolong the prisoner's life.

(4.) No answer was sent to the Petitioner, because he died before the decision of His Excellency the Governor was arrived at.

(5.) Yes.

(14.) Probationers in Railway Department:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the custom in the Railway Department, when a clerk is employed temporarily on probation in any of the offices, not to pay him any wages for the first month's servitude?

(2.) In what branch of the Department does this practice exist, and has it received the sanction of the present or past Ministers?

(3.) Does such a practice exist in any of the neighbouring Colonies, or in any Railway Department under the Crown in England, or elsewhere?

(4.) Are there any clerks now in the Service, and in what offices, who have entered as Probationers, and if any, will he give their names and their present occupation, and the period they served on probation?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Probationers are occasionally accepted who give their services without remuneration till a vacancy occurs.

(2.) This practice, if that term can be applied to the few instances in which the services of probationers have been accepted, exists in the Traffic Branch; it has received the sanction of both the present and past Ministers.

(3.) I am not able to give a direct answer to this question; but as the system of receiving probationers is generally observed in large establishments, it may be inferred that it is adopted in the Railway Departments of the neighbouring Colonies, and on the Railways of England, although not those under the Crown, as no such Railways are in existence.

(4.) This question takes a wider range than perhaps the Honorable Member is aware of; it applies to the Service generally, and would take much time and research to reply to. I am informed that there are numerous officers in the service, some now holding high positions, who entered as probationers, indeed it was a practice very generally adopted many years ago, and few officers at that time entered the Service without first serving as probationers without remuneration.

(15.) Carriage of Lime and Limestone from Marulan Railway Station:—Mr. Davies, on behalf of Mr. Tecce, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What amount of Revenue has been derived by the Government for the carriage of Lime and Limestone from the Marulan Railway Station during the year 1874?

Mr. Lackey answered,—£2,146 Os. 7d.

(16.) Volunteer Artillery:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is the Government in possession of any Letters or Documents from the Commandant, or Officer Commanding the Volunteer Artillery, or both, touching differences and disagreements between those officers; if so, what are the respective dates of such Letters or Documents, and what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend to take, and when, in reference to such differences and disagreements?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—Very lengthy communications on the subject are under consideration, and will be disposed of early during the recess.

(17.) Crown Lands Bailiff, Tamworth:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did the Crown Lands Bailiff, Tamworth, make application to the Minister for Lands for permission to act as Presiding Officer at the last or any previous Election for Liverpool Plains?

(2.) At how many Elections has the Crown Lands Bailiff, Tamworth, acted as Presiding Officer?

(3.) The amount received by the Crown Lands Bailiff, Tamworth, on each occasion, for acting as Presiding Officer at the Elections for Liverpool Plains?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1 and 2.) The Crown Lands Bailiff has acted four times as Presiding Officer. On the first occasion of his acting he did so with the sanction of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Mr. Kingsmill, but on other occasions the permission was taken as implied.

(2.) He received on each occasion the usual fee (£3) in addition to the allowance for travelling expenses.

(18.) Gulgong Common:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—By whose advice or suggestion were twenty-one square miles of Agricultural Land around Gulgong proclaimed as a Common?

Mr. Garrett answered,—On the recommendation of the Officers of the Survey Department instructed to report in the matter. The circumstances will be fully inquired into, and if necessary to rescind any portion of the Reserve it will be done.

(19.) Rent for Pre-leases:—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What is the amount of Rent paid by Pre-leaseholders?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—The Treasury Accounts do not show the distinction between Pre-emptive Leases and Auction Leases, both kinds of holdings being classified under one head, "Rent of Land, 1st class Settled Districts," and the total rent received for same in the year 1874 being £33,674 7s. 11d.

(20.) Pre-leases, Conditional Purchases, and Freeholds:—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the quantity of Land held under Pre-lease?

(2.) How much by Conditional Purchasers, and how much by Freeholders?

Mr.

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) The total area under Pre-emptive Lease to date is 8,424,342 acres.
 (2.) The area granted under Pre-emptive Lease during 1874, in virtue of Conditional Purchases, was 619,333 acres, and in virtue of Freeholds, 930,667 acres. Previously to that time there was no classification of the different holdings in right of which applications for Pre-emptive Leases were made. There are at present about 2,000 applications to lease some 600,000 acres in virtue of Conditional Purchases which cannot be dealt with until the receipt of the Surveyors Reports on the Conditional Purchases.

(21.) Conveyance of Mails from Melbourne:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What arrangement has been made with the Australasian Steam Navigation Company for bringing on the Mails from Melbourne?
 (2.) What is the amount paid for the Service?

Mr. Burns answered,—I presume the Honorable Member refers to the Suez Mails, for bringing on which from Melbourne to Sydney, on the last three occasions of the arrival of Mails by that route, the sum of £50 was paid to the A.S.N. Company.

(22.) Single-headed Rails:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

What is the cost of the Inquiry made by the Commissioners appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the Single-headed Rails recently imported?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The account rendered by the Board amounted to £843 15s. 6d. On receipt thereof the Commissioner for Railways wrote to the Board requesting them to state more definitely the different items which compose this account, and also upon what principle the charge for commission fees is made.

(23.) Land Agents:—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are Land Agents required to inspect all or any of the Selections made by Conditional Purchasers of land in their respective districts?
 (2.) Are Land Agents in all cases required to add a certificate to the declarations of Conditional Purchasers to the effect that such declaration is in accordance with fact?
 (3.) Have any refused so to certify?
 (4.) What is the practice of the Minister when Land Agents have so refused?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) No.
 (2.) Yes; that is, to the best of their knowledge and belief, as required by the form of declaration.
 (3.) Yes, in a few instances.
 (4.) The declarants have been apprised that they must furnish reliable evidence in corroboration of their declarations, or (where it is the value of the improvements which has been questioned) submit to an appraisalment.
 (5.) In the Bill to amend the Land Acts now before this Assembly the certificate of the Land Agent is dispensed with.

(24.) Marist Brothers:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a proposal has been made by the Ecclesiastical Authorities of the Church of Rome in this Colony to the Council of Education, to the effect that the Marist Brothers should be employed as teachers under the Council?
 (2.) Is it a fact that application has been made that the Marist Brothers should be examined in June next, with a view to their being certified as Teachers in Denominational Schools under the Council?
 (3.) What are the conditions on which this application has been made?
 (4.) Does the Council of Education intend to accede to this application?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1.) Yes.
 (2.) No; but it has been intimated to the Council that certain Marist Brothers will present themselves for examination with a view to their being employed as teachers in a Denominational School.
 (3.) Answered by No. 2.
 (4.) The Council has not acceded to the proposal to employ the Marist Brothers as teachers.

2. LETTER ADDRESSED TO MM. ROCHEFORT AND GROUSSSET:—Mr. Buchanan, 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 subject was referred on the 4th May, 1875, together with Appendix.
 Ordered to be printed.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 20th April, 1875, in reference to Orphan Schools.
 (2.) Returns for the year ended 31st March, 1875, respecting Live Stock and Agriculture.
 Ordered to be printed.

4. INNKEEPERS LIABILITY BILL:—Mr. Stuart presented a Petition from the Licensed Victuallers Association of New South Wales, complaining of the provision in this Bill which makes an Innkeeper liable for the goods of a guest or lodger to the amount of thirty pounds, such goods not being placed in the custody or safe keeping of such Innkeeper; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
 Petition received.

5. NATIVE DOGS DESTRUCTION BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. W. H. Suttor moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Native Dogs Destruction Act of 1852.
 Question put and passed.

6. BANK HOLIDAYS BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. J. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for Bank Holidays, and respecting obligations to make payments, and do other acts on such Holidays.
 Question put and passed.

7. BANKERS CROSSED-CHEQUES AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. J. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Cheques or Drafts on Bankers.
Question put and passed.
8. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd, on behalf of Mr. Farnell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 31st May, from Richard Sadleir, R.N., relative to the Lands Acts Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. BANK HOLIDAYS BILL:—Mr. J. Watson presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make provision for Bank Holidays and respecting obligations to make payments and do other acts on such Holidays*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
10. BANKERS CROSSED-CHEQUES AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. J. Watson presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Cheques or Drafts on Bankers*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
11. NATIVE DOGS DESTRUCTION BILL:—Mr. W. H. Suttor presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Act 16 Victoria No. 44 known as the Native Dogs Destruction Act*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, a Bill for the amendment of the Public Schools Act of 1866 should be introduced, and that such Bill, among other matters, should provide for the discontinuance, upon reasonable notice, after a certain period to be fixed by law, of assistance from Public Funds for Denominational Schools.
Debate ensued.
On motion of Mr. Parkes the Debate was adjourned until Friday, 18th June.

The House adjourned, at half-past Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Reserve in Parish of Southend:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the Government are carrying out a survey of certain portions of No. 19 Reserve, Parish of Southend, County of Cumberland?

(2.) Is such survey being made with a view to revoke such portions for sale as Mineral Lands to certain applicants?

(3.) If so, the names of such applicants, and whether it is the intention to sell?

(4.) Are they aware that such sale, if effected, would be prejudicial to existing interests?

(5.) What applications have been made under the 27th clause of the Mining Act to lease the aforesaid Reserve for the purpose of Mining under the whole or any portion thereof for Coal and other Minerals?

(6.) By whom made, and date of applications?

Mr. Garrett answered,—There is no Reserve No. 19 in the Parish of Southend. The only Reserves in that parish are No. 16 and a part of No. 11, neither of which are being subdivided.

- (2.) Silver Coin:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) In reference to the distribution of new Silver Coin imported by the Government,—at what date or dates did the several Banks receive the Coin distributed?

(2.) In what mode was the new Coin paid for,—in old worn silver coin, as provided by the English Mint Regulations, or in sovereigns?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—I hold a Return, which I will presently lay upon the Table, and move that it be printed. I think it will completely answer the Honorable Member's question, and I hope it will satisfy him.

- (3.) Alignment of Streets at Hill End:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When will the alignment of Streets at Hill End be proceeded with?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Instruction was issued on the 29th May to Mr. Licensed Surveyor Robertson to align the streets as soon as possible.

(2.) Pre-occupation of Surveyors. It is understood that Mr. Robertson cannot commence the alignment before the middle of this month.

2. PAPER:—Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table, a Return showing the dates of distribution of the £50,000 of New Silver Coin, and in what mode the same was paid for, whether in old Silver or Sovereigns.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK:—Mr. Cameron (*with the concurrence of the House*), moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order laid on the Table of this House on 13th February, 1874, respecting Mineral Selection, Milburn Creek, be referred to the Committee now sitting on that subject.
Question put and passed.
5. INNKEEPERS LIABILITY BILL (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 1st June, from the Licensed Victuallers Association, respecting the liability of Innkeepers in certain cases, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. RAILWAY PLATFORMS (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Driver, on behalf of Mr. Sutherland, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Petitions and Letters for the erection of the Platform between Ashfield and Burwood Stations; also, same information for the erection of a Platform on the Western Line opened for traffic about a week ago.
Question put and passed.
7. GOULBURN CATTLE SALE-YARDS BILL:—Mr. 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 erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Goulburn on a portion of land dedicated for that purpose,*”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd June, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

8. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
9. MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL:—Mr. 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 legalize the Marriage of a Man with the Sister of his Deceased Wife,*”—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, 2nd June, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL.
SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 2nd June, 1875.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Title.	Omit “legalize”	insert “declare valid”
Clause 1, line 8.	Omit “All”	insert “Every”
”	”	Omit “s” in “marriages”
”	”	After “marriage” insert “otherwise lawful”
”	”	Omit “have” insert “has”
”	9.	Omit “solemnized” insert “celebrated”
”	10.	Omit “are” insert “is”
”	11.	After “declared” insert “to have been and to be”
”	12.	After “notwithstanding” omit remainder of clause.

Examined,—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday next.

10. DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 3 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTION :—Beckett's Bridge and Pitt Row Toll-Bars :—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—How much money has been received for rent from the Beckett's Bridge and Pitt Row Toll-Bars from the 31st December, 1867; to 31st December, 1874; and during the same period, how much money has been expended on that portion of the road from Beckett's Bridge to the Western Road, and from the Western Road to Prospect?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

1868—Pitt Row	...	...	...	...	£484	
" Beckett's	...	...	...	...	425	
1869—Pitt Row and Beckett's	...	...	...	...	810	Sold as one Bar.
1870	do.	...	...	...	600	do.
1871	do.	...	...	...	800	do.
1872	do.	...	...	...	704	do.
1873	do.	...	...	...	830	do.
1874—Pitt Row	...	...	...	...	390	
" —Beckett's	...	...	...	...	380	
Total					£5,423	

The Books of the Department are not kept in such minute detail as will enable me to answer that portion of the question respecting the amount expended, to ascertain which will require considerable time and labor. If, however, the Honorable Member thinks it necessary, there will be no objection to prepare a Return.

2. IMMIGRATION :—The undermentioned Petitions, praying the House to reject the Immigration scheme now under consideration, were presented by the Members named :—
 (1.) By Mr. Burns. From Residents of Greta, Anvil Creek, and the surrounding District.
 (2.) By Mr. Stevens. From Residents of Lambton, New Lambton, and Waratah.
 Petitions received.
3. ULTIMO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEES BILL :—Mr. Macintosh, 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 the 13th November, 1874, together with Appendix.
4. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from Citizens of Newcastle, and Members of the Day Dawn Division Sons of Temperance, in opposition to the sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Railway Lines.
 Petition received.
5. WINDSOR BRIDGE :—Mr. Driver presented a Petition from Peter Lecusson, alleging that he became the Lessee of the Windsor Bridge on the understanding that a charge could be made for the same horse or vehicle crossing and re-crossing the Bridge on the same day, but that the Government have issued an order to the effect that persons using the Bridge shall be charged one toll only for each day; and praying the House to take the case into favourable consideration.
 Petition received.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Davies moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. **SUSAN-LANE ABOLITION BILL**:—Mr. 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 abolish a certain Lane proclaimed as Susan-lane near the waters of Woolloomooloo Bay in the City of Sydney and dedicate to the public in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor a new street from Susan-lane on the Tusculum Estate to Forbes-street in the said City,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd June, 1875.
- JOHN HAY,
President.
8. **LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lackey moved, "That" the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.
Mr. Garrett moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted, for the reconsideration of clauses 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 33, 37, 41, and Schedules A and B, and for the consideration of a new clause to stand as clause 41."
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 place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 33, 37, 41, and Schedules A and B, and for the consideration of a new clause to stand as clause 41,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such reconsideration.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments.
On motion of Mr. Garrett (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

The House adjourned, at fifteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 4 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Publications on Resources of New South Wales:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) What were the titles of the several publications sent by the Government to England since 1870 to date, with the view to afford special information in reference to the resources of New South Wales?
(2.) What was the number of volumes of each publication so sent?
(3.) Is the Government aware that the whole (or nearly so) of those publications are now stored in London?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

- (1.) The Industrial Progress of New South Wales; and New South Wales: the oldest and richest of the Australian Colonies, by Charles Robinson.
(2.) Of the first-mentioned work, 136 copies were sent to England between April, 1871, and November, 1872; and of the other work, 50,005 copies were sent in 1873.
(3.) The Government have no information on this point.
- (2.) Mineral Selections made by Frederick Walters:—Mr. Pilcher asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Did a person named Frederick Walters, about the beginning of last year, or at some other time, select certain blocks of land under the 22nd section of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861?
(2.) Are those blocks of land situated in the Parish of Langsdale, and County of Westmoreland, and upon Campbell's River?
(3.) Has the said Frederick Walters complied with the requirements of the Crown Lands Occupation Act in respect of the said selections?
(4.) Is it a fact that the said Frederick Walters has sub-let the said selections in portions for agricultural purposes, and that they are now in the possession of agricultural tenants of the said Frederick Walters?
(5.) Is it the fact that the said selections are not mineral lands at all, but some of the best agricultural land upon the banks of Campbell's River?
(6.) Has the said Frederick Walters at any time, and if so when, done any act, and if so what act, towards developing the mineral resources of the said selections?
(7.) What steps do the Government propose to take in the matter?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes, in November, 1873.
(2.) No, they are Church and School Lands, parish of Oakley, county of Bathurst.
(3.) Yes, so far as paying rent. In the present state of the law there are no other conditions to be complied with, except the expenditure of £5 per acre within the first three years of the lease. It is proposed to amend the law in this respect.
(4.) Not known.
(5.) Not known, but shall be examined.
(6.) Not known.
(7.) The circumstances shall be fully inquired into as soon as possible.

(3.)

- (3.) Public School, Cow Flat:—Mr. Pilcher asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What steps (if any) have been taken towards establishing a Public School at Cow Flat?
 - (2.) What length of time has elapsed since the Petition from the Cow Flat Copper Mining Company's Miners was presented?
 - (3.) Do the Government intend, and if so when, to cause a Public School to be established at Cow Flat?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

- (1.) Correspondence has taken place with the gentleman who addressed the Colonial Secretary respecting the proposed School; the proper forms have been supplied, and returned filled up, and the usual inquiry has been made by the Inspector.
 - (2.) No Petition has been received from the Cow Flat Copper Mining Company's Miners, but a letter was received from Mr. S. H. Gannon on the 27th January last.
 - (3.) The Council of Education is still in correspondence with Mr. Gannon respecting the proposed School.
- (4.) Conditional Purchase made by Thomas Shalvey:—Mr. Pilcher asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Did a person named Thomas Shalvey, in the early part of this year, select a certain portion of land under the 13th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861?
 - (2.) Is the land situated on Campbell's River, and near to certain blocks selected by one Frederick Walters under the 22nd section of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861, in the same locality?
 - (3.) Has the Secretary for Lands intimated to the said Thomas Shalvey that his selection will be forfeited, on the ground that when taken up by him it was improved land within the meaning of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861?
 - (4.) From whom did the Minister for Lands obtain the information that the land selected by Shalvey was not open for free selection?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) No; the land was cancelled.
 - (4.) From the Surveyor General's Department, the Surveyor who surveyed the land having so reported.
- (5.) Rushcutters Bay:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the fore-shore of the Harbour at Rushcutters Bay has become a nuisance, and dangerous to the health of the citizens near that locality?
 - (2.) Will he bring the matter before the Government, with the view to the reclamation of the land and the abatement of the nuisance?

Mr. Lacky answered,—

- (1.) I regret to have to state that the deposit at Rushcutters Bay has become very offensive, and probably injurious to health, owing to the sewerage and washing down from the buildings surrounding the head of the Bay.
 - (2.) I desire to say this is one of the places the Government contemplate reclaiming as soon as practicable.
- (6.) The Case of Mr. Bamford:—Mr. Cameron asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Did the omission from the Brigade Order of the words in the Executive Minute and in His Excellency's Letter "as Commanding, &c.," remove Captain Bamford not only from his command but erroneously altogether from the Volunteer Force?
 - (2.) Was it the Commandant's intention so to remove Captain Bamford altogether?
 - (3.) If so, by what authority?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Bamford's removal from the Volunteer Force appears to have been a necessary consequence of his removal from the command of the No. 8 Battery, his only status by Commission in the Force at the time.
 - (2.) It was the intention of the Commandant to carry out the instructions of the Government.
 - (3.) The Commandant acted upon the authority of the Government in the matter.
2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. PAPERS:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—
- (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 Vic. No. 1. May, 1875.
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the same Act.
 - (3.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the same Act. May, 1875.
- Ordered to be printed.
4. FREE EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS UNDER COUNCIL OF EDUCATION ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of children who have in each year since 1866 received Free Education in the Schools under the Council.
 - (2.) The number of such children in the Denominational and Public Schools respectively.
 - (3.) The number of such children in each year in the Church of England Schools, Roman Catholic Schools, Presbyterian Schools, and Wesleyan Schools.
- Question put and passed.

5. **TEACHER OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL, EMU PLAINS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence and Papers relating to charges made by the Rev. George Gurney against Mr. Justice Justilius, Teacher of the Certified Church of England School at Emu Plains; and also, copies of all Papers relating to a counter charge made by the Teacher against the Rev. George Gurney, together with copies of all Papers in this matter.
Question put and passed.
6. **IMMIGRATION** (*Formal Motions*):—
(1.) Mr. Stevens moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd June, from Residents of Lambton, New Lambton, and Waratah, relative to Immigration, be printed.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Burns, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd June, from Residents of Greta, Anvil Creek and neighbourhood, relative to Immigration, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. **AMOS DAVIS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition laid upon the Table of this House by the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works, on the 4th May last, from the Inhabitants of Wallabadah, relative to Amos Davis, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. **SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd June, from Citizens of Newcastle and Members of the Day Dawn Division Sons of Temperance, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. **WINDSOR BRIDGE** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd June from Peter Lecusson, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. **DOG ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Terry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Point of Order:—Mr. Nelson requested the ruling of Mr. Speaker whether this Bill, which imposes a charge upon the people, is not of the class of Bills which require to originate in a Committee of the Whole House.
Mr. Speaker said that the Point of Order raised by the Honorable Member was not free from doubt. The Bill, as introduced, did not originate or increase a charge upon the people generally, but as the extension of the provisions of the present Act would have the effect of imposing a charge upon residents in places where the charge is not now made, he thought it would be more in accordance with the usages of Parliament that the Bill should originate in a Committee of the Whole.
11. **DIVORCE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bennett, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burns, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Driver, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Stuart, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Terry, and Mr. W. Watson;—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at five minutes after Eight o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 7 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Extension of Telegraph Wire to Parliamentary Buildings:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend the Telegraph Wire to the Parliamentary Buildings; and if so, when?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is the intention of the Government to extend the Telegraph Wire to the Parliamentary Buildings; and the extension would already have been effected if some difficulty had not occurred in obtaining suitable accommodation for the instruments and the transaction of the telegraphic business. I caused the attention of the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council to be drawn to this matter on the 10th ultimo, and I understand that he and the Honorable the Speaker have conferred, and agreed to set apart a room for the purpose, which, with some alterations, which cannot be conveniently made while Parliament is in Session, will suit admirably. Provision has been made in the Estimates for the present year for the services of two operators; and I hope the Parliamentary Office will be ready for business before the opening of next Session.

- (2.) Tenders of Amos Davis:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of Contracts, and amounts in each case, that have been given to other Contractors in excess of Amos Davis's tenders, especially to include Wallabadah and Walgett Bridges, since 1864 to present time?

(2.) The cost to the Government of the fixing of the Iron Superstructure of Foot-bridge, Bowling Alley Point, including transport of Macpherson's Piling Plant, and re-fixing centre Pier?

(3.) The amount of Davis's tender for fixing said Iron Superstructure?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) There is no record of any Contract having been given to higher tenderers than Mr. Davis. Some taskworks may have been given by local officers, as they were directed on several occasions not to complicate Mr. Davis's accounts by the acceptance of his tenders until disputed amounts in the office had been dealt with. Mr. Davis's tender for Walgett Bridge was not accepted because the Commissioner for Roads reported a discrepancy in schedule rates of about 25 per cent. in addition to his bulk sum, and recommended that fresh tenders should be invited, as Mr. Davis had several disputed accounts which he refused to settle, and as the acceptance of an irregular tender from him would only further complicate matters. Fresh tenders were invited; only one was received and accepted, being £281 less than Mr. Davis's schedule rates, and £874 more than his bulk sum. Wallabadah Bridge:—Mr. Davis's tender was £1,153; Mr. Conlon's, £1,139. Mr. Davis amended his tender by telegram, making it £1,129, so that his formal tender was not the lowest. Fresh tenders were invited, and one accepted for £1,095. Mr. Davis did not tender.

(2.) The cost of fixing the Iron Superstructure of Foot-bridge, Bowling Alley Point, cannot be separated from the cost of entire work which was carried out by day labour, and included refixing pier, putting on floor, painting and tarring steps for approach, as well as fixing the iron superstructure and carriage of plant. The total cost was £150.

(3.) The amount of Mr. Davis's tender for fixing the Iron Superstructure alone was £68 7s.

(3.)

(3.) Sale of Spirituous Liquors in Railway Refreshment Rooms:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What were the names of the parties tendering for the Refreshment Rooms at Sydney, Mount Victoria, and Sutton Forest Stations in 1873, with the right to sell Spirituous Liquors?
- (2.) What was the amount of Bonus offered by the several parties so tendering?
- (3.) What was the amount paid (if any) as a Bonus by the present Lessee?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Sydney ... T. R. Smith, J. A. Robinson, John L. Castner, and F. Somers.
Mount Victoria... Richard Rowe, T. R. Smith, John L. Castner, and Hy. A. Maynard.
Mittagong ... Frederick Draper, T. R. Smith, and John L. Castner.
- (2.) Assuming that the Honorable Member alludes to the rent under the term "Bonus," the following were the amounts offered:—

For Sydney	...	J. A. Robinson	...	...	...	£200 a year.
"	...	T. R. Smith	...	...	...	186 "
"	...	F. Somers	...	...	...	168 "
"	...	John L. Castner	...	...	...	*80 a year average.
For Mount Victoria	..	Richard Rowe	..	...	...	234 a year.
"	...	Hy. A. Maynard	...	...	...	123 "
"	...	John L. Castner	...	...	...	*80 a year average.
"	...	T. R. Smith	...	...	...	54 a year.
For Mittagong	...	John L. Castner	...	...	...	*80 a year average.
"	...	Frederick Draper	...	...	...	54 a year.
"	...	T. R. Smith	...	...	...	24 "

* The rent offered by Mr. Castner was £2,000 for five years for five stations, which averages £80 a year for each station.

(3.) The average rent paid by the present lessee for the Sydney Refreshment Room is £200 a year. It may be mentioned that tenders were first invited for leasing the Refreshment Rooms, with the right of selling spirituous liquors, and the offers mentioned in answer No. 2 were received. The tenderers were then asked to say what they would give without the right of selling liquors. No one re-tendered for Sydney Station except Mr. Castner, and as his amended offer was the highest for the three Stations, viz.: Sydney, Mount Victoria, and Mittagong, it was accepted.

2. **MINING BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Lucas, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Mining.

Question put and passed.

3. **EAST MAITLAND PUBLIC RESERVE BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—

(1.) Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for vesting in the Municipal Council of East Maitland the land known as the East Maitland Pasturage Reserve.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for vesting in the Municipal Council of East Maitland the land known as the East Maitland Pasturage Reserve*,"—which was read a first time.

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

4. **LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. Garrett moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 1, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 18, 22, 26, 31, 32, 36, 46, 50, and Schedule B, and for the consideration of new clauses."

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 place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 1, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 18, 22, 26, 31, 32, 36, 46, 50, and Schedule B, and for the consideration of new clauses,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such reconsideration.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 3^o with further amendments.

On motion of Mr. Garrett (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

5. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill postponed until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 8 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mining Board:—Mr. J. Watson asked the Minister for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When was the Mining Board elected under the provisions of the Mining Act of 1874?
 - (2.) When did the Mining Board first meet, and how many meetings were held in 1874?
 - (3.) Has the Mining Board met during 1875; and if so, how many meetings have been held?
 - (4.) What amount has been paid to the Mining Board for 1874 and 1875 respectively?
 - (5.) At what rate are the members paid; if by fees, the amount per meeting?
 - (6.) On what basis is the £1,000 allowed by the Mining Act of 1874 as remuneration to the Mining Board appropriated?
- Mr. Lucas answered,—
- (1.) On Monday, 15th June, 1874.
 - (2.) The first meeting of the Board was held on Monday, 29th June, 1874; and seventy-five meetings were held in that year.
 - (3.) Yes; the first meeting was held on the 26th of April. Twenty-eight meetings have been held.
 - (4.) The sum of £854 has been paid to the Members, as set out in the next answer.
 - (5.) The sum of £275 was paid to the Mining Board on the 7th August, as an advance of £25 to each Member. The sum of £225 was paid to them on the 29th September, and that sum was apportioned amongst the Members by the Board. On or about the 28th November last the sum of £354 was paid under special arrangement, being £1 per diem for each Member for each day that he remained in Sydney.
 - (6.) The basis is prescribed by Regulation 33 relating to the Mining Board.
- (2.) Common for Bingera:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is the Government aware that the Town of Bingera has no Common, and that unless one is soon appropriated there will be no land available?
 - (2.) Will any early steps be taken to grant a Common for Bingera, of sufficient area, suitable to the requirements of the people?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) The question of Commonage will be referred for the consideration of the District Surveyor, on the representation received from the Honorable Member during the last day or two. The matter has not before been brought under the notice of the Government.
- (3.) Single-headed Rails:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of Mr. Davies, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) By whose authority were the Single-headed Rails recently imported ordered from the Park Gate Company?
 - (2.) Is it true that the Engineer-in-Chief, some eighteen months ago, remonstrated and reported against the Single-headed Rails which have proved to be of so bad a quality?
 - (3.) Is it true that the Engineer-in-Chief at that time recommended the Secretary for Public Works to cancel the order of the Park Gate Iron Company's Rails as being bad and unsuitable, and not in compliance with the specification?

Mr.

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) By the Agent General, who invited tenders for the Rails, and accepted the offer of the Park Gate Iron Company as the most eligible one. Sir Charles Cowper states in his letter notifying acceptance, "The tenders were opened in presence of Mr. Larnach, who went carefully through them all with me, and who concurred in the decision arrived at. Mr. Shields, the Consulting Engineer, was also present, and advised as to the various tenders."

(2.) No; but on the delivery of the first shipment of these Rails in Sydney, the Engineer-in-Chief reported that from their appearance only he considered that they were not made in accordance with specification, and recommended that they should be tested in the Newcastle yard, which was at once approved of.

(3.) No.

(4.) Mr. Chipp, late Inspector of Railways:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. Chipp, the late Inspector of Railways, has levanted from the Colony?

(2.) Has he taken with him any of the Government Funds or Property; if so, what amount, and what does the Property consist of?

(3.) Is it true that his wife and family sailed for England from Newcastle in the ship "Indus," and do the Government intend to take any steps to bring this officer back from England to answer these grave charges?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Mr. Chipp, it is reported, has left the Colony.

(2.) No Government Funds or Property have been taken by Mr. Chipp.

(3.) It appears that passages were taken by the ship "Indus," which left for London on the 11th May last, for "Chipp, wife, and two children," appears in the clearance, and it is believed that they sailed in the "Indus" accordingly. It will be seen by the foregoing answers that the Government have no charges against Mr. Chipp, and consequently no steps can be taken by them to bring this officer back from England.

(5.) Bridge across Parramatta River:—Mr. Piddington asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Plans and Specifications for the Bridge across the Parramatta River be ready?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The greater part of the Plans, seventeen in number, are now ready. Tenders will be invited in a fortnight.

(6.) Railway Trial Survey to Jervis Bay:—Mr. Warden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to carry the Trial Survey of the Illawarra Railway to Jervis Bay?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The consideration of many pressing questions, admitting of no delay, has necessarily postponed for a time the determination of the policy of the Government in regard to Railway Extension; they desire to state, however, that this important question shall have early consideration at their hands.

2. AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Pilcher presented a Petition from John Robyns, Managing Director of the Australasia Coal Company (Limited), praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australasia Coal Company (Limited) to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and to connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.

And Mr. Pilcher having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Newcastle Chronicle*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

3. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS:—Mr. Driver presented a Petition from Citizens of New South Wales, and Travellers on the Government Railways, praying the House to pass a measure that will allow Wine, Beer, and Spirits to be sold at the Railway Refreshment Rooms.

Petition received.

4. MR. STEPHEN STANBRIDGE:—Mr. H. H. Brown presented a Petition from Stephen Stanbridge, a resident at Paterson, alleging that certain land owned by him, and adjoining the Town of Paterson, has been depreciated in value in consequence of the Paterson District Council removing gravel therefrom for the purpose of road-making; and praying the House to take his case into consideration, with a view to relief.

Petition received.

5. MR. LETT, J.P. ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Cohen 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 the Evidence taken by Mr. District Court Judge Macfarland under the Commission empowering him to inquire into certain charges preferred against Mr. Lett, Justice of the Peace of Kiandra, and of the Judge's Report thereon, together with copies of all Letters, Documents, and Minutes having reference thereto.

Question put and passed.

6. POST OFFICE AT FALBROOK ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, &c., in reference to the proposed establishment of a Post Office at Falbrook.

Question put and passed.

7. PUBLICATIONS ON RESOURCES OF NEW SOUTH WALES ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Agent General in London having reference to the distribution in England of the several Publications shipped by the Government to afford special information regarding the resources of New South Wales.

(2.) Copies of all Bills of Charges incurred by the Agent General in such distribution or storage of the same, to date; also, original cost of publication.

Question put and passed.

8. CUSTODY OF INFANTS BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Pilcher moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the Custody of Infants.
Question put and passed.
9. DOG ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to extend and amend the provisions of the Act 6 Gul. 4 No. 4, commonly known as the Dog Act.
Question put and passed.
10. CUSTODY OF INFANTS BILL:—Mr. Pilcher presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law as to the Custody of Infants*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
11. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS:—The following Petitions in opposition to the sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Railway Lines, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) By Mr. Teece. From the Minister and Members of Welsh Church, Sydney.
 - (2.) By Mr. Macintosh. From the Minister and Office-bearers of St. Stephen's Church, Phillip-street, Sydney.
 - (3.) By Mr. Wisdom. From the Master and Students of Camden College, Newtown.
 - (4.) By Mr. H. H. Brown. From the Professor and Students of the Sydney University.
 - (5.) By Mr. Cameron. From the Minister and Members of the Wesleyan Church, Bourke-street, Sydney.
 - (6.) By Mr. Cameron. From the Minister and Members of the Baptist Church, Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo Bay.
 - (7.) By Mr. Bennett. From Elders and Members of the Society of Friends, Devonshire-street, Sydney.
 - (8.) By Mr. Piddington. From Magistrates of the City of Sydney.
 - (9.) By Mr. T. G. Dangar. From Officers and Members of the Dayspring Lodge No. 5 of the Independent Order of Good Templars.
 - (10.) By Mr. Terry. From Officers and Members of the Haste to the Rescue Lodge No. 3 of the Independent Order of Good Templars.
 - (11.) By Mr. Davies. From Citizens of the City of Sydney.
 - (12.) By Mr. Piddington. From the Minister and Members of the Congregational Church, Waterloo.
 - (13.) By Mr. Davies. From the Minister and others of the Primitive Methodist Churches, in Kent and Crown Streets, Sydney.
 - (14.) By Mr. Macintosh. From His Grace Archbishop Vaughan, the Master and Students of St. John's College, Sydney, and the Dean and others of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.
 - (15.) By Mr. Shepherd. From the Minister and Members of the Unitarian Church, Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, Sydney.
- Petitions received.
12. MAIL SERVICE *via* SAN FRANCISCO:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1) That, in the opinion of this House, any permanent Mail Service across the Pacific to be subsidized, in whole or in part, by the Government of this Colony, should be by a route which involves the least possible delay in transit.
 - (2) That the interests of this Colony can best be served by a line of steamers of about fifteen hundred (1,500) tons register to San Francisco, *via* Fiji and Honolulu.
 - (3) That no Contract for a permanent Mail Service should be signed or agreed to until it has been submitted to, and obtained the sanction and approval of, Parliament.
 - (4) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Debate ensued.
Mr. Davics moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day fortnight.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
Debate on Original Question continued.
Notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present,—
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Bennett, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Burns, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Hill, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Montague, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Shepherd, and Mr. J. Watson,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twelve minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Additional Magistrates for Country Districts:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is the Government aware of the great inconvenience sustained in the country and out-lying districts in consequence of the want of additional Magistrates?
 (2.) Will any early steps be adopted to remedy this inconvenience?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

- (1.) The names of numerous gentlemen have been forwarded to the Colonial Secretary, and recommended for appointment to the Commission of the Peace, accompanied in several instances by statements of the necessity of such appointments.

- (2.) As early as practicable the question will be considered and dealt with.

- (2.) Wharf at Manly Beach:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did the Government give permission to H. G. Smith, Esq., or other person or persons, to erect a Wharf at Manly Beach?

- (2.) If so, what were the conditions imposed, or the rights reserved for the public, when such permission was granted?

- (3.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of the House a copy of all Correspondence that may have taken place on this subject, and state the names of the person or persons to whom the permission was granted?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Permission was given, but some of the original papers cannot be traced. Copies of the Correspondence in hand will be laid upon the Table as soon as practicable.

- (3.) Water Reserve No. 19:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it not a fact that No. 19 Reserve is partly in the County of Camden and partly in Cumberland, and is reserved for the preservation of Water Supply, on the recommendation of the Water Commission, notified November 16, 1869?

- (2.) If so, will the Secretary for Lands be good enough to reply to the following questions:—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the Government are carrying out a survey of certain portions of such Water Reserve?

- (2.) Is such survey being made with a view to revoke such portions for sale as Mineral Lands to certain applicants?

- (3.) If so, the names of such applicants, and whether it is the intention to sell?

- (4.) Are they aware that such sale, if effected, would be prejudicial to existing interests?

- (5.) What applications have been made under the 27th clause of the Mining Act to lease the aforesaid Reserve for the purpose of Mining under the whole or any portion thereof for Coal and other Minerals?

- (6.) By whom made, and date of applications?

Mr.

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) 1. Three portions of land have been surveyed, viz., 2 acres for Public School at Kangaloon, revoked 10th March, 1871; 40 acres, revoked 4th March, 1873 (Parish of Kangaloon also), for conditional purchase; and 40 acres, revoked 19th November, 1872, for conditional purchase, all in the County of Camden.

2 to 6. No other revocations have taken place of any portion of the Reserve in question "for sale as Mineral Lands," or otherwise.

(4.) Sydney Infirmary :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is he aware that one of our large Charities, the Sydney Infirmary, receiving a considerable amount from the Public Revenue towards its rendering aid to the sick and afflicted requiring such assistance, is now offering a salary of £600 per annum for a Secretary to discharge the duties of that Institution, which the public are called upon to subscribe for such extravagance—the present Secretary receiving £300 per year?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—The Colonial Secretary is making inquiry into this matter.

(5.) Applications under Real Property Act :—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of applications under the provisions of the Real Property Act which were reported upon by the Examiners (2) during the year 1865?

(2.) The number of cases reported upon by the present Examiners, the date of Mr. Jones's appointment, and the dates respectively of Mr. Jones's and Mr. Oliver's appointments?

(3.) Is it true that the first Examiners, besides performing their duties as such, assisted materially in the other works of the Land Titles Office?

(4.) What is the number of the applications which have been lodged and which have not yet been reported upon by the Examiners?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1.) 382.

(2.) 287. Both on the 13th July, 1874.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) 189.

(6.) Administrator of the Government :—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Lord, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Why is not the Return to the Address for copies of the Papers connected with the Administrator of the Government laid upon the Table of the House?

(2.) What is the cause of the delay, and when will the Papers be laid upon the Table?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1 and 2.) The second, third, fourth, and fifth paragraphs of the Address to His Excellency the Governor ask for copies of Papers that have not yet arrived in the Colony. It would be unusual to furnish so limited a Return to so wide an inquiry as would be furnished if the Papers in paragraph one were submitted alone. So soon as the Government have the information asked for in this Address, from the Secretary of State, there will be no objection to laying the same before Parliament.

(7.) Police Protection for Coonabarabran :—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Lord, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint additional Magistrates, and to afford increased Police protection within the Town and Police District of Coonabarabran?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—Additional Magistrates will be appointed, and increased Bench accommodation and Police Protection afforded as early as practicable.

(8.) The Case of Mr. Bamford :—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Did the Commandant notify to Mr. Bamford that he was to apply for permission in case he desired to serve as a Gunner; and if so, on what date was the notification written?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—The Commandant, as soon as he himself was made aware of the intention of the Government, notified the same to Mr. Bamford, under date 1st May, 1874.

(9.) Sale of Spirituous Liquors at Sydney Railway Station :—*Mr. Davies* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. Goodchap informed Mr. Fosbery, Inspector General of Police, on the 28th December, 1874, that John Sutherland, Esq., M.P., late Secretary for Public Works, was desirous that a License should be granted for the sale of Spirituous Liquors at the Sydney Railway Station?

(2.) Is it true that such intimation, with other papers bearing on this matter, was submitted to the Bench of Magistrates who granted the License?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1.) Mr. Fosbery says, "Yes." Mr. Goodchap says he remembers saying to Mr. Fosbery, "Mr. Sutherland would not object, I know, if the license were granted." Messrs. Fosbery and Goodchap say they consider that there is nothing inconsistent in their statements. Mr. Goodchap adds that, from what he said, Mr. Fosbery might easily have inferred that Mr. Sutherland was desirous that the license should be granted.

(2.) Yes.

(10.) Volunteer Land Orders :—*Mr. Davies* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that Colonel Richardson has issued an order refusing to grant any more Land Orders to Volunteers who are now entitled to receive them for the first time?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to grant Land Orders to Volunteers who are now completing their fifth year, and who have not previously received a Land Order?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1.) Colonel Richardson has, in consequence of a recent opinion of the Crown Law Officers, given an instruction of the kind.

(2.) The whole matter, however, is very important, and shall have the speedy attention of the Government. The Honorable Member might again ask this question this day week.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. W. Forster, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Goulburn Cattle Sale-yards Bill.

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 19.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale-yards by the Borough Council of Goulburn on a portion of land dedicated for that purpose,*"—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, 8th June, 1875.

(2.) Susan-lane Abolition Bill.

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 20.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to abolish a certain Lane proclaimed as Susan-lane near the waters of Woolloomooloo Bay in the City of Sydney and dedicate to the public in lieu thereof and in exchange therefor a new Street from Susan-lane on the Tusculum Estate to Forbes-street in the said City,*"—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, 8th June, 1875.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-Laws of the Municipal District of Ulladulla.

(2.) Return to an Address, adopted on 27th April, 1875, in reference to the Bench of Magistrates, Singleton.

(3.) Returns under the 103rd clause of the District Courts Act of 1858.
Ordered to be printed.

4. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS :—Mr. Taylor presented a Petition from Citizens of New South Wales, and Travellers on the Government Railways, praying the House to pass a measure that will allow Wine, Beer, and Spirits to be sold at the Railway Refreshment Rooms.
Petition received.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

6. WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Robertson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of bringing in a Bill for preventing the pollution of the Water supplied to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.
Question put and passed.

7. ELECTRIC CABLE BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND AND NEW SOUTH WALES ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions,—

(1.) That this House approves of the Government uniting with the Government of New Zealand in accepting a Contract for the construction of an Electric Cable between some point in New Zealand and some point in New South Wales, on the following terms and conditions :—

1. That the contracting Governments may guarantee a Subsidy of £7,500 per annum for ten years for the construction and maintenance of the Cable; two-thirds of such subsidy to be payable by the Colony of New Zealand, and one-third by the Colony of New South Wales.
2. That the cost per message of ten words by the Cable shall not exceed seven shillings and six-pence, and nine-pence for each additional word.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.

Question put and passed.

8. AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S BILL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Pilcher moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Australasia Coal Company (Limited) to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to, and to connect the same with, the Great Northern Railway.
Question put and passed.

9. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th June, from Citizens of New South Wales, in favour of the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.

10. MR. STEPHEN STANBRIDGE ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. H. H. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th June, from Stephen Stanbridge, be printed.
Question put and passed.

11. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS (*"Formal" Motions*):—
- (1.) Mr. Wisdom moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th June, from the Master and Students of Camden College, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. Teece, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th June, from the Minister of the Welsh Church and others, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (3.) Mr. Cameron moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on 8th June, from the Minister and Members of the Bourke-street Wesleyan Church; and from the Minister and Members of the Woolloomooloo Baptist Church, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (4.) Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on 8th June, from the Minister and Members of the Primitive Methodist Church; and from Citizens of Sydney, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (5.) Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on 8th June, from Archbishop Vaughan, Master and Students of St. John's College, the Dean of St. Mary's and others; and from Minister and Office-bearers of St. Stephen's Church, Phillip-street, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (6.) Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th June, from the Haste to the Rescue Lodge of Good Templars, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
12. AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Pileher 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 the Australasia Coal Company Limited to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to and to connect the same with the Great Northern Railway,*"—read a first time.
13. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS:—Mr. Wright presented a Petition from the Sons of Temperance, and other Inhabitants of Gundaroo, in opposition to the sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Railway Lines.
Petition received.
14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Mining Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Mining;—*to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Additional Judge Bill.*
 - (2.) East Maitland Public Reserve Bill; second reading;—*to follow after the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill.*
15. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 39.

Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. W. Watson,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Greville,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. J. Watson.
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Driver,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. W. C. Browne.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Garrett, *passed.*

Mr. Garrett then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to declare and amend the Laws relating to Crown Lands.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, 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 declare and amend the Laws relating to Crown Lands*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th June, 1875.*

16. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 4, 2 (*as postponed*) 5, and 6 postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day No. 7.
17. STAMP DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Nelson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Wright,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. R. Forster.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Farnell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. W. C. Brown,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Terry.
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	
Mr. Montague,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

18. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at ten minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 10 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Mineral Selections, Parish of Oakley:—Mr. Warden asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many blocks of land were taken up for mining purposes in the Parish of Oakley, County of Bathurst, other than those which were taken up by Frederick Walters, in November, 1873, and by whom were they taken?

(2.) Did a person named Robert M'Phillamy (by his agent) write a letter or letters to the Secretary for Lands, requesting that the Mineral Leases of Frederick Walters be cancelled, upon the grounds that they were not mineral lands at all, and that his (M'Phillamy's) tenants were occupying them for agricultural purposes?

(3.) Did he obtain a report from the District Surveyor, stating that the said leased lands were mineral lands, although they contained agricultural land on the banks of the river?

(4.) Did the said Frederick Walters write a letter to the Secretary for Lands about the beginning of 1874, stating that several persons were occupying the lands under lease to him, and requesting the Government to take the necessary action for their removal?

(5.) With reference to question 4, does the Government undertake to remove trespassers from leased lands, or is the matter left in the hands of the lessco?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Parish Oakley, County Bathurst :—

	a.	r.	p.
Turnbull & Co....	20	0	0
Shalvey & Co. ...	40	0	0
F. Walters & Co. ...	100	0	0
Do. ...	90	0	0
Do. ...	73	1	0
Do. ...	46	2	0
Do. ...	66	1	20
Do. ...	20	0	0
Do. ...	20	0	0
Do. ...	48	1	0
Do. ...	70	0	0
Do. ...	27	0	0
Dixon & Co. ...	20	0	0
Do. ...	20	0	0
Walters & Co. ...	25	2	16
Walters, Bransby, & Co. ...	40	0	0
Do. ...	40	0	0
Do. ...	20	0	0
Dwyer & Co. ...	50	0	0
Do. ...	50	0	0
R. McPhillamy ...	50	0	0
Do. ...	50	0	0
D. Kinna ...	40	0	0
Do. ...	40	0	0
Do. ...	40	0	0
Hill & Bestarck ...	60	0	0

(2.)

- (2.) Yes, 19th December, 1873.
 (3.) Yes, 21st April, 1874.
 (4.) Yes, 27th April, 1874.
 (5.) No. It has not been the custom to give possession of the land to lessees of Church and School Estates.

(2.) Toll-bar on Railway Bridge, Newtown:—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Will he ascertain whether the Trustees of the Cook's River Road sold the Toll-bar on the Railway Bridge, Newtown, in the usual way; if so, when, for what period, and for what amount?
 (2.) Will the Government ascertain whether the amount of tolls collected at present on the Cook's River Road would be sufficient to keep the three following roads in good repair, namely:—Cook's River Trust Road, road from Newtown Bridge to Undercliff, and road known as the Stanmore Road; and if so, is there any objection to proclaim these roads Main Roads under the Main Roads Management Act, and appropriate the tolls towards their repair?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The Secretary of the Cook's River Road Trust informs me that the Toll-bar on the Railway Bridge, Newtown, was sold in November last in the usual way by public auction for the period of one year, from the 1st of January to 31st December, 1875, for the sum of £2,640; but I should point out that the bar in question has only been established since 1st April last, as a check-bar in conjunction with the Old Cook's River Road Toll-bar, and that the proclamation establishing it is eleven years old, and for years in disuse.

(2.) The length of roads mentioned is believed to be eight miles; the amount of rent now being received would suffice for the maintenance and improvement of such roads. It has been already stated, in reply to a previous question on this subject, that there could be no objection on the part of the Government to proclaim the roads main roads, provided the municipalities undertook the management of the expenditure—the interference of the Government being confined to the letting and ratable division of the tolls among them.

(3.) Compensation for Land taken for Railway Purposes:—Mr. Wisdom asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will offers of compensation be made to the owners of land taken for Railway purposes on the line between Murrurundi and Tamworth?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Land Valuator is now engaged upon these claims, and it is anticipated that offers will be made to the claimants within the next few weeks.

(4.) Mails from Northern Districts:—Mr. Cohen asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Mails from the Northern Districts at any time (and when) during the last fortnight were detained on board one (and which) of the Hunter River Steam Vessels; if so, what was the number of hours the said Mails were delayed?

(2.) Have any complaints been made to the Postal Department of the non-delivery of any such Northern Mails in due course, and have the Government taken, or do they intend to take, any action in the matter?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) 37 mail bags for Sydney were placed on board the "City of Newcastle" at Newcastle on Saturday morning the 29th ultimo. In consequence of her return to port, eight (8) additional mails, being evening mails despatched from places in the Lower Hunter, which in the ordinary course would have been forwarded by the "Kembla" if she had sailed, were placed on board the "City of Newcastle," and it appears that they were overlooked by the Chief Officer on the arrival of the steamer, through their having been placed in a separate locker, and they were not delivered until 11 a.m. on the 3rd instant, instead of 6 a.m. on the 31st ultimo, being a delay of 77 hours.

(2.) Yes; the Hunter River New Steam Navigation Company has been called on for an explanation, and the necessity pointed out for the mails being always put in the proper place.

(5.) Railway Accident (Claim of John Davis):—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents, in reference to the claim of John Davis, named in the Return furnished to this House, who received £250 compensation for injury to his wife and children in consequence of a Railway accident?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I have no objection to lay copies of these Papers upon the Table, and will do so if the Honorable Member will move for them in the usual way.

(6.) Tenders of Amos Davis:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The amount of Davis's Tender for Wallabadah Bridge; also, that of Walgett Bridge?

(2.) The amount paid for Wallabadah Bridge?

(3.) The amount of accepted Tender for Walgett Bridge?

(4.) The bulk sum, and detailed cost, of Iron Foot-Bridge at Bowling Alley Point, including supervision?

(5.) The amounts of Davis's Tenders for portions of that work?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) For Wallabadah Bridge	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,153	0	0	
Amended by Telegram	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,129	8	0	
* On fresh Tenders being received	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,107	15	0	Too late.
On Walgett Bridge at Schedule rates	...	...	...	...	...	...	£5,116	0	0	
Bulk sum	...	...	...	...	...	...	£3,951	0	0	
(2.) Paid for Wallabadah Bridge, on Contract	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,095	0	0	
Additions, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	£322	16	4	
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,417	16	4	

* Since my answer on the 7th instant this tender has been discovered. It was received in this office too late—a week after the proper date, when a tender had been accepted. (3.)

- (3.) £4,835 on fresh tenders being invited, when Mr. Davis did not tender.
 (4.) The detailed cost cannot be given, as explained in my answer to a similar question on the 7th instant. The supervision was carried out by a permanent officer of the Department. The total cost, including carriage and repairs of damages by successive freshes and floods, amounts to about £582.
 (5.) £73 12s. for the piers. £68 7s. for fixing superstructure alone.

(7.) Volunteer Land Orders:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any Opinion been given by the Crown Law Officers to the effect that persons who have enrolled themselves as members of the Volunteer Corps since 1868 will not be entitled to any Grant of Land under the Volunteer Regulation Act?
 (2.) Is there any objection to lay a copy of such Opinion upon the Table of this House?
 (3.) Will the Government take immediate steps to get rid of any difficulty in the way of issuing the Grants to Volunteers joining after 1868?

Mr. W. Forster answered.—The present Attorney General has given an Opinion, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on the 11th May, to this effect:—"There is only one free grant of fifty acres of Crown Land provided for under section 44 of 31 Vic. No. 5. There is only one service spoken of as the title to this grant, and there is only one period fixed within which this title accrues. The service must be continuous for five years, dating from the 1st January, 1868. The consideration of the efficient service during this term is 'a free grant of 50 acres.' Nothing is said of any other term, of any other service, of any other grant. No Volunteer is entitled to another grant."

The matter will be fully considered next week.

2. ELECTRIC CABLE BETWEEN NEW SOUTH WALES AND NEW ZEALAND:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 21.

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly that provision be made for a sum adequate to meet the cost of constructing an Electric Cable between New South Wales and New Zealand.

Government House,
Sydney, 10th June, 1875.

Ordered to be printed.

3. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS;—Mr. Davies presented a Petition from Members of the Independent Order of Good Templars, and others, resident in or near Newcastle, in opposition to the sale of Intoxicating Liquors on the Railway Lines.
 Petition received.

4. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. W. Forster, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions of 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 Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of June, 1875, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1874.

Government House,
Sydney, 10th June, 1875.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

5. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Government Asylums for Infirm and Destitute. (Report from Board relative to Expenditure for 1874.)

(2.) Report of the Council of Education upon the condition of the Public Schools for 1874.

(3.) Report of the Council of Education upon the condition of the Certified Denominational Schools for 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

6. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 9th June, from Citizens of Sydney, in favour of the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
 Question put and passed.

7. TENDERS FOR LEASING RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Tenders for Leasing the Railway Refreshment Rooms, with the right to sell Spirituous Liquors; also, of all Tenders without the right to sell Spirituous Liquors; also, of all Letters from Tenderers (if any) explaining their Tenders, and Reports of Officers on same.
 Question put and passed.

8. AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Pilcher moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That the Australasia Coal Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Moses, Mr. Hay, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Fitzpatrick, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

9. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS (*"Formal" Motions*):—
- (1.) Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on 8th June, from certain Magistrates of Sydney; and from the Minister and Members of the Congregational Church, Waterloo, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed. Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. T. G. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th June, from the Dayspring Lodge No. 5 of Good Templars, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed. Question put and passed.
- (3.) Mr. Bennett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th June, from the Society of Friends, Devonshire-street, Sydney, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed. Question put and passed.
10. WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of bringing in a Bill for preventing the pollution of the Water supplied to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—
- Resolved*,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill for preventing the pollution of the Water supplied to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.
- On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. ELECTRIC CABLE BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND AND NEW SOUTH WALES:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That this House approves of the Government uniting with the Government of New Zealand in accepting a Contract for the construction of an Electric Cable between some point in New Zealand and some point in New South Wales, on the following terms and conditions:—
1. That the contracting Governments may guarantee a Subsidy of £7,500 per annum for ten years for the construction and maintenance of the Cable; two-thirds of such Subsidy to be payable by the Colony of New Zealand, and one-third by the Colony of New South Wales.
 2. That the cost per message of ten words by the Cable shall not exceed seven shillings and six-pence, and nine-pence for each additional word.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor,—
- And that the Message of His Excellency the Governor, No. 21, in reference to this matter, be referred to the Committee.
- Question put and passed.
- Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.
- Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
- The Resolutions were then read a first time, as follows:—
- Resolved*,—(1.) That this House approves of the Government uniting with the Government of New Zealand in accepting a Contract for the construction of an Electric Cable between some point in New Zealand and some point in New South Wales, on the following terms and conditions:—
1. That the contracting Governments may guarantee a Subsidy of £7,500 per annum for ten years for the construction and maintenance of the Cable; two-thirds of such Subsidy to be payable by the Colony of New Zealand, and one-third by the Colony of New South Wales.
 2. That the cost per message of ten words by the Cable shall not exceed seven shillings and six-pence, and nine-pence for each additional word.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor.
- On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.
12. STAMP DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.
13. WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL:—Mr. Robertson presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for preventing the pollution of the Water supplied to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs*,"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill; third reading;—*until Monday next.*
 - (2.) East Maitland Public Reserve Bill; second reading;—*until Monday next.*
 - (3.) Supply; resumption of the Committee;—
 - (4.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee;—
 - (5.) Duty on Gold Abolition Bill; second reading;—*until Monday next.*
- } to follow after the Order of the Day
} respecting the Mining Bill.

15. **ADDITIONAL JUDGE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Goold,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Montague,

Tellers.

Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Dibbs.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Scholey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Hill.
Mr. W. Watson,	
Mr. Shepherd,	
Mr. Wright,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Hurley,	
Mr. Cunneen,	

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Stephen Brown the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 11 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Illawarra Railway:—Mr. Gray asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has a survey been made of a Line of Railway from Sydney towards the Southern Coal Fields, and has a route *via* Port Hacking and the Coal Cliff to Wollongong been reported on as a practicable and favourable route?
 (2.) Has the Government had under its consideration the propriety of recommending to the Parliament that such Railway be undertaken forthwith?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) A survey has been made, and a practicable route obtained.
 (2.) The Government have not yet been able to consider this, as well as other important questions of Railway extension; they hope, however, to be able, after the business of the Session shall have been concluded, to give it their earliest attention.
 (2.) Alignment of Streets of Brewarrina:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Have, or will any steps be taken by the Government towards the Alignment of the Streets of Brewarrina?

Mr. Garrett answered,—No application has reached the Lands Office asking for the Alignment of the Streets of Brewarrina.

- (3.) Magistrates for Gadooga:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is the Government aware that there are no Magistrates now in the district to form a Bench at Gadooga, on the Brec River?
 (2.) Will any steps be taken by the Government to remedy this inconvenience by the appointment of gentlemen, recommended or otherwise?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

- (1.) Certain gentlemen have been recommended as Magistrates, and their appointment has been represented to be necessary.
 (2.) As early as possible the requisite appointments will be made.
 (4.) The Case of Patrick Carroll:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Was a person named Patrick Carroll tried before the Bench of Magistrates at Singleton on the 28th May for petty larceny?
 (2.) Was any evidence taken as to the value of the article stolen?
 (3.) Was it alleged in evidence that the prosecutor gave the article to the person from whom prisoner received it?
 (4.) Was this person called upon to give evidence?
 (5.) Did the Magistrates give the defendant the option of electing to be dealt with summarily or be sent to a jury?
 (6.) Who were the Magistrates who adjudicated in this case, and what was their decision?
 (7.) Is it the intention of the Attorney General to place Carroll upon his trial?

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Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1.) An examination was held on that day before a Bench of Magistrates at Singleton, which resulted in the committal of a person named Patrick Carroll for larceny.

(2.) No.

(3.) It does not so appear upon the depositions.

(4.) No such person was called upon to give evidence.

(5.) The Government are not aware.

(6.) Messrs. J. N. Brooks and George Thomas Loder.

(7.) The Attorney General is not called upon to entertain or consider this matter, unless it is specially submitted to him for his consideration by the Crown Prosecutor for the Metropolitan and Coast District, as the prisoner has been committed to take his trial at the Court of Quarter Sessions at Singleton.

(5.) Pacific Mail Service:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What was the total cost incurred for Telegrams and Cablegrams in connection with the Pacific Mail Service, from date of the inception of negotiations to the present time?

(2.) What was the amount of the total expenditure incurred consequent on the visit of the late Postmaster General to New Zealand, England, and America, in connection with the Pacific Mail Service negotiations?

(3.) Have steps been taken for the recovery from Hall's sureties of the amount of their bonds?

(4.) Are actions pending at law for the recovery of the penalties?

(5.) Is there any prospect of the penalties being recovered, in whole, or in part?

(6.) What was the amount advanced to Mr. H. H. Hall to account of, and in excess of, subsidies due under his contract?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1.) I regret that the information cannot be furnished this afternoon.

(2.) £1,646 16s. 9d.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes.

(5.) It can hardly be expected that an opinion in anticipation of the result of an appeal to the Law Courts should be expressed.

(6.) £3,279 9s. 1d.

(6.) Silk Culture:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Dibbs, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any proposition been made to the Government having for its object the general extension of Silk Culture in the Colony?

(2.) If any proposition has been made, will he have any objection to state the views and intentions of the Government in respect thereto?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1.) Such a proposition has been made by Mr. Brady.

(2.) The Government at present having under consideration a number of other and more pressing questions, do not consider it a duty to take the culture of Silk under their supervision or protection.

(7.) Country Post Offices:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of Mr. Tecece, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—For what length of time previous to the dispatch of a Mail Bag from a Country Office is a Postmaster permitted to exclude from such bag letters and newspapers posted for the purpose of being included therein?

Mr. Burns answered,—Half-an-hour in the case of mails dispatched between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., but correspondence for mails dispatched between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. must be posted by 9:30 p.m. This rule applies to unregistered correspondence. Registered letters must be posted within a reasonable time (not exceeding one hour) before the time appointed for closing mails, and between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

(8.) Ashfield Roads:—*Mr. Hill* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Borough Roads of Ashfield be proclaimed?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Possibly in a month. The plans are large, and works of examination considerable.

(9.) Steam Dredges:—*Mr. Wisdom* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to remove one of the three Steam Dredges now at Newcastle, with a view to its permanent employment in dredging the River Hunter above that Port?

(2.) If such be the intention of the Government, when will it be carried out?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) No definite arrangement can at present be made, as one of the Dredges is laid up for extensive repairs.

(2.) The Government are fully alive to the importance of the question, and will take the earliest opportunity of having one of the Dredges detached for the up-river service.

(10.) Court and Watch-house, Crookwell:—*Mr. Cohen*, on behalf of Mr. Butler, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Court-house and Watch-house at Crookwell be finished?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Two contractors for erection of this building failed to carry out the work, and it is now in the hands of a third. I expect the building will be completed in about three weeks.

(11.) Salaries of Civil Servants:—*Mr. Taylor* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers relating to the deductions from the Salaries of the Civil Servants be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—There is no objection on the part of the Government to the production of the Papers in question, but the Honorable Member has not moved for their production, which, as already intimated to him on the 19th ultimo, is the usual Parliamentary course.

(12.) RAILS FOR GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY:—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to use for the Permanent Way of the extension of the Great Western Railway beyond Bathurst the Rails lately imported?

(2.) Is it not a fact that these Rails have been condemned by the Commission appointed to examine them, as being weak, ill made, easily broken, and consequently unsafe?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) It has been found necessary to forward for the extension beyond Bathurst some of the Consett Company's Rails, as the Rails ordered specially for the extension to Orange have not yet arrived in the Colony.

(2.) No; the Commissioners reported upon the Park Gate Iron Company's Rails.

2. IMMIGRATION:—Mr. Stevens presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Wallsend and the surrounding District, in opposition to the Immigration scheme now under the consideration of the House. Petition received.

3. PAPER:—Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 4th May, 1875, in reference to alleged Personation at Election for West Macquarie. Ordered to be printed.

4. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS ("Formal" Motions):—

(1.) Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 10th June, from the Independent Order of Good Templars, Newcastle, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Day, on behalf of Mr. Wright, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 9th June, from Sons of Temperance and Residents of Gundaroo, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

5. WIDOWS OF LIEUTENANT GOWLLAND, — PETERSEN, AND THOMAS HAVENHAND:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further 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 present year, a sum of money for the relief of the Widows of the late Lieutenant Gowlland, — Petersen, and Thomas Havenhand, who lost their lives in performance of their duties in the Public Service.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, that the report be received on Friday next.

6. MR. E. H. HARGRAVES:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Cunneen, "That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1875, a sum not exceeding £7,619, as compensation to Mr. E. H. Hargraves for the discovery of Gold made by him in New South Wales,—"

Debate ensued.

Mr. Nelson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words thereof after the word "to," in the fifth line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "Messrs. E. H. Hargraves, William Tom, junior, J. A. H. Lister, and James Tom, for the discovery of Gold, and a payable Gold Field, in New South Wales."

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

Debate continued.

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

Original Question then put,—That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1875, a sum not exceeding £7,619, as compensation to Mr. E. H. Hargraves for the discovery of Gold made by him in New South Wales.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. W. Watson,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Gray,	Tellers.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Cunneen.
Mr. Bennett,	

Noes, 14.

Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Cameron,	Tellers.
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. W. H. Suttor.

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker,—in order to give the House another opportunity of considering the question,—gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the affirmative.

7. AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Pilcher, 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 June, 1875. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (as amended and agreed to in Select Committee) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 25th June.

Question put and passed.

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8. **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time,—" Debate resumed.
Mr. Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until Friday, 25th June.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day in reference to a Site for the German Lutheran Church postponed until Friday, 25th June.
10. **DOG ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Davies moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to extend and amend the provisions of the Act 6 Gul. 4 No. 4, commonly known as the Dog Act.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to extend and amend the provisions of the Act 6 Gul. 4 No. 4, commonly known as the Dog Act.
On motion of Mr. Davies, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. **POSTPONEMENTS**.—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Custody of Infants Bill; second reading ;—*until Tuesday next.*
(2.) Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill; second reading ;—*until Friday, 2nd July.*
(3.) Bank Holidays Bill; second reading ;—*until Tuesday next.*
(4.) Bankers Crossed-Cheques Amendment Bill; second reading ;—*until Tuesday next.*
(5.) Native Dogs Destruction Bill; second reading ;—*until Tuesday next.*
(6.) Resolutions in reference to Immigration ;—*until Friday, 2nd July.*
(7.) Distillation Bill; second reading ;—*until Tuesday next.*
(8.) Rev. J. S. White; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—*until Friday, 25th June.*
(9.) Beer's Disabilities Bill; second reading ;—*until Friday next.*
(10.) Mining Act Amendment Bill; second reading ;—*until Friday next.*
(11.) Innkeepers Liability Bill; second reading ;—*until Tuesday, 22nd June.*
(12.) Marriage with Deceased Wife's Sister Legalizing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments ;—*until Tuesday next.*
(13.) Barristers Admission Bill; second reading ;—*until Friday, 25th June.*
(14.) Wellington Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading ;—*until Tuesday, 22nd June.*

The House adjourned at twelve minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 14 JUNE, 1875.

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

VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Joseph Wearne, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for Central Cumberland.

Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, That the Seat of Joseph Wearne, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Joseph Wearne.

Question put and passed.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cost of Printing Petitions:—Mr. H. C. Dangar asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cost of Printing the Petitions which have been presented to the House during the present Session, to the 10th instant?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—The estimated cost is £65.

(2.) Sydney Museum:—*Mr. Scholey*, on behalf of Mr. Bennett, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many hours each day is the Sydney Museum open to visitors?

(2.) On whose authority, and for what purpose, is the Museum closed from 1 to 2 o'clock each day?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) From 1 till 4 p.m. from May 1st to September 1st, and from noon till 5 p.m. from September 1st to May 1st.

(2.) The Museum is never closed between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock p.m.

(3.) Wages of Railway Workmen:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Railway workmen have not been paid their wages for the past three weeks?

(2.) Is it his intention to devise some better means of making the payments of the wages of the employes more regular?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The wages which were payable on the 23rd of May were not paid till the 2nd June—ten days after time—in consequence of Parliament not having made the necessary provision.

(2.) As I informed the Honorable Member, in reply to a similar question put by him on the 6th ultimo, no unnecessary delay takes place when funds are available.

(4.) Draughtsmen in Public Departments:—Mr. Davies asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that the Draughtsmen in the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, Survey Department, and Colonial Architect's Department, are allowed to practise privately?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No permission to practise privately has been given to any officer of my Department, except in one or two instances in the Roads Branch, when, at the request, and for the benefit of, some public bodies, some of the Road Superintendents have obtained permission to look after buildings such as a hospital, a church, and in one case a repair of a private bridge.

(5.)

(5.) Repairs to Roads and Bridges, Northern District :—*Mr. Scholey*, on behalf of Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the repairs to Rocklane, Namoi River ; to repair the approaches to Cox's Creek Bridge, especially to the gully on the town side of the bridge ; to clear the portion of road between Cox's Creek and Milkengowrie ; also, the several bog-holes and bad places on the road between Milkengowrie and Gunnedah ; to repair the road between Gunnedah and Mooki Bridge, including the approaches to the said bridge ; and the line of road between the Mooki Bridge and Tamworth ?

Mr. Lackey answered,—At the urgent request, and from the repeated representations of Mr. T. G. Dangar, M.P., the repairs mentioned on road from Gunnedah to Narrabri have been ordered as far as funds are available ; £1,500 has been placed on additional Estimates to open deviation through Peel River Company's Estate on road Gunnedah to Tamworth.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return to an Address, adopted on 21st May, 1875, in reference to the case *Blakefield v. Shields*.
 (2.) Return to an Order, made on 21st May, 1875, in reference to the case of Mr. Weston, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Coonamble.
4. RAILWAY EMPLOYEES :—Mr. Taylor presented a Petition from Employés on the Permanent Way and Locomotive Department of the Great Northern Railway, in reference to a reduction in their wages ; and praying for such relief as the House may deem meet.
 Petition received.
5. PENNY POSTAGE ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Returns showing,—
 (1.) The names of the Suburbs and places around Sydney to which the Penny Postage has been extended.
 (2.) The number of Letters that passed through the General Post Office to and from such Suburbs in each of the twelve months preceding such extension of the Penny Postage, and in each month subsequent thereto, down to date of Return ; and the number of Letters that passed through the Post Offices of such Suburbs and places in each month during the same period.
 (3.) The number of Newspapers that passed through the General Post Office in each of the twelve months prior to the abolition of Postage upon Newspapers, and in each month subsequent thereto, down to date of Return, distinguishing those sent out of the Colony from those distributed within.
 (4.) The loss or profit to the Public Revenue by the extension of the Penny Postage to the Suburbs and places alluded to, and the abolition of Postage upon Newspapers.
 Question put and passed.
6. IMMIGRATION ("Formal" Motion) :—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of Mr. Stevens, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 11th June, from Inhabitants of Wallsend, and others, in opposition to the Immigration scheme now under consideration, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
7. TENDERS OF AMOS DAVIS ("Formal" Motion) :—*Mr. Scholey*, on behalf of Mr. Bennett, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) Copies of all Tenders and Letters received from Amos Davis relative to Bridge at Wallabadah.
 (2.) Also, copies of all Tenders and Letters relative to Walgett Bridge.
 (3.) A detailed list of quantities and prices of additional work on Wallabadah Bridge.
 Question put and passed.
8. STAMP DUTIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 2 to 5 inclusive postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day No. 7.
10. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
 The Resolution was then read a first time, as follows :—
 (6.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the Services of the year 1875, a sum not exceeding £184,545, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of June, 1875, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1874, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1875.
 On motion of Mr. Forster, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
11. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
 The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
 The Resolution was then read a first time, as follows :—
 (6.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1875, the sum of £184,545 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of June, 1875.
 On motion of Mr. Forster, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

12. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5):—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 6 to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1875.

(2.) Mr. Forster then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875,"—which was read a first time.

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

13. DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted, for the reconsideration of the Schedule."

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. J. Watson,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	

Noes, 7.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. W. Watson,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Macintosh.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a third time,—put and passed.

Bill read a third time,—and, on motion of Mr. Garrett, *passed*.

Mr. Garrett then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, 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 authorize the resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th June, 1875.*

14. EAST MAITLAND PUBLIC RESERVE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Garrett (*with the concurrence of the House*) that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 15 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Additional Magistrates at Hay :—Mr. Phelps asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice, When will the Government appoint additional Magistrates at Hay, which is now without any local Magistrate, the Police Magistrate being frequently absent on his necessary duties, and the Government being in possession of the names of many gentlemen for a considerable time fit and eligible to hold the Commission of the Peace?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—Appointments will be made at an early date. Three gentlemen have been recommended for appointment to the Commission of the Peace.

- (2.) Aid to Agricultural Societies :—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What amount has been claimed from the vote of £3,000 on the Estimates of 1875 in aid of the Agricultural Societies of the Colony?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to distribute this amount *pro rata*?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1.) No applications have been received on account of the Vote for 1875, which, it may be remarked, will not be available until the Appropriation Act has passed.

(2.) The amount will be distributed in accordance with the terms of the Vote.

2. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS :—Mr. Davies presented a Petition from the Minister, Members, and others, of the Presbyterian Church of Balmain, in opposition to the sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Railway Lines.
Petition received.

3. MR. JOHN MELLY :—Mr. Davies presented a Petition from John Melly, of Waterloo, Soap and Candle Manufacturer, representing that in consequence of the passing of the "Boundaries of the City of Sydney Extension Act" his business premises were brought within the City of Sydney, and upon an information laid by the Inspector of Nuisances he was fined for carrying on his business within the boundaries of the City, and that he has been compelled to remove his plant, and erect new premises in the Borough of Alexandria; and praying the House to take his case into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

4. PAPER :—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 8th June, 1875, in reference to the proposed establishment of a Post Office at Falbrook.
Ordered to be printed.

5. STORAGE AND SALE OF KEROSENE RESTRICTION ACT REPEAL BILL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Meyer moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the storage and sale of Kerosene Restriction Act, 35 Vict. No. 1.
Question put and passed.

6. RAILWAY EMPLOYEES ("*Formal*" Motion) :—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 14th June, from the Employés on the Permanent Way and Locomotive Department of the Great Northern Railway, be printed.
Question put and passed.

7. EAST MAITLAND PUBLIC RESERVE 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 for vesting in the Municipal Council of East Maitland the Land known as the East Maitland Pasturage Reserve.*"
Question put and *passed*.

Ordered, 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 for vesting in the Municipal Council of East Maitland the Land known as the East Maitland Pasturage Reserve,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th June, 1875.*

8. STORAGE AND SALE OF KEROSENE RESTRICTION ACT REPEAL BILL :—Mr. Meyer *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the storage and sale of Kerosene Restriction Act 35 Victoria No. 1,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
9. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, (*as amended by consent*),—
(1.) That this House is of opinion that a Bill should be introduced by the Government to make better provision for the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly during the next Session of Parliament.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and *passed*.
10. DARLINGHURST GAOL (*Question of Privilege*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, having had under its notice the Return to an Address containing copies of Correspondence relating to Darlinghurst Gaol, ordered to be printed on the 27th April, 1875, resolves,—
(1.) That this Return contains matter which is a scandalous libel on a Member of this House.
(2.) "That" the libellous letters included in this Return, dated respectively the 2nd and 13th March, and signed "David Buchanan," be expunged from the Records.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Cameron moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words of the second Resolution after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "those portions of the letters alleged to be libellous, viz., the last eleven lines of letter number nine and the last twelve lines of letter number ten of the Honorable Member for the Western Gold Fields, addressed to the Colonial Secretary, relative to the conduct of the Honorable Member for East Sydney, Mr. Parkes, whilst Colonial Secretary, be expunged from the records of this House."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and *passed*.
Original Question then put, and *passed*.
11. LETTER ADDRESSED TO MM. ROCHEFORT AND GROUSSET :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed on 4th May last on Letter addressed to MM. Rochefort and Grousset, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and *passed*.
12. DOG ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—Mr. Terry *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend and extend the Act commonly known as the Dog Act,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
13. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

- (1.) Aliens Naturalization Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the law relating to Aliens,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th June, 1875.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

ALIENS NATURALIZATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 15th June, 1875.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 1, line 4. Omit "July" insert "January."
" " 3, line 38. After "property" insert "or otherwise."
" " 3, lines 38 and 39. After "hereby" omit "or by virtue of the Imperial enactments contained in the Schedule hereto."
" clause 4, line 42. After "years" insert "within such limited time before making the application hereinafter mentioned as may be allowed by the Governor either by general order or on any special occasion."

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No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 16 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Asylum for the Insane at Garryowen:—*Mr. W. C. Browne*, on behalf of *Mr. Macintosh*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect an Asylum for the Insane on the land purchased at Garryowen by the late Government for that purpose?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Instructions have been given for the erection of a new Asylum upon the land in question, and levels of the ground and other preparatory steps have been taken with that view.

- (2.) Volunteer Land Orders:—*Mr. Cameron*, on behalf of *Mr. Davies*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government decided to issue Volunteer Land Orders to those Volunteers who are now completing their fifth year, and who have not previously received one?

(2.) If so, when will those Volunteers who have completed their fifth year receive their Land Orders?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The question of Volunteer Grants is under the consideration of Government.

(2.) It seems probable that before a satisfactory course can be laid down legislation will be required.

- (3.) Wharf Accommodation for Borough Councils of Newcastle, Wickham, and Hamilton:—*Mr. Stephen Brown*, on behalf of *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that the Borough Councils of Newcastle, Wickham, and Hamilton, have no suitable Wharf or place for depositing blue metal and other material for road making purposes?

(2.) Has any application been received from the Borough Council of Newcastle for the dedication of land with water frontage at Honeysuckle Point for a Ballast Wharf; if so, is it the intention of the Government to grant the same, and when?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) Representations on the subject have been made by the Borough Council of Newcastle.

(2.) Yes; a communication was addressed to the Secretary for Public Works under date 10th December, 1874, and appears to have been replied to on the 14th instant. The matter has not yet been decided, but a copy of the reply will no doubt be laid upon the Table by my Honorable Colleague (to whose Department the business appertains), if desired.

- (4.) Civil Service Examination:—*Mr. Hill* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Does the present Government require that all first appointments to the permanent staff of the Civil Service shall be conditional on persons first passing the Civil Service Examination?

(2.) How much money has been paid to the Senate of the University as fees from persons applying to be examined for the Civil Service?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) It does require the passing such examination in the case of all appointments to the permanent clerical staff.

(2.) During the years 1872-3-4 and 5 the amount of fees received was £913. Candidates are now to be examined three times for one fee. A very large number avail themselves of this privilege.

(5.)

- (5.) Station Master Evans:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Was any inquiry ever held as to Mr. Chipp (late Railway Inspector) receiving £30 for removing Station Master Evans from the Penrith to the Sydney Station?
 - (2.) Had Mr. Chipp anything whatever to do in the appointment of Mr. Evans to the charge of the Sydney Station?
- Mr. Lackey answered,—
- (1.) No inquiry was ever held.
 - (2.) Nothing whatever.
- (6.) Election for the Upper Hunter:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is he aware that no public notification, in accordance with the 39th section of the Electoral Act, has been made by the Returning Officer for the Upper Hunter for taking the poll at Merry's Crossing, and Denison Town?
 - (2.) On what day is such poll fixed to be taken?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—
- (1.) I am aware that a notification has been issued by the Returning Officer, and the Honorable Member will find it in the *Maitland Mercury* of the 15th instant.
 - (2.) On the 21st instant.
2. AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Stephen Brown presented a Petition from Edward Christopher Merewether, Esquire, General Superintendent of the Australian Agricultural Company, praying that this Bill may be again referred to the Select Committee to which it was referred on the 10th June instant, and that the said Australian Agricultural Company may be heard by Counsel against the Bill.
Petition received.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Cameron moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
4. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS:—Mr. Taylor presented a Petition from the Officers and Members of the Evening Star Lodge No. 18 of the Independent Order of Good Templars, residents of Parramatta, in opposition to the sale of Intoxicating Liquors at Railway Stations.
Petition received.
5. PAPERS:—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 10th June, 1875, in reference to Tenders for Leasing Railway Refreshment Rooms.
 - (2.) Return to an Order, made on 15th June, 1875, in reference to the granting of a License for the sale of Spirituous Liquors at the Redfern Railway Station, being copy of a letter from Charles A. Goodchap, Esq., to the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works.
Ordered to be printed.
6. SALARIES OF CIVIL SERVANTS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Minutes, Correspondence, and Papers with reference to the refunding to the Civil Servants the Deductions from their Salaries, from the 1st January, 1871, to 31st December, 1873.
Question put and passed.
7. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 15th June, from the Minister and Members of the Presbyterian Church, Balmain, against the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. MR. JOHN MELLY (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 15th June, from John Melly, respecting the alleged loss sustained by him by the compulsory removal of his Soap Manufactory, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Davies moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Hurley,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,

Tellers.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Driver,	Tellers.
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. W. Watson,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Stuart.

And so it passed in the negative.

10. **STAMP DUTIES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
11. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow :—
(1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.
(2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
12. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5.)** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Forster, that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 17 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTION:—Gold Mining Leases:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that applicants for Gold Mining Leases under the Gold Fields Act of 1866, and the Regulations made thereunder, are compelled, before the lease is issued to them, to sign such lease and accept the conditions imposed under the Mining Act of 1874, and the Regulations made thereunder; if true, under what Statute, and under what Regulation are the applications so dealt with?

(2.) Is it true that before any Leases applied for under the Gold Fields Act of 1866 are issued, that the applicants must pay rent from the date of approval of application, instead of from date of issue of lease; if true, under what Statute, and under what Regulation is this payment so demanded?

(3.) Is it true that applicants for Leases who have refused to pay the rent as demanded in the manner set forth in question No. 2 have not had their Leases issued to them, though their application had been previously approved of?

(4.) Is it true that instructions have been issued to the several Mining Registrars not to allow any lease to be signed unless all the applicants, or their duly authorized agents, are present at the signing; if true, under what Statute, and under what Regulation has such instruction been issued?

Mr. Lucas answered,—

(1.) Leases applied for under the Gold Fields Act of 1866 are issued in the form prepared under that Act.

(2.) Yes, in terms of an opinion given by the late Attorney General while the Gold Fields Act of 1866 and the Regulations thereunder were in force.

(3.) This question is disposed of by the answer to No. 2, which is, that the rent must be paid before issue of lease.

(4.) No; but leases are not issued until executed by the lessees.

2. RAILWAY EMPLOYEES:—Mr. Taylor presented a Petition from Employés on the Permanent Way and Locomotive Department of the Southern and Western Railways, relative to a reduction in their wages; and praying for such relief as the House may deem meet.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 25th May, 1875, in reference to Additions and Alterations to the Parliamentary Buildings.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 27th April, 1875, in reference to Distillation on Vineyards.

4. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL No. 5 (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Forster then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, 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 apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th June, 1875.*

5. SITES FOR PLACES OF PUBLIC WORSHIP ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Sites reserved or dedicated as Sites for places of Public Worship since the passing of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, and the total acreage thereof, distinguishing the number of Sites and total acreage reserved for or dedicated to each Religious Denomination.
Question put and passed.
6. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Taylor moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 16th June, from the Members of the Evening Star Lodge No. 18 of the Independent Order of Good Templars at Parramatta, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—*Mr. Fitzpatrick*, on behalf of Mr. Farnell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for three weeks be granted to R. P. Abbott, Esquire, the Member for Tenterfield, on account of ill health.
Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Water Pollution Prevention Bill postponed until a later hour of the day.
9. STAMP DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House adjourned at fifteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 18 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Telegraph from Hay to Booligal :—*Mr. W. H. Suttor*, on behalf of Mr. Phelps, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates for 1876 a sum of money for the erection of a Telegraph Wire from Hay to Booligal, Lachlan River, on condition that 5 per centum per annum be guaranteed by the residents of that region of New South Wales?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is the intention of the Government to carry out this work.

- (2.) Bridge over the Murrumbidgee at Balranald :—*Mr. W. H. Suttor*, on behalf of Mr. Phelps, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Estimates for 1876 a sum of money for the construction of a Bridge over the Murrumbidgee River at Balranald, this being a most important crossing-place?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No previous application has been received for a Bridge at Balranald. The approach to the punt is nearly completed; and the question of bridging the river will receive the immediate consideration of the Government.

- (3.) Drain from Singleton Gaol :—*Mr. W. C. Browne* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is he aware that there is an open Drain leading from the Singleton Gaol, which has become such a nuisance as to call forth a strong remonstrance from the inhabitants living in the vicinity; and if so, will immediate steps be taken to abate it?

Mr. Lackey answered,—I have ascertained that surface water from the Gaol flows through a pipe under the footpath into the street gutter. Steps will be taken to remove the nuisance complained of, should such be found to exist.

- (4.) Letter Receivers :—*Mr. T. G. Dangar* asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of Letters posted in the City Letter Receivers since the extension of the clearance to 8 p.m.?

(2.) The cost of such extra accommodation?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide for a delivery of Letters at 8 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) During the first week of the extra clearance of the City Letter Receivers 6,757 letters were cleared at 8 p.m., of which 3,389 were for the town, and 3,368 were for the country, and of the latter 1,186 were for despatch by the mails of the same day as when they were posted, for the Northern Districts. No account of the number of letters cleared at 8 p.m. has since been kept.

(2.) About £130 per annum.

(3.) I contemplate providing for a delivery at the General Post Office at 8 instead of 9 a.m., and also giving four instead of three deliveries by carriers in the city; but these changes must be deferred until the Great Southern and Great Western Mail Trains can be altered so as to admit of the Mails arriving in time for the earlier morning delivery.

(5.)

- (5.) Henderson Road:—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When was Henderson Road, in the Electorate of Newtown, proclaimed?
 - (2.) What prevents it being opened for traffic?
 - (3.) When will it be opened?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Preliminarily notified on the 30th January, 1873; confirmed, 10th April, 1873; aligned, 28th July, 1873.
- (2.) The non-action of the Borough Council of Alexandria.
- (3.) It is not the practice to open roads within a Municipality, as that duty devolves upon the Borough Council.

- (6.) Cleveland-street:—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What steps are being taken by the Government to carry out the provisions of the Act authorizing the formation of Cleveland-street through the land lying between Blackwattle Swamp and Abercrombie-place?
 - (2.) When is it likely the street will be opened?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Commissioners will be at once appointed, as required by the Act, for the purpose of determining the amount of compensation to be paid to the owners of land taken by the Crown for the formation of the said street.
- (2.) As soon as the proceedings of the Commissioners have terminated.

- (7.) The case of Patrick Carroll:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Did the Magistrates give Patrick Carroll, who was tried at Singleton on the 28th May for petty larceny, the option of being dealt with summarily, or of being sent to a jury?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I received a telegram to-day from the Police Magistrate at Singleton, who says, "The value of the stolen property not having been stated to the Bench correctly, the accused was not given the option of summary jurisdiction. From circumstances it was thought by the Magistrates a fit subject to be sent to a jury."

- (8.) Church and School Lands purchased by John Hollingsworth:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did one John Hollingsworth, in April, 1874, take up an auction selection of Church and School Lands, comprising 95 acres, in the Parish of Wilmot, County of Gloucester, and pay the Land Agent at Raymond Terrace the purchase money therefor?
- (2.) If so, was it the Land Agent's duty to require at the same time Hollingsworth's application in due form for the selection, and transmit it to the Survey Office; did he receive and forward it, and when; and has it reached the Survey Office?
- (3.) If the purchase money referred to was paid to the Land Agent, was it duly forwarded to the Treasury?
- (4.) If the money was received at the Treasury, was it the duty of that Department to report the same, and particulars to the Survey Office, and was it done in this instance?
- (5.) Has Hollingsworth applied to the Lands Department for his Deed of Grant for the land in question; and if so, with what result?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) No application was ever received in the Lands Office in Sydney.
- (2.) If this selection was ever made it was the duty of the Land Agent to forward the application to the Department of Lands.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) To the Lands Department; yes.
- (5.) Yes, on the 21st April last, but in the absence of any application, as required by the Regulations, the deed could not of course be prepared.

2. PAPER:—Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table a copy of a Memorial from seven Banks in reference to the custody and disposal of Public Moneys.
Ordered to be printed.

3. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, "That, in the opinion of this House, a Bill for the amendment of the Public Schools Act of 1866 should be introduced, and that such Bill, among other matters, should provide for the discontinuance, upon reasonable notice, after a certain period to be fixed by law, of assistance from Public Funds for Denominational Schools,"—
Debate resumed.

On motion of Mr. Davies, the Debate was adjourned until Friday next.

4. WIDOWS OF LIEUTENANT GOWLAND, PETERSEN, AND THOMAS HAVENHAND:—The Order of the Day having been read,—the Chairman of Committees reported from a Committee of the Whole a Resolution, which was read, 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 present year, a sum of money for the relief of the Widows of the late Lieutenant Gowland, and — Petersen, and Thomas Havenhand, who lost their lives in performance of their duties in the Public Service.

On motion of Mr. Dibbs, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 21 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Broadwater Bridge:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware of the great delay that has taken place in the completion of the Broadwater Bridge, Moree?

(2.) Will steps be taken to expedite the completion of this Bridge?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The Government is aware of the delay, which has been caused by the difficulty of obtaining labour in this remote locality.

(2.) Steps have been taken to expedite the completion of the Bridge.

- (2.) The late Inspector of Railways:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Was any inquiry or investigation made by the Traffic Manager from the 15th August to 15th September last, with reference to a report that a sum of money had been paid to the late Inspector of Railways by any Station Master on the Southern or Western Railway, and did Station Master Morris, of Picton, write a letter to the Traffic Manager with reference to the above report?

Mr. Lackey answered,—No inquiry or investigation was made by the Traffic Manager, and Station Master Morris states that he did not write on the subject to that officer.

- (3.) Cost of General Election:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return of the cost of the last General Election, ordered by this House on the 30th of April last, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Immediately the whole of the accounts connected therewith shall have been furnished and liquidated. The payments made to the present date amount to £6,846 4s. 10d.

- (4.) Philadelphia Exhibition:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How much of the £5,000 voted for the Philadelphia Exhibition has been expended?

(2.) How much has been expended in Salaries, and to whom, and at what rate?

(3.) How many people are in receipt of pay from the £5,000 voted; their duties; and the rate of pay to each?

(4.) Have the exhibits of Gold sent by the then Government to the last Exhibition ever been returned?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) £12.

(2.) £2; payment made to James M'Neill at the rate of £1 per week.

(3.) Two; a Secretary and Messenger. The salary of the Secretary has not yet been determined; that of the Messenger is £1 per week.

(4.) This question is presumed to refer to the Paris Universal Exhibition of 1867. The gold thereat exhibited was sold in Paris for the sum of £4,591 19s. 9d., and such amount was duly credited in 1868.

2. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS :—Mr. Cunneen and Mr. Shepherd each presented a Petition from Citizens of New South Wales, and Travellers on the Government Railways, in favour of the passing of a measure that will allow Wine, Beer, and Spirits to be sold in the Railway Refreshment Rooms.
Petitions received.
3. PAPER :—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 2nd June, 1875, in reference to Railway Platforms.
Ordered to be printed.
4. AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S BILL (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th June, from Edward C. Merewether, Esq., in reference to the Australasia Coal Company's Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. STAMP DUTIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at six minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 22 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fourth Judge of the Supreme Court:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to appoint, or to ask Parliament for authority to appoint, a fourth Judge of the Supreme Court, during the absence on leave of Mr. Justice Cheeke?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Government have not power to appoint a fourth Judge, but should it become necessary to have an additional Judge before Parliament meets again, the same course as was taken lately with regard to the appointment of Sir Alfred Stephen and Sir William Manning can be taken, namely,—to appoint a Judge for the occasion, under the District Courts Act.

- (2.) Mr. A. T. Holroyd:—*Mr. Cameron* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is there a regulation affecting the Civil Service that a person holding office as a Civil Servant shall not be engaged in any trade or business other than that connected with his particular office?
- (2.) Is the Government aware that Arthur Todd Holroyd, Master-in-Equity of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, has been for some years past, and is now, engaged in carrying on trades and manufactories at his residence at Sherwood, near Parramatta; if so, what are such trades and manufactories, and how long have the same been carried on by the said Arthur Todd Holroyd?
- (3.) Is it not true that the said Arthur Todd Holroyd has a number of apprentices bound to him at Sherwood aforesaid in various trades; if so, who are such apprentices, and what are those various trades?
- (4.) Is it true that the said Arthur Todd Holroyd carries on the trade of a blacksmith at Sherwood aforesaid; if so, how many apprentices are bound to him to learn that trade, and what are the names of such apprentices?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am not aware of any regulation of the kind indicated in the first question of the Honorable Gentleman; however, as a general rule, unquestionably it is not desirable that Civil Servants should enter into trade or business. But with regard to Mr. Holroyd, the Master-in-Equity alluded to, I ought to say that at the time he was appointed to the position he now holds, the Government that appointed him were well aware of the business he had undertaken, as have been all other Governments from that time until now, and it does not seem to me that there is any particular reason why the present Government should interfere with that arrangement. As to the number of apprentices that Mr. Holroyd has, I have not been able to obtain, nor have I any means of obtaining, the information, though I will endeavour to do so. No doubt Mr. Holroyd has blacksmiths, and a variety of other businesses conducted at Sherwood, but, as I have said before, he was in that position when appointed, and has been up to the present time.

(3.)

- (3.) Railway Waggons :—Mr. Cameron asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How many Railway Waggons are at the present time being constructed by Messrs. P. N. Russell & Co. for the Government?
 - (2.) What is the amount of their tender for the same?
 - (3.) How many tenderers were there for the work named, and what was the amount of their respective tenders?
 - (4.) On what date was the above tender accepted; and when did the notification calling for the same appear in the *Government Gazette*?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Fifty.
 - (2.) £79 10s. for the bodies; the wheels and axles are to be taken at the same price as that last paid by the Government for similar wheels and axles, with 10 per cent. added for commission, &c., and profit on importation.
 - (3 and 4.) Tenders were not invited in the usual way for these fifty trucks, because they were urgently required, and it was known that no one but P. N. Russell & Co. had, either in the Colony or on the way out, the requisite wheels and axles. A tender had already been accepted from another firm for all the waggons, for which the Government had ordered wheels and axles, and the urgency with which the waggons were required would not admit of the order for them being postponed till wheels and axles could be obtained from England. The order for these fifty waggons was given to P. N. Russell & Co. on the 4th instant, and it was arranged that the price for the bodies should be the same as that which the Government was paying for those last tendered for by them.
2. RAILWAY EMPLOYEES (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Driver, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 17th June, from the Employés on the Permanent Way and Locomotive Department of the Southern and Western Railways, be printed.
Question put and passed.
3. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS (*"Formal" Motions*) :—
- (1.) Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st June, from Citizens of New South Wales, and Travellers upon the Government Railways, in favour of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Shepherd moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st June, from Citizens of New South Wales, and Travellers on the Government Railways, in favour of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
4. PUBLIC GATES BILL (*"Formal" Motion*) :—
- (1.) Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Public Gates Act of 1873, and to authorize the erection of Public Gates across certain Roads.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Garrett presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal the Public Gates Act of 1873 and to authorize the erection of Public Gates across certain Roads,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. THE CASE OF WILLIAM STRINGER :—Mr. Nelson 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, Letters, Reports, Recommendations, and Minutes of the Executive Council, having reference to the commutation of sentence of the murderer William Stringer, who was tried at Wagga Wagga, and convicted of the murder of James Mitchell, and sentenced to death.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. PAPER :—Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table,—General Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 31st March, 1875.
Ordered to be printed.
7. REMOVAL OF PUBLIC MONEY FROM BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES :—Mr. Parkes, 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 subject was referred on 11th May, 1875, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
8. MILITARY FORCES OF THE COLONY :—Mr. Shepherd moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) "That," in the opinion of this House, Sydney being essentially an Artillery position, it is highly desirable that an Officer of experience and ability, who has served and attained at least the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Royal Artillery, should be appointed to the command of the Military Forces of this Colony, with a view to their more effectual utilization as a means of defence.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Cameron moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words thereof after the word "That," in the first Resolution, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, and with leave to sit during any adjournment, for the purpose of inquiring into, and reporting upon, the condition of the Military Forces."
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Davies, and the Mover."
Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.

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

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Farnell,
Tellers.
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Shepherd.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Meyer,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Stevens,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Montague,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

9. **DISTILLATION ON VINEYARDS**:—Mr. W. Forster (*with the concurrence of the House*), moved, without Notice, That the Return to Order in reference to Distillation on Vineyards, laid upon the Table on 17th June, 1875, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. **CROWN LANDS HELD UNDER LEASE OR LICENSE**:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, showing in columns the names of all the Lessees or Licensees of Crown Lands in the First and Second Class Settled Districts, and in the Unsettled Districts, stating,—
(1.) The name of the lessee or licensee.
(2.) The name of the Run.
(3.) The name of the district.
(4.) The estimated or actual area.
(5.) The estimated carrying capacity of the Run.
(6.) The annual rental as last appraised.
(7.) The old rental and assessment.
(8.) The date of the present tenure.
(9.) The year of the expiration of the present lease or license.
(10.) The average rental per acre in each district.
(11.) A general abstract of particulars.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **DIVORCE BILL**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Divorce Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Friday 4th June, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. **MADAME RASTOUL**:—Mr. Buchanan 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 Supplementary Estimates a sum of money, to be fixed by the Committee, by way of compensation to Madame Rastoul for the injuries she has sustained through the error of the Post Office authorities of Sydney in sending a letter back to New Caledonia which was addressed by Dr. Rastoul to MM. Rochefort and Paschal Grousset, Belgium or Switzerland.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—
And Division called for,—
But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.
13. **STORAGE OF POWDER**:—Mr. Charles moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That in the opinion of this House the Government should take the necessary steps to immediately remove and reduce the quantity of Powder and other explosive material now stored on Goat Island; and that no larger quantity than twenty tons be allowed to be stored in any ship or magazine within a distance of three miles of the City of Sydney.
(2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—
And Division called for,—
But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.
14. **INNKEEPERS LIABILITY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. J. Watson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. Day,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Cohen.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Sutherland,
Tellers.
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Driver.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

15. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Wellington Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*

(2.) Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Act Repeal Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*

16. ALIENS NATURALIZATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. 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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Farnell, that report was adopted.

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 Law relating to Aliens.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd June, 1875.*

17. BANK HOLIDAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. J. Watson, "That this Bill be now read a second time",—

And no Debate ensuing,—

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Watson (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

18. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bankers Crossed-Cheques Amendment Bill postponed until Friday, 2nd July.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Police Superannuation Fund:—Mr. Cohen asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is there any sum now to the credit of the Police Superannuation Fund?
 (2.) If there be, what is its amount; and if not, when was the Fund exhausted?
 (3.) If exhausted, what is the total amount of applications (if any) for payment out of such Fund since its exhaustion?
 (4.) If such applications have been made, and refused, how many (if any) have been refused on the ground of the exhaustion of the Fund, and what is their total amount; and how many (if any) have been refused upon grounds other than the exhaustion of the Fund, and what is their total amount?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) £19,775 13s. 2d.
 (3.) Not exhausted.
 (4.) No applications have been refused on the ground of exhaustion of the Fund. No applications in which the requirements of the Act have been fulfilled have been refused.

- (2.) Tolls on Main Roads:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue the collection of Tolls on Main Roads after the present year?
 (2.) If so, will such Tolls be handed over to the various Municipalities in which they are collected?
 (3.) Have the Government considered the desirability of abandoning the collection of Tolls altogether?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) This question will be considered when the Estimates for 1876 are being prepared.
 (2.) Tolls are now expended where collected.
 (3.) The Government have not yet been able to deal with this important question.

- (3.) Inspector of Railway Timber:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has a Wood Inspector been appointed by the Government upon the Great Northern Railway Extension from Murrurundi?
 (2.) If so, is it the duty of this officer to inspect Sleepers monthly?
 (3.) What amount has been advanced upon the Sleepers delivered at Murrurundi to Mr. Wakeford?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) An Inspector of Timber Work has been appointed.
 (2.) It is his duty to inspect Sleepers when required to do so by the District Engineer.
 (3.) £680 4s. 6d., less ten per cent. retained in accordance with the conditions of contract.

2. INNKEEPERS LIABILITY BILL:—Mr. Stuart presented a Petition from the Licensed Victuallers Association of New South Wales, praying the House not to pass this Bill in its present form.
 Petition received.

3. CAMPBELLTOWN RESERVOIR BETTER PRESERVATION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the better protection of the Water Reservoir at Campbelltown.
Question put and passed.
4. BANK HOLIDAYS BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. J. Watson, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Watson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to make provision for Bank Holidays and respecting obligations to make payments and do other acts on such Holidays.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, 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 make provision for Bank Holidays and respecting obligations to make payments and do other acts on such Holidays.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd June, 1875.*
5. CAMPBELLTOWN RESERVOIR BETTER PRESERVATION BILL:—Mr. Garrett *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the better protection of the Water Reservoir at Campbelltown,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 5):—Mr. 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 apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN HAY,
Sydney, 23rd June, 1875. President.
7. STAMP DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House adjourned at Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 24 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Case of Alfred Ali:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Was Alfred Ali, on the 22nd day of May last, charged at the Police Court, Parramatta, on the information of Arthur Todd Holroyd (Master in Equity), with a breach of the "Apprentice Act"?
- (2.) Was the subject matter of the said information and the offence disclosed thereunder, or the effect thereof—"That the said Alfred Ali, as the indented apprentice of the said Arthur Todd Holroyd, did unlawfully disobey the orders of the said Arthur Todd Holroyd in having neglected or refused to go to Smithfield, a distance of two miles and a quarter from the residence of the said Arthur Todd Holroyd, to learn the trade of a Blacksmith, which he, the said Arthur Todd Holroyd, had covenanted and agreed to teach the said Alfred Ali"?
- (3.) Before whom, when, and where, was such information laid?
- (4.) Are there not three fixed Court days of Petty Sessions at Parramatta, viz., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in each and every week; and is there not a Roster of Justices of the Peace for each of the days before-mentioned?
- (5.) Was the summons referred to granted upon such information, and upon the application of the said Arthur Todd Holroyd, made returnable for Saturday, the 22nd day of May last (not one of the ordinary Court days), for the convenience of the said Arthur Todd Holroyd; and if not, why was not such summons made returnable for one of the Court days abovementioned?
- (6.) Is it, or is it not, a fact that the said summons was the first and only one granted for Saturday since the formation of the said Roster in Parramatta; if not, how many summonses have been granted for that day during the existence of the Roster aforesaid, and what was or were the name or names of the complainant or complainants in such case or cases?
- (7.) Is it not true that the said Arthur Todd Holroyd has on several occasions previously to the date of the information referred to (and if so, how often) laid informations at the Police Court aforesaid, and applied for and caused the summonses in each case to be made returnable on one or other of the Court days before-mentioned (not Saturday), and was not the case "Holroyd v. Ali" the first and only one instituted by the said Arthur Todd Holroyd, and heard and determined by a Bench of Magistrates, at Parramatta, on a Saturday, since such Roster was formed?
- (8.) Did not the said Alfred Ali appear before the Bench of Magistrates, at Parramatta, on the 22nd day of May last, and what were the names of the Magistrates who adjudicated upon the case referred to?
- (9.) Was not the said case dismissed, and were not the Magistrates unanimous in their decision, and did not the Bench (through the Chairman, Mr. George Langley), state, "that the said Alfred Ali was not compelled to go to Smithfield to learn his trade, and that the said Alfred Ali was justified in refusing to obey the orders so given," or to that effect; if not, what was the statement then made by the Chairman of the Bench in open Court on the occasion referred to? Were the said Magistrates summoned in the ordinary way to attend the said Court on the 22nd day of May last, or not?
- (10.) Did Thomas Henry Hellyer, as the Attorney of the said Alfred Ali, on the 21st day of May last, tender to the Bench of Magistrates at Parramatta (in Petty Sessions assembled), an information against the said Arthur Todd Holroyd, charging him with "neglecting to instruct properly his indented apprentice, the said Alfred Ali, in the art of a Blacksmith"; and did not the said Attorney apply for a summons thereon, returnable on one of the ordinary Court days, viz., the following Wednesday, or other of the Court days before-mentioned?
- (11.) Is it not a fact that the said Arthur Todd Holroyd then, in Court, addressed the Bench of Magistrates at Parramatta, and requested that the summons so applied for should be made returnable for Saturday, the 29th day of May last, and notwithstanding the objection made thereto by the Attorney of

of the said Alfred Ali to such summons being granted for any other day than an ordinary Court day, did not the Bench refuse the application of the said Attorney, and in obedience to the request of the said Arthur Todd Holroyd, make such last-mentioned summons returnable for Saturday, the 29th day of May last (not one of the Court days referred to) ?

(12.) Before whom was such information laid, and by whom was the summons thereon granted ?

(13.) Was not the said last-mentioned information heard and determined on the said 29th day of May last, at the Police Court, Parramatta; and what are the names of the Magistrates who adjudicated thereon, and did not the said Arthur Todd Holroyd refuse to cancel the indentures of the said Alfred Ali? Were the Magistrates summoned in the ordinary way to attend Court on the last-mentioned day or not ?

(14.) Was not the last-mentioned information dismissed, and were the said Magistrates unanimous in their decision or otherwise; if not, who dissented from such decision ?

(15.) Was not an information laid by the said Alfred Ali against the said Arthur Todd Holroyd at the Central Police Court, in Sydney, on the 3rd day of June instant, on a similar but new and distinct charge to that lastly abovementioned, before Captain Scott, P.M., and Archibald Thompson, (two Justices of the Peace) and was not the summons thereupon made returnable for the 10th day of June instant ?

(16.) Did not the said Alfred Ali appear at the Central Police Office aforesaid, by Attorney, on the last-mentioned date, before Captain Scott and the said Archibald Thompson, and did not Captain Scott state in Court (shortly after the last-mentioned case had been initiated) that he refused to hear such case, and that he had no jurisdiction to try the same, and did not Captain Scott immediately afterwards leave the Bench ?

(17.) Did not the said Archibald Thompson (the only Magistrate then on the Bench) dismiss the said last-mentioned case without hearing any evidence therein (upon his own responsibility), and did not the said Archibald Thompson, on the like responsibility, (upon application then made to him by Counsel on behalf of the said Arthur Todd Holroyd) state he would, and did, grant a dismissal to the said Arthur Todd Holroyd of the last-mentioned case ?

(18.) Is it not a fact that Captain Scott declined to sign any Certificate of the Dismissal of the last-named case, upon the ground that he could not, and would not, dismiss a case he had not heard, and is it not a fact, likewise, that Captain Scott has refused to sign such Certificate aforesaid ?

Mr. Robertson answered,—Although I intend to answer the questions of the Honorable Gentleman, I am not quite sure whether they are within the rule of Parliament. But in order to give proper warning, I beg to say that I shall not answer such a list of questions again. It is beyond all reason that a Minister should be called upon to answer such questions in this way. It is really too much of a schoolboy business altogether.

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Before George Langley and E. L. Rowling, at Parramatta Police Office, on the 15th day of May last.

(4.) Yes, but a summons can be granted for any day in cases of emergency.

(5.) Yes; the summons referred to was made returnable on Saturday, because Mr. Holroyd stated that his presence was urgently required in his public office in Sydney on our regular Court days.

(6.) Yes.

(7.) Yes, (5) five times. Yes.

(8.) Yes; George Langley, Neil Stewart, John Gollidge, Hugh Taylor, and C. M'Rae.

(9.) Yes, the Magistrates were unanimous in their decision. The Bench, through their Chairman, (Mr. Langley) stated that Mr. Holroyd had not power under the indentures to give the orders set forth in his evidence, but he (the Chairman) did not state that he, the said Alfred Ali, was not compelled to go to Smithfield to learn his trade, or words to that effect. The Magistrates were not summoned; it is not usual to do so.

(10.) Yes.

(11.) Yes.

(12.) The information was laid before, and summons granted by, George Langley, W. M. H. Gibbons, and E. L. Rowling.

(13.) Yes; George Langley, Hugh Taylor, Neil Stewart, E. L. Rowling, and C. M'Rae. Yes. No.

(14.) Yes. No. Hugh Taylor.

(15.) Yes.

(16.) Yes; when the case came on for hearing, objection was taken by Counsel for Arthur Todd Holroyd to jurisdiction of Bench to hear case, and as it appeared that a similar case had been heard a short time previous before Parramatta Bench and dismissed, and that both parties resided near to Parramatta, Captain Scott states he declined to hear case, and wrote a memorandum to the following effect:—"I declined to sit in this case, because it ought have been, in my opinion, "brought before the Parramatta Bench, in which district complainant and defendant reside.—10/6/75." Captain Scott adds,—he left the Court because he was called as a witness to the District Court, and a cab was waiting to take him there at his door.

(17.) Mr. Thompson states that Mr. Hellyer, plaintiff's attorney, applied for a postponement. He then asked him upon what grounds; he said he was not prepared to go on with the case; he (Thompson) then told him, that as the information was signed a week previous, he had sufficient time, and that Captain Scott and himself had decided to go on with the case, as the defendant was ready to proceed. Mr. Hellyer sat down. Mr. Foster, Counsel for defendant, objected to the case proceeding, as it had already been disposed of by another Court, of which the certificate of dismissal was produced. Mr. Hellyer stated that it was a new case, and Mr. Thompson then asked him to show him the difference between the one disposed of and the one before the Court. He failed, in Mr. Thompson's opinion, to do so, and he then dismissed the case, with Captain Scott's concurrence.

(18.) Yes.

Now, although I have answered these questions, it is impossible for me to say whether the answers are accurate or not, and it cannot be expected that I should be assured of their accuracy. They are questions that ought never to have been asked.

- (2.) Reports of Sheep and Stock Inspectors:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When will the Return, ordered by the House on 21st April last, of Sheep inspected, and convictions under the Diseases in Sheep Act of 1866, be laid upon the Table?
 - (2.) When will the Return, ordered on 27th April last, of Sheep and Stock Inspectors Reports, &c., be laid upon the Table?
 - (3.) When is the collected form of Reserves, promised in Mr. Garrett's reply to question of 1st April last, likely to be ready?
- Mr. Garrett answered,—
- (1.) The information is now being collected from the Inspectors, and the Return will be prepared immediately it is received.
 - (2.) The same reply.
 - (3.) It is being prepared as speedily as possible. The Return for the Albert District is now with the Government Printer, as a first instalment. The collection of the necessary information requires such an amount of research and labour that I am unable to say the exact period when it is likely to be completed, but every effort will be made to perfect and publish the information without delay.
- (3.) The Post Office Clock:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is he aware that at 2 p.m. on the 21st instant the Post Office clock indicated 10 a.m.?
 - (2.) If so, was the Post Office Department regulated thereby?
- Mr. Burns answered,—I am informed that there has been no stoppage in the clock under the portico, which goes with great accuracy, and from which time is taken. On Monday last the clock at top of the building stopped, but it was attended to as soon as the stoppage was discovered, and it was going properly on the following morning.
- (4.) Gunner Heyward—Permanent Artillery Force:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has any application been made to the proper authorities to purchase the discharge of Gunner Charles Heyward from the Permanent Artillery Force; if so, upon what date?
 - (2.) Was it not arranged that, upon payment of the amount required by the Regulations, viz., £20, that such application should be granted?
 - (3.) Did not Messrs. Dunrich Brothers, in pursuance of such arrangement, pay the said sum on the 20th May last, and if not in pursuance of such arrangement, for what purpose was such sum paid?
 - (4.) Is it intended to discharge the said George Heyward from the said Force?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—I have received from the Commandant the following replies to the questions of the Honorable Member:—
- (1.) Yes, 22nd May last.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) Messrs. Dunrich Brothers deposited a cheque for £20 on behalf of Gunner Heyward, and in anticipation no doubt of the discharge being granted.
 - (4.) The Officer Commanding the New South Wales Artillery is not prepared to recommend his discharge.
- (5.) Roman Catholic Denominational School, Cooma:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What has been the average attendance of Pupils at the Cooma Roman Catholic Denominational School during the last six months, stating the attendance each month?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—The average attendance for six months has been 29. The average attendance for each month was as follows:—December, 1874, 32·9; January, 1875, 43·5; February, 1875, 41·1; March, 1875, 24·5; April, 1875, 21·1; May, 1875, 11·1.
2. RAILWAY EXTENSION INTO THE CITY:—Mr. Davies presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Sydney, in favour of the extension of the Railway to the Circular Quay; and praying the House to take the subject into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
3. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Electorate of Newcastle, in favour of Denominational Education; and praying that, in the event of any change being made in the Public Schools Act, pecuniary aid may be apportioned equitably between Denominationalists and Secularists.
Petition received.
4. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 18th May, 1875, in reference to Floods in the Hunter District. Ordered to be printed.
 - (2.) Return to an Order, made on 20th April, 1875, in reference to the Teacher of the Church of England School at Moruya.
5. DOGS:—Mr. Terry presented a Petition from Sheepowners and others residing in the District of Murrurundi, alleging that they suffer great loss in the destruction of their Sheep by reason of large numbers of domestic Dogs roaming about the country; and praying that steps may be taken to remedy the evil complained of.
Petition received.
6. INNKEEPERS LIABILITY BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd June, from the Licensed Victuallers Association, relative to the Innkeepers Liability Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Gates Bill

8. STAMP DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Burns, Mr. Charles, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Day, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Driver, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Scholey, Mr. J. S. Smith, and Mr. Stuart,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at sixteen minutes before Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 25 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Breeza Road:—*Mr. Terry*, on behalf of *Mr. T. G. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Mail Coach upset near Breeza on Sunday last, and that the passengers narrowly escaped injury, in consequence of the bad state of the road?

(2.) Is he aware that this is the second accident within the last three months, and is it the intention of the Government to repair this road at once?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) I am aware that such an accident occurred, but it occurred not in consequence of the state of the roads, but of a wheel breaking.

(2.) It was the second accident within the last three months. I may state further, that we have received a telegram from the Road Superintendent, as follows, "Bushelle, driver of Gunnedah coach, informs me wheel broke near Black Mountain, between Breeza and Gunnedah, causing coach to capsize, but states no blame is attributable to state of road there."

- (2.) Professor Smith:—*Mr. W. C. Browne* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Hon. Professor Smith has resigned his office as Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Sydney, in consequence of a severe censure passed upon him at a meeting of "duly qualified" Medical Practitioners held recently to consider his Speech on the second reading of the Medical Bill?

(2.) Have the Senate accepted his resignation?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Professor Smith sent in his resignation of the office of Dean of the Faculty of Medicine on the 2nd June.

(2.) It was resolved by the Senate unanimously on the same day "that it declines to accept his resignation of the office of Dean of the Faculty of Medicine."

- (3.) Alignment of Streets of Yass:—*Mr. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What progress has been made in the Alignment of the Streets of Yass?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The plan is being examined.

- (4.) Rents for Auriferous Leases:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did the late Attorney General, Sir Joseph Innes, give an Opinion as to the dates when Rents for Auriferous Leases begin to run?

(2.) If so, will the Minister lay that Opinion upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Lucas answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes. I will presently lay a copy of the Opinion upon the Table.

- (5.) Waiting Rooms, Newcastle and East Maitland Railway Stations:—*Mr. Wisdom* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the insufficiency and inferiority of the accommodation for passengers in the Waiting Rooms at the Newcastle and East Maitland Railway Stations?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to build new Station-houses at the abovenamed places?

Mr. Lackey answered,—As regards Newcastle, a vote has already been taken for the erection of a new passenger station, which will include ample accommodation for Waiting Rooms, &c. The question of insufficient accommodation at East Maitland has not heretofore been brought under the notice of the Government. Inquiry, however, will now be made, and if additional accommodation is found to be necessary, it will be provided.

(6.)

- (6.) Road from Newcastle to Wallsend—Neutral Ground:—*Mr. Stephen Brown*, on behalf of *Mr. Stevens*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it the intention of the Government to expend the sum of £400 already voted for that portion of the Main Road from Newcastle to Wallsend, known as the Neutral Ground, lying between the boundaries of Hamilton and Lambton Municipalities, as petitioned for by the Mayors of the District?

Mr. Lackey answered,—This matter will be determined on the return of the Commissioner for Roads, who is at present in this district to inspect the locality.

- (7.) Road from Newcastle to Wallsend, *via* Hamilton and Lambton:—*Mr. Stephen Brown*, on behalf of *Mr. Stevens*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When is it the intention of the Government to proclaim and formally open the surveyed Main Road from Newcastle to Wallsend, *via* Hamilton and Lambton, as petitioned for by the Mayors of the District?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The papers respecting the opening of this road are at present under reference to the Public Works Department, and have not yet been finally dealt with there.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Second Progress Report of the Sydney City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board.
- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 16th June, 1875, in reference to Salaries of Civil Servants.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lucas laid upon the Table,—Copy of an Opinion given by the late Solicitor General in reference to Rents for Auriferous Leases.

Ordered to be printed.

3. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL:—*Mr. Stephen Brown* presented a Petition from the Committee of Privileges of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in New South Wales, in opposition to this Bill.

Petition received.

4. EAST MAITLAND PUBLIC RESERVE BILL:—*Mr. 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 for vesting in the Municipal Council of East Maitland the Land known as the East Maitland Pasturage Reserve*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 24th June, 1875.

JOHN HAY,

President.

EAST MAITLAND PUBLIC RESERVE BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 24th June, 1875.

JOHN J. CALVERT,

Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3. Omit clause 3.

„ Clause 4, line 32. After "Act" omit remainder of clause.

Examined,—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

5. THE CASE OF PATRICK CARROLL ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. W. C. Browne* 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 Depositions taken in the case of Patrick Carroll, who was tried before the Bench of Magistrates at Singleton on the 28th May for petty larceny.
Question put and passed.
6. RAINES'S SELECTION AT MOUNT GIPPS ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. Davies* moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers, Letters Telegrams, Documents, and Minutes, relative to the forfeiture of Henry Raines's selection of fifty acres at Mount Gipps; to the sale by auction of the said fifty acres; and to the destruction of the improvements thereon after sale by *Mr. W. S. Findlay, J.P.*, Manager for Messrs. M'Culloch, Sellors, & Co.
Question put and passed.
7. RAILWAY EXTENSION INTO THE CITY ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. Davies* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 24th June, from Citizens of Sydney, praying for Railway Extension through the City, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 24th June, from Inhabitants of the Electorate of Newcastle, on the Education question, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. DOGS ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. Terry* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 24th June, from Sheepowners and others residing at Murrurundi, respecting depredations committed by Dogs, be printed.
Question put and passed.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and negatived.
11. **AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Pilcher moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to *Contingent* Notice, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be referred back to the Select Committee appointed on the Bill for further consideration and report, and that the Australian Agricultural Company may be heard by Counsel before the Committee."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
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 place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be referred back to the Select Committee appointed on the Bill for further consideration and report, and that the Australian Agricultural Company may be heard by Counsel before the Committee,—put and passed.
12. **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
Debate resumed.
Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until Friday, 2nd July, then to take precedence of other Orders of the Day.
Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Goold,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. W. Watson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Day.
Mr. Baker,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Montague,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. Terry,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Nelson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day in reference to Site for a German Lutheran Church postponed until Friday next.
14. **REV. J. S. WHITE**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, That Mr. Speaker do now 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 Supplementary Estimates for 1875, a sum not exceeding £205, to compensate the Rev. J. S. White for certain Land taken from him at Singleton by the Government for public purposes.
Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.
Debate ensued.
Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.
The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Driver,
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Stuart.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Goold,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Day,
Mr. W. Watson,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed.

Mr. H. C. Dangar moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Original Question then put, and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 9th July.

15. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 9th July:—
(1.) Barristers Admission Bill; second reading.
(2.) Resumption of adjourned Debate in reference to Public Schools Act.

The House adjourned at two minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 28 JUNE, 1875.

There being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Baker, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Day, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Goold, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Montague, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Pilcher, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Scholey,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at half-past Four o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 29 JUNE, 1875.

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

ELECTORATE OF THE UPPER HUNTER:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 11th of May last, declaring the Seat of Francis White, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. White, returnable on the 21st instant; that such Writ, certifying to the election of "Thomas Hungerford," had been returned, but did not reach him until the 28th instant, when it came to hand unaccompanied by letter or explanation; that he had acquainted the Government with the circumstances of the case, with a view to the application of the remedy provided by the 58th clause of the Electoral Act of 1858 for delay in the return of a Writ; and that His Excellency the Governor had declared, by a Proclamation for that purpose published in the *Government Gazette*, the election of the said Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, to be valid, notwithstanding the delay in the return of the Writ.

2. **MESSAGES FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR:**—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 5):—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 23.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875*,"—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, 29th June, 1875.*

- (2.) Aliens Naturalization Act Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 24.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Aliens*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has reserved the said Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

The proper measures will be forthwith adopted for obtaining the Queen's decision accordingly, and in the meantime the Bill has been transmitted to the Legislative Council, to await Her Majesty's pleasure.

*Government House,
Sydney, 29th June, 1875.*

3. **QUESTIONS:**—

- (1.) Volunteer Land Orders:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When do the Government intend introducing a measure to deal with the Volunteer Act, relating to the suspension of Land Orders to Volunteers, as authorized by this Government?

(2.) Do the Government intend supplying Land Orders to those Volunteers who have completed their five years service (and have consequently become entitled to their Land Orders) up to the time the Government intend to legislate on the subject?

(3.) If so, when do the Government intend supplying those Volunteers with their Land Orders?

Mr. Robertson answered,—It will be necessary to deal with this question by legislation; but I am quite sure, whatever may be the result, that the Government will treat it in a just and fair spirit, having regard to the intention of the law which gave these Land Grants. What the Legislature may do with the measure that may be proposed I cannot indicate, but the Government will uphold the honor of the Country with regard to these promises. As to whether any measure can be brought forward this Session in settlement of this question the Honorable Member is as able to judge as I am. (2.)

- (2.) **Transfer of Runs and Stations**:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What is the annual amount that the Treasurer expects to realize upon the Transfer of Runs or Stations rented from the Crown, and assessed under the new Stamp Duties Bill?
Mr. Forster answered,—If the Honorable Member means the annual amount to be charged on the whole, I can answer the question—from £1,250 to £1,500
- (3.) **Extension of Penny Postage to Parramatta**:—Mr. Taylor asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government taken into consideration the advisability of extending the Penny Postage to Parramatta?
Mr. Burns answered.—The question has been considered, but has not yet been decided.
- (4.) **Mining Regulations**:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to amend the existing Regulations relating to Gold Mining Leases, and also to amend the Regulations for Mineral Leases; and if so, is it likely these amendments in the Regulations will soon be made?
Mr. Lucas answered,—The proposed new Mining Bill will do away with most of these Regulations. As there are two or three that may require immediate attention, they will be amended as soon as possible.
- (5.) **School of Mines and Mineralogical Museum**:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish in connection with the Department of Mines, as they are empowered by the 8th section of the Mining Act, a School of Mines and a Mineralogical Museum; and if so, is it likely this establishment will soon be made?
Mr. Lucas answered,—A Museum is now being formed, and the establishment of a School of Mines will be brought under the consideration of the Government during the recess.
- (6.) **Inspector of Mines**:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the advisability of appointing an Inspector or Inspectors of Mines; and if so, is it their intention to make such appointment?
(2.) If it be their intention to make such appointment, will it be made soon?
Mr. Lucas answered,—A sum of money has been placed upon the Estimates for the salary of an Officer who will perform in some measure the duty of an Inspector.
4. **BILLABONG GOLD FIELD**:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from Miners on the Billabong Gold Field, alleging that they are put to inconvenience, and suffer loss, through Butchers and others being allowed to continuously graze sheep on this Gold Field; and praying that steps may be taken for the removal of such sheep.
Petition received.
5. **PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT**:—Mr. Day presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Electorate of The Hume, in favour of Denominational Education; and praying that, in any amendment of the Public Schools Act, pecuniary aid may be apportioned equitably between Denominationalists and Secularists.
Petition received.
6. **PAPER**:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Time Table for the Mail Service between Great Britain, New South Wales, and New Zealand, by way of San Francisco and Honolulu.
Ordered to be printed.
7. **SILK CULTURE** (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and Minutes in possession of the Government, not already laid upon the Table of the House, relating to Silk Culture.
Question put and passed.
8. **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL** (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Driver, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 25th June, from the Committee of Privileges of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, against the passing of the Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. **MEMBER SWORN**:—Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Upper Hunter.
10. **REMOVAL OF PUBLIC MONEY FROM BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES**:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Removal of Public Money from the Bank of New South Wales be now adopted.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution, with a copy of the Report and Evidence, be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow,—put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 30 JUNE, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Main Road near Corowa:—Mr. Day asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Government received any communication from Mr. Dooner, the Road Inspector at Albury, as to the impassable and dangerous state of the Main Road near the township of Corowa?
 (2.) As this is a most important road, and one which cannot be avoided by travellers on account of it being fenced on both sides for some considerable distance,—is it the intention of the Government to put it in a proper state of repair for general traffic?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The Government have received reports from Mr. Dooner as to the state of this Road, and that officer estimates the cost of its repair at £2,261, which sum is not available, but repairs, as far as funds will admit, are being proceeded with.
 (2.) The Government have instructed the Commissioner for Roads to visit this locality, and report on the state of this Road as soon as possible.

- (2.) Conditional Purchase of Engle Gravenmaker:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the case of Engle Gravenmaker, a conditional purchaser of land near Grenfell, who, after nearly two years of quiet possession of his selection, and also after his selection had been surveyed for some time by the Government Surveyor, is informed that, in consequence of his selection being on a Government Reserve, it is void?
 (2.) Will the Government make a full inquiry into this case, with a view, if it be found that undue hardship has been inflicted on the said Engle Gravenmaker, to afford him some relief?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the selection was made on the 3rd July, 1873, and was cancelled on the 23rd March last, for the reason stated. It was only reported the previous month that the land was included in a Reserve.

- (2.) Inquiry will be made, with a view to ascertain whether the whole of the Reserve is necessary, and to determine what further action (if any) should be taken. Steps will be taken to have the conditional purchase notified, either by revoking the portion of the Reserve affected by it, or by including the conditional purchase in a special Bill.

- (3.) Railway Trial Surveys:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers relative to Railway Trial Surveys, ordered by the House on the 20th April last, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Lackey answered,—These Papers are very voluminous, and will take some time to copy. The services of a clerk have been specially engaged for the purpose, and as soon as the work is completed the Papers will be laid upon the Table.

2. BILLABONG GOLD FIELD (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 29th June, from Miners on the Billabong Gold Field, respecting the grazing of Sheep, be printed.

Question put and passed.

3. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Day moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th June, from Electors of The Hume District, in favour of Denominational Education, be printed.
Question put and passed.
4. PETITION OF MR. STEPHEN STANBRIDGE ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. H. H. Brown moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Petition of Mr. Stephen Stanbridge, presented on 8th June, be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lackey, Mr. Cohen, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Gray, Mr. Day, Mr. Davies, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Charles, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
5. STAMP DUTIES BILL:—Mr. W. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Stamp Duties Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on 24th June, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Pilcher,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	Mr. Goold,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. W. Watson,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Day,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Stuart.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Charles,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Meyer,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Gray,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Wright,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. ELECTORATE OF CENTRAL CUMBERLAND:—
(1.) *Issue and Return of Writ*:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 14th instant, declaring the Seat of Joseph Wearne, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Wearne; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon by the Returning Officer of the election of William Alexander Long, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of Central Cumberland.
(2.) *Member Sworn*:—William Alexander Long, Esquire, having taken and subscribed the Oath, and signed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the said Electoral District.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive, postponed until to-morrow.
8. REMOVAL OF PUBLIC MONEY FROM BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Parkes,—
" (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Removal of Public Money from the Bank of New South Wales be now adopted.
" (2.) That the foregoing Resolution, with a copy of the Report and Evidence, be transmitted by "Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Stevens moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Wright,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Meyer,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Pilcher.
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Stevens,	
Mr. Parkes,	

Noes, 28.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Long,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. J. Watson,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Charles,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Baker.
Mr. Goold,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Farnell moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Question put and negatived.

On motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Debate on the Original Question was adjourned until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 1 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Parliamentary Buildings:—Mr. Piddington asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Does the Return of amounts expended upon Parliamentary Buildings (ordered to be printed June 17) include the entire cost of the iron building known as the Legislative Council Chamber?

(2.) If the cost of the Legislative Council Chamber is not included, what was the entire cost of that building, and expense of its erection?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The cost of the iron building is not included in the Return furnished.

(2.) The cost of the materials was £1,835. The cost of erection was included in the sum of £4,817 9s. paid in 1856 for erecting, fitting-up, additions, &c. There was also a further sum paid in the same year of £2,853 16s. 6d. for furniture, &c. The Colonial Architect explains that these sums, amounting in the whole to £9,505, were inadvertently omitted from the Return alluded to, in consequence of the expenditure of his Department for 1856 being contained in two books, one only of which (assumed to contain the complete entries) was consulted.

(2.) Deepening the Parramatta River:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of Tenders received for deepening the Parramatta River to Lennox Bridge, to remove the nuisance from the public buildings?

(2.) The amount of each Tender, and names of tenderers?

(3.) Was the lowest (or any) Tender accepted, and when will the work be commenced?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) One.

(2.) £3,950; John Musson and Co.

(3.) No Tender was accepted, but fresh Tenders have been invited. The work will be commenced as soon as a satisfactory Tender shall have been received, and the money is made available.

(3.) Telegraph Office at Sofala:—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that in a recent fire at Sofala the Telegraph Office, together with the material for carrying on the business thereof, were destroyed?

(2.) When will the Government take steps to remedy, by re-opening the Telegraph Office, the inconvenience to the people of Sofala and its neighbourhood, arising from this accident?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) The Government are aware that the Telegraph Office at Sofala, and materials for carrying on the Telegraphic business, have been destroyed by fire.

(2.) It is intended to open a new office as early as practicable.

(4.)

(4.) Coal Traffic between Bowenfels and Bathurst:—Mr. F. B. Suttor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that there is a large and increasing traffic in Coal between Bowenfels and the town of Bathurst?

(2.) Has the Government any intention of reducing the Railway Rates for the carriage of Coal from Bowenfels to Bathurst?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The Government is aware that the Coal traffic between Bowenfels and Bathurst is increasing.

(2.) The traffic rates are now being revised, and the proposal to reduce the rate for the carriage of Coal will be duly considered.

(5.) Railway Passenger Fares:—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to reduce the Fares for Passengers by the various Lines of Railways in the Colony?

Mr. Lackey answered,—There is no present intention to reduce the Fares for Passengers by Railway.

(6.) Bell Buoy, Newcastle:—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to replace the Bell Buoy at the entrance of the Harbour of Newcastle; and if so, when?

Mr. Lackey answered,—It is the intention of the Government to have the Bell Buoy replaced in its position as soon as the sea moderates sufficiently to permit of its being done; and as everything is in readiness, a few hours work, with fair weather, will accomplish this.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Address, adopted on 25th June, 1875, in reference to the Case of Patrick Carroll.

(2.) Return to an Address, adopted on 8th June, 1875, in reference to charges preferred against Mr. Lett, Justice of the Peace, of Kiandra.

3. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL:—Mr. Stuart presented a Petition from the New South Wales Association for the Promotion of Morality, in opposition to this Bill. Petition received.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business, Nos. 1 to 9 inclusive, postponed until Monday next.

5. REMOVAL OF PUBLIC MONEY FROM BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Parkes,—

“(1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Removal of Public Money from the Bank of New South Wales be now adopted.

“(2.) That the foregoing Resolution, with a copy of the Report and Evidence, be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”—

Debate resumed.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 2 JULY, 1875, A.M.

Mr. Greville moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until a later hour of the Day.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Shepherd,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Cohen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Greville.
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Parkes,	
Mr. Montague,	

Noes, 27.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Goold,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Long,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Dibbs,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Gray,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Wright,	Mr. Baker.
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Davies,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Terry moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Garrett, that the Debate on the Original Question be adjourned until a later hour of the day, then to take precedence next after the Order of the Day respecting the Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill.

The House adjourned at Two o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Police Station and Kitchen, Raymond Terrace:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to answers given on 25th March last relative to the erection of a Police Station and a Kitchen at Raymond Terrace, to the effect that "Tenders will be invited for the work as soon as possible,"—Have tenders yet been invited; and if not, what has interfered to prevent it up to now, and when will tenders be called for?

Mr. Lackey answered,—Owing to a press of business in the Colonial Architect's Department, tenders have not been called for the erection of a Police Station and Kitchen at Raymond Terrace, but they will be invited in the first issue of the *Government Gazette*.

- (2.) Church and School Lands purchased by John Hollingsworth:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to answers given on 18th June last regarding an auction selection of Church and School Lands by one John Hollingsworth in April, 1874,—As it appears thereby that the money for the selection was duly paid and received at the Treasury, and its receipt and particulars reported to the Lands Department, also that it was the duty of the Land Agent when he accepted the money from Hollingsworth to require from him his formal application for the selection, and transmit it to the Lands Department, which Department it had not reached up to the date of the answers,—

(1.) Was it the business of the Lands Department, on non-receipt of the application, within a reasonable time to apprise the Land Agent of the fact; and if so, was he informed any time before the 18th ultimo, and with what result?

(2.) Has it been ascertained by whose fault, or from what cause, the non-receipt of the document has arisen?

(3.) As it was from no lache on the part of Hollingsworth that his application was not received at the Lands Department for some thirteen months (which has been the reason why his Deed of Grant has not been prepared), will the Minister be good enough to give such instructions as will ensure Hollingsworth obtaining his Deed without further delay?

Mr. Garrett answered,—Yes, and before the 18th ultimo. But the best mode, perhaps, of replying to the Honorable Member's questions will be by reading the instructions given by me subsequently to his former questions in the matter, and which were as follows:—"Call for the duplicate application and further explanation immediately; when the application is received have deed prepared at once, in order to make up for the great delay that has arisen by the non-receipt of the original application.—Signed T.G., 22/6/75." "Duplicate application now received, and Land Agent communicated with." I may add that the Deed of Grant is in course of preparation, and will be forwarded for His Excellency the Governor's signature early next week.

2. MR. GERARD KREFFT:—Mr. Davies presented a Petition from Mr. Gerard Krefft, praying the House to take steps to secure to him the salary voted for the Curator of the Australian Museum. Petition received.
3. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT:—Mr. Hoskins presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Electorate of Tumut, in favour of Denominational Education; and praying that in any amendment of the Public Schools Act pecuniary aid may be apportioned equitably between Denominationalists and Secularists. Petition received.

4. WATCH-HOUSE AND OUT-BUILDINGS, RAYMOND TERRACE (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of any Correspondence that may have taken place in and about May, 1874, between the Inspector General of Police and any other person or any department, together with any Minutes and Documents relative to the want of accommodation at the Watch-house, and the dilapidation of certain of its out-buildings, at Raymond Terrace.
Question put and passed.
5. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Stuart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 1st July, from the New South Wales Association for the Promotion of Morality, against the passing of the Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. BANK HOLIDAYS BILL:—Mr. 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 make provision for Bank Holidays and respecting obligations to make payments and do other acts on such Holidays,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN HAY,
Sydney, 2nd July, 1875. President.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day in reference to the Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill postponed until Friday next.
9. REMOVAL OF PUBLIC MONEY FROM BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Parkes,—
" (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Removal of Public Money from the Bank of New South Wales be now adopted.
" (2.) That the foregoing Resolution, with a copy of the Report and Evidence, be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—
Debate resumed.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 3 JULY, 1875, A.M.

Question put,—

- (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Removal of Public Money from the Bank of New South Wales be now adopted.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution, with a copy of the Report and Evidence, be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Nelson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Meyer,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. Greville.
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Stuart,	
Mr. Shepherd,	

Noes, 30.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. W. Watson,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Long,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Davies,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wright,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. J. Watson.
Mr. Goold,	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Teece moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
(2.) Resolutions respecting Immigration;—*until Friday, 16th July.*
(3.) Bankers Crossed-Cheques Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 13th July.*
(4.) Resumption of adjourned Debate in reference to a site for the German Lutheran Church;—*until Friday next.*
(5.) Mr. E. H. Hargraves; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday next.*
(6.) Native Dogs Destruction Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 13th July.*
(7.) Wellington Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
(8.) Divorce Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Friday next.*
(9.) Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Act Repeal Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*
(10.) Innkeepers Liability Bill; third reading;—*until Friday next.*

(11.)

- (11.) Distillation Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday next.*
- (12.) Beer's Disabilities Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 23rd July.*
- (13.) Mining Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 16th July.*
- (14.) Dog Act Amendment Bill (No. 2) ; second reading ;—*until Tuesday next.*
- (15.) St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments ;—*until Tuesday next, then to take precedence of other Orders of the Day.*
- (16.) Custody of Infants Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday, 16th July.*
- (17.) Marriage with Deceased Wife's Sister Legalizing Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments ;—*until Friday next.*
12. GOLD FIELDS RESERVE AT SOLFERINO :—Mr. R. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all Letters or other Documents addressed by the Honorable E. D. Ogilvie, or any other person, to the Honorable the Minister for Lands, or any subordinate officer in the Lands or Survey Departments, applying for the cancellation of a portion of the Gold Fields Reserve at Solferino ; and of all Letters or other Documents in relation to the same matter, from the said Government Departments to the said Honorable E. D. Ogilvie, and between the Government Officials in the Country and in Sydney in relation thereto ; the *Government Gazette*, dated on or about the 4th August, 1874, containing a notice of the intention of the Government to withdraw a portion of the land in the said Gold Fields Reserve for the purpose of offering the same for sale by public auction ; the *Gazette*, dated on or about the 18th August, 1874, notifying that the said land had been withdrawn from the Reserve ; the date when the said land was advertised to be, and was sold by auction ; the number and area of the lots offered for sale ; the number sold, the price realized per acre for each lot ; the names of the purchasers of each lot ; the locality where said land is situated, and the Petition to the Minister for Lands from the gold-miners at and near Solferino praying that the said lands should not be sold.
- (2.) Copies of all applications (if any) of a subsequent date for the withdrawal of other lands from the said Reserve, and the instructions issued by the Government in relation thereto.
- Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty-eight minutes after One o'clock A.M., until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 5 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Brewarrina as a Police District :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government purpose constituting Brewarrina into a separate Police District from Walgett; if so, when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—From the inquiries I have been able to make through the Police authorities I have not been able to satisfy myself of the necessity, or even of the desirability, to constitute Brewarrina into a separate Police District. All the reports are against it. Nevertheless I intend to make further inquiries, and if it becomes necessary it shall be done.

- (2.) Colonial Distilled Spirits :—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return of Convictions and Fines, ordered on 7th May last, for selling Colonial Distilled Spirits by Vineyard Proprietors, and at Wine Shops, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Forster answered,—It has been necessary to issue a circular letter to the several Benches of Magistrates throughout the Colony with a view to the compilation of this Return; and it is scarcely necessary to say that, when this information can be obtained, I will lay it upon the Table of the House. There are, however, no means of ascertaining whether the spirits sold were colonial or foreign.

2. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Residents, and Members of the Sons of Temperance, of the Town of Binda, in opposition to the sale of Intoxicating Drinks on the Railway Lines.
Petition received.
3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Baker moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
4. PAPER :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 4th June, 1875, in reference to the Teacher of the Church of England School at Emu Plains.
Ordered to be printed.
5. MR. GERARD KREFFT (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd July, from Mr. Gerard Krefft, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. Hoskins, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd July, from Residents of Tunut, relative to the continuance of Denominational Education, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Stamp Duties Bill postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Campbelltown Reservoir better preservation Bill.

8. **EAST MAITLAND PUBLIC RESERVE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments. On motion of Mr. Garrett, that report was adopted. 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 for vesting in the Municipal Council of East Maitland the Land known as the East Maitland Pasturage Reserve.*"
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th July, 1875.*
9. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Public Gates Bill postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Stamp Duties Bill.
10. **CAMPBELLTOWN RESERVOIR BETTER PRESERVATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments. On motion of Mr. Garrett (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
11. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Stamp Duties Bill further postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Water Pollution Prevention Bill.
12. **PUBLIC GATES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments. On motion of Mr. Garrett (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted. Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
13. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee;—*until Wednesday next.*
 - (2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee;—*until Wednesday next.*
 - (3.) Duty on Gold Abolition Bill; second reading;—*to follow after the Order of the Day respecting the Stamp Duties Bill.*
 - (4.) Mining Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Mining;—*until Wednesday next.*
14. **WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time. Question put and passed. Bill read a second time. On motion of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at nineteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Maitland Gaol:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. Scholey, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he arrived at any decision in reference to the neglect of duty on the part of the Church of England Chaplain to the Maitland Gaol, who, according to the Return laid upon the Table of the House on the 28th April last, attended the Gaol only ten times in twenty-six weeks?

(2.) If so, what was his decision?

(3.) Has he made any alteration in the time for duty of the Warders of the same Gaol; and if so, what alteration?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1 and 2.) The relations between this gentleman and his Church are under consideration in respect to his eligibility to hold the office at all. It does not appear otherwise that there is ground for his removal.

(3.) An additional officer has been allowed, by transfer from another gaol, and an alteration in the time has been sanctioned.

(2.) Maitland Gaol:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. Scholey, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. Stace, the Gaoler at Maitland, has employed ten prisoners, two guards, and the gardener, in preparing ground to grow vegetables for his cattle and pigs?

(2.) Is it true that two prisoners, one guard, and gardener, are employed in this work every Wednesday and Saturday, for which the guard and gardener are paid between them 14s. per day?

(3.) Is it true that the manure which ought to be used for the Court-house Reserve is used in the Gaoler's ground?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1 and 2.) I am informed that no work has been performed on other than the Gaol ground, and that Mr. Stace has no cattle or pigs.

(3.) No.

(3.) Deaths in Public Institutions:—*Mr. Macintosh* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the names, ages, places of late residence, places of nativity, and causes of death of the patients who die in the Public Hospitals and Asylums of the Colony, registered?

(2.) If so, has the Government any objection to cause to be published in the *Government Gazette* a monthly abstract of such register, for the better information of the friends or relatives of the deceased persons than now prevails?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) The Registrar General reports to me that the deaths which take place in our public institutions, with the particulars referred to in the question so far as they are known, are registered.

(2.) There will be no objection.

(4.)

- (4.) Railway into Sydney:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has a plan for the extension of the Railway into Sydney, compiled by Mr. Wakely, been brought under his notice; and if so, does the Government intend having the proposed route surveyed?

Mr. Lackey answered,—A plan for the extension of the Railway into Sydney, compiled by Mr. Wakely, was brought under the notice of my predecessor in office. It is not the intention of the Government to have the proposed route surveyed.

- (5.) Additional Magistrates in Country Districts:—Mr. Nelson, on behalf of Mr. Teece, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Government had under their consideration the necessity that exists in many districts of the Colony for the appointment of additional Magistrates?
 (2.) If so, what steps do the Government intend taking to remedy the evil?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) The Government are aware that very great necessity exists in many districts of the Colony for additional Magistrates. I am willing to add that I never knew a time when there were so many pressing applications from various districts of the Colony for more Magistrates.
 (2.) So soon as the Government can give attention to this matter, attention will be given to it.

- (6.) Night Schools:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Council of Education power to establish Night Schools in connection with the Public Schools of the Colony?
 (2.) If so, does the Council intend to exercise such power?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have ascertained that the Council of Education is of opinion that the Public Schools Act confers no power to establish such schools.

- (7.) Reserves on Pullaming Station:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many Reserves from Conditional Purchase are there upon the Pullaming Station, on Liverpool Plains?
 (2.) What are the official numbers and the respective areas of each of these Reserves?
 (3.) Has the lessee of the Run applied to have any part of these Reserves sold by auction?
 (4.) Who is the lessee, and where does he reside?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Four Reserves within the boundary of the Run.
 (2.) 330 of 3 square miles; 331 of 320 acres, notified 8th May, 1868; and reserve from lease No. 42, of 9 square miles, of the notice 9th March, 1858, and reserved from sale under No. 4, of the notice of the 24th December, 1861, for water supply, about half of which only is on the Pullaming Run, and of which 748 acres have been sold to John Brown; No. 468, 4,800 acres, notified 19th December, 1871, as a Village Reserve.
 (3.) Yes.
 (4.) John Brown; exact residence not known.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 11th May, 1875, in reference to the cancellation of a Reserve on Byron Run.
 Ordered to be printed.

3. SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 5th July, from Members of the Sons of Temperance, of the Town of Binda, against the passing of the Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill, be printed.
 Question put and passed.

4. CAMPBELLTOWN RESERVOIR BETTER PRESERVATION 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 for the better protection of the Water Reservoir at Campbelltown.”*

Question put and passed.

Ordered, 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 for the better protection of the Water Reservoir at Campbelltown,”*—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 6th July, 1875.*

5. PUBLIC GATES 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 repeal the ‘Public Gates Act of 1873’ and to authorize the erection of Public Gates across certain Roads.”*

Question put and passed.

Ordered, 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 repeal the ‘Public Gates Act of 1873’ and to authorize the erection of Public Gates across certain Roads,”*—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 6th July, 1875.*

6. EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the fact that any single Member can clear the House of Strangers by merely calling the attention of the Speaker to their presence, is attended with inconvenience.

(2.) That in future, whenever any Member of the House calls the attention of the Speaker to the fact that Strangers are present, the Speaker shall thereupon put the question, without debate or amendment, and on division, if a majority affirm the proposition that Strangers shall withdraw, the Speaker shall order them to withdraw accordingly.

Mr. Speaker said that it appeared to him that the second Resolution proposed by the Honorable Member was objectionable in point of form. The 89th Standing Order of this House provides that "On the request of any Member, or in his own discretion, the Speaker shall "and may at any time order Strangers to withdraw, and such Strangers shall immediately withdraw accordingly." He thought that the House would be of opinion that it would not be competent for him to submit the Question in its present shape.

Mr. Speaker then (*by consent*) proposed the following Question,—“That,” in the opinion of this House, the fact that any single Member can clear the House of Strangers by merely calling the attention of the Speaker to their presence, is attended with inconvenience.

Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words thereof after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “the question of “the desirability or otherwise of the practice of any single Member having the power of obtaining “the clearing of the House of Strangers be submitted to the Standing Orders Committee for their “consideration and report.”

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Wisdom moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.

Debate ensued.

Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Gunneen,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Nelson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. Watson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. Stuart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Meyer,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Montague,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. Sutherland,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT:—Mr. Hungerford presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Electorate of the Upper Hunter in favour of Denominational Education, and praying that, in any amendment of the Public Schools Act, pecuniary aid may be apportioned equitably between Denominationalists and Secularists.

Petition received.

8. BLAKEFIELD *v.* SHIELDS.—MR. WESTON, C.P.S., COONAMBLE:—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Papers laid upon the Table of this House on the 14th instant, having reference to the case of Blakefield *v.* Shields; also, the Papers having reference to the removal of Mr. Weston, C.P.S., Coonamble, be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. CITY NIGHT REFUGE AND SOUP KITCHEN:—Mr. Stuart 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 Supplementary Estimates for 1875 the sum of £1,000 towards the erection of a Building for the City Night Refuge and Soup Kitchen.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Meyer,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Hungerford,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Dibbs.

Noes, 2.

<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Driver.

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

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-six minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY, 1875.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
ELECTION PETITION (*The Upper Hunter*):—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table an Election Petition which had been addressed to him from John M'Elhone, of Sydney, Gentleman, complaining of the election and return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Upper Hunter, as being an undue election and return, on the ground that the Returning Officer took the Poll a second time at one of the polling-places; and praying that the Petition may be dealt with according to law, and that the return of the said Thomas Hungerford may be declared null and void; and that it may be further declared that Petitioner was duly elected, and is entitled to take his Seat as the Member for the said Electoral District.
 Ordered, on motion of Mr. Robertson, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications; and that the Committee having adjourned *sine die*, the Chairman be empowered to summon the Committee, and fix the time and place for meeting.
2. **QUESTION.**—Appraisement of Runs:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Are the Crown Appraisers of the Runs falling due at the end of the year to be guided by the circular issued to them (under the sanction of the late Minister for Lands), dated 7th April, 1874, by the officer in charge of the Crown Lands Department to the Commissioners of Crown Lands?
 (2.) If not, will instructions be issued to them to appraise the Runs (irrespective of that circular) and in accordance with the spirit of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861?
 Mr. Garrett answered,—As the circular alluded to by my Honorable friend has not been withdrawn, I presume the Commissioners of Crown Lands, to whom the appraisement has been left, will perform their duties under the usual conditions of the law.
3. **AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S BILL:**—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of the Chairman (Mr. Pilcher), brought up a second Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of the Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred a second time on the 25th June, 1875.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Farnell then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as further amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
 Question put and passed.
4. **PAPERS:**—
 Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Further Papers as to Mail Service between San Francisco and the Colonies of New South Wales and New Zealand.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—
 (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. June, 1875.
 (2.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the same Act. June, 1875.
 (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the same Act.
 Ordered to be printed.

5. **CERTIFIED DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL, DUNGOG** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. W. Watson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The average daily attendance of Pupils at the Certified Denominational School, Dungog, for the week ending the 5th March, 1875.
 (2.) A similar Return for the quarter ending the 26th March, 1875. The classification of the Teacher of such School under the Council of Education.
 Question put and passed.
6. **PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT** (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Hungerford, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 6th July, from certain Residents of the Upper Hunter, relative to Denominational Education, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive postponed, to follow after No. 5.
8. **STAMP DUTIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments. Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 3 further postponed until to-morrow.
10. **WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments. On motion of Mr. Robertson (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted. Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
11. **DUTY ON GOLD ABOLITION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Davies moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until this day week.
 Debate continued.
 Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Sutherland,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. R. B. Smith,
 Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
 Mr. Scholey,

Tellers.

Mr. Davies,
 Mr. Dibbs.

Nocs, 19.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. W. Watson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Hoskins,	Tellers.
Mr. Hungerford,	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Cameron.
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question then put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. Forster, that report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

12. **MR. LETT, J.P.**:—Mr. Cohen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Papers laid upon the Table of the House on the 1st instant, having reference to the inquiry into certain charges preferred against Mr. Lett, J.P., of Kiandra, be printed.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
13. **MR. THOMAS SCOTT**:—Mr. Macintosh 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 Supplementary Estimates for 1875, a sum not exceeding £1,000 as a gratuity to Mr. Thomas Scott, of Brisbane Water, for his exertions through the press, and otherwise, (during a period of over forty years) in naturalising the cultivation of the Sugar Cane, and promoting the manufacture of Sugar in this Colony.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Hungerford,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Cohen,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. R. Forster,	Tellers.
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. F. B. Suttor.

Nocs, 3.

Mr. Driver,
 Tellers.
 Mr. Davies,
 Mr. J. S. Smith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

14. MINING BOARD:—Mr. R. Forster 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 Supplementary Estimates for 1875 a sum not exceeding £500, as Fees for the services performed by the Members of the Mining Board, from the 15th December, 1874, to the 15th June, 1875.

Debate ensued.

Notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present,—

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hungerford, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Montague, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Wisdom,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at thirteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Store Rent on Goods at Murrurundi Railway Station:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the store rent charged upon goods at the Murrurundi Railway Station is a source of great annoyance, and one of the principal reasons of the present high rates of carriage?

(2.) Is it a fact these charges are not made elsewhere, and only so at Murrurundi on account of the insufficient accommodation supplied to this terminus?

(3.) Have applications been made for increased accommodation?

(4.) Considering the injustice suffered, and the probability of the Railway not leaving Murrurundi for the next two years, will any early steps be taken to give increased storage room, the necessity for which is monthly increasing?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) The Railway By-laws give the Commissioner power to charge store rent forty-eight hours after the arrival of the goods; but in practice no store rent is enforced until the goods sheds become so overcrowded as to prevent the Department carrying on its business. The enforcement of the charge at these times on goods that have been in store over fourteen days has the effect of clearing the sheds sufficiently to admit of additional goods being received, when the charge is at once withdrawn. This charge should not be a source of annoyance, as it is a very proper and necessary one; and as regards the effect it is alleged to have in raising the rates of carriage, it may be stated that the carriers have represented that the free storage of goods at Murrurundi has been availed of by the forwarding agents to reduce unduly the rates of carriage.

(2.) The storage charge is enforced at all terminal stations where the circumstances are similar to those at Murrurundi. When Singleton, Muswellbrook, and Scone were in turn the terminal stations on the Northern Line, the storage charge was enforced there.

(3.) No application for increased accommodation has been received; but when complaint was made by the officers of the overcrowded state of the store, the Traffic Manager was instructed to report on the accommodation, and he stated that if the goods were removed within a reasonable time there would be no necessity for enlarging the shed.

(4.) Without admitting that any injustice has been suffered, I can promise the Honorable Member that further inquiry will be made, and if it be found that more accommodation is required for the reasonable use of the store, it will be provided.

(2.) Bankstown and Dogtrap Roads:—Mr. Long asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the amount per mile granted for the repair and maintenance of the road from the Railway Station at Haslem's Creek to Bankstown?

(2.) Also of the road leading from the Dogtrap Road to Fairfield Railway Station?

(3.) Is the Honorable the Secretary for Public Works aware of the dangerous and almost impassable state of these roads?

Mr.

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) £10 per mile for three miles has been voted on schedule for road from Irishtown to Haslem's Creek Station.

(2.) £15 per mile for two miles. The votes for current year in each case were placed at the disposal of the Trustees in April last, in addition to which a special grant has been made available to the Trust for the latter road for urgent repairs. Whether these amounts have been expended I am unable to say.

(3.) I am aware of the dangerous state of these roads, but would remind the Honorable Member that in very wet seasons, such as we have had recently, it is almost impossible to keep roads in a good state of repair where the funds are insufficient to enable the Trustees to use metal.

(3.) Public School, Blacktown:—Mr. Long asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Council of Education received any application from the residents of Blacktown for the establishment of a Public School there?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Council of Education to comply with such application?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Council has not received any application from the residents of Blacktown for the establishment of a Public School at that place.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 8th April, 1875, in reference to the Registration of Brands Act.

Ordered to be printed.

3. WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Robertson, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Robertson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for preventing the pollution of the Water supplied to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, 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 for preventing the pollution of the Water supplied to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th July, 1875.*

4. STAMP DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Garrett moved, "That" the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.

Mr. W. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words thereof after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 1, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 27, 31, 38, 42, 50 (new clause), 52, 53, 59, 60 (new clause), 66, and five new clauses.

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 place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 1, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 27, 31, 38, 42, 50 (new clause), 52, 53, 59, 60 (new clause), 66, and five new clauses,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such reconsideration.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2, 3, and 4 postponed, to follow after No. 6.

6. DUTY ON GOLD ABOLITION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Forster, *passed*.

Mr. Forster then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for the abolition of the Duty on Gold.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, 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 for the abolition of the Duty on Gold,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th July, 1875.*

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2, 3, and 4 further postponed until to-morrow.

8. ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL CLOSE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Sutherland, that report was adopted.

Ordered,

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 an Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other purposes.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th July, 1875.*

9. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Act Repeal Bill postponed until to-morrow.
10. DOG ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Terry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. H. C. Dangar moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until Tuesday next.
Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.
The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Driver,

Tellers.

Mr. Stuart,
Mr. H. C. Dangar.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Day,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hungerford,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Terry.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Davies,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Terry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House adjourned at six minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 JULY, 1875.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put,—
 And Division called for,—
 But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.
2. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Tenterfield.
 (2.) Letters of Registration of Inventions under 16 Vic. No. 24.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
 (1.) Upper Hunter Pastoral and Agricultural Association Lease Bill:—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Muswellbrook Recreation Reserve to Lease a portion thereof*,"—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.
 Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN HAY,
 Sydney, 9th July, 1875. President.
 Bill, on motion of Mr. Wisdom, read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.
- (2.) Animals Protection Bill:—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law respecting Cruelty to Animals*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
 Legislative Council Chamber, JOHN HAY,
 Sydney, 9th July, 1875. President.
 Bill, on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. STORAGE OF GOODS AT MURRURUNDI RAILWAY TERMINUS ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. T. G. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
 (1.) The amount charged for storage of goods at Murrurundi Terminus, and rate.
 (2.) The amount so collected since first charged, or since it has been the Terminus.
 (3.) The names of the parties who have paid same, specifying the name of the consignee on each particular lot.
 (4.) Also the name of those to whom the amounts have afterwards been remitted, and the reason why remitted.
 (5.) The amount charged at all other Stations upon the Northern Line during the same period, with same particulars.
 (6.) Also a like Return for the Western and Southern Lines, with the same particulars.
 Question put and passed.

5. REV. J. S. WHITE:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1875, a sum not exceeding £205, to compensate the Rev. J. S. White for certain Land taken from him at Singleton by the Government for public purposes.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

The Resolution was then 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 Supplementary Estimates for 1875, a sum not exceeding £205, to compensate the Rev. J. S. White for certain Land taken from him at Singleton by the Government for public purposes.

On motion of Mr. W. C. Browne, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Barristers Admission Bill postponed until Friday next.

7. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs, “That, in the opinion of this House, a Bill for the amendment of the Public Schools Act of 1866 should be introduced, and that such Bill, among other matters, should provide for the discontinuance, upon reasonable notice, after a certain period to be fixed by law, of assistance from Public Funds for Denominational Schools,”—

Mr. Dibbs moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until Friday next.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on Original Question resumed.

Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until “Tuesday” next.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Davies moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word “Tuesday,” with a view to the insertion in its place of the word “Friday.”

Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 10 JULY, 1875 A.M.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned until Tuesday next,—put and passed.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, “That this Bill be now read a second time;”—*until Tuesday next.*

(2.) Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*

(3.) Resumption of adjourned Debate in reference to a Site for the German Lutheran Church;—*until Friday next.*

(4.) Mr. E. H. Hargraves; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*until Friday next.*

(5.) Wellington Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*

(6.) Divorce Bill;—to be further considered in Committee;—*until Friday next.*

(7.) Innkeepers Liability Bill; third reading;—*until Wednesday next.*

(8.) Distillation Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday next.*

9. MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cameron, Mr. 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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Cameron that report was adopted.

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 legalize the Marriage of a Man with the Sister of his Deceased Wife*,”—including the amendment in the Title.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 10th July, 1875 A.M.

10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, in reference to the case of Mr. Thomas Scott, postponed until Monday next.

The House adjourned at twelve minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 12 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Teachers under Council of Education:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many Teachers were promoted under Article 39 of the Regulations to Class II Section A in 1874?
- (2.) How many of them had the proficiency "good" for their schools?
- (3.) How many of them had a proficiency less than that fixed by the Circular of September, 1871?
- (4.) How many Teachers were refused promotion to the above grade in 1874?
- (5.) Were such Teachers refused promotion under the provisions of the 39th Article of the Regulations, or under the standard fixed by the Circular of September, 1871?
- (6.) Does this Circular supersede the 39th Article of the Regulations?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) Seven.
- (2.) Five.
- (3.) Two had a proficiency somewhat below "good."
- (4.) Seventeen.
- (5.) Under Article 39 of the Regulations.
- (6.) No.

- (2.) Public School, Cow Flat:—Mr. *Wisdom*, on behalf of Mr. Pilcher, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Government, and if so when, been requested to establish a Public School at Cow Flat, near Bathurst?
- (2.) Has that request been coupled with a request to have a Night School established in connection with such Public School?
- (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to establish such Public School and Night School in connection therewith?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) The Council of Education was requested, on the 18th January last, to establish a Public School at Cow Flat.
- (2.) No; but passing mention was made that there were some boys who could not attend a Day school, but would attend a Night school if opened.
- (3.) The Council has established a Public School at Cow Flat. It is not the Council's intention to establish a Night school in connection therewith.

- (3.) Goods Train, Murrurundi:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it a fact that the time of the departure of the Goods Train from Murrurundi has been altered from 3 to 5 a.m.?
- (2.) Would he have any objection to state the cause which led to such alteration?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The early hour of 3 a.m. was found to be a great inconvenience to the men, with no corresponding advantage whatever, and consequently the hour of departure was altered to 5 a.m.

2. **LOAN ESTIMATES FOR 1875**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Burns, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 25.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Loan Estimates for 1875.

Government House,
Sydney, 12th July, 1875.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 14th April, 1875, in reference to the Storage of Gunpowder or other Explosive Material.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Documents respecting recent proceedings of the Examiners in the Faculty of Medicine, Sydney University, affecting the Dean.

(2.) Report on the Sydney Grammar School, for 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—

(1.) *M'Elhone v. Hungerford*:—Mr. Driver, on behalf of the Chairman (Mr. Stephen Brown), brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, relative to the Petition of John M'Elhone, Esquire, against the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Upper Hunter, which was referred to the said Committee on the 7th July instant.

Report read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

“ The Committee of Elections and Qualifications, duly appointed on the 28th January, 1875, to whom was referred, on the 7th July, 1875, a Petition from John M'Elhone, Esquire, against the return of Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, as the Member for the Electoral District of The Upper Hunter, have determined, and do hereby accordingly declare,—

“ That Thomas Hungerford, Esquire, who was returned as elected by the Returning Officer, was not duly elected as Member for the Electoral District of The Upper Hunter.

“ That the Election is wholly void.

“ That the Committee make no award as to costs.

“ No. 2 Committee Room,
“ Legislative Assembly,
12th July, 1875.”

“ S. C. BROWN,
“ Chairman.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Driver, that the Report and Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence be printed.

(2.) *Adjournment of the Committee*:—Mr. Driver moved, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications have leave to adjourn *sine die*, the matter referred to them having been disposed of. Question put and passed.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. **STAMP DUTIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, “ That ” the Report 2^o from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.

Mr. Stuart moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words thereof after the word “ That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “ the Bill be recommitted, with a view to reconsider the new clause described as ‘ How Policy may be Stamped,’ and the Schedule.”

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 place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.

Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted, with a view to reconsider the new clause described as “ How Policy may be stamped ” and the Schedule,—put and passed.

On motion of Mr. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such reconsideration.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 3^o, with further amendments.

Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 and 3 postponed, to follow after No. 4.

8. **MINING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lucas, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Mining.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Mining.

On motion of Mr. Lucas, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

9. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 and 3 further postponed until Wednesday next.
10. **DOG ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Terry (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
11. **UPPER HUNTER PASTORAL AND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION LEASE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. F. B. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Suttor, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Suttor, that report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
12. **MR. THOMAS SCOTT**:—The Order of the Day having been read, on motion of Mr. Macintosh, Mr. 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 on the Supplementary Estimates for 1875, a sum not exceeding £1,000 as a gratuity to Mr. Thomas Scott, of Brisbane Water, for his exertions through the press, and otherwise, (during a period of over forty years) in naturalizing the cultivation of the Sugar Cane, and promoting the manufacture of Sugar in this Colony.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be now received.
The Resolution was then 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 Supplementary Estimates for 1875, a sum not exceeding £20 per month during the term of his natural life as a gratuity to Mr. Thomas Scott, of Brisbane Water, for his exertions through the press, and otherwise, (during a period of over forty years) in naturalizing the cultivation of the Sugar Cane, and promoting the manufacture of Sugar in this Colony.
On motion of Mr. Macintosh, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
13. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Act Repeal Bill postponed until Friday, 23rd July.

The House adjourned at twenty-eight minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Police Protection at Wheeo:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What decision has been arrived at with respect to the application made for Police protection at Wheeo?

Mr. Robertson answered,—The Inspector General of Police has informed me that from information obtained it does not appear necessary to establish a Police Station at Wheeo; but that additional protection will be afforded by the Police proposed to be stationed at Blakeley's Creek, between Gunning and Burrowa.

- (2.) Police Protection at Dalton:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Whether any, and what answer has been given to the Petition of the inhabitants of the Town of Dalton, praying that a constable may be stationed there?

Mr. Robertson answered,—A further report from Mr. Superintendent Zouch is expected, which will be fully considered on receipt, and a decision arrived at, and communicated. Dalton being only seven miles from Gunning, it appears at present hardly necessary to establish Police there.

- (3.) Roads from Wheeo to Gunning and Goulburn:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Roads from Wheeo to Gunning, and from Wheeo to Goulburn, by Gurrunda and Mummel, be laid out, as petitioned for by the inhabitants some three years back?

Mr. Garrett answered,—If the roads referred to in this question are—(1.) From Gunning to Grabben Gullen, (2.) From Gurrunda *via* Biala, Meroo, towards Yass,—The District Surveyor has been instructed to lay out the proposed alterations in the first, and to lay out the second for proclamation. The urgent demand for sale of land has hitherto prevented instructions relating to these roads from being carried out.

- (4.) Road from Garner's to Queanbeyan Road:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What progress has been made in marking out a Road, as prayed for by the inhabitants of Yass, from Garner's 320 acres to the Queanbeyan and Gundaroo Road?

Mr. Garrett answered,—A report has been received from the District Surveyor, on which he has been instructed to lay it out for proclamation. The delay in carrying out instructions relating to this road is attributable to the same cause as in the previous case.

- (5.) Road from Yass to Woolgarlow:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What decision (if any) has been arrived at by the Government with respect to the Petition from a number of residents on the Murrumbidgee River, near Yass, praying for a Road to be laid out from Yass to Woolgarlow?

Mr. Garrett answered,—A report has been received from the District Surveyor, on which he has been instructed to lay it out for proclamation.

(6.)

- (6.) Road from Yass to Kitty's Creek :—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What progress has been made in laying out a Road from Yass towards the upper part of Kitty's Creek, as prayed for by the inhabitants?

Mr. Garrett answered,—A report has been received from the District Surveyor, on which he has been instructed to lay it out for proclamation.

- (7.) Road from Boambolo to Yass :—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What progress has been made in marking out a Road, as prayed for by the inhabitants, from Boambolo to Yass, through Brown's 640 acres?

Mr. Garrett answered,—A report has been received from the District Surveyor, on which he has been instructed to lay it out for proclamation.

- (8.) Overtime to Custom-house Officers :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that all payments for Overtime to Custom-house Officers have been abolished?

(2.) If so, what arrangements have been made to compensate such Officers for services performed after hours?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

(1.) Yes, from the 1st instant.

(2.) Arrangements have been made, subject to the approval of Parliament.

- (9.) Police Magistrate for Parkes :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any application been received by the Government from a large number of residents at Parkes, and the surrounding district, for the appointment of a Police Magistrate at that locality?

(2.) Has the Government received a petition from the residents at Parkes, praying that the district might be separated from Forbes, and proclaimed a separate Police District, with a District Court, and Court of Quarter Sessions, to be holden at Parkes?

(3.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House any Reports or Correspondence in possession of the Minister of Justice or the Secretary for Mines in reference to these questions, or any document which may have influenced the Government in coming to the decision arrived at as to these applications?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) There will be no objection, if the Parliament desires it.

- (10.) Mr. W. L. Vardy :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Minister of Justice received several communications (and one or more statutory declarations accompanying the same), addressed to him by Mr. William Lyndhurst Vardy, Solicitor, Sydney, since the 1st of January last past, drawing his, the Honorable the Minister of Justice's, attention to the action and conduct of the Water Police Magistrate, Sydney, Messrs. H. H. Voss, Solomon, and certain other Justices of the Peace, in Sydney, towards Mr. Vardy, in preventing him from discharging his professional duty to his clients, forbidding him from holding communication with them without obtaining leave of the said Water Police Magistrate, Messrs. Voss, Solomon, and other Justices, in examining or cross-examining Mr. Vardy's clients as to matters privileged as confidential between attorney and client, and in refusing him, the said Mr. Vardy, audience in the said Water Police Court; as also, whether his, the Honorable the Minister of Justice's, attention has been drawn by Mr. Vardy, as aforesaid, to the manner in which the said Water Police Magistrate, Messrs. Voss, Solomon, and other Justices, when sitting in Petty Sessions at the said Water Police Court, Sydney, have acted towards Mr. Vardy and his clients?

(2.) If so, whether any, and what action has been taken on such complaints, and towards affording relief to Mr. Vardy from, and to prevent the repetition of such action and conduct on the part of the said Water Police Magistrate, Messrs. Voss, Solomon, and other Justices; and if so, whether any, and what reply has been made to Mr. Vardy with reference thereto?

(3.) Will the Honorable the Colonial Secretary lay upon the Table of the House the various letters, documents, and correspondence, relating to the above matters of complaint?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The correspondence relating to complaints by certain Magistrates at the Water Police Court against Mr. Vardy, and that gentleman's complaints against those Magistrates, having been submitted for consideration, the following Opinion has been given by the Attorney General thereon :—
 " The power of a Bench of Magistrates to punish any advocate or other person using grossly improper or insulting language, or being guilty of any such indecorous conduct in the face of the Bench as shall amount to a breach of that necessary degree of decency and order, without the observance of which in Judicial and Magisterial proceedings no tribunal could effectively secure to itself respect and obedience, is clear. It has been held (*vide* judgment of the Supreme Court in *ex parte* Cory—application for a *mandamus*) that Justices may either require such offenders to enter into recognizances to be of good behaviour, and may commit them until such security shall have been given; or, if a repetition of the objectionable conduct is reasonably apprehended, may cause the offenders to be removed from the Court, and kept out of it during the remainder of the proceedings."

(3.) There will be no objection to lay the correspondence upon the Table of the House, if the Parliament desires it.

2. PAPER :—Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table,—Case for Opinion, and Opinion of the Attorney General thereon, respecting Deposit of Public Moneys in certain Banks without Warrant.
 Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Nelson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL:—Mr. 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 amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th July, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 13th July, 1875.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, preamble, line 1. *After* "Lands" *insert* "described"

Page 2, schedule, line 16. *After* paragraph 4 *insert* new paragraph 5, viz.:—

"5. Deniliquin—a portion of land containing one hundred and twenty acres in the parish of South Deniliquin dedicated for the purpose of public recreation by notice in the *Government Gazette* of the 19th November, 1870."

Examined,—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

5. ROADS FROM WHEEO TO GUNNING AND GOULBURN ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Petitions for the marking out of Roads from Wheeo to Gunning, and Wheeo to Goulburn, respectively, together with all Correspondence relating thereto.
Question put and passed.
6. RESERVES FROM FREE SELECTION ON RUNS ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of acres reserved from Free Selection, specifying the number of acres reserved from Free Selection on each Run, and giving the name of the Run and the name of the Lessee.
Question put and passed.
7. BLAKEFIELD *v.* SHIELDS ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Nelson 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 case of Blakefield *v.* Shields.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lackey, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Byrnes, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Long, Mr. Taylor, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. Terry, Mr. Pilcher, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
8. DOG ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) ("*Formal*" *Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Terry, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Terry then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend and extend the Act commonly known as the 'Dog Act.'*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, 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 and extend the Act commonly known as the 'Dog Act.'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th July, 1875.
9. MR. ANDREW MILLER DICK:—Mr. Macintosh 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 of whatever nature, and copies of any Minutes of the Colonial Treasurer and Executive Council, relative to the removal of Mr. Andrew Miller Dick from the Public Service.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. BANKER'S CROSSED-CHEQUES AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. J. Watson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Watson, that report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

11. **NATIVE DOGS DESTRUCTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. H. Suttor moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. J. Watson,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Montague,	
Mr. Cunneen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Terry.
Mr. Macintosh,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. Cameron,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wisdom,	
Mr. Day,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. H. C. Dangar.
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. W. Watson,	
Mr. Dibbs,	
Mr. Long,	
Mr. Davies,	
Mr. Jacob,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Suttor, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

12. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day in reference to the Exclusion of Strangers postponed until Tuesday, 10th August next.
13. **ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 On motion of Mr. Greville, the Debate was adjourned until Tuesday next.
14. **PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs,—“That, in the opinion of this House, a Bill for the amendment of the Public Schools Act of 1866 should be introduced, and that such Bill, among other matters, should provide for the discontinuance, upon reasonable notice, after a certain period to be fixed by law, of assistance from Public Funds for Denominational Schools,”—
 Debate resumed.
 On motion of Mr. Wisdom, the Debate was adjourned until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at four minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTION.—Reserves on Stations in District of Liverpool Plains:—*Mr. Wisdom*, on behalf of *Mr. Cameron*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many Reserves from Conditional Purchase are there upon Doono, Breeza, and Weerie Stations, Liverpool Plains?
 (2.) What are the official numbers and the respective areas of each of these Reserves?
 (3.) Upon whose application were these Reserves granted?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

- (1.) Eight Reserves.
 (2.)
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|-----------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| Part of No. 2, | area about | 960 acres, | on Doono Range Run. |
| No. 321 | do. | 960 do. | do. |
| " 628 | do. | 718 do. | do. |
| " 9 | do. | 1,430 do. | on Breeza Run. |
| " 292 | do. | 960 do. | do. |
| Part of No. 455 | do. | 800 do. | do. |
| " 478 | do. | 80 do. | do. |
| " 669 | do. | 2,300 do. | do. |

There is no Reserve on Weerie Run.

(3.) The above Reserves were made at the instance of the Surveyor General, except No. 321, which was recommended by the District Commissioner.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by *Mr. Robertson*, and read by *Mr. Speaker*:—

- (1.) Bank Holidays Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 26.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make provision for Bank Holidays and respecting obligations to make payments and do other acts on such Holidays*,"—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, 14th July 1875.

- (2.) East Maitland Public Reserve Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 27.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for vesting in the Municipal Council of East Maitland the Land known as the East Maitland Pasturage Reserve*,"—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, 14th July, 1875.

3. VOTE OF CREDIT:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. W. Forster, and read by Mr. Speaker.—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 28.

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 the Expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of July, 1875, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1874.

Government House,
Sydney, 14th July, 1875.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

4. UPPER HUNTER PASTORAL AND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION LEASE BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Wisdom, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Wisdom then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Muswellbrook Recreation Reserve to Lease a portion thereof.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Muswellbrook Recreation Reserve to Lease a portion thereof.*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th July, 1875.

UPPER HUNTER PASTORAL AND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION LEASE BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendment referred to in Message of 14th July, 1875.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 2, clause 3, line 23. Before the word "pounds" insert the word "ten"

Examined,—

RICHARD DRIVER,
Chairman of Committees.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 and 2 postponed, to follow after No. 4.

6. DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. 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. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Garrett, that report was adopted.

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 resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th July, 1875.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Shepherd moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued

Question put and negatived.

8. STAMP DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.

Point of Order,—Mr. Piddington requested Mr. Speaker's ruling on the following Point of Order,—

That the Bill to impose Stamp Duties was not introduced in the Committee of Ways and Means by separate and distinct Resolutions, and that consequently the introduction of the Bill was irregular and in contravention to Parliamentary practice, and that the Bill ought not to be further proceeded with.

Debate ensued on the Point of Order.

Mr. Speaker said, that on a review of the practice of the House of Commons and of this House, it appeared to him that any Bill imposing new taxation as an immediate source of Revenue should properly be founded on Resolutions passed in the Committee of Ways and Means, and that as such action was not taken in regard to this Bill its introduction appeared to him to have been irregular.

The matter then dropped.

9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

10. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed until to-morrow.
11. **AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Pilcher moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Pilcher, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of *Mr. Farnell (with the concurrence of the House)*, that report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Light on "Nobbys":—*Mr. Scholey*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that complaints have recently been made by Masters of Vessels entering the Port of Newcastle of the frequent and total obscuration of the light on "Nobbys," which is caused by the fumes from a copper smelting furnace in the vicinity?

(2.) If so, will early steps be taken to abate the alleged nuisance?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—I cannot learn that any complaints of the kind have been made either to the Treasury or to the Marine Board.

- (2.) Telegraph Office, Richmond:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of boys at present employed or admitted in the Telegraph Office at Richmond?

(2.) Is the Postmaster General aware that, in consequence of the exposed and inconvenient position of the said office, and the number of persons constantly loitering in and about the same, the residents have no confidence in the privacy of any telegrams they may send?

(3.) When will the new Telegraph Office, now in course of construction, be ready for occupation?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1.) Three boys—one operator and two probationers.

(2 and 3.) The office accommodation is at present totally inadequate for the business, but it is to be hoped that the new Office will be ready for occupation in about two months. No complaints have reached me as to the violation of the privacy of telegrams in this office.

- (3.) Member of Legislative Assembly imprisoned for Debt:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that a Member of this House is prevented from attending to his Parliamentary duties by being imprisoned as a Debtor in Darlinghurst Gaol?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to prevent such a thing happening in future, by introducing a Bill to give to this Parliament all the rights and privileges of the British House of Commons?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) I regret to say that I this morning heard that a Member of this Assembly was in the Debtors Prison; I have since been informed that he is now at liberty.

(2.) It seems to me that there is no occasion for anything of the kind, as we are informed on the best authority we have in the Colony that the law now prohibits a Member of Parliament being sent to gaol for debt during the Session, if he chooses to apply to the Court; but if a Member chooses to go into gaol quietly and good naturedly, will not apply to the Court, and nobody interferes, I suppose he may stop there.

- (4.) Land Office at Gunnedah:—*Mr. Wisdom* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Land Office for Conditional Purchases be opened at Gunnedah?

Mr. Garrett answered,—As soon as the necessary new Register has been prepared for the Land Agent there, showing all existing Conditional Purchases (from the passing of the Land Acts of 1861) in the Gunnedah District, according to the boundaries decided on. It will also be necessary to prepare a similar Register for the Land Agent at Tamworth, the boundaries of that District having been modified. Both are being pushed forward as speedily as possible, as also maps showing the division of the two Districts. The formal opening of the Land Office before this has been done would only lead to inconvenience and confusion.

(5.)

(5.) Liability of a Member of Parliament to arrest for Debt:—Mr. Farnell asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Will he have any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a copy of an Opinion of the Attorney General on the liability of a Member of Parliament to arrest for Debt?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I hold in my hand the Opinion referred to, and will presently lay it upon the Table.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Byrnes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. IMMIGRATION:—Mr. Stevens presented a Petition from Inhabitants of Minmi, in opposition to the Immigration scheme now under the consideration of the House.
Petition received.
4. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return to an Order, made on 7th July, 1875, in reference to the Certified Denominational School at Dungog.
(2.) Opinion of the Attorney General for the guidance of the Sheriff as to execution of a Writ of *ca. sa.* against Mr. Hanley Bennett, M.P.
Ordered to be printed.
5. DISEASES AFFECTING LIVE STOCK (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. J. S. Smith 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 prevention of the diseases affecting Live Stock, and the constitution and working of the Stock and Brands Branches.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Lord, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Stuart, Mr. W. H. Suttor, Mr. Day, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Report, Minutes of Proceedings, Resolutions, &c., of the Conference of the Chief Inspectors of Stock for the several Australian Colonies, held in Sydney in November last (1874) be referred to the said Committee.
Question put and passed.
6. AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S 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 the 'Australasia Coal Company Limited' to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to and to connect the same with the Great Northern Railway.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, 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 enable the 'Australasia Coal Company Limited' 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 copies of the Reports from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Act 27 Vict. No. 190, of the Colony of Victoria, under which the Company is registered, and the Certificate of Registration; also, Deed of Association of the Company; also, a Plan of the proposed line of Railway described in the Preamble; also, Plans showing points of junction of the proposed Railway with Great Northern Railway, and additional Plan showing proposed line of Railway.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15th July, 1875.*
7. STAMP DUTIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Order of the Day be discharged.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Garrett, that the Bill be withdrawn.
8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 16 JULY, 1875, A.M.

9. BREACH OF PRIVILEGE:—The Honorable Member for East Maitland (Mr. Scholey) stated, that in passing from the Chamber to the Library last evening he was accosted in the lobby by a person named White, who said to him "It is a pity old Bennett is in gaol; you can have £20 for your vote, and £25 for Bennett, if you vote for Twaddell's claim," and that he (Mr. Scholey) told him he had better leave the House, and left him. Mr. Scholey further stated that Mr. Dransfield told him, in George-street, some time ago, that he was a good deal out in Twaddell's case; that he had used his influence with Members of Parliament, and that Garrett was to have an amount if he got the vote, but Twaddell had refused his claim; but he swore that he would prevent him getting a shilling;—that he (Mr. Scholey) told Dransfield to give him this statement in writing, but he had not seen him since.
And a discussion arising thereon,—

Mr.

Mr. Parkes moved, That this House, on its next meeting, proceed to inquire into the statements affecting its privileges, which have been made by the Member for East Maitland, and that Mr. Edward White and Mr. Dransfield be summoned to give evidence at the Bar.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Dibbs moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate continued.

Motion for adjournment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Parkes, by leave, withdrew the motion proposed by him.

Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, That the allegation made by the Honorable Member for East Maitland (Mr. Scholey), that he had been offered a bribe within the precincts of this House be referred to the Standing Orders Committee, with a view to ascertaining what are the privileges of the House in the matter.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That this House, on its next meeting, proceed to inquire into the statement affecting the character of the Honorable Member for Camden (Mr. Garrett), as reported to the House by the Honorable Member for East Maitland (Mr. Scholey), and that Mr. Dransfield and Mr. Twaddell be summoned to give evidence at the Bar.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Approaches to Bridge at Canowindra:—Mr. Meyer asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is he aware that the approaches to the Bridge at Canowindra are in such a state that the public cannot use the Bridge?
 - (2.) If so, will early steps be taken to remedy the evil complained of?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) Yes, the approaches have not yet been completed.
- (2.) The Bridge will be opened for traffic in a week.

- (2.) Bridge over the Hunter, at Muswellbrook:—Mr. Wisdom asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have the Government taken into consideration the Petition presented to the Honorable the Minister for Public Works on the 15th March, 1875, relative to the erection of a Bridge over the Hunter River, at Muswellbrook?
 - (2.) If so, what decision has been arrived at?
 - (3.) Are the Government aware that a communication was issued from the Department of Public Works on the 5th November, 1874, stating that a sum of money for the above purpose would be placed on the Additional Estimates for 1875?
 - (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to carry out this promise of their predecessors; and if so, what sum of money will be placed on the Estimates for the purpose in question?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) A Petition on this question is at present under consideration.
- (2.) No decision has yet been arrived at in the matter, which involves a deviation of several miles in the Main Road to the north-west, and also questions relating to bridges at Bowman's Crossing and Denman.
- (3.) Yes, by the late Government.
- (4.) Owing to the numerous conflicting interests involved, and of the late period of the present Session, the Government consider it better to postpone putting this sum on Additional Estimates, more particularly as no other Loan Estimates for this branch of the Service are proposed. Even were the money voted, the work could not be commenced before Estimates of 1876 will be available.

(3.)

- (3.) Salaries of Civil Servants:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Supplementary Estimates for 1875 a sum of money to refund to the Civil Servants the amounts deducted from their salaries from 1st January, 1871, to 31st December, 1872?
 - (2.) If not, will the Government have any objection to state if it is their intention to consider this case, and place on the Estimates for 1876 the necessary amount?
- Mr. Robertson answered,—The Honorable Member will find my answer to this question in the Paper laid upon the Table of the House by me on the 25th of last month.
2. PAPER:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Twentieth Annual Report of the Postmaster General on the Departments under his Ministerial control, being that for the year 1874.
Ordered to be printed.
3. DISEASES AFFECTING LIVE STOCK:—Mr. J. S. Smith (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of the sketches of a Stock Disease Prevention Bill, which have been framed and circulated amongst the Members of the Conference of the Chief Inspectors of Stock held in Sydney, in November last, with the view to their coming to an agreement on the details of the Resolutions they had passed on this subject.
 - (2.) A copy of the Correspondence which has taken place between the Chief Inspector of Stock for this Colony and the other Members of the Conference, with respect to these sketches.
 - (3.) A Return from Stockowners, showing the effect of Inoculation for Pleuro-pneumonia in Cattle.
 - (4.) Returns from Sheepowners as to the nature, symptoms, prevention, and cure of worms, fluke, and foot-rot in Sheep.
 - (5.) Copies of any Memoranda which have been submitted by the Chief Inspector of Stock to the Honorable the Minister for Lands in regard to retaining the services of the Inspectors of Stock in the Inland Districts.
- Question put and passed.
4. RAILWAY EXTENSION INTO THE CITY:—Mr. Davies presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, in opposition to the Extension of the Railway into the City.
Petition received.
5. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT:—Mr. Fitzpatrick presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Electorate of Yass Plains, in favour of Denominational Education, and praying that, in any amendment of the Public Schools Act, pecuniary aid may be apportioned equitably between Denominationalists and Secularists.
Petition received.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
- (1.) Dog Act Amendment Bill (No. 2):—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Act commonly known as the 'Dog Act,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th July, 1875.
JOHN HAY,
President.
 - (2.) Water Pollution Prevention Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act for preventing the pollution of the Water supplied to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th July, 1875.
JOHN HAY,
President.

WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 16th July, 1875.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 9, line 38. *After "use" insert "for any cooking or drinking purposes"*
" " line 40. *Omit "for any cooking or drinking purposes"*

Examined,—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

8. **PRIVILEGE**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the consideration of the statement affecting the character of the Honorable Member for Camden, Mr. Garrett, as reported to the House by the Honorable Member for East Maitland, Mr. Scholey—Examination of Witnesses,—

Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Order of the Day be discharged.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.	Noes, 30.
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. R. Forster.	Mr. Piddington,
	Mr. Wisdom,
	Mr. Taylor,
	Mr. Davies,
	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
	Mr. Macintosh,
	Mr. Terry,
	Mr. Cunneen,
	Mr. Farnell,
	Mr. Day,
	Mr. W. C. Browne,
	Mr. Scholey,
	<i>Tellers.</i>
	Mr. Hill,
	Mr. Fitzpatrick.

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That this House do now proceed to the consideration of the statement affecting the character of the Honorable Member for Camden, Mr. Garrett, as reported to the House by the Honorable Member for East Maitland, Mr. Scholey,—put and passed.

Mr. R. Forster then moved, That the Honorable Member for East Maitland, Mr. Scholey, be examined in his place in this House.

Question put and passed.

The Honorable Member was examined in his place accordingly, and his Evidence taken down by the Short-hand Writer.

Mr. Scholey's Evidence being concluded,—

Mr. Terry moved, That Mr. Dransfield be examined at the Bar of this House.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Dransfield was, by direction of Mr. Speaker, conducted to the Bar of the House by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Dransfield requested Mr. Speaker to inform him whether any statement he might make would be privileged,—

And having withdrawn,—

Debate ensued on the question asked by Mr. Dransfield.

And Mr. Dransfield being recalled,—

Mr. Speaker informed him that he attended here voluntarily; that the House could offer no protection as to any evidence he might give on the inquiry; and that he must judge for himself whether he would thereby incur any responsibility.

Whereupon Mr. Dransfield stated that he declined to answer any questions,—and withdrew.

Mr. Robertson then moved, "That" Mr. Twaddell be examined at the Bar of this House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. H. C. Dangar moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "in the opinion of this House the statement affecting the character of the Honorable Member for Camden, Mr. Garrett, as reported to the House by the Honorable Member for East Maitland, does not now demand further consideration by the House."

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

Debate continued.

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

Question put,—That Mr. Twaddell be examined at the Bar of this House.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.	Noes, 24.
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Long,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Byrnes,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Parkes,
	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
	Mr. R. Forster,
	Mr. Hoskins,
	Mr. Terry,
	Mr. Bennett,
	Mr. Montague,
	Mr. Jacob,
	Mr. Cameron,
	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
	Mr. Scholey,
	<i>Tellers.</i>
	Mr. R. B. Smith,
	Mr. Day.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Davies moved, That the Order of the Day be discharged.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The

The House divided

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Meyer,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Long,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Davies,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Montague,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Dibbe,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Clarke.
Mr. H. C. Dangar,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Piddington,

Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Cunneen.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

The House adjourned at nine minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 19 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTION.—Forfeited Conditional Purchase (*Osborne v. M'Alister*):—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the ruling of the Judges of the Supreme Court in the case *Osborne v. M'Alister*, to the effect that a forfeited Conditional Purchase cannot be re-selected, but can only be sold by auction?

(2.) Is it the practice of the Lands Department to permit the re-selection of forfeited Conditional Purchases, notwithstanding the decision of the Supreme Court in the case above quoted?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) There has been no ruling of the Judges of the Supreme Court in the case of *Osborne v. Macalister*, which was simply an action of trespass, which came on for trial at the sittings for causes in June last, before a Judge and a jury of four.

(2.) As no such decision as that referred to in question 2 has been arrived at, there has been no alteration of the practice of the Department.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-law of the Municipal District of Gerringong.

(2.) Report, for 1874, on the Hospital for the Insane at Gladesville.

(3.) Report from the Colonial Architect respecting performance of Works at Gladesville Hospital.

(4.) Third Progress Report of the Sydney City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board.

Ordered to be printed.

3. NUISANCES PREVENTION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill for preventing certain Nuisances in the City of Sydney and other Municipalities.

Question put and passed.

4. IMMIGRATION (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Stevens moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 15th July, from Inhabitants of Miami, relative to Immigration, be printed.

Question put and passed.

5. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 16th July, from Inhabitants of Yass Plains, in favour of Denominational Schools, be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

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

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

The

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

- (7.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the Services of the year 1875, a sum not exceeding £184,545, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of July, 1875, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1874, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year 1875.

On motion of Mr. Forster, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

7. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.

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

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

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

- (7.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1875, the sum of £184,545 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of July, 1875.

On motion of Mr. Forster, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

8. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 6)**:—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 7, to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1875.

(2.) Mr. Forster then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1875*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

9. **WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Robertson, Mr. 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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, that report was adopted.

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 for preventing the pollution of the Water supplied to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs*."

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th July, 1875.*

10. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

11. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed until Wednesday next.

12. **IMMIGRATION**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That a Board of Immigration shall be appointed by the Governor, consisting of three members, and shall hold office for three years, and be eligible for re-appointment, and that the Colonial Treasurer for the time being shall be an ex-officio member of the Board.

(2.) That the sum of £12,000 per month shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the credit of the Board of Immigration.

(3.) That a special grant of £300,000 shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the credit of the Board of Immigration.

(4.) That the members of the Board shall be paid by fees, not to exceed £2 2s. per day for each day of meeting.

(5.) That the Board shall have full power to expend the money appropriated by Parliament for Immigration, and to appoint and remove Immigration Agents, Clerks, and other officers, to appoint their Chairman, to frame Regulations for the performance of their duties and holding their meetings, and to do all other things necessary to be done, and any two members of the Board shall form a quorum, and shall be competent to transact any business at any meeting of the Board.

(6.) All Regulations shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within one month, if Parliament be then sitting, and if Parliament be not sitting, then within one month after the next sitting of Parliament, and all such Regulations shall, upon being published in the *Gazette*, be valid in law.

(7.) That the Immigrants shall be selected from England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, in proportion to the population of such countries, respectively, according to the last Census.

(8.) That a Bill ought to be introduced this Session to carry out the above Resolutions.

That the preceding Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

13. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Mining Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday next.*
 - (2.) Custody of Infants Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday next.*
 - (3.) Barristers Admission Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday next.*
 - (4.) Site for German Lutheran Church ; resumption of adjourned Debate in reference to ;—*until Monday, 9th August.*
 - (5.) Mr. E. H. Hargraves ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—*until to-morrow.*
 - (6.) Wellington Electorate Subdivision Bill ; second reading ;—*until Monday next.*
 - (7.) Divorce Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—*until Monday next.*

14. **INNKEEPERS LIABILITY BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Fitzpatrick, *passed.*

Mr. Fitzpatrick then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law respecting the Liability of Innkeepers and to prevent certain Frauds on them.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law respecting the Liability of Innkeepers and to prevent certain Frauds on them,*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 19th July, 1875.

INNKEEPERS LIABILITY BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendment referred to in Message of 19th July, 1875.

STEPHEN W. JONES,

Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, clause 1, line 12. *Omit "thirty" insert "twenty"*

Examined,—

RICHARD DRIVER,

Chairman of Committees.

15. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Bankers Crossed-Cheques Amendment Bill ; third reading ;—*until Monday next.*
 - (2.) Native Dogs Destruction Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—*until Monday next.*
 - (3.) Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time."—*until Thursday next.*
 - (4.) Railway Refreshment Rooms Bill ; second reading ;—*until Monday next.*
 - (5.) Distillation Bill ; second reading ;—*until Monday next.*

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Captain L. H. Scott:—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Have the Government had under their consideration the claim of Captain L. H. Scott, formerly employed on the Telegraph Lines, to have refunded to him certain sums of money paid by him while so employed into the Superannuation Fund?
 (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to refund the money so claimed?
 Mr. Burns answered,—
 (1.) Yes.
 (2.) As Mr. Scott was not in the service of the Government when the Superannuation Act Repeal Bill was passed, he is not entitled to a refund of the deductions made from his salary.
- (2.) Postage on Letters to Parramatta:—Mr. Byrnes asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government considered the propriety of altering the present postal arrangements, according to which letters posted for Parramatta from Sydney and Suburbs bearing only 1d. stamp are charged an additional 2d.; if so, has any, and if any what, decision been arrived at?
 Mr. Burns answered,—The matter to which the question of the Honorable Member refers has been considered by the Government, and it has been found that they are precluded by the 20th section of the Act 31 Victoria No. 4 from making the change which he contemplates.
- (3.) Breech-loading Carbines for Volunteer Artillery:—Mr. Piddington asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to supply Breech-loading Carbines to the Volunteer Artillery?
 (2.) If it is the intention of the Government to arm the Volunteer Artillery with Breech-loading Carbines, when will they be issued?
 Mr. Robertson answered,—The question of the supply of Breech-loading Carbines to the Volunteer Artillery will be taken into consideration when the Estimates for 1876 are prepared.
- (4.) Road from Nepean Ferry to Lapstone Hill:—Mr. Shepherd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What moneys have been expended on the Main Road between the Nepean Ferry and the top of Lapstone Hill since 1st January, 1868?
 Mr. Lackey answered,—The books of the Department are not kept in sufficient detail to enable me to answer this question. Considerable time will be required to look up and extract from pay vouchers the amounts expended on the length referred to. If, however, the Honorable Member thinks it necessary, a Return will be prepared.
- (5.) Incorporation of Gulgong:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) What has been done with reference to the proclamation of Gulgong as a Municipality?
 (2.) Is there any likelihood of it soon being gazetted?
 (3.) Is there any intention on the part of the Government to take measures for the establishment of a District Court and Land Office at Gulgong, so frequently applied for?

Mr.

Mr. Robertson answered,—Some legal difficulties, which appear to me to be very little more than technical, have been raised, but I have been unwilling to refer the matter back, and to have the work performed *de novo*, because I hoped to get rid of the difficulty, and that is the position in which the matter rests. With regard to a District Court at Gulgong—when this matter was last under consideration it was not thought necessary either by District Court Judges M'Farland or Josephson to have a District Court established there; but it may be that the progress of that district may make it necessary at the present time. The same may be said with regard to a Land Office. At the time the matter was under consideration the Lauds Department was referred to, and it was then thought unnecessary, but it may now be needed. However, the matter shall be inquired into.

(6.) Streets of Gulgong:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What has been done in reference to the £500 asked by the inhabitants for draining and repairing the Streets of Gulgong?

(2.) Has the money promised for the Gulgong Water Supply been voted by Parliament, if so, when is the Government going to commence the works?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Pending decision on the question of the establishment of a Municipality, no action has been taken. The sum required was too large to take from any of the unclassified votes, and was not based on any accurate estimate or proposal.

(2.) The amount provided for Gulgong Water Supply is not yet available. The Government have not taken any steps for the expenditure of this amount, awaiting the result as to the Municipality.

(7.) Revocation of Gulgong Gold Fields Reserve:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When is the Government to open the lands around Gulgong for free selection?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The matter will be decided as soon as possible. I may say further, that the matter referred to by the Honorable Member as to the revocation of the Reserve of the Gulgong Gold Field is now under consideration. A large petition has been received in favour of the revocation, but a much larger one against it, in the proportion of four to one. The Reserve on account of gold must be the one referred to by the Honorable Member, and not the Temporary Common, the greater part of which was cancelled by *Gazette* notice of the 11th June, 1875.

2. RAILWAY EXTENSION INTO THE CITY ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Davies moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 16th July, from Freeholders and Citizens, against the extension of the Railway into the City by way of Castlereagh-street, be printed. Question put and passed.

3. REMOVAL OF PUBLIC MONEY FROM BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House, having considered the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the removal of Public Moneys from the Bank of New South Wales, is of opinion that the sum of £250,000 was removed from the said Bank contrary to law, inasmuch as it was removed without the warrant prescribed by the Audit Act of 1870 for drawing money from the Public Account.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Wisdom moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

And Mr. Buchanan proceeding to criticise the conduct of the late Government as to their treatment of their Attorney General,—

Mr. Piddington requested Mr. Speaker's ruling, whether the Honorable Member was in order in referring to the acts of the late Administration,—

And Mr. Speaker ruling that the Honorable Member was not in order in commenting on acts of the late Government not relevant to the Question under debate,—

Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House dissents from Mr. Speaker's ruling.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Long,

Tellers.

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Dibbs.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Goold,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Gray,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. W. Watson,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stuart,	Mr. Coben,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Pilcher.
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Hill,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on Original Question continued.

Previous

Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Parkes,

Tellers.

Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. J. Watson,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Long,
Mr. Dibbs,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. R. Forster,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Gray,	Tellers.
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Jacob.
Mr. Clarke,	

And so it passed in the negative.

4. UPPER HUNTER PASTORAL AND AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION LEASE BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Muscellbrook Recreation Reserve to Lease a portion thereof.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th July, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 21 JULY, 1875 A.M.

5. REMOVAL OF PUBLIC MONEY FROM BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House having had under its notice the Resolution of this House of the 11th May last, appointing a Select Committee to inquire into, and report upon, the circumstances attending the recent removal of a large sum of Public Money from the Bank of New South Wales, resolves,—

(1.) That the Resolution contains a charge affecting the character and honour of a Member of this House.

(2.) That that portion of the Resolution which contains the following words, viz. :—" more especially the removal of a large sum of Public Money to a Bank of which the Colonial Treasurer was a Director at the time of his acceptance of office in February last, and of which he is reputed to be a Shareholder," be expunged from the Records of this House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended, by the insertion, after the word "Shareholder," in the second Resolution, of the following words, "and that so much of the Evidence of Wm. Neill, Esq., Manager of the City Bank, taken before the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly on 'Removal of Public Money from Bank of New South Wales,' as follows,—

" '876. Was Mr. Forster a Director of your Bank? I think he was at the time I mention.

" '877. And for some time, I believe? He has been a Director since then up to the time of his joining the present Ministry.

" '878. Did he resign immediately after accepting office? Yes; he never attended the Board afterwards.

" '879. Mr. Forster is still a shareholder in your Bank? He is,—

" be also expunged from the proceedings of the said Committee, and that the list of the proprietors of the City Bank appended to the Evidence of Mr. Neill be expunged from the Appendix to the Evidence of said Select Committee."

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Scholey,
Tellers.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Piddington.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Long,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Cameron,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Tellers.
Mr. J. Watson,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Gray.
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Clarke,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original question then put and passed.

The House adjourned at seven minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 JULY, 1875.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
PAPER:—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Correspondence respecting defective Rails supplied by the Park Gate Iron Company.
Ordered to be printed.
2. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT:—Mr. Teece presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Electorate of Goulburn, in favour of Denominational Education; and praying that, in any amendment of the Public Schools Act, pecuniary aid may be apportioned equitably between Denominationalists and Secularists.
Petition received.
3. BRIDGE BETWEEN BALMAIN AND THE GLEBE:—Mr. Farnell presented a Petition from the Council and Ratepayers of the Borough of Balmain, in favour of the erection of a Bridge to connect Glebe Point and Balmain; and praying the House to take the subject into favourable consideration.
Petition received.
4. VOLUNTEER FORCE REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Shepherd moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
Question put and passed.
5. BLAKEFIELD *v.* SHIELDS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Address laid upon the Table of the House on 14th June, 1875, in reference to the case of Blakefield *v.* Shields, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.
Question put and passed.
6. MR. W. L. VARDY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh 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 the Correspondence since the 1st day of January last past, between Mr. William Lyndhurst Vardy, Solicitor, Sydney, and the Honorable the Minister of Justice, relative to the action of the Water Police Magistrate, Sydney, Messrs. Voss, Solomon, and other Justices at the Water Police Court, towards Mr. Vardy and his clients.
Question put and passed.
7. VOLUNTEER FORCE REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Shepherd presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, That this House do now adjourn:
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
9. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
(1.) St. Andrew's Cathedral Close Act Amendment Bill:—
HERCULES ROBINSON, *Message, No. 29.*
Governor.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend an Act to authorize the appropriation of the Old Burial Ground or Cathedral Close in Sydney to certain Municipal and other purposes*,"—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, 21st July, 1875.

(2.)

(2.) Marriage with Deceased Wife's Sister Legalizing Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 30.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare valid the Marriage of a Man with the Sister of his Deceased Wife,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has reserved the said Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

The proper measures will be forthwith adopted for obtaining the Queen's decision accordingly, and in the meantime the Bill has been transmitted to the Legislative Council, to await Her Majesty's pleasure.

Government House,

Sydney, 21st July, 1875.

10. PETITION OF MR. STEPHEN STANBRIDGE:—Mr. H. H. Brown (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That power to send for persons and papers be granted to the Select Committee on "Petition of Mr. Stephen Stanbridge."
Question put and passed.
11. NUISANCES PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill for preventing certain Nuisances in the City of Sydney and other Municipalities.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported from the Committee a Resolution, which was read, as follows:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill for preventing certain Nuisances in the City of Sydney and other Municipalities.
On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow:—
(1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.
(2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
13. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 6):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Forster, that report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
14. RELEASE OF THE PRISONER GARDINER.—CHANGE OF MINISTRY:—Mr. Parkes 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 Despatches, Minutes, or other Documents (not already laid before the House) relating to the release of the prisoner Gardiner, or to the exercise of the prerogative of pardon; also, copies of all Despatches, Minutes, or other Documents, having reference to the late change of Ministry.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words "also, copies of all Despatches, Minutes, or other Documents, having reference to the late change of Ministry."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate continued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Meyer,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Wisdom,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Nelson,	Tellers.
Mr. W. Watson,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Greville.
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Cunneen,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Long,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Montague,
Tellers.
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Hoskins.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original question then put and passed.

15. OVERTIME TO OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The names of those Officers in the Customs Department who have been entitled to receive payment for overtime.
(2.) The date from which such overtime was abolished, and the manner in which all Officers are to be compensated, with the amount of compensation allowed to each, showing also the Fund from which it is to be paid.

Mr.

Mr. W. Forster moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of paragraph (2), with a view to the insertion in place thereof of the words "Copies of any Minutes relating to the abolition of overtime payments to Customs Officers, and of any Regulations made in connection therewith."

Question proposed,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question put and passed.

16. ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—Debate resumed.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

17. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Dibbs,—"That, in the opinion of this House, a Bill for the amendment of the Public Schools Act of 1866 should be introduced, and that such Bill, among other matters, should provide for the discontinuance, upon reasonable notice, after a certain period to be fixed by law, of assistance from Public Funds for Denominational Schools,"—

Mr. Driver moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 8

Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. W. Watson,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Sutherland,

Tellers.

Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Davies.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Jacob,	Tellers.
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Day,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Montague,	Mr. Terry.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate resumed.

Question put,—That, in the opinion of this House, a Bill for the amendment of the Public Schools Act of 1866 should be introduced, and that such Bill, among other matters, should provide for the discontinuance, upon reasonable notice, after a certain period to be fixed by law, of assistance from Public Funds for Denominational Schools.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Davies,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Phelps,

Tellers.

Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Dibbs.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Charles,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Macintosh,	Tellers.
Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Hay,	

And so it passed in the negative.

The House adjourned at sixteen minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 JULY, 1875.

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

ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Piddington moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Dog Act Amendment Bill (No. 2):—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 31.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend and extend the Act commonly known as the 'Dog Act,'*"—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, 22nd July, 1875.*

- (2.) Water Pollution Prevention Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 32.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for preventing the pollution of the Water supplied to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs,*"—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, 22nd July, 1875.*

- (3.) Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 33.

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, 22nd July, 1875.*

3. **INNKEEPERS LIABILITY BILL:**—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law respecting the Liability of Innkeepers and to prevent certain Frauds on them.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd July, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

4. **QUESTIONS:**—

(1.) **Freight on Coal from Lithgow Valley to Sydney:**—Mr. Piddington asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—If the Government intend to reduce the freight upon Coal from Lithgow Valley to Sydney, and if they do, will they state the rate which they intend to charge per ton for the freight of Coal from Lithgow Valley to Sydney?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The rates charged for the carriage of all goods on the Government Railways are now being revised, with what effect, as regards the freight for coal, cannot for the present be stated, as no decision has been arrived at.

(2.) **Site for a Public School at German's Hill:**—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that application has been made for a piece of land at German's Hill, granted to the Council of Education for a Public School in 1872?

(2.) If so, who are the parties to the application, and for what purpose is the land wanted?

(3.) Is it the intention of Government to take this land from the Council of Education?

(4.) By whom, and for what purpose, is the land now occupied?

Mr. Robertson answered,—It is true that an application has been made for this land. The parties are in connection with the Roman Catholic Church. The Council of Education claim it as theirs, and, as I understand, they are about to give the parties who have been in occupation of it, namely, some ladies connected with the Church I have referred to, the sum of £50 for buildings erected for that Church on the ground.

(3.) **Polling Places for The Upper Hunter:**—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has an application been received by him from a number of Electors of The Upper Hunter for the establishment of a Polling Place at Uarbrý; and if so, is it his intention to comply with the request, and when?

Mr. Robertson answered,—It is the intention of the Government to make that a Polling Place, and also to make several other Polling Places, as recommended by the Returning Officer to the Executive Council.

5. **CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL:**—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from the Presbytery of Sydney, praying the House not to pass this Bill.
Petition received.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Cameron moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at half-past Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 JULY, 1875.

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

PRIVILEGE:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Mr. William Barker, Solicitor, in reference to a statement made in the House yesterday by the Honorable Minister for Lands, Mr. Garrett, which letter Mr. Barker requested him to communicate to the House.

And Mr. Speaker having ascertained it to be the unanimous desire of the House that the letter should be read,—the same was read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker.

Whereupon Mr. Parkes moved, That this House declares itself to possess such powers as may be necessary for the proper conduct of inquiries at the Bar affecting its character and proceedings, because such powers are manifestly, and have been adjudged to be, on the ground of necessity, inherent in all Legislative bodies.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Robertson moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Parkes,

Tellers.

Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Driver.

Noes, 31.

<p>Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Burns, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. Long, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Charles, Mr. Wisdom, Mr. Lord, Mr. H. H. Brown, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Gray, Mr. Day, Mr. Macintosh,</p>	<p>Mr. W. Watson, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. T. G. Dangar, Mr. Goold, Mr. Davies, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Pilcher, Mr. Montague, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Phelps, <i>Tellers.</i> Mr. W. C. Brown, Mr. Stuart.</p>
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And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Parkes handed to Mr. Speaker a written document, of which the following is a copy:—

“ I report to the House that Mr. Richard Dransfield has stated to me,—

“ (1.) That the Hon. Member for Camden, Mr. Garrett, received a sum of money for his services in advocating the claim of Mr. Twaddell to compensation from the Government.

“ (2.) That the same Hon. Member received a sum of money for obtaining a situation under Government for Mr. Serimes.

“ (3.) That the same Hon. Member was to receive a sum of money if he could obtain a situation under Government for Mr. Liardet.

“ I also report to the House that Mr. Walter H. Cooper has stated to me that a Mr. Rickards has given to the same Hon. Member a sum of money to obtain for him a situation under Government.

“ HENRY PARKES.”

“ July 23rd, 1875.”

Mr. Parkes then moved, That this House proceed, on the next sitting day, to take Evidence on the charges made by Richard Dransfield (as reported to the House by the Member for East Sydney, Mr. Parkes), against the Honorable Member for Camden, Mr. Garrett, and that the Honorable Saul Samuel, William Barker, Esq., Walter H. Cooper, Esq., Edmund Gole, Esq., William George Wilson, Esq., Mr. R. Dransfield, Mr. Rickards, and Mr. J. W. Scrimmes, be summoned to give Evidence at the Bar."

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 24 JULY, 1875, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.	|	Noes, 24.
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,		Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Piddington,		Mr. Burns,
Mr. Farnell,		Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Day,		Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Parkes,		Mr. Stuart,
		Mr. Long,
<i>Tellers.</i>		Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. R. B. Smith,		Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Nelson.		Mr. Wisdom,
		Mr. Lord,
		Mr. H. H. Brown,
		Mr. Buchanan,
		Mr. R. Forster,
		Mr. Hoskins,
		Mr. Clarke,
		Mr. T. G. Dangar,
		Mr. Davies,
		Mr. Montague,
		Mr. Goold,
		Mr. Macintosh,
		Mr. F. B. Sutter,
		Mr. Cunneen,
		<i>Tellers.</i>
		Mr. Cameron,
		Mr. Dibbs.

And so it passed in the negative.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Public Gates Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the 'Public Gates Act of 1873' and to authorize the erection of Public Gates across certain Roads,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd July, 1875.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act for the better protection of the Water Reservoir at Campbelltown,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd July, 1875.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

CAMPBELLTOWN RESERVOIR BETTER PRESERVATION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 23rd July, 1875.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 13.	Omit "three several"
" " "	Omit "s" from "streets"
" " "	Omit "s" from "names"
" " line 14.	Omit "and Allman-street"
" " "	Omit "are" insert "is"
" " line 16.	Omit "s" from "streets"
Page 2, " line 4.	Omit "s" from "streets"
" clause 2, line 11.	Omit "s" from "streets"
" " line 12.	Omit "s" from "parts"
" " "	After "of" insert "any"
" " "	Omit "s" from "streets"
Schedule, lines 35 and 36.	Omit "Allman-street Campbelltown from the southern corner of Ezekiel "Wells' allotment number fifty-seven to George-street"

Examined,—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

(3.) Australasia Coal Company's Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable the 'Australasia Coal Company Limited' to construct a Railway from certain Collieries near Newcastle to and to connect the same with the Great Northern Railway,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd July, 1875.*

JOHN HAY,
President.
AUSTRALASIA

AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 23rd July, 1875.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 4, clause 3. *Omit* clause 3, *insert* the following new clause:—

" 3. The said railway shall at all times when not in actual use by the Company be open to the public upon payment of one penny and one halfpenny per ton per mile for every transit the persons seeking transit to supply steam locomotive power trucks waggons &c. and to load and unload the same but the empty trucks to be conveyed on their return free of cost. Provided that if the Company shall employ locomotive engines of their own upon the said railway then in such case the Company shall supply the locomotive power to persons seeking transit and shall be entitled to charge the sum of two-pence per ton per mile for every transit. Provided that if the said railway shall be damaged in any way by parties using the same the Company shall be entitled to compensation for such damage to be recovered in the Supreme or any other competent Court and in estimating such damage the Company shall be entitled not only to compensation for the cost of repairing and restoring such railway but to the consequential damage if any sustained by reason of the suspension of transit."

Page 10, clause 36. *Omit* clause 36.

Examined,—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(4.) Lands Acts Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to declare and amend the Laws relating to Crown Lands*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd July, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 23rd July, 1875.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, preamble, line 2. *Omit* "reading of certain provisions" *insert* "construction"
 " " " 3. *After* "and" *insert* "of"
 " clause 1, lines 14 and 15. *Omit* "such lease or the expiration of the period provided for in such promise of lease" *insert* "the term therein mentioned for the sale of any Crown Land other than land within a proclaimed Gold Field"
 " clause 1, line 16. *Omit* "alienee" *insert* "assigns"
 " 2, " " 1. *After* "Governor" *insert* "in Council"
 " " " 2. *Omit* "with the advice of the Executive Council"
 " " " *After* "lands" *insert* "respectively"
 " " " 3. *Add* "s" to "owner"
 " " lines 4 to 8. *Omit* "as to lands other than town and suburban lands and lands on a gold field within areas reserved from conditional sale to be fixed by appraisement not being less than one pound per acre exclusive of the value of any improvements in respect of which such sale and grant are made and"
 " clause 1, line 9. *Omit* "such reserved"
 " " *Omit* "at a price" *insert* "reserved from conditional sale"
 " " lines 9 and 10. *Omit* "with the advice of the Executive" *insert* "in"
 " " line 14. *After* "acre" *insert* "and as to all other lands at a price to be fixed by appraisement not being less than one pound per acre. Provided that the price so to be fixed as aforesaid shall be exclusive of the value of the improvements in respect of which such sale is made"
 " clause 1, lines 14 and 15. *Omit* "Provided that nothing herein contained shall be held to require the sale of any land which may contain auriferous deposits" *insert* "and provided also that improvements of value equal to the minimum auction prices of such lands respectively shall be sufficient for the purpose of the applications hereinbefore mentioned"
 " clause 1, line 22. *Omit* "And all" *insert* "Provided also that any"
 " " " 26. *After* "Provided" *insert* "also"
 " " lines 27 and 28. *Omit* "resumption be" *insert* "annulling such sale is hereby"
 " " line 28. *Omit* "and Executive" *insert* "in"
 " " " 30. *After* "1861" *add* "with regard to lands conditionally purchased"
 " clause 2 " 31. *Add* "s" to "improvement"
 " " " 32. *Omit* "any work or erection of a fixed character and"
 " " " 33. *Omit* "would"
 " " " 34. *Omit* "constructed erected placed"
 " " lines 35 and 36. *Omit* "in respect of any such improvements"
 " " " 36 and 37. *Omit* "either singly or continuously"

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Page 2, clause 2, lines 37 and 38. Omit "and is entitled to the land whereon are such improvements"

" clause 3, line 40. Omit "first" insert "second"
 " " " 42. After "field" insert "within areas reserved from conditional purchase"
 " " " 46. After "regulations" add "for the time being of the Governor in

" Council"
 " clause 4, lines 48 and 49. Omit "by selection under the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861" insert "or pre-emptive lease"

" clause 4, line 50. After "pounds" add "but subject thereto improvements on such lands shall be deemed sufficient for such exemption if they shall be of the value (to be determined by appraisement if disputed) of twenty shillings per acre"

" clause 5, line 52. Omit "all cases of"

" " " 53. Add "s" to "purchase"

" " " Omit "up" insert "previous"

" " " Omit "time of the"

" " " 57. Omit "sixteen" insert "eighteen"

" 3, " lines 2 to 5. Omit "was the subject of any litigation prior to the sixteenth April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five and continued so to be at that date on the ground of the person purchasing being under the said age of twenty-one years" insert "came in question either directly or indirectly in any litigation pending on the sixteenth of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five"

" After clause 5 insert the following new clause:—

" 6. Every application for a conditional purchase must be tendered in person by the applicant to the Land Agent of the district And in every case where such applicant is under the age of twenty-one years he shall state in his application that he is of the age of eighteen years or upwards Should such statement be proved at any time thereafter to be untrue the purchase shall become void and the deposit forfeited."

" clause 6, lines 6 to 10. Omit "If any conditional purchaser or his alienee or successive alienees shall fail to pay the whole of the balance of the purchase-money at the expiration of three years from the date of the conditional purchase he or they as the case may be shall within three months thereafter pay" insert "Where the balance of the purchase money of any conditional purchase made after the passing of this Act is not paid at the expiration of three years from the date of such purchase or within three months thereafter as required by the eighteenth section of the 'Crown Lands Alienation act of 1861' the conditional purchaser or his alienee shall in lieu of the payments provided for by the said eighteenth section pay within such period of three months after the expiration of the said term of three years"

" clause 6, lines 11 and 12. Omit "a portion of the balance of such purchase-money at the rate" insert "the sum"

" clause 6, line 16. After "with" insert "interest at the rate of"

" lines 19 to 21. Omit "or in a compliance with the requirements of the eighteenth section of the 'Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861'"

" clause 6, line 21. Omit "revert" insert "become forfeited"

" " " Omit "may"

" " " 25. After "acre" insert "provided also that"

" " " 26. After "the" insert "Crown Lands"

" " 7. Omit clause 7 as printed insert new clause 7.

" " No person shall become the conditional purchaser of any land who is in respect of the land which he applies to purchase or any part thereof a servant of or an agent or trustee for any other person or who at the time of his application has entered into any agreement express or implied to permit any other person to acquire by purchase or otherwise the land for which he applies but all land applied for to be conditionally purchased shall be for the *bona fide* use and benefit of the applicant in his own proper person and not as the servant agent or trustee of any other person And all contracts agreements and securities made entered into and given with the intent of violating or which (if the same were valid) would have the effect of violating the provisions of this section and all contracts and agreements relating to land hereafter conditionally purchased made or entered into before at or after such purchase and to take effect wholly or in part at or after the completion of the conditions required by the eighteenth section of the 'Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861' shall be and are hereby declared to be illegal and absolutely void whether at Law or in Equity And if any person shall in violation of the provisions of this section become the conditional purchaser of any land all the right title and interest of the conditional purchaser or of his assignee having notice of such violation and all moneys paid in respect of such land and the land itself with all improvements thereon shall on notification to that effect in the *Gazette* be absolutely forfeited and the said land shall again become Crown Lands open for conditional purchase or sale by auction as the case may be under the provisions of the 'Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861' and of this Act."

" clause 8. Omit clause 8 as printed insert new clause.

" 8. Any person who shall enter into any such contract or agreement as is declared to be illegal by section nine of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanour and on conviction thereof be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for any term not exceeding two years."

" clause 9. Omit clause 9.

" 4, " 10, line 1. Omit "sixteen" insert "eighteen"

" " 11, lines 14 and 15. Omit "under sections thirteen and fourteen of the 'Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861'"

" clause 11, line 16. After "thereof" insert "commencing from some well defined point"

" " 17. After "who" insert "in every case where residence is required"

" " lines 25 and 26. Omit "whether he shall have resided on his purchase or not"

" " 12, line 32. Omit "under this Act"

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Application for conditional purchase to be made in person.

Contracts by conditional purchaser void in certain cases.

Entering into illegal contract misdemeanour.

- Page 4, clause 12, line 38. Omit "land" insert "subdivision"
- " " " Omit "as aforesaid"
- " " " 39. Omit "of such land"
- " " " 42. Before "if" insert "every conditional purchase"
- " " " 46. Omit "their" insert "the"
- " " " Omit "s" from "frontages"
- " " " 47. Omit "s" from "frontages"
- " " " After "in" insert "a"
- " " " 48. Omit "s" from "blocks"
- " " " 56. Omit "Provided that"
- " " " Here commence new clause.
- " " " Omit "technical"
- " " " After "error" insert "or uncertainty"
- " " " 57. After "of" omit "the"
- " " " Omit "selected" insert "purchased whether before or after the passing
" of this Act"
- " clause 12, line 57. Omit "selection" insert "purchase"
- " " " 59. Omit "substantially"
- " " " 60. After "application" add "And when and so soon as any land shall have
" been finally measured for a conditional purchaser on behalf of the Government (of which
" fact the ordinary marks made on survey by Government surveyor shall be *prima facie*
" evidence) the land comprised within such survey shall be deemed to be the land applied
" for by such conditional purchaser And if the Minister shall at any time notify to a con-
" ditional purchaser the description of the land purchased by him as finally approved of by
" such Minister such notification shall be conclusive evidence that the land therein described
" is the land conditionally purchased"
- " 5, clause 13, line 3. After "Governor" insert "in Council"
- " " " Omit "Government"
- " " lines 5 and 6. Omit "the person or persons at the time legally in possession"
" insert "his alienee"
- " clause 13, line 7. Omit "deposit" insert "purchase"
- " " " Omit "upon" insert "in respect of"
- " " lines 7 and 8. Omit "resumed as such public road" insert "so resumed"
- " " 14, lines 15 and 16. Omit "Under the provisions of the 'Crown Lands Alienation
" 'Act of 1861' and this Act"
- " clause 15, lines 20 to 22. Omit "under sections thirteen and fourteen of the 'Crown Lands
" 'Alienation Act of 1861' and section fourteen of this Act and" insert "which shall be"
- " clause 15, lines 22 and 23. Omit "to the satisfaction of the Minister" insert "before a
" Commissioner in the manner hereinafter provided"
- " clause 15, line 23. Omit "thereof"
- " " " 24. Omit "legal"
- " " " 26. Omit "and Executive" insert "in"
- " " lines 26 and 27. Omit "Government"
- " " " 27 and 28. Omit "and requirements as to" insert "of"
- " " lines 29 and 30. Omit "proved to the satisfaction of the Minister"
- " " line 30. Omit "create and"
- " " " After "abandonment" omit remainder of clause
- " " " 35. Omit "a conditional purchase" insert "land conditionally purchased"
- " " 17. Omit clause 17.
- " " 18, line 57. Omit "been abandoned or declared" insert "reverted to Her Majesty
" or have become"
- " clause 18, line 59, and page 6, line 1. Omit "upon such abandonment or forfeiture become
" Crown Lands within the meaning of such Act and" insert "thereupon"
- " 6, clause 18, line 2. Omit "shall revert" insert "or promise of lease return together with
" any land held under pre-emptive lease in connection with such first-mentioned land"
- " clause 18, line 3. Omit "any" insert "such lease or promise of"
- " " " Omit "abandonment" insert "reverting"
- " " lines 3 to 5. Omit "unless there shall be improvements on the said land in
" which case such land may be sold at auction" insert "subject nevertheless to sale as by
" the said Acts provided"
- " clause 19, lines 7 and 8. Omit "under section twenty-one of the 'Crown Lands Alienation
" 'Act of 1861' by a conditional purchaser"
- " " 19, line 9. Omit "of the combined conditional purchases"
- " " " 12. After "road" insert "not being a main road"
- " " " Omit "an original conditional purchase" insert "any land originally
" held"
- " " " 13. Omit "conditional purchase" insert "selection"
- " " " 14. Omit "conditional purchase provided that such roads be not main
" roads" insert "selection"
- " clause 21, line 23. Omit "conditionally" insert "originally"
- " " lines 23 and 24. Omit "under the provisions of the 'Crown Lands Alienation
" 'Act of 1861' or conditionally" insert "and land"
- " clause 21, lines 25 and 26. Omit "under the provisions of section twenty-one of that Act
" or under this Act"
- " clause 21, line 31. Omit "those" insert "some one"
- " " lines 31 and 32. Omit "by virtue of alienation"
- " " line 32. Omit "or have"
- " " " 34. Omit "or have"

- Page 6, clause 22, line 42. *Omit* " a minor " *insert* " under the age of twenty-one years "
- " " " 43. *After* " on " *insert* " the "
- " " lines 44 and 45. *Omit* " under the ' Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 ' or
" " this Act " *insert* " by him "
- " clause 22, line 48. *Omit* " conditional purchase " *insert* " selection "
- " " " 50. *Omit* " or alienees "
- " " " 51. *After* " alienee " *insert* " of any conditional purchase in respect of
" " which the full term of residence shall not have been completed "
- " " lines 53 to 55. *Omit* " when no additional conditional purchases have been made
" " the original conditional purchase may be transferred on the same conditions as above
" " specified and that "
- " clause 22, line 55. *Omit* " such "
- " " " *After* " alienations " *insert* " of conditional purchases and additional
" " selections "
- " 7, clause 23, line 7. *Omit* " the twenty-first section "
- " " " 24, " 9. *After* " Governor " *insert* " in Council "
- " " " " *After* " appoint " *omit* " a " *insert* " any "
- " " " " 10. *After* " shall " *insert* " in case of dispute or question and may in
" " every case "
- " clause 24, line 11. *Omit* " or alienees "
- " " " 13. *Omit* " and " *insert* " as also "
- " " " 15. *Omit* " or alienees "
- " " " 17. *Omit* " which " *insert* " and such "
- " " " 18. *After* " information " *insert* " or complaint "
- " " lines 19 to 22. *Omit* " by any person entering a caveat or notice against the
" " issue of any grant to any conditional purchaser or his alienee or alienees in the manner
" " prescribed by any regulation in that behalf " *insert* " touching the matters under investi-
" " gation "
- " clause 24, line 22. *Omit* " such " *insert* " any "
- " " " 23. *Omit* " shall have previously " *insert* " who shall by information or
" " complaint have occasioned any such inquiry shall prior thereto have "
- " clause 24, line 24. *Omit* " a sum not exceeding " *insert* " the sum of "
- " " " 25. *Omit* " said "
- " " " 26. *After* " shall " *insert* " hold such Court at the Lands Office of the dis-
" " trict and shall "
- " clause 24, lines 31 and 32. *Omit* " as and the procedure in and before such Commissioner"
" " *insert* " in such manner as "
- " clause 24, line 32. *Omit* " regulated " *insert* " provided "
- " " " 34. *Omit* " are " *insert* " is "
- " " " 25, lines 37 and 38. *Omit* " under the ' Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 ' "
- " " " 38 and 39. *Omit* " said Act as to expenditure in mining operations " *insert*
" " " Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 ' "
- " clause 25, lines 40 and 41. *Omit* " by declaration or otherwise "
- " " " 26, line 49. *Omit* " or lessees "
- " " " 52. *Omit* " twenty-fifth Victoria number one " *insert* " of 1861 "
- " " " 53. *Omit* " twenty-fifth Victoria number two " *insert* " of 1861 "
- " 8, " 28, " 4. *Omit* " portion " *insert* " selection of land "
- " " " 5. *After* " person " *insert* " as a conditional purchase "
- " " " lines 6 and 7. *Omit* " be declared and "
- " " " 7 to 13. *After* " purchaser " *omit* " and obtain a grant in fee simple under
" " the thirteenth fourteenth and eighteenth sections of the ' Crown Lands Alienation Act of
" " 1861 ' or which any person may acquire by way of additional selection including the
" " quantity acquired by original purchase under the twenty-first and twenty-second sections
" " of the said Act or under this Act " *insert* " together with that which he may subsequently
" " acquire by way of additional selection as also the maximum area of land to be sold by
" " auction in any one lot "
- " clause 28, lines 12 and 13. *Omit* " instead of three hundred and twenty "
- " " " 18 to 20. *Omit* " except in cases otherwise provided for in the ' Crown
" " Lands Alienation Act of 1861 ' or this Act "
- " clause 29, line 22. *Omit* " under the ' Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 ' "
- " " " 26. *Omit* " then "
- " " " *After* " sold " *insert* " when offered at auction "
- " " " 27. *Omit* " the land " *insert* " it "
- " " " 30, " 31. *Omit* " in the lawful occupation of " *insert* " holding "
- " " " 32. *After* " lease " *insert* " or promise of lease "
- " " " 33. *Omit* " to purchase "
- " " " 34. *After* " thereon " *insert* " to purchase "
- " " " 36. *Omit* " the same and the nature of " *insert* " as may be required by any
" " regulations hereunder the boundaries of the same which shall be subject to the several
" " provisions of the ' Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 ' and of this Act and setting forth "
- " clause 30, lines 43 and 44. *Omit* " and amounting in the aggregate to forty pounds or
" " upwards upon any portion of " *insert* " on "
- " clause 30, line 47. *Omit* " But " *insert* " Provided that "
- " " " 50. *After* " Provided " *insert* " also "
- " " " 51. *Omit* " received " *insert* " made "
- " " " 53. *After* " or " *insert* " a proportionate quantity out of "
- " " 31, " 54. *Omit* " with the advice of the Executive " *insert* " in "

Page 8. *After* clause 31 *insert* new clause :—

- " Lands advertised to be sold by auction shall not be open to conditional purchase until
 " after the same have been offered to be so sold or it shall have been notified in the *Gazette*
 " that such lands have been withdrawn from sale by auction." Lands advertised for sale by auction not open to selection.
- 9, clause 32, line 7. *After* " enacted" *insert* " notwithstanding anything to the contrary
 " thereof in"
 " clause 32, line 9. *Omit* " to the contrary notwithstanding"
- " *After* clause 32 *insert* the following new clause :—
 " 33. Lands which may have been or which may hereafter be reserved from sale until Reserves for water supply not to take the land out of lease.
 " surveyed for the preservation of water supply under the provisions of the fourth section of
 " the ' Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 ' and forming portions of any pre-emptive lease
 " or other pastoral leasehold shall not by reason of such reservation be deemed to have been
 " or to be withdrawn from such pre-emptive lease or other pastoral leasehold in respect of
 " the ordinary use of such lands by the lessee for pastoral purposes."
- " clause 33, line 18. *Omit* " section thirty-four" *insert* " the next following section"
 " " " 20. *After* " apply" *omit* remainder of clause.
 " " 34, " 32. *Omit* " forthwith" *insert* " upon approval by the Minister"
 " " " 37. *After* " therein" *insert* " or by any regulations"
 " " " *After* " that" *omit* remainder of clause, *add* " the intervening of any
 " road or creek other than a frontage road or frontage creek shall not be a bar to the grant-
 " ing of such application Provided also that such improvements as would exempt any
 " land from conditional purchase under the ' Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 ' or of
 " this Act shall in like manner and to the same extent exempt such land from being taken
 " or given by way of pre-emptive lease"
- " clause 35. *Omit* clause 35.
 " " 36. *Omit* clause 36.
- 10, " 38, line 4. *After* " Governor" *insert* " in Council"
 " " 21. *After* " Governor" *insert* " in Council"
 " " 39, " 23. *After* " Governor" *insert* " in Council"
 " " 29. *Omit* " with such advice" *insert* " in Council"
 " " 40, lines 33 and 34. *Omit* " holder of such lease or promise of lease" *insert* " lessee
 " holding under such first-mentioned lease or promise of lease"
 " clause 40, line 35. *After* " any" *insert* " fencing or other"
 " " 36. *Omit* " leased or"
 " " 37. *After* " sold" *insert* " or leased"
 " " 40. *Omit* " leased or"
 " " " *After* " sold" *insert* " or leased"
 " " 42. *After* " after" *insert* " notice in writing has been given to such lessee of"
 " " 45. *Omit* " capable of being"
 " " 47. *Omit* " any Court" *insert* " the nearest Court of Petty Sessions"
 " " 48. *Omit* " conditionally"
 " " " *After* " purchasing" *insert* " or obtaining a pre-emptive lease of"
 " " 49. *Omit* " not exceeding forty pounds in the aggregate" *insert* " in respect
 " of such conditional purchase and pre-emptive lease respectively."
- 11, clause 43. *Omit* clause 43.
 " 12, " 44, line 17. *Omit* " provisions of the"
 " " " *Omit* " and Part I of" *insert* " or"
 " " 19. *Omit* " purporting to be"
 " " lines 21 and 22. *Omit* " in all Courts in the same way and for such purposes
 " but only in such cases as any such" *insert* " in every case in which the"
 " clause 44, line 22. *Omit* " of any such copy"
 " " lines 23 and 24. *Omit* " or purporting to certify"
 " " 24 and 25. *Omit* " or of his signature" *insert* " if he shall state in his
 " certificate that he has such custody"
 " clause 47, line 52. *After* " in " *insert* " the "
 " " " *Omit* " A "
 " " 47. *Transpose* as clause 1.
- Pages 12 and 13, clause 48. *Omit* clause 48.
- Page 13, clause 49, line 4. *After* " Governor" *insert* " in Council"
 " " 5. *Omit* " Government"
 " " 50, " 9. *After* " Governor" *insert* " in Council"
 " " 11. *Add* " s" to form"
 " " 51, " 19. *Add* " s" to word
 " " " *Before* " shall" *insert* " in Council"
 " " 52, " 22. *After* " 1875" *omit* remainder of clause.
 " 14, Schedules, " 1. *Omit* " Schedules"
 " " " 2. *After* " Schedule" *omit* " A"
 " " " 12. *Omit* 32.
 " " lines 15 to 17. *Omit* " Division 3 or to the Colonial Treasurer"
 " Schedule B. *Omit* " Schedule B"

Examined,—

J. GEO. LONG INNES,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Monday next.

3. PAPERS :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Council and Joint Standing Orders for both Houses of Parliament of the Colony of Victoria.
 (2.) Standing Orders and Rules of the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of Victoria.
 (3.) An Act for defining the Privileges, Immunities, and Powers of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Victoria respectively.
 (4.) An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill as amended of the Legislature of Victoria to establish a Constitution in and for the Colony of Victoria.
 Ordered to be referred to the Standing Orders Committee.
4. NUISANCES PREVENTION BILL :—Mr. Robertson presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for preventing certain Nuisances in the City of Sydney and other Municipalities*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.
5. PAPER :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Report to the Sewage and Health Board upon the Sydney City and Suburban Water Supply, by A. Liversidge, Esq.
 Ordered to be printed.
6. PRODUCTION OF ESTIMATES FOR 1875 AT THE WATER POLICE COURT :—Mr. Speaker having informed the House that he had received a letter from the Crown Solicitor, informing him that it may be necessary to produce the Estimates of the proposed Public Expenditure for the year 1875, which have been laid before the Assembly, in a case to be tried at the Water Police Court, Sydney, and requesting that the necessary steps may be taken for their production,—
 Put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to produce the said Estimates, either personally or by one of the Officers of his Department,—which passed in the affirmative.
7. QUESTIONS :—
 (1.) Yass Gaol :—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. Fitzpatrick, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the contemplated additions and repairs to the Gaol at Yass be proceeded with?
 Mr. Robertson answered,—This cannot be done until the Appropriation Act is passed, but everything is ready.
- (2.) The Case of William Stringer :—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers, ordered by this House on the 22nd June last, having reference to the commutation of the sentence of the murderer William Stringer; be laid upon the Table of the House?
 Mr. Robertson answered,—I am not sure whether it will not be my duty to ask the House to rescind the motion that is agreed to in this matter. We have been so pressed with business that I have not had an opportunity to submit the matter to my Colleagues for their consideration; but it will be found that the practice in the Mother Country and the practice here has never been to give up Executive Council Minutes or Judges notes unless a charge of corruption is made. If the Honorable Member will make a charge of corruption now, I will give the Papers now; if he does not I shall require to consult my Colleagues as to whether or not I shall move a Resolution rescinding this Order.
- (3.) Railway Trial Surveys :—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers, ordered by this House on the 20th April last, relative to Railway Trial Surveys, be laid upon the Table of the House?
 Mr. Lackey answered,—I beg to refer the Honorable Member to the answer which I gave to a precisely similar question asked by him on the 30th of last month, and can now only repeat that every exertion is being made to prepare the Return, which is a most voluminous one, and that as soon as it is completed, it will be laid upon the Table.
8. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd July, from the Presbytery of Sydney, against the passing of the Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
9. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Nelson, on behalf of Mr. Teece, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st July, from Inhabitants of Goulburn, relative to the continuance of aid to Denominational Schools, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
10. BRIDGE BETWEEN BALMAIN AND THE GLEBE ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 21st July, from the Council and Ratepayers of the Borough of Balmain, for the erection of a Bridge between Balmain and the Glebe, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
11. GREAT NORTHERN ROAD :—Mr. Long presented a Petition from Residents of Pennant Hills, Colo, and Castle Hill, relative to the state of the Great Northern Road from Pennant Hills to Dural; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
 Petition received.
 Notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present,—
 Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only fifteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Day, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Montague, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. R. B. Smith,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at One o'clock A.M., until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 26 JULY, 1875.

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

ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

2. QUESTION.—Postage on Country Letters:—Mr. Byrnes asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce this Session, or next Session, of Parliament, a Bill to amend the 20th section of the Act 31 Victoria No. 4, in order that the Government may have power to make alterations in reference to the stamping of letters posted in Sydney or Suburbs for any Town in the Colony?

Mr. Burns answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session a Bill to amend the 20th section of the Act 31 Victoria No. 4 in the way suggested by my Honorable friend; but it is the intention of the Government to consider the question during the recess.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Nelson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. DISEASES AFFECTING LIVE STOCK:—Mr. T. G. Dangar (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Return to an Order, laid upon the Table of the House on 8th July, 1875, in reference to the Registration of Brands Act, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Diseases affecting Live Stock."

Question put and passed.

5. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL, No. 6 ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. W. Forster, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Forster then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, 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 apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 26th July, 1875.

6. CAMPBELLTOWN RESERVOIR BETTER PRESERVATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. 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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Garrett, that report was adopted.

Ordered,

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 for the better protection of the Water Reservoir at Campbelltown.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th July, 1875.*

7. **LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. 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. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
8. **NUISANCES PREVENTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Robertson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee;—*until Wednesday next.*
(2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee;—*until Wednesday next.*
(3.) Wellington Electorate Subdivision Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
10. **DIVORCE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
11. **BANKERS CROSSED-CHEQUES AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. Watson moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words thereof after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 5."
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 place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 5,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Watson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such reconsideration.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with an amendment.
Ordered, That the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
12. **NATIVE DOGS DESTRUCTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
13. **RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the second reading of this Bill,—Mr. Davies moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until "this day four weeks."
Debate ensued.
Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words "this day four weeks," with the view to the insertion in their place of the words "Friday next."
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Piddington,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Byrnes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lackey,	
Mr. Davies,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. H. H. Brown,	Mr. Dibbs.
Mr. R. Forster,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Montague,	

Noes, 13.

Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Charles,	Mr. T. G. Dangar,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Driver,	

* And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then,—That this Order of the Day be postponed until Friday next,—put and passed.

14. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Distillation Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
(2.) Beer's Disabilities Bill; second reading,—*until Friday, 6th August.*
(3.) Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Act Repeal Bill; second reading;—*until to-morrow.*

15. IMMIGRATION.—Further consideration in Committee of Resolutions:—Mr. Piddington moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. W. Forster,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. Charles,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Byrnes,
Mr. Scholey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Day,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. W. C. Browne.

Noes, 4.

Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Montague,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Dibbs.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

16. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Mining Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Monday next.*
(2.) Custody of Infants Bill; second reading;—*until Tuesday, 3rd August.*
(3.) Barristers Admission Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 6th August.*
17. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill,—
And the Debate not being resumed,—
Question put, That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Day,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Charles,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. H. H. Brown,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. W. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Stuart,
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Davies.
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Montague,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Farnell moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

18. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor in reference to compensation to Mr. E. H. Hargraves, postponed until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at five minutes before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Petition of James Daw:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
Have the Government had under consideration the claim set forth in the Petition of James Daw, presented on the 18th September, 1873, such claim resting on the ground that he has greatly advanced the interests of the Colony by his voluntary services in the discovery of Tin in this Colony: and if so, is it their intention to place an amount on the Additional Estimates for this year as an allowance to him for his very valuable discovery?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I can scarcely say the matter has been under the consideration of the Government. I have given it some consideration myself, and I find that Mr. Daw's claim is very much questioned. The whole thing is a very doubtful business, and I cannot say that the Government is prepared to interfere in the matter.

- (2.) Excursion Trains:—Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were Excursion Trains run on the 12th instant; and if so, upon whose application were they granted?

(2.) Has any application been made for Excursion Trains on the O'Connell Centenary; and if so, is it his intention to grant them?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) Excursion Trains for the general public were not run on the 12th instant. A Special Excursion Train, however, which the published rate-sheet admits of public bodies obtaining on application, was obtained on the application of the Loyal Orange Institution of Goulburn.

(2.) Similar Special Excursion Trains have been applied for and granted to the Committee of the O'Connell Centenary Demonstration at Goulburn, and also to a like Committee at Bathurst. It is not the intention of the Government to comply with the application that has been made for the running of ordinary Excursion Trains, as the Traffic Manager has reported that such trains, in addition to the special trains, would not be remunerative.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return (*in part*) to an Address, adopted on 21st July, 1875, in reference to the release of the prisoner Gardiner, and to the late change of Ministry.

(2.) Return to an Address, adopted on 22nd June, 1875, in reference to the case of William Stringer. Ordered to be printed.

3. SITE FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL AT GERMAN'S HILL:—Mr. Cameron, on behalf of 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, copies of all Letters and other Papers that have passed between the Council of Education, the Government, and the persons interested, bearing on the grant of a piece of land for a Public School at German's Hill, and the proposal of the Council of Education to pay £50 to certain persons in reference to the land in question.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—

And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Sutherland moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and negatived.
5. **VOLUNTEER FORCE REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Shepherd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. **ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
7. **AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—On motion of Mr. Pilcher, Mr. 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.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Pilcher, that report was adopted.
8. **BANKERS CROSSED-CHEQUES AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. J. Watson moved, "That" the report 2^o from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Meyer moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words thereof after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 4."
Question proposed, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
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 place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 4,—put and passed.
On motion of Mr. Meyer, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such reconsideration.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Davies, Mr. Day, Mr. Driver, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Montague, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Stuart, Mr. F. B. Suttor, and Mr. J. Watson,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at fifteen minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Wollongong Harbour Works:—Mr. Gray asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Has the Government received any Official Report on the damage done to Vessels in the Belmore Basin, Wollongong, during the late gale?
(2.) Has any Official Report been received respecting the present condition of the Breakwater at Wollongong?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The President of the Marine Board informs me that the barque "Queen Emma" broke several warps, and sustained some damage at Wollongong during the late gale.
(2.) No special report has been received on this subject lately, but some weeks since a report was received to the effect that some portion of the concrete casing had been injured in one or two places during the very severe gale which had then lately occurred, and three of the large concrete blocks, weighing 25 tons each, which were constructed to face the breakwater, had been washed down by the waves, but this was no injury, as they have been deposited nearly in the places where it was intended to place them. The remainder of the concrete blocks are now about being launched.

- (2.) Circular to Appraisers of Crown Lands:—Mr. T. G. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Circular issued to Appraisers of Crown Lands, dated 7th April, 1874, was re-issued on the 18th March, 1875, by direction of the present Minister for Lands?
(2.) Does this last-mentioned Circular advise Appraisers that they should consider the views therein expressed as equally relevant to the present occasion of appraising those leases falling in this year?
(3.) Will the Minister for Lands have any objection to place a copy of the last-mentioned Circular upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Garrett answered,—I will answer the last question of the Honorable Member first. I shall have no objection to lay upon the Table of the House, to-morrow, a copy of the Paper referred to. With regard to the issue of the Circular—it was issued as a matter of course, as had been done the previous year, without any alteration of a material character.

- (3.) Salaries of Civil Servants:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to pay the Civil Servants their month's salary on Saturday next, instead of Monday, which is a Bank Holiday?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—I am not sure that Monday is a Bank Holiday. I have had no official intimation of it. However, if it should turn out that Monday is a Bank Holiday, and the short Supply Bill be passed in time, the Government will pay on Saturday; but if the Supply Bill should not be passed in time, it of course will not be in our power to do so.

2. PETITION OF MR. STEPHEN STANBRIDGE:—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of the Chairman (Mr. H. H. Brown), 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 Petition was referred on 30th June, 1875.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 14th June, 1875, in reference to Tenders of Amos Davis.

4. AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Farnell 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 23rd July, 1875, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Australasia Coal Company's Bill,—

Agrees to the amendment which omits clause 3 and substitutes a new clause, but proposes to amend such new clause,—

(1.) By omitting the words "at all times when not in actual use by the Company," lines 28 and 29.

(2.) By transposing the words "but the empty trucks to be conveyed on their return free of cost" from lines 32 and 33, to follow the word "transit" in line 37; and

(3.) By transposing the word "not" from line 41, to follow the word "but" in line 42.

Agrees to the amendment which omits clause 36.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th July, 1875.

Question put and passed.

5. PACIFIC MAIL SERVICE ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That this House approves of the joint Contract made by Sir Daniel Cooper, Baronet, and Thomas Russell, Esquire, on behalf of the Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand, with the Pacific Mail Company, for whom Mr. John Elder, of Glasgow, and Mr. Macgregor, of Leith, are sureties, for a Mail Service between this Colony and San Francisco, and between New Zealand and the same port, for a term of eight years, and for a speed at the rate of eleven knots, according to the route described as "Route B" in the Paper laid on the Table on the 7th July, 1875, for an annual subsidy of £89,950.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Burns then handed to Mr. Speaker the following Message from His Excellency the Governor:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 34.

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the expediency of making provision to meet the necessary expense of maintaining Steam Postal Communication between Sydney and San Francisco.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th July, 1875.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on the subject.

6. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to some, disagreed to others, and amended others, of the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Garrett, that report was adopted.

7. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 6):—Mr. 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 apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th July, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow:—

(1.) Nuisances Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

(2.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.

(3.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.

9. VOLUNTEER FORCE REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Davies moved, That the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted. Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Act Repeal Bill; second reading;—until to-morrow.

(2.) Resolutions respecting Immigration;—until Friday next.

(3.) Mr. E. H. Hargraves; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—until to-morrow.

The House adjourned at twenty-one minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 JULY, 1875.

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

PAPERS:—

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Final Return to an Address, adopted on 21st July, 1875, in reference to the release of the prisoner Gardiner, and to the late change of Ministry.

(2.) By-laws of the Municipal Districts of Nowra and Bomaderry and Broughton Creek.

(3.) Report from the Sydney City and Suburban Scwage and Health Board respecting the disposal of Night Soil in Melbourne.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 16th July, 1875, in reference to "Diseases affecting Live Stock."

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Diseases affecting Live Stock."

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Further Papers respecting the San Francisco Mail Service.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 2nd July, 1875, in reference to the Watch-house and Out-buildings at Raymond Terrace.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table,—Executive Minute and Regulations for the abolition of Customs Overtime.

Ordered to be printed.

2. ASSENT TO CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 6):—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Governor.

Message No. 35.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1875*,"—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, 29th July, 1875.

3. VOLUNTEER FORCE REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of

Mr. Shepherd, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Shepherd then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, 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 Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867,* ”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th July, 1875.

4. PACIFIC MAIL SERVICE :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions :—
- (1.) That this House approves of the joint Contract made by Sir Daniel Cooper, Baronet, and Thomas Russell, Esquire, on behalf of the Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand, with the Pacific Mail Company, for whom Mr. John Elder, of Glasgow, and Mr. Macgregor, of Leith, are sureties, for a Mail Service between this Colony and San Francisco, and between New Zealand, and the same port, for a term of eight years, and for a speed at the rate of eleven knots, according to the route described as “ Route B ” in the Paper laid on the Table on the 7th July, 1875, for an annual subsidy of £89,950.
- (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.
5. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Garrett 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 23rd July, 1875, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Lands Acts Amendment Bill,—

Agrees to the amendments in the Preamble and in clause 1.

Disagrees to the amendments in clause 2,—Because it is necessary to prevent the alienation of lands in virtue of improvements which are not *bonâ fide* and of a fixed character.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 3 and 4.

Agrees to all the amendments in clause 5, except that in line 57, which omits the word “ sixteen ” and substitutes “ eighteen,” to which amendment it disagrees,—Because it is not advisable to further limit the existing right of conditional purchase.

Agrees to the insertion of a new clause after clause 5, but proposes to amend it by omitting the word “ eighteen ” and substituting the word “ sixteen.”

Agrees to the amendments in clause 6.

Agrees to the amendment which omits clause 7.

Agrees to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 7.

Agrees to the amendment which omits clause 8.

Agrees to the insertion of a new clause to follow last new clause.

Agrees to the amendment which omits clause 9.

Disagrees to the amendment in clause 10, for the reasons stated with reference to clause 5.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 11.

Agrees to the amendment in clause 12, line 32,—but

Disagrees to the amendment in line 38, which omits “ land ” and substitutes “ sub-division,”—Because it is unnecessary and likely to produce confusion,—and

Agrees to the amendments to line 60,—but

Disagrees to so much of the remaining amendment in the clause as inserts after “ application,” line 60, the words “ And when and as soon as any land shall have been finally measured for a conditional purchaser on behalf of the Government (of which fact the ordinary marks made on survey by Government surveyor shall be *primâ facie* evidence) the land comprised within such survey shall be deemed to be the land applied for by such conditional purchaser,”—Because the acceptance of this portion of the amendment might compel the Government to accept errors made by a surveyor acting at the time uncontrolled by the responsible officer of the Government,—and

Agrees to the remainder of the amendment.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 13 and 14.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 15, lines 20 to 22,—but

Disagrees to the amendment in lines 22 and 23 of the clause which omits the words “ to the satisfaction of the Minister ” and substitutes “ before a Commissioner in the manner herein—after provided,”—Because the settlement of all questions of abandonment would be thereby unnecessarily delayed,—and

Agrees to the amendments in lines 23, 24, 26, 27 and 28 of the clause,—but

Disagrees to the amendment in lines 29 and 30, which omits the words “ proved to the satisfaction of the Minister,”—for the reasons stated with reference to the amendment in lines 22 and 23,—and

Agrees to the amendments in lines 30 and 31,—but

Disagrees to the remaining amendment in the clause which omits “ Provided that the period of three years within which the conditional purchaser or his legal alienee is required to effect improvements may be held to commence from the date of the survey of the lands applied for,”—Because it is necessary to prevent the interests of conditional purchasers being prejudiced by delays of measurement.

Agrees to the amendments in clause 16.

Agrees to the amendment which omits clause 17.

Agrees to the amendments in clauses 18, 19, 21, 22, and 23.

Agrees to all the amendments in clause 24, except that which inserts the words “ hold such Court at the Lands Office of the district and shall ” in line 26, to which amendment it disagrees,—Because it may be expedient to hold the inquiry at or near the land in dispute or some other more convenient place.

Agrees

- Agrees to the amendments in clauses 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, and 31.
 Disagrees to the amendment which inserts a new clause after clause 31,—Because it would create an additional impediment to the conditional purchase of Crown Lands.
 Agrees to the amendments in clause 32.
 Agrees to the insertion of a new clause to follow clause 32, but proposes to amend it by inserting the word “temporarily” before “reserved,” and by inserting the words “or otherwise” after “supply.”
 Agrees to the amendments in clause 33, line 18,—but
 Disagrees to the remaining amendment in the clause,—Because the alienation of lands by conditional purchase is made without reference to boundaries of leaseholds.
 Disagrees to the amendment in clause 34, line 32, which omits the word “forthwith” and substitutes “upon approval by the Minister,”—Because the amendment would defeat the objects of the clause, and leave the law practically as it is at present,—and
 Agrees to the remaining amendments in the clause, except that which inserts the words “other than a frontage road or frontage creek,” to which it disagrees,—for the reasons stated with reference to previous amendment in this clause.
 Agrees to the amendments which omit clauses 35 and 36.
 Agrees to the amendments in clauses 38 and 39.
 Agrees to all the amendments in clause 40, except that in line 49, which omits the words “not exceeding forty pounds in the aggregate,” and substitutes the words “in respect of such conditional purchase and pre-emptive lease respecting,” to which amendment it disagrees,—Because it would be inconsistent with other provisions of this Bill as regards improvements, and unduly extend the jurisdiction of Courts of Petty Sessions.
 Disagrees to the amendment which omits clause 43,—Because the powers sought for are necessary to dispossess trespassers upon lands forfeited or abandoned, or illegally selected, or reserved.
 Agrees to the amendments in clause 44.
 Agrees to the amendments in and transposition of clause 47, to stand clause 1.
 Agrees to the amendment which omits clause 48.
 Agrees to the amendments in clauses 49, 50, 51, and 52.
 Agrees to all the amendments in the Schedules, page 14, except that which omits the figures “32,” line 12, to which amendment it disagrees,—for the reasons stated with reference to clause 43.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 29th July, 1875.*

6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2, 3, and 4, postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day respecting the Pacific Mail Service.
7. **PACIFIC MAIL SERVICE** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the following Resolutions :—
 (1.) That this House approves of the joint Contract made by Sir Daniel Cooper, Baronet, and Thomas Russell, Esquire, on behalf of the Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand, with the Pacific Mail Company, for whom Mr. John Elder, of Glasgow, and Mr. Macgregor, of Leith, are sureties, for a Mail Service between this Colony and San Francisco, and between New Zealand and the same port, for a term of eight years, and for a speed at the rate of eleven knots, according to the route described as “Route B” in the Paper laid on the Table on the 7th July, 1875, for an annual subsidy of £89,950.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
 The Resolution was then read a first time, as follows :—
Resolved,—
 (1.) That this House approves of the joint Contract made by Sir Daniel Cooper, Baronet, and Thomas Russell, Esquire, on behalf of the Governments of New South Wales and New Zealand, with the Pacific Mail Company, for whom Mr. John Elder, of Glasgow, and Mr. Macgregor, of Leith, are sureties, for a Mail Service between this Colony and San Francisco, and between New Zealand and the same port, for a term of eight years, and for a speed at the rate of eleven knots, according to the route described as “Route B” in the Paper laid on the Table on the 7th July, 1875, for an annual subsidy of £89,950.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 On motion of Mr. Burns, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
8. **NUISANCES PREVENTION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
 Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
 Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Day, Mr. Dibbs, Mr. Driver, Mr. R. Forster, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Gray, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Long, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Robertson, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. Stuart, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. W. Watson, and Mr. Wright,—
- Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at thirty-one minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 30 JULY, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Electoral Roll for The Gwydir:—*Mr. Farnell*, on behalf of Mr. T. G. Dangar, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did the names of William Hocken, of Drilldool, and William Hocken, of Bunen, appear upon the Electoral Roll for The Gwydir for 1874-5?

(2.) If not, were such names on the Electoral List prepared by the Collectors?

(3.) If on the Collectors List, by whom were these names omitted from, or erased from the Roll, thus disfranchising these parties, and who consequently were deprived of voting at the last General Election?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The Returning Officer has addressed me by telegram as follows:—"I cannot explain absence of names from Electoral Roll '74-5. Neither name is on Rolls as forwarded to me by several C.P.S. Absence prevented earlier reply to your telegram. Letter posted to-day." *Mr. Moseley's* letter has not yet been received, but further inquiries will be instituted.

(2.) Alignment of Streets of Yass:—*Mr. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What progress has been made with the alignment of the Streets of Yass?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The preparation of the plan is being pressed forward with all possible despatch.

(3.) Forfeited Conditional Purchase (*Osborne v. M'Alister*):—*Mr. Fitzpatrick* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the ruling of the Judges of the Supreme Court in the case *Osborne v. M'Alister*, as reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 17th June last, in the words following:—"As to the validity of a selection of a portion formerly selected but afterwards forfeited, their Honors unanimously held, on the authority of *Drinkwater v. Arthur*, that a rule ought to go. It had been decided in that case that a forfeited selection could not be re-selected, but could only be sold at auction"?

(2.) Is it the practice of the Lands Department to permit the re-selection of forfeited conditional purchases, notwithstanding the decision of the Supreme Court in the case above quoted?

Mr. Garrett answered,—

(1.) There has been no ruling of the Judges of the Supreme Court in the case *Osborne v. M'Alister*. A rule *nisi* for a new trial in that case was granted on 16th June, on various grounds, but no final decision has been given, and the Judgment of the Court will not be delivered until the motion to make such rule absolute has been made and decided. The case of *Drinkwater v. Arthur* does not decide that a forfeited selection could not be re-selected, but could only be sold at auction; but that "the forfeited land becomes again Crown land, and may be sold to a free selector or by auction as the Government may see fit."

(2.) This question is met by the answer to No. 1.

(4.) Free Education in Schools under Council of Education:—*Mr. Dibbs* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return, ordered on the 4th June, in reference to Free Education in Schools under Council of Education, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I understand from the Council of Education that, in consequence of the pressure of work in their office, it has been found impossible to complete the Return in question up to this time. I cannot say when it will be ready. It is a very long Return, I understand.

(5.)

- (5.) Procession on 6th August:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is the Government aware that a certain section of the community contemplate holding a procession on the 6th proximo; and if so, do they intend to take steps to prevent any breach of the Party Processions Act?

Mr. Robertson answered,—A deputation of gentlemen, as I learn, waited upon the Inspector General of Police on the subject to which I suppose the Honorable Gentleman refers, and he, that is the Inspector General of Police, has no reason to suppose that any infringement of the Act alluded to is intended. I have been requested by some of the gentlemen connected with this movement to say that the Labouring Men's Union of East Sydney, the Labouring Men's Building Society of West Sydney, the Sydney Seamen's Union, the St. Francis Temperance Society, and the Hibernian Benefit Society, have promised to take part in it. Other Societies have been invited, but answers have not been received from them. None have refused; it seems therefore to be a celebration of a national rather than of a sectarian character.

2. FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1873 AND 1874, ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1875, AND ADDITIONAL LOAN ESTIMATE FOR 1875:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. W. Forster, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 36.

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 further Supplementary Estimates for 1873 and 1874; Additional Estimates for 1875; and Additional Loan Estimate for 1875.

*Government House,
Sydney, 30th July, 1875.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 15th June, 1875, in reference to the proclamation of a Common at Gulgong.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-law under Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Further Return to an Address, adopted on 21st May, 1875, in reference to the case *Blakefield v. Shields*.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the subject.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Wellington Electorate Sub-division Bill postponed until Friday next.

5. NATIVE DOGS DESTRUCTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

6. RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. Piddington moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until this day "month."

Mr. Farnell moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word "month," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "week."

Question proposed,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Goold,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Montagu,
Mr. Scholey,

Tellers.

Mr. R. Forster,
Mr. Davies.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Cohen,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. F. B. Suttor,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. H. C. Dangar,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Long,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Wisdom,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Cunneen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Day,	
Mr. Hay,	Mr. W. Watson,
Mr. Hurley,	Mr. Dibbs.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Question then,—That this Order of the Day be postponed until this day week,—put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Distillation Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*

(2.) Animals Protection Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Tuesday next.*

8. IMMIGRATION :—Mr. Cameron moved, That the Order of the Day in reference to this subject be postponed until this day month.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That a Board of Immigration shall be appointed by the Governor, consisting of three members, and shall hold office for three years, and be eligible for re-appointment, and that the Colonial Treasurer for the time being shall be an ex-officio member of the Board.

(2.) That the sum £12,000 per month shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the credit of the Board of Immigration.

(3.) That a special grant of £300,000 shall be paid by the Colonial Treasurer to the credit of the Board of Immigration?

(4.) That the members of the Board shall be paid by fees, not to exceed £2 2s. per day for each day of meeting.

(5.) That the Board shall have full power to expend the money appropriated by Parliament for Immigration, and to appoint and remove Immigration Agents, Clerks, and other officers, to appoint their Chairman, to frame Regulations for the performance of their duties and holding their meetings, and to do all other things necessary to be done, and any two members of the Board shall form a quorum, and shall be competent to transact any business at any meeting of the Board.

(6.) All Regulations shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within one month, if Parliament be then sitting, and if Parliament be not sitting, then within one month after the next sitting of Parliament, and all such Regulations shall, upon being published in the *Gazette*, be valid in law.

(7.) That the Immigrants shall be selected from England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, in proportion to the population of such countries, respectively, according to the last Census.

(8.) That a Bill ought to be introduced this Session to carry out the above Resolutions.

That the preceding Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That the subject of Immigration is one involving so large an expenditure of the Public Money that the whole matter should be remitted to the Government, to be dealt with by it as the Responsible Ministers of the Crown deem just and expedient.

9. AUSTRALASIA COAL COMPANY'S BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 28th July, 1875, in reference to the Australasia Coal Company's Bill,—agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in the said Bill.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th July, 1875.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

10. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Act Repeal Bill postponed until Tuesday next.

11. MR. E. H. HARGRAVES :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cunneen moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve 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 on a Supplementary Estimate for 1875, a sum not exceeding £7,619, as compensation to Mr. E. H. Hargraves for the discovery of Gold made by him in New South Wales.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cameron, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. H. C. Dangar, Mr. Davies, Mr. Driver, Mr. Hill, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Montague, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Robertson, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Mr. Teece, Mr. W. Watson, and Mr. Wright,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-six minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 2 AUGUST, 1875.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Innkeepers Liability Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Governor.

Message, No. 37.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law respecting the Liability of Innkeepers and to prevent certain Frauds on them,*"—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, 2nd August, 1875.

- (2.) Public Gates Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Governor.

Message, No. 38.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the 'Public Gates Act of 1873' and to authorize the erection of Public Gates across certain Roads,*"—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, 2nd August, 1875.

- (3.) Upper Hunter Pastoral and Agricultural Association Lease Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Governor.

Message, No. 39.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Muswellbrook Recreation Reserve to Lease a portion 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, 2nd August, 1875.

- (4.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Governor.

Message, No. 40.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the better protection of the Water Reservoir at Campbelltown,*"—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, 2nd August, 1875.

2. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 29th July, 1875, in reference to the Lands Acts Amendment Bill:—

1. Insists upon its amendment in clause 15, lines 22 and 23, which omits the words "to the satisfaction of the Minister," and inserts in their place the words, "before a Commissioner in the manner hereinafter provided"; and in lines 29 and 30, which omits the words "proved to the satisfaction of the Minister,"—Because it is not expedient to invest any Minister with absolute power to hold a judicial inquiry into causes involving a forfeiture of land.
2. Insists upon its amendment which proposes the insertion of a new clause, to follow clause 31 of the Bill,—
 - (1.) Because the advertisement for sale is the act of the Government as trustee of the public lands, and it is not fitting that its action should be defeated at the will of individuals during the interval between such advertisement and the time announced for sale.
 - (2.) Because the advertisement is an engagement with the general public to offer the lands in question to competition, and it is not right towards intending purchasers at auction to allow conditional purchasers, at their absolute will, to deprive them of the opportunity to purchase at the advertised sale.
 - (3.) Because it is just to the country that after survey and advertisement of lands for auction sale the Public Revenue should have the benefit of the enlarged prices which might be obtained under competition.
 - (4.) Because the clause as proposed by the Council left it open to the Government to withdraw its advertisement, if upon reconsideration it should see fit again to open the advertised lands to conditional purchase.
3. Insists upon its amendment in clause 34, line 32, which omits the word "forthwith" and inserts in its place the words "upon approval by the Minister,"—Because the proposal of the Council is in accordance with the existing law, and because it is not expedient to allow pre-emptive leases to be taken up unless the particulars thereof be previously submitted for the consideration and approval of the Minister.
4. Insists upon its amendment in clause 40, line 49, which omits the words "not exceeding forty pounds in the aggregate",—
 - (1.) Because they consider it not right that a conditional purchaser should have the opportunity of purchasing land containing improvements which cannot be removed, and which may be worth much more than forty pounds, without full compensation.
 - (2.) Because the conditional purchaser will have the full benefit of such improvements when the question of his compliance with the conditions of his purchase comes into consideration.
 - (3.) Because, although the Council might have agreed to the Legislative Assembly's limitation, if selection of moderate extent only was in question, yet they think such limitation wholly inapplicable to selections extending to 640 acres.
5. Insists upon its amendment in clause 40, line 49, which inserts the words "in respect of such conditional purchase and pre-emptive lease respectively",—
 - (1.) Because there is no reason why improvements upon a pre-emptive lease should stand upon a different footing from those upon a conditional purchase.
 - (2.) Because pre-emptive leases are taken into consideration in the earlier part of the same clause.
6. Insists upon its amendment which omits clause 43,—
 - (1.) Because the Council is of opinion that no person should be deprived of his right to land without having had an opportunity of having such right judicially determined.
 - (2.) Because notice of forfeiture, published in the *Gazette*, is by such clause made conclusive evidence of the fact of forfeiture.
7. Insists upon its amendment in the Schedule which omits the figures "32" in line 12,—Because, inasmuch as clause 43 has been rejected by the Council, the 32nd clause of the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861 should not be repealed.
8. Does not insist upon the Council's other amendments disagreed to by the Assembly, and agrees to the Assembly's amendments upon the Council's amendments in the said Bill.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30th July, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Garrett, that this Message be taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on Wednesday next.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Light on Nobbys:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) Have any steps been taken by the Government towards preventing the obscuration of the Light on Nobbys, which is caused by the fumes from the copper smelting works at Port Waratah?
 - (2.) If not, when will action be taken?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—The President of the Marine Board informs me that application has been made to the Manager of the Copper Smelting Works at Waratah, and it is reported that the fumes cannot be consumed. Of course further action will be taken in the matter.

- (2.) Railway Iron:—Mr. Sutherland asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) What is the name of the Contractor whose tender was accepted for the supply of Rails for the line from Goulburn to Yass, with date and total cost of same, and where delivered?
 - (2.) What is the cost per ton and per mile, at contract price?
 - (3.) Similar information for other contracts for the Southern, Western, and Northern Lines?
 - (4.) The total saving or difference in cost of Rails for these lines, compared with the line from Goulburn to Yass?

(5.)

- (5.) The total cost of freight and charges on Rails landed in Sydney or Newcastle, each contract, and cost per mile?
 (6.) Cost, or probable cost, for conveyance to Goulburn, Bathurst, and Murrurundi?
 (7.) The name of Contractor, date of acceptance of tender, and cost per mile for construction, as per tender, on each of the lines now being constructed?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

- (1.) The Park Gate Iron Company. Their tender was accepted in October, 1873; the Rails to be delivered in London and Liverpool for the sum of £83,701.
 (2.) Contract price per ton, £12 12s. 6d., which amounts to £1,388 15s. per mile of railway.
 (3.) The tender of the Consett Company was accepted in January, 1874, for the Rails from Yass to Wagga Wagga. They were to be delivered at various ports in England, the rate varying according to the port, from £11 to £10 10s. per ton. The total cost at £11 per ton would be £152,460, which amounts to £1,210 per mile of railway. The tender of the North Yorkshire Company was accepted in July, 1874, for the Rails from Murrurundi to Tamworth, to be delivered in London at £7 19s. 9d. per ton; the total cost was £58,867, which amounts to £878 12s. 6d. per mile of railway. The Tender of Bolckow, Vaughn, & Co. was accepted in December, 1874, for the Rails from Bathurst to Orange, to be delivered in London at £7 17s 6d. per ton; the total cost was £42,446, which amounts to £866 5s. per mile of railway.
 (4.) The total saving amounts to £82,304.
 (5.) As the Park Gate Iron Company's Contract is the only one which has been completed, exact information as to the charges must be confined to that Contract. The cost is £8,668 7s. 2d., which amounts to £1 6s. 1d. per ton, or £143 9s. 2d. per mile. The charges on the other Contracts are estimated to be as follows:—Consett Company, £1 16s. 9d. per ton, or £202 2s. 6d. per mile; North Yorkshire Company, £1 9s. per ton, or £159 10s. per mile; Bolckow Vaughn, & Co. £1 5s. 9. per ton, or £141 12s. 6d. per mile.
 (6.) The cost for the conveyance of the Rails from Sydney is as follows:—To Goulburn, £57,884; to Bathurst, £16,259; to Murrurundi, £18,701.
 (7.) For the extension Goulburn to Yass, Mr. D. Williams's tender was accepted in July, 1873; the cost per mile is £3,590. For the extension from Yass to Cootamundry, the tender of Messrs. Amos & Co. was accepted in May, 1874; the cost per mile is £3,414 13s. For the extension Cootamundry to Wagga Wagga, the tender of Messrs. Amos and Co. was accepted in September, 1874; the cost per mile is £3,353 13s 10d. For the extension from Murrurundi to Tamworth, the tender of Mr. W. Wakeford was accepted on 4th March, 1874; the cost per mile is £3,480. For the extension from Bathurst to Orange, the tender of Messrs. Mason, Elkington, & Co. was accepted in July, 1874; the cost per mile is £3,584 14s. 10d.

- (3.) Mining Bill.—Mr. R. Forster asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Is it his intention to lay the new Mining Bill on the Table of the House prior to the prorogation of Parliament?

Mr. Lucas answered,—Yes.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. R. Forster moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
5. PAPER:—Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 14th June, 1875, in reference to the Penny Postage.
 Ordered to be printed.
6. THE CASE OF MR. JEREMIAH CRONIN ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Wisdom moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and Papers in the possession of the Council of Education having reference to the dismissal of Mr. Jeremiah Cronin, late Teacher of the Public School at Wilcannia.
 Question put and passed.
7. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Electorate of The Hunter, in favour of Denominational Education; and praying that, in any amendment of the Public Schools Act, pecuniary aid may be apportioned equitably between Denominationalists and Secularists.
 Petition received.
8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 AUGUST, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Telegraph Line from Bourke to Wentworth:—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Phelps*, asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to have the construction of the Telegraph Line from Bourke to Wentworth, Darling River, commenced at an early period?

(2.) If so, when?

(3.) Do the Government intend that the construction shall be carried out by their own officers or by contract?

Mr. Burns answered,—

(1 and 2.) It is the intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of the Telegraph Line from Bourke to Wentworth, as early as practicable after the passing of the Appropriation Act for 1875.

(3.) It is proposed to carry out the work by contract.

- (2.) Impounding Bill:—*Mr. W. C. Browne* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in an amended Impounding Bill during the next Session of Parliament?

Mr. Garrett answered,—The matter will be taken into consideration during the recess, and in all probability a measure of the character indicated will be introduced.

2. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT:—

- (1.) *Mr. Butler* presented a Petition from Inhabitants of the Electorate of Argyle, in favour of Denominational Education; and praying that, in any amendment of the Public Schools Act, pecuniary aid may be apportioned equitably between Denominationalists and Secularists. Petition received.

- (2.) "Formal" Motion:—*Mr. Burns* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd August, from certain Electors of the Electorate of The Hunter, in favour of the continuation of aid to Denominational Schools, be printed. Question put and passed.

3. *MR. E. H. HARGRAVES* ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. R. Forster*, on behalf of *Mr. Cunneen*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor respecting compensation to *Mr. E. H. Hargraves*, which lapsed for want of a Quorum in the Committee on 30th July, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Thursday next. Question put and passed.

4. PRIVILEGE:—*Mr. Fitzpatrick* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That it is expedient that a Bill should be introduced by the Government for the purpose of conferring on the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, power to summon and compel the attendance of witnesses either at the Bar or before any Select Committee of either House.

(2.)

(2.) That such Bill should empower the President of the Legislative Council, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Chairman of any Select Committee of either House, to administer an Oath or Affirmation to any such witness, and should further make any false statement made by any such witness punishable as for perjury.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Robertson moved the Previous Question.

Debate ensued.

Previous Question, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question, by leave, withdrawn.

5. MECHANICS SCHOOLS OF ART:—Mr. Dibbs moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of Mechanics Schools of Art in New South Wales for the year 1874, showing for each Institution respectively,—
- (1.) The amount of subsidy voted, and paid by the Government.
 - (2.) The number of members.
 - (3.) The total amount of receipts from subscriptions, &c.
 - (4.) The number of volumes in the library, and the number of works issued.
 - (5.) The number of works of fiction.
 - (6.) The names of any evening classes, the number of pupils, and the fees charged.
 - (7.) The number of lectures delivered in connection with it.
 - (8.) The number of mechanics and apprentices who were members.
 - (9.) The amount of yearly subscription.
 - (10.) The estimated value of the property of the Institution.
 - (11.) The names of the Committee of Management.
 - (12.) The number of volumes added to the library, distinguishing novels.
 - (13.) The total amount voted towards building Schools of Art since the introduction of Responsible Government.
 - (14.) The total amount of subsidy for same period.
 - (15.) The total number of reports respecting Schools of Art, under the "Public Charities Inspection Act" since it came into operation.
- Also, a Return showing the number of Free Libraries established under the Municipalities Act, the number of volumes in each such Library, and the average monthly attendance of readers in each case, for the last six months.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
6. VOLUNTEER FORCE REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. 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 Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
- Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd August, 1875.
- JOHN HAY,
President.
7. CUSTODY OF INFANTS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. H. C. Dangar moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- Bill read a second time.
- On motion of Mr. Dangar, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
8. ANIMALS PROTECTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Storage and Sale of Kerosene Restriction Act Repeal Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
 - (2.) Mining Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
 - (3.) Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Tuesday next.*
10. NUISANCES PREVENTION BILL:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Nuisances Prevention Bill, which lapsed for want of a Quorum in the Committee on Thursday, 29th July last, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
- Question put and passed.
11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 AUGUST, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Claim of Mr. Samuel Baker:—Mr. Scholey asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Have the Government had under their consideration the claim of Samuel Baker, formerly employed as Postmaster at Singleton and Bega, to have refunded to him certain sums of money paid by him while so employed into the Superannuation Fund?
(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to refund the money so claimed?

Mr. Burns answered,—As the claim of Mr. Baker appears to present some exceptional features, it will be considered by the Cabinet during the recess.

- (2.) School at Bartlett's Camp:—Mr. F. B. Suttor, on behalf of Mr. Pilcher, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Has the Council of Education received an application from the residents of Bartlett's Camp, on the Great Western Railway, for aid to a school established by them in that locality?
(2.) What steps do the Council intend to take in the matter?
(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to authorize the allowance of the aid desired?
(4.) Is the Council aware that the School at Bartlett's Camp was erected at the expense of the inhabitants, and maintained by them, and that there are now some thirty children attending the School?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I have received from the Council of Education a memorandum, from which I am enabled to give the following replies:—

- (1.) Yes.
(2.) The Council cannot decide whether it will take any, or what steps, until the report has been received from the Inspector to whom the application was referred on the 10th June last, to inquire into the merits of the case.
(3.) Is answered by the above.
(4.) No.
2. MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK:—Mr. Cameron, 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 subject was referred on 25th May, 1875, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
3. BLAKEFIELD v. SHIELDS:—Mr. Nelson, 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 subject was referred on 13th July, 1875.
Ordered to be printed.
4. BRIDGE ACROSS THE GWYDIR AT BUNDARRA:—Mr. Terry presented a Petition from Residents of the Town and District of Bundarra, representing that they suffer great inconvenience from the want of a Bridge over the Gwydir River; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
Petition received.
Mr. Terry then (*by consent*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition be printed.
Question put and passed.

5. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Davies*, on behalf of *Mr. Butler*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd August, from Inhabitants of the Electorate of Argyle, in favour of the continuation of aid to Denominational Schools, be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—*Mr. Nelson*, on behalf of *Mr. Taylor*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn until Monday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

7. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Garrett*, *Mr. 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 30th July, relative to the amendments made in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported as follows:—The Committee insists upon its disagreements from the Council's amendments in this Bill, viz.:—

Clause 15, lines 22, 23, 29, and 30.

New clause, to follow clause 31.

Clause 34, line 32.

Clause 40, line 49.

Clause 43.

Schedule, line 12.

On motion of *Mr. Garrett*, that report was adopted.

Mr. Garrett then 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 30th July, 1875, in reference to the Lands Acts Amendment Bill,—Insists upon its disagreements from the Council's amendments, viz.:—

Clause 15, lines 22, 23, 29 and 30.

New clause, to follow clause 31.

Clause 34, line 32.

Clause 40, line 49.

Clause 43.

Schedule, line 12.

And the Assembly requests a Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of the above-stated disagreements, and has appointed the following of its Members to be managers of such Conference in its behalf:—*Mr. Clarke*, *Mr. Cunneen*, *Mr. Day*, *Mr. W. Forster*, *Mr. Garrett*, *Mr. Phelps*, *Mr. Robertson*, *Mr. Sutherland*, *Mr. Montague*, and *Mr. Wisdom*.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 4th August, 1875.

Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That the Message be amended, by the addition of the following names:—*Mr. H. C. Dangar*, *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Piddington*, and *Mr. Stuart*.

Question proposed,—That the names proposed to be added be so added.

Debate ensued.

Question,—That the names proposed to be added be so added,—put and negatived.

Question then,—That the Message be carried to the Legislative Council,—put and passed.

8. NUISANCES PREVENTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.

On motion of *Mr. Robertson* (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Robertson*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the decision of *Mr. Speaker* had been obtained thereon.

The Chairman then stated the Point of Order, as follows:—

Additional Estimates for 1875 being under consideration, and an item £40,000 as a loan in aid of the Corporation of the City of Sydney having been proposed to the Committee,—the Honorable Member for The Hawkesbury (*Mr. Piddington*), requested his opinion whether it was competent for the Committee of Supply to vote money as a loan to a Corporation.

And upon his stating that he considered that it was competent for the Committee to deal with the item,—

On motion of *Mr. Piddington*, the following Point of Order was submitted for *Mr. Speaker's* ruling thereon:—

"That the Committee of Supply have not power to vote money as a loan to the Corporation of Sydney at interest."

Debate ensued on the Point of Order.

Mr. Speaker sustained the decision of the Chairman.

Whereupon, on motion of *Mr. Robertson*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the Committee resumed. *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

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

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The Resolutions were then read a first time, as follows:—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE YEARS 1873 AND 1874.

Services of 1873.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Volunteers,"—being to reimburse the New South Wales Rifle Association for expenditure incurred in placing the Paddington Rifle Range in proper order for Meeting of 1873.
- (9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £282, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Charitable Allowances,"—in aid of the Hill End and Tambaroora District Hospital, on the usual conditions, viz. :—£182, for maintenance, and £100, for building.
- (10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £129 18s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services,"—being expenses in connection with the Royal Commission on Public Charities, further sum.

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

- (11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11 16s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Law Officers of the Crown,"—being for Law Works supplied by F. L. Edwards.

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500 17s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Stores and Stationery,"—being £31 7s. 10d. for Stores and Stationery for the Public Service generally, further sum; £357 14s. 4d. for Fuel and Light, further sum; and £111 15s. 3d. for Conveyance of Stores, further sum.
- (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22 8s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Glebe Island Abattoirs,"—being for Incidental Expenses, further sum.
- (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £981 13s. 9d., to defray supplementary charges under the head "Miscellaneous Services,"—being £154 6s. for Advertising for the Public Service, further sum; £723 9s. 9d. for transmission of Telegraphic Messages, further sum; £93 19s. for Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony, further sum; and £9 19s. for Law Expenses in the case Colonial Treasurer *vs.* Reeve, further sum.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £531 11s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Imported Stock,"—being for Incidental Expenses, further sum.
- (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £482 6s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Government Domains and Hyde Park,"—being £203 16s. 3d. for the Improvement of Hyde Park, further sum; and £278 10s. 1d. for Gas for Lighting Hyde Park.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48 18s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation,"—being for Incidental Repairs to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works, further sum.
- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £122 18s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Roads and Bridges,"—being for amount due to the Railway Department for stores supplied and work done to the Approach to Raglan Station.
- (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Public Buildings,"—being for Curtains and Furniture, Government House, further sum.

Services of 1874.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £28 3s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "His Excellency the Governor,"—being for contingent expenses, further sum.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Legislative Assembly,"—being for Gratuity to the Widow of Charles Wray Finch, late Sergeant-at-Arms, as per Resolution of the Legislative Assembly.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,300, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Volunteers,"—being £800 for the erection of a Drill Shed at Dawes Point for the Volunteer Artillery; and £500 for Grant to the Council of the Rifle Association of New South Wales for the reception of the Riflemen from Victoria who competed in the Intercolonial Matches for 1874.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £619 13s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Permanent Military Force,"—being £66 13s. 4d., for Lodging Allowance to Lieutenant Lindeman in lieu of Quarters, at £100 per annum, from 1st May; £40 for Lodging Allowance to Lieutenant Russell in lieu of Quarters, at £60 per annum, from 1st May; £380 for Provisions, further sum; £25 towards the cost of Uniforms; and £108 for expense of mounting 18-ton Guns at the South Head Fortifications.

(24.)

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £247 17s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Agent General,"—for Law Expenses in the two cases—*Cowper v. Brocklebank* and *Brocklebank v. Cowper*.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6 17s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Asylums for Imbeciles, &c., Newcastle,"—being for Provisions, Medical Comforts, Fuel and Light, &c., further sum.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40 1s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Registrar General,"—being for difference between the amount voted for two Examiners of Titles and that required for three Examiners, at £800 each, from 13th July, 1874.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Biloela Industrial School for Girls,"—being for Rations, Fuel, Light, &c., further sum.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,252 13s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Asylum for the Infirm and Destitute,"—being for Rations, Clothing, Medical Comforts, Medicines, and other Contingent Expenses, further sum.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding, £450, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Charitable Allowances," being £300 for outfit for Hospital, West Maitland, and fitting up the Maternity and Fever Wards, on the usual conditions; £100 in aid of the West Maitland Benevolent Society, on the usual conditions, further sum; and £50 in aid of the Queanbeyan District Hospital, on the usual conditions.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,270 9s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous," being £6 9s. for Newspapers and Almanacs, further sum; £222 for expense of conveying distressed Diggers from Cooktown to Sydney; £42 for Portraits of Australian Aborigines; and £4,000 in aid of the Agricultural Societies of the Colony, to be distributed *pro rata* on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions from the members of such Societies.

NO. IV.—MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £960 5s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Attorney General," being £310 5s. 4d. for Fees to prosecuting Barristers, travelling allowances, &c., further sum; and £650 for Law Expenses in the case *Maclean vs. Brasyer*.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £340 17s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Supreme and Circuit Courts," for Allowances to Witnesses, further sum.

(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20, to defray supplementary charge under the head "District Courts," being for Registrar, Narrabri, difference in salary from £20 to £40.

(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £33, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Petty Sessions," being for Clerk of Petty Sessions, Inverell.

(35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £339 17s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Observatory," being for expense of taking Observations of the Transit of Venus, further sum.

(36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions," being in aid of the undermentioned Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions:—£100 for Bathurst School of Arts, further sum; £150 for Walcha School of Arts (Building); £50 for Walcha School of Arts (Endowment); £100 for Hamilton Mechanics' Institution; and £100 for Denman School of Arts (Building Fund).

NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,257 14s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Customs,"—being £174 5s. 10d. for Increase to the Salaries of Boatmen, &c.; and £1,083 8s. 7d., for allowances to Extra Tide Waiters, and for occasional Clerical Assistance, further sum.

(38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,052 11s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Government Printer,"—being £2,015 1s. 3d. for Wages and Contingencies, further sum; and £37 10s. for Rent of Store for Papers and Printed Documents.

(39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £84 14s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Stores and Stationery,"—being £43 1s. 7d. for Fuel and Light, further sum; and £41 13s. 4d. for Conveyance of Stores, further sum.

(40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £197 5s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Glebe Island Abattoir,"—being for Incidental expenses, further sum.

(41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,181 5s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Marine Board,"—being £1,200 for Additional Moorings for the Harbour of Newcastle; £1,473 12s. 6d. to provide for the Pilot Service of Port Jackson, further sum; £250 for Hire of Steamer to enable the Members of the Marine Board to visit the Coast Light-houses and fix upon Site for Light-house on the Solitary Islands; and £257 13s. 2d. for incidental expenses, further sum.

(42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,850 17s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being £1,500 for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages, further sum; £367 2s. 5d. for Commission on Payments in England by the Government Financial Agents, further sum; £282 10s. for Purchase of Plant of the late Lessees of the Circular Quay; £20,187 9s. 2d. for Warlike Stores, purchased in England, further sum; £58 3s. 2d., to meet a claim for the Relief and Conveyance from Foreign Ports in 1872 of Distressed Seamen belonging to the Colony, presented for payment in 1874; and £1,455 12s. 6d. for Interest on overdrawn Account in London.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,749 7s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Department of Lands,"—being £324 6s. for Compilation of Special Returns, and to meet deficiency in Vote for preparation of Deeds; £10,000 for Fees to Licensed Surveyors, further sum; and £425 1s. 1d., for Extra Clerks, further sum.

(44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Survey of Lands,"—being for Bonuses as increase of salaries to two officers of the Surveyor General's staff, each £50.

(45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,612 10s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Land Agents, Appraisers, and others,"—being £2,500 for Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, further sum; and £112 10s. for Clerk to Land Agent, Young, from 1st May, at £150 per annum.

(46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £307 11s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Botanic Gardens,"—being for trenching, draining, making walks and plantations and forming pond, reclaimed ground, Lower Gardens, further sum.

(47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,688 15s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being £112 10s., for refund to Charles Smith of money paid into the Treasury under protest, for purchase of unnecessary roads at Hunter's Hill; £1,320 18s. 1d., for refund to R. G. Wood, William Wood, Edward Argyle, and S. Booth, of moneys paid for land selected on Pental Island prior to the recent decision that such island formed a part of the Victorian Territory,—being £1,098, and 5 per cent. interest on same, £222 18s. 1d.; £2,058 6s. 11d. for refund to the Trust & Agency Company of Australia (Limited), of Rent and Assessment paid on their Run on Pental Island prior to the decision above referred to,—being £1,674 10s. and 5 per cent. interest on same, £383 16s. 11d.; £22 for purchase of Boat for Aborigines; and £175 for compensation to Henry Badgery, for loss sustained by resumption of land and fencing for road purposes within his 640 acres at Sutton Forest.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Mining Board,"—being for Fees to Members, as provided for under the 66th clause of the "Mining Act of 1874"—Clerical services and other contingent expenses.

(49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being for Compensation to the Returning Officer for Ophir for loss of Horse and Buggy, &c., by flood, while proceeding to that place in the discharge of his duty.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,861, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation,"—being £1,000 for Fitzroy Dock, further sum; £4,500 for Incidental Repairs to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works, further sum; and £2,361 for constructing Main Sewer and Silt Pit through land reclaimed at the head of Darling Harbour, further sum.

(51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £110, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Colonial Architect,"—being for Travelling Expenses, further sum.

(52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,316 10s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Public Works and Buildings,"—being £120 for Police Buildings, Tumut, further sum; £2,887 for Police Buildings, Albury, further sum; £72 10s. for Court and Watch-house, West Kempsey, further sum; £200 for Post and Telegraph Office, Grafton, further sum; £150 for Court House and Lock-up, Bingera, further sum; £625 for Repairs, &c., Naval Depot, further sum; £140 for Police Buildings, Wentworth, further sum; £435 for Additions, Court House, Tamworth, further sum; £250 for Enlargement of Shed, Goat Island Powder Magazine, further sum; £151 for Shed for protection of Shot and Shell, Rifled Guns, &c., further sum; £1,550 for providing Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices generally, further sum; £560 for Police Buildings, Gunnedah, further sum; £100 for lighting Government Lamps in Streets of Sydney, the Domain, and Hyde Park, further sum; £618 for Additions to Hospital for Insane, Gladesville, further sum; £250 for Additional Furniture, Commodore's Residence; £410 for erecting Light-house Keeper's Quarter's, Nelson's Head, Port Stephens, further sum; £511 for Water Supply for Asylum for Imbeciles, Newcastle, further sum; £250 for Court and Watch House, Tumut, further sum; £1,397 for Post and Telegraph Office, East Maitland, further sum; £300 for Post and Telegraph Office, Mudgee, further sum; £200 for Police Buildings at Queanbeyan, further sum; £120 for Post and Telegraph Office, Glen Innes, further sum; and £20 for Site for Court House and Lock-up at Wallerawang.

(53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,395 11s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Roads and Bridges,"—being £25 omitted from Salary of Chief Clerk on Estimates-in-Chief; £600 for Bridge at Slasher's Flat, further sum; £100 for Bridge over Billabong Creek, further sum; £250 for Urara Bridge, further sum; £932 15s. 5d. for Nimboy Bridge, further sum; £600 for Windsor Bridge, further sum; £400 for Inveralochy Bridge, further sum; £350 for Long Cove Bridge, further sum; £434 for Talbragar Bridge, at Cobbora, further sum; £300 for Bridge, Dungowan Creek, and Approaches, road Tamworth to Bowling Alley, further sum; £950 for raising and completing Approaches to Punt at Balranald, further sum; £350 for Reconstruction, Adelong Bridge, further sum; £450 for Road Approach to Rooty Hill Railway Station; £82 19s. to meet claims for Fencing Public Roads in 1867 and 1868, presented for payment in 1874; £126 18s. 7d. for Wollondilly Bridge, further sum; £571 for Warri Bridge, Shoalhaven, further sum; £76 11s. 4d. for Bridge over Duck Creek, Canonbar, further sum; £852 15s. 8d. for Hay Bridge and Approaches, further sum; £151 18s. 6d. for Grafton Punt, further sum; £119 13s. 6d. Rent of the Windsor Ferry, from 14th December, 1873, to the 19th August, 1874, to be refunded in equal proportions to the Windsor, Wilberforce, and Freeman's

Freeman's Reach Road Trusts, for keeping the Approaches and Roads leading to the Ferry in order; and £171 19s. 4d., Rent of the Toll-bar on the Mudbank and Bunnerong Road, from 19th December, 1873, to 31st December, 1874, to be refunded to the Trustees, to enable them to keep the Road in repair.

(54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being £400 towards providing Water Supply at Hill End; £100 for Gratuity to Widow of the late John Williams, seaman on board Dredge "Samson," accidentally drowned at Sydney Heads whilst in the discharge of his duty and £100 for compensation for Land taken for Military Road, North Shore.

(55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,000, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Railways," being for Working Expenses, further sum.

NO. VIII.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,632 10s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Post Office,"—being £119 to provide salaries for 3 Constables on duty at New Post Office, from 1st September to 31st December, at 6s. 6d., per diem; £50 to provide Mechanic for Gas-fittings, Lighting, &c., New Post Office, from September to 31st December; £79 10s. for Rent of Post Office, Hill End; £304 for Incidental Expenses—further sum; £7,125 for Conveyance of Mails, Inland Mail Service—further sum; £2,955 for Conveyance of Mails *via* San Francisco, further sum; and £8,000 allowance to Victoria and Queensland—Postages on letters, &c., *via* Galle and Torres Straits, to be recouped (less the Imperial inland rate on letters, &c., from England) by postages collected on outward mail matter, and by amounts allowed by London on correspondence forwarded to this Colony—further sum.

(57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,606 13s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Telegraph Department,"—being £300 for salaries for 2 Additional Operators, at £150; £150 for 1 Night Operator; £300 for 2 Booking Clerks, at £150; £50 for Station-master, Bathurst, from £200 to £250; £260 for 5 Extra Messengers, at £52; £2,000 for amount required for the purchase of automatic Instruments; £146 13s. 4d., for Rent of Offices, including claims of 1871 and 1872, further sum; and £400 for Working Expenses, &c., further sum.

RE-VOTES.

(Chargeable to the Year 1874.)

(58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,769 15s. 2d., being for Appropriations of 1874 and previous Years, which lapsed under the 17th clause of the "Audit Act of 1870," to be re-voted in order to meet claims presented for payment in 1874, and becoming due in 1875, *viz.*—*Appropriations of 1870*—£12 15s. for Gaol Darlinghurst—Contingencies; and £2,355 5s. 1d. for Railways—Working Expenses. *Appropriations of 1871*—£300 for clearing obstructions from Richmond River, Casino; £73 17s. 2d. for Permanent Military Force; and £23 16s. 8d. for Electric Telegraphs—Contingencies. *Appropriations of 1872*—£1 1s. for Coroners' Inquests—Fees; £42 8s. 3d. Stores and Stationery—Conveyance; £9 8s. 8d. for Main Southern Road; £6 19s. 4d. for Main Western Road; £4 1s. 4d. for Road—Goulburn to Queanbeyan; £20 14s. for Fencing Public Roads through enclosed lands; £53 5s. 11d. for Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta—Contingencies; £39 10s. for Electric Telegraphs—Contingencies; and £15 6s. for Wharf at Gladstone, Macleay River. *Appropriations of 1873*—£44 12s. 9d. for Bridge, Dingo Creek, Manning River; £10 for Construction and Repair of Toll-bars; £36 13s. 11d. for materials for employment of Prisoners in Gaol; £112 0s. 6d. for Road—Newcastle to Maitland; £50 for Canterbury Road; £15 1s. 2d. for Embankment—Adam-street, Wentworth; £10 5s. 10d. for Special service of the "Thetis"; £10 6s. for Fencing Public Roads through enclosed lands; £17 1s. for Dungog Bridge; and £5 5s. 7d. for Dredge "Pluto"—Contingencies. *Appropriations of 1874*—£2,000 for the services of Hydraulic Engineer in connection with the proposed Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board; £2,000 to complete the erection of Captain Cook's Statue; and £1,500 for Reprint of the Statutes of the Colony.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1875.

NO. I.—SCHEDULES.

(59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1875, a sum not exceeding £1,551, 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, 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. Ann Petrie, Daughter of the late Captain Flinders, R.N.; £100 to Mrs. Catherine Lovett, Widow of the late J. Lovett, 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; £75 to Mrs. Jane Reader, Widow of the late Pilot Reader; £26 to Mrs. Smyth, late Assistant Court-keeper, Supreme Court; and £50 to Mrs. Shanks, Widow of the late Pilot Shanks.

NO. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,667, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Establishment of His Excellency the Governor, for the year 1875.

(61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £348, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Executive Council Establishment, for the year 1875.

(62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,020, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Council Establishment, for the year 1875.

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(63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,588, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1875.

(64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,700, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Joint Establishment of the Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1875.

(65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,445, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Parliamentary Library Establishment, for the year 1875.

NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,406, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Secretary's Establishment, for the year 1875.

(67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,497, for the maintenance of the Permanent and Volunteer Military Forces,—being £6,861 for General Staff; £10,109 for Artillery Force; £9,117 for Volunteer Force; and £410 for Public School Cadet Corps.

(68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,473, to defray the expenses of the Naval Brigade, for the year 1875.

(69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £156,465, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Police Service, for the year 1875,—being £1,975 for the Department of the Inspector General, General Establishment; £120,089 for Constabulary; £2,851 for Detectives; and £31,550 for Contingencies.

(70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £58,767, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Prisons for the year 1875,—being £1,880 for General Establishment; £1,695 for Sydney Gaol; £865 for Parramatta Gaol; £417 for Bathurst Gaol; £480 for Maitland Gaol; £417 for Goulburn Gaol; £667 for Berrima Gaol; £180 for Albury Gaol; £180 for Braidwood Gaol; £195 for Mudgee Gaol; £180 for Armidale Gaol; £180 for Wagga Wagga Gaol; £190 for Yass Gaol; £180 for Deniliquin Gaol; £507 for Port Macquarie Gaol; £277 for Cooma Gaol; £550 for Police Gaols, Country Districts; and £49,787 for Gaols generally.

(71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £52,393, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Lunatic Asylums, for the year 1875,—being £1,920 for Board of Visitors; £15,572 for Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville; £18,374 for Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; £1,001 for Lunatic Reception House, Darlinghurst; £5,526 for Asylum for Imbeciles and Institution for Idiots, Newcastle; and £10,000 for Lunatic Patients.

(72.) 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 1875.

(73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,735, to defray the charge for payment to Medical Adviser, Surgeons to Public Institutions, Fees to Medical Officers, Country Districts, Fees to Vaccinators, and for attendance on Aborigines, for the year 1875.

(74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,195, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Auditor General's Establishment, for the year 1875.

(75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,620, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1875.

(76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,450, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Agent General for the Colony, for the year 1875.

(77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,615, to defray the charge for Industrial Schools for the year 1875,—being £4,030 for salaries and contingencies of the Nautical School Ship "Vernon"; and £2,585 for salaries and contingencies for Biloela Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta River.

(78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £385, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Biloela Reformatory for Girls, Parramatta River, for the year 1875.

(79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, to defray the charge for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1875,—being £500 for salary of Inspector of Public Charities, and £100 for Travelling Expenses.

(80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,040, to defray the charge for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1875,—being £600 for Sydney; £200 for Parramatta; £500 for Liverpool; and £14,740 for Contingencies.

(81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37,903, for Charitable Allowances for the year 1875,—being £6,500 for the support of paupers in the Sydney Infirmary; £482 for salaries of Lady Superintendent and five Nursing Sisters; £3,000 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; £5,000 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, Dumb, and Blind Institution, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions. In aid of the undermentioned Charitable Institutions, on condition that an equal amount be raised by private contributions, and also of the Government, through Police Magistrates, or other approved officers, having the right of admission of patients, viz.:—£500 in aid of the Albury Hospital and Benevolent Society; £50 in aid of the Bega Hospital and Benevolent Society; £100 in aid of the Gundagai Benevolent Society; £200 in aid of the Maitland (West) Benevolent Society; £1,000 in aid of Maitland (West) Benevolent Society, for extension of new buildings; £100 in aid of the Narrabri Benevolent Asylum and Hospital; £175 in aid of the Parramatta Benevolent Society; £250 in aid of the Singleton and Patrick's Plains Benevolent Society; £300 in aid of the Singleton and Patrick's Plains Benevolent Society, for outfit; £150 in aid of the Tamworth Benevolent Society;—and in aid of the undermentioned Hospitals, on same conditions, viz.:—£75 in aid of the Hospital, Adelong; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Araluen; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Armidale and New England; £350 in aid of the Hospital, Bathurst; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Braidwood;

£413 in aid of the Hospital, Bourke; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Carcoar; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Cooma; £400 in aid of the Hospital, Deniliquin; £400 in aid of the Hospital, Dubbo; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Forbes; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Goulburn; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Grafton; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Grenfell; £500 in aid of the Hospital, Gulgong; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Gundagai; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Hay; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Hill End; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Kiandra; £500 in aid of the Hospital, Maitland; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Menindie; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Mudgee; £400 in aid of the Hospital, Murrurundi; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Muswellbrook; £500 in aid of the Hospital, Newcastle; £500 in aid of the Hospital, Orange; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Parramatta; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Port Stephens; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Queanbeyan; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Scone; £1,000 in aid of the Sydney Foundling Hospital; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Sofala; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Tenterfield; £600 in aid of the Hospital, Wagga Wagga; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Wellington; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Windsor; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Wollongong; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Yass; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Young; £150 in aid of the erection of a Windmill, Pump, &c., Hospital, Deniliquin, on same conditions; and £200 in aid of the Building Fund of the Forbes District Hospital, on same conditions.

(82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,725, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1875,—being £10,000 for Municipal Council, Sydney, in aid of the City Funds; £600 for defraying expenses of the Returning Officers of the several Electoral Districts; £1,600 for expense of compiling and printing Electoral Lists and Electoral Rolls; £100 for Newspapers and Almanacs; £300 for burial of destitute persons, in cases where inquests are not held; £250 for maintenance of deserted children, paupers taken charge of for protection, expenses of transmission, &c.; £350 for Fees for examining Lunatics; £500 for Rewards for apprehension of offenders; £500 for Rent of furnished House for the Commodore commanding the Naval Squadron on this Station; £3,000 in aid of the Agricultural Societies of the Colony, to be distributed *pro rata*, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions from the members of such Societies; £1,500 for Relief to sufferers by Floods; £2,000 to complete the erection of Captain Cook's Statue; £25 to Clerk to Registrar of Friendly Societies; and, £5,000 for the representation of the Colony at the Exhibitions to be held in Melbourne and Philadelphia in the year 1876.

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,060, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Justice and Public Instruction, for the year 1875.

(84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,398, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1875.

(85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,151, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Sheriff, for the year 1875.

(86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,394, to defray the salaries of the Establishment of the Insolvency Court, for the year 1875.

(87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,209, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the District Courts Establishments, for the year 1875,—being £3,299 for the Metropolitan and Coast District; £1,480 for the Southern District; £810 for the South-western District; £665 for the Western District; £1,055 for the Northern District; and £2,900 for Contingencies.

(88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,662, to defray the salaries and contingencies connected with Coroners' Inquests, for the year 1875.

(89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £40,888, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Petty Sessions, for the year 1875.

(90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,240, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Observatory, for the year 1875.

(91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Museum, for the year 1875.

(92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £180,000, for the support of Public Instruction, under the Act 30 Vict. No. 22, for the year 1875.

(93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,458, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Free Public Library, for the year 1875.

(94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,986, as Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1875,—being £200 to supplement the present Annual Endowment of £1,000 to the Australian Museum:—In aid of Educational Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions, viz.:—£75 in aid of the Albury School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Armidale Literary Institute; £38 in aid of the Ballina School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Balmain School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Balmain Working Men's Institute; £100 in aid of the Bathurst School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Bega School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Bellambi and Bulli School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Berrima School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Braidwood Literary Institute; £38 in aid of the Branxton Mechanics' Institute; £100 in aid of the Brewarrina School of Arts; £150 in aid of the Bombala School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute; £75 in aid of Botany; £75 in aid of the Bourke Mechanics' Institute; £38 in aid of the Camden School of Arts; £36 in aid of the Carcoar School of Arts; £150 in aid of the Corowa School of Arts; £150 in aid of the Deniliquin School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Denman School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Dubbo Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of the Dungog School of Arts; £75 in aid of the East Maitland School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Frederickton School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Forbes School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Goulburn School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Grafton School of Arts; £150 in aid of the Grenfell School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Gulgong School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Gundagai Literary Institute; £150 in aid of the Guntawang School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Hamilton School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Hinton School of Arts;

Arts; £75 in aid of the Inverell School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Lambton Mechanics' and Miners' Institute; £200 in aid of the Merriwa —————; £30 in aid of the Milton School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Monaro School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Morpeth School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Mudgee School of Arts; £20 in aid of the Murrurundi Mechanics' Institute and School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Muscleebrook School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Narrabri Mechanics' Institute; £225 in aid of the Newcastle School of Arts; £25 in aid of the North Willoughby School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Orange Mechanics' Institute; £100 in aid of the Orange School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Parramatta School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Paterson School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Petersham Working Men's Institute; £115 in aid of the Queanbeyan Literary Institute; £75 in aid of the Richmond School of Arts; £75 in aid of St. Leonards School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Scone School of Arts; £200 in aid of the Sydney Mechanic's School of Arts; £115 in aid of the Singleton Mechanics' Institute; £15 in aid of the Spring Grove School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Stroud School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Tamworth Mechanics' Institute; £60 in aid of the Tumut Literary Institute; £50 in aid of the Walcha School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Wallsend School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Wagga Wagga Mechanics' Institute; £75 in aid of the West Maitland School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Windsor School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Wollongong School of Arts; £40 in aid of the Wyrallah School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Yass Mechanics' Institute; £75 in aid of the Young School of Arts. In aid of the erection of buildings for Educational Institutions, on same condition, viz.:—£600 in aid of the Bathurst School of Arts (Hall for); £500 in aid of the Bombala School of Arts; £50 in aid of the Dungog School of Arts (purchase of site); £300 in aid of the Dungog School of Arts (building); £173 in aid of the Mudgee School of Arts (building); £400 in aid of the Orange Mechanics' Institute; £400 in aid of the Tenterfield School of Arts; £2,500 in aid of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Murrurundi School of Arts (building fund); and £500 in aid of the Young School of Arts (building).

(95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,250, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1875,—being £50 for Almanacs for Country Benches of Magistrates; £7,500 for Maintenance of Orphan Schools, Parramatta (pending decision as to their future organization); £500 towards Consolidating and Amending the Statute Law of New South Wales; £1,200 for new Circuit Courts—Fees for Presiding Judges; £1,000 for half salary to Judge Cheeke during leave of absence, from 1st February, 1875, to 31st January, 1876.

(96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,254, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Attorney General, for the year 1875.

(97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,839, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Crown Solicitor, for the year 1875.

(98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,554, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarter Sessions Establishment, for the year 1875.

NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,320, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Treasury Establishment, for the year 1875.

(100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,085, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1875.

(101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37,770, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Customs Establishment, for the year 1875.

(102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,152, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Distilleries and Refineries Establishment, for the year 1875.

(103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £295, to defray the charge for Gold Receivers, for the year 1875,—being for Receivers at Goulburn, Orange, Mudgee, Gulgong, Gundagai, Tamworth, Yass, Araluen, Forbes, Tumut, Armidale, Scone, Adelong, Stony Creek, Young, Sofala, Hargraves, Uralla, Nundle, Tambaroora, Braidwood, Grenfell, Carcoar, and Wagga Wagga, at £10 each, and one at Bathurst at £15, and to meet new appointments as required, £40.

(104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,000, to defray the charge for Freight and Conveyance of Gold and Escorts, for the year 1875.

(105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,632, to defray the salaries, wages, and contingencies of the Printing, Bookbinding, Stamps, and Railway Tickets Department, for the year 1875.

(106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £76,064, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Stores and Stationery Establishment, for the year 1875.

(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,049, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Ordnance and Barrack Department, for the year 1875.

(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £905, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Health and Emigration Officers, for the year 1875.

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £866, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarantine Establishment, for the year 1875.

(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,250, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Shipping Masters, for the year 1875.

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,200, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Glebe Island Abattoir Establishment, for the year 1875.

(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £32,106, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Marine Board of New South Wales, for the year 1875,—being £3,581 for the Marine Board, Sydney; £1,000 for the Local Marine Board, Newcastle; £1,450 for Harbour Masters; £3,658 for Colonial Light-houses; £8,447 for Sea and River Pilots; £8,340 for Boatmen; £876 for Telegraph Stations; £1,750 for Australian Coast Light-houses; and £3,004 for Contingencies.

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(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, to defray Gratuities to Coxswains and Crews of Lifeboats, for the year 1875.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £59,860, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1875,—being £12,000 for Postage of Public Departments; £4,000, Advertising for the Public Service; £9,000 for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages; £5,000 Commission on Payments in England, by the Government Financial Agents, on (say) £1,000,000; £5,000 for Brokerage and other charges on the sale of Government Securities; £8,000 for Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony; £3,000 for allowance for Postage and Stationery to Clerks of Petty Sessions, Land Agents, and Registrars of District Courts; £10,000 for the purpose of procuring a Steamer for the Pilot Service of Port Jackson; £30 for Provisions to be left on Booby Island for the relief of shipwrecked persons; £30 for Provisions to be left at Somerset for the relief of shipwrecked persons; £500 for the relief and conveyance of distressed Seamen belonging to the Colony from Foreign Ports; £300 as Contribution towards the maintenance of the Settlement at Somerset, Queensland; and £3,000 to meet Unforeseen Expenses, to be hereafter accounted for.

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £18,670, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Lands, for the year 1875.

(116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,275,—being £12,000 to defray Salaries and Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others; £300 for Land Agent at Corowa; £300 for Land Agent at Urana; and £675 for Assistant Land Agents, at £225,—for the year 1875.

(117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £190,425, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Survey of Lands, for the year 1875.

(118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,513, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Triangulation and General Survey of the Colony, for the year 1875.

(119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,838, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Occupation of Lands, for the year 1875.

(120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,600, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Establishment for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1875.

(121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £520, to defray charge for Imported Stock, for the year 1875.

(122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,075, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Registration of Brands, for the year 1875.

(123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,384, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Botanic Gardens Establishment, for the year 1875.

(124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,526, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Government Domains and Hyde Park, for the year 1875.

(125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, to defray salaries and contingencies for Inspection of Oyster Beds, for the year 1875.

(126.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,250, to defray the charge for Minor Roads for the year 1875,—being £250 for Alignment-posts for Towns; and £2,000 to meet expense of fencing Public Roads where proclaimed through enclosed lands.

(127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,142, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1875,—being £200 for the erection of Public Pounds; £50 for preservation of the Caves at Fish River; £25 for preservation of the Wombocian Caves; £1,000 for fencing Public Cemeteries; £100 for Parramatta Park; £125 for Fees to Commissioners of the Court of Claims, for hearing and reporting on Claims to Grants of Land, in terms of the Act 5 Wm. IV, No. 21; £300 to meet costs of legal expenses incurred in cases of ejection of illegal occupants from Crown Lands sold or about to be sold; £25 for the improvement of the Recreation Reserve in the town of Richmond (annual sum); £200 for fencing, planting, and improving that part of the Sydney Common used for the Rifle Butts; £150 for the erection of an Obelisk on the site of the old Parramatta Observatory; £180 for fencing the General Cemetery, Long Bay Road, Randwick; £100 for trenching and improving Victoria Park; £44 for Compensation to Chas. R. Lillyman for refund of purchase money and deed fee of an allotment in the Town of Narrabri Nos. 2 and 3 of section 11, Nos. 7 and 8 of section 13, and 13, 14, and 15 of section 12; £300 for preparing and sowing with grass seed the reclaimed land in the Botanic Gardens; £15 for Compensation to William Davis for damage done by the deviation in the road known as Huddle's Track passing through his land; £44 for Compensation to Rachel Crain for loss by cancellation of 44 acres, being portion 76 in the parish of Calofat, county Wynyard, applied for under the 14th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act; £100 towards the publication of a work on Orchids; £100 for the fencing and improvement of the Recreation Reserve, Orange; £83 for Compensation to John Smith, Tamworth, for loss of improvements on portion 57, parish of Tamworth, 81 acres 3 roods, conditionally purchased by him, and afterwards sold to John Gill—appraised value; £6 as Compensation to Thomas Collins for payment of expenses to Surveyors deputed to act for the Surveyor General at the Quarter Sessions held at Wollongong; £16 for compensation and Interest to Theodore Morath, for refund of purchase-money of an allotment in the Town of Narrabri; £14 for compensation to Duncan M'Gregor, for loss of allotment of land in the Township of Wilcamia; £300 for compensation to John Fairbairn, for loss of his appointment caused by a permanent injury received while in the actual discharge of his duties as Sheep Inspector at Hay; £100 for the improvement of the Goulburn Recreation Ground; £100 for the improvement of the Bathurst Reserve; £100 for the improvement of the Public Reserve, St. Leonards, North Shore; £35 for compensation to William Campbell on his surrender to the Crown of his conditional purchase of 60 acres, county of Parry, parish of Nemingha, on the Cockburn River; £130 for rent of Offices in the Exchange; and £200 for protecting, clearing, and fencing the Common at Wollongong.

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30,333, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Mines, for the year 1875,—being £1,500 for Secretary; £800 for Under Secretary; £2,765 for Clerical Staff; £2,880 for Survey Staff; £4,450 for Gold Fields; £1,630 for Warden's Courts; £885 for Geological Surveyor; £900 for Coal Fields; and £14,523 for Contingencies.

VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,254, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Public Works, for the year 1875.

(130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £80,082, to defray the charge for Harbours and Rivers Navigation for the year 1875,—being £3,624 for Engineer's Department; £2,998 for Fitz Roy Dock; £42,197 for the Dredge Service; and £31,263 for Public Works, viz. :—£1,100 for Assistant Engineers employed in superintending the construction of Public Works at £550; £2,500 for professional and other extra assistance, formerly paid from Contingent and other Votes; £200 for Ballast Master, Newcastle; £108 for Boatman; £1,000 for Preliminary Harbour and River Surveys; £3,000 for landing Silt from Dredge, and forming Ground; £8,000 for Incidental Repairs to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works; £4,000 for Steam Tug for Richmond River; £500 for Public Wharf, Tinonee, Manning River; £500 for Public Wharf, Nelligen; £100 for removing obstructions, Shoalhaven River, near Burrier; £400 for Punt and Approaches at Taree; £4,600 for Additional Floodgates and renewing old ones, Cook's River Dam; £105 for Deepening entrance to boat Harbour, Newcastle; £3,500 for drainage of Public Buildings, Parramatta, further sum; £800 for forming and metalling ground, Cowper Wharf; £350 for Public Wharf, Botany, further sum; and £500 towards removing obstructions at Woodburn, &c., Richmond River, further sum.

(131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,087, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Colonial Architect, for the year 1875.

(132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £148,828, to defray the expense of Public Works and Buildings, for the year 1875,—being £18,000 for ordinary Repairs, Alterations, and Additions to Public Buildings generally; £5,000 for providing Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices generally; £1,500 for repairs to Military and Volunteer Buildings; £200 for lighting Lamps, sweeping Chimneys, &c., Victoria Barracks; £1,100 for lighting Government Lamps in Streets of Sydney, the Domain, and Hyde Park; £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; £3,000 for Police Buildings; £15,000 for Gaols, Court Houses, and Lock-ups; £150 for supply of Coffins for Paupers; £2,000 for Repairs and Furniture for Telegraph Stations; £500 for Repairs to Buildings used as Roman Catholic Orphan School; £250 for Preparing Ground and Planting at Public Buildings; £3,000 for Additions to Hospital for Insane, Gladesville; £320 for Repair to the Mint Buildings; £2,000 for Additions to the Asylum for Imbeciles at Newcastle; £600 for Liverpool Benevolent Asylum, erecting Dead House and Shed for Patients; £500 for Additional accommodation for Land Titles Branch, Registry Office, Sydney; £1,000 for erection of a Drill Shed for the Naval Brigade; £1,000 for erection of Public Offices at Orange; £1,800 for erection of Railway, Post, and Telegraph Office at Anvil Creek; £2,000 for erection of Police Barracks, Officers' Quarters, and Stables, at Cooma; £1,500 for erection of Police Barracks, with Court Room, Lock-up, and Stabling, at Coonabarabran; £1,000 for erection of Police Barracks and Stables, and purchase of site at Bombala; £2,400 for erection of Police Barracks and Stabling at Glen Innes and Inverell, at £1,200 each; £1,000 for erection of Police Barrack and Stabling at Narrabri; £1,000 for erection of Police Barracks at Cootamundry and Moruya, at £500 each; £1,600 for erection of Police Barracks and Stabling at Bega and Moama, at £800 each; £1,000 for erection of Police Stations at Camden and Grenfell, at £500 each; £2,400 for erection of Quarters for Sub-Inspectors of Police at Mudgee, Dubbo, and Wagga Wagga, at £800 each; £5,000 for Erection of a Gaol at Hay; £1,500 for erection of a Telegraph Station and Post Office at Kiama; £2,100 for additions to the Crown Law Offices, to provide further accommodation for the Department of Justice and Public Instruction; £1,500 for Post and Telegraph Station, Singleton, including purchase of land; £1,000 for erection of Drill Shed, Victoria Barracks; £350 for extension of Powder Shed, Goat Island Magazine; £800 for two additional Cottages for men at Goat Island Magazine; £1,500 for extension of Gun-carriage Shed, Ordnance Store Yard; £5,000 for Additions and Alterations to Government Printing Office; £2,000 towards erection of Buildings and for improvements, Botanic Gardens; £360 for Strong Room, Registry Office, further sum; £887 for erection of Watch-house, Deniliquin; £3,571 for erection of Officers' Quarters, Residence for Engineer, Additions to Engine-house, Lodge for Gate-keeper, &c., Hospital for Insane, Gladesville; £750 for providing Weigh-bridge, and for Repairs and Furniture at the Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta; £1,200 for Additions to Water Police Station, Sydney; £1,000 for erection of Court and Watch House at Murwillumbah, Tweed River; £225 for providing a Turret Clock for Hospital for Insane, Gladesville; £197 for repairs to Police Station, Sydney Mint, and providing Iron Safe for same; £182 for Alterations and Repairs at the Sydney Mint; £3,500 for erection of Police Buildings at Newcastle; £2,000 for erection of a Court House at Bourke; £4,000 for erection of Post and Telegraph Office at Tenterfield, including £600 for purchase of site; £2,100 for the erection of a Court and Watch House at Wilcannia; £486 for Repairs &c., Naval Depot; £900 for Repairs, &c., to Quarters of Inspector General of Police; £750 for erection of Barrack at Fortifications, South Head; £750 for erection of Barrack at Fortifications, Middle Head; £1,500 for the erection of a New Court House and Lock-up at Walgett; £200 for removal of Wall, Victoria Barracks, to the level of Green's Road; £3,000 for Dwarf-wall and Iron Railings to enclose Hyde Park; £300 to construct Main Drain through the Domain, to convey away water from Mint and other Public Buildings; £50 for Watering Approaches to Parliamentary Buildings; £600 for Iron Railing in front of Government Asylum at Liverpool; £1,400 for repairs to Government Asylum at Liverpool; £120 for Gas-fittings, Asylum for Imbeciles, Newcastle; £1,500 for New Police Buildings, Singleton; £4,000 for Repairs and Additions to Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta;

matta; £6,000 for erection of a Gaol at Young; £1,100 for erection of Police Barracks, Molong; £3,000 to improve the character of the Position Lights on the Coast; £1,200 for enclosing that part of Hyde Park, from the Museum to St. Mary's Cathedral, with Dwarf Wall and Iron Railing; £750 for completion of Batteries, South side of the Harbour; £80 for Alterations and Additions to the Telegraph Station, Newcastle; £150 for the erection of a new Workshop for Instrument Fitter, Newcastle; £1,000 for erection of a new Telegraph Office, Cooma; and £2,000 for erection of a Post Office, West Maitland.

(133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,325, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Roads and Bridges, General Establishment, for the year 1875.

(134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,824, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Roads and Bridges, Superintendents in Field, for the year 1875.

(135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £352,285, to defray the expense for construction and maintenance of Roads and Bridges, for the year 1875,—being £14,816, for Main North Road; £23,945 for Main South Road; £20,512 for Main Western Road; £31,880 for other Main Roads,—viz.,—£7,500 for Main Road, Grafton to Glen Innes, 100 miles; £2,000 Tolls, including Grafton Punt; £5,625 for Main Road, Wallerawang to Mudgee, 75 miles; £2,425 for Main Road, Wallerawang to Mudgee (Tolls); £6,150 for Main Road, Goulburn to Cooma, 123 miles, at £50 per mile; £612 for Main Road, Goulburn to Cooma (Tolls); £1,800 for Main Road, Tarago to Braidwood, 36 miles, at £50 per mile; £3,100 for Main Road, Bathurst to Cowra 62 miles, at £50 per mile; £668 for Main Road, Bathurst to Cowra (Tolls); £2,000 for Main Road from Port Jackson to Peat's Ferry; £207,082 for Roads and Bridges generally, viz.,—£10,000 for Contingent Works on Minor Roads not on Schedule, on Punts and Approaches; £5,000 for repair of and painting Bridges; £500 for construction and repair of Toll-bars; £125,482 for Minor Roads, as per Schedule; £1,200 for Road, Jamberoo Mountain Pass, further sum; £4,000 for Approaches to Railway Stations, North, South, and West; £1,800 for Bridge, Chambyne Creek and Henry River; £1,200 for Road from Railway Station, Goulburn, to Municipal boundary; £1,200 for Road from Railway Station, Bathurst, towards Carcoar, within Municipal boundary; £5,000 to be expended on Roads and Bridges in Flooded Districts; £300 for Bridge, at Gilmandyke Creek; £300 for Bridge, Neerong Croeh, Canowindra to Eugowra; £1,600 for Bridge at Inverell, further sum; £800 for Bridge over Little River, between Wellington and Bogan; £700 for Bridge over Bluff River; £1,500 for Bridge over Chandler and Wollumumbi Rivers; £1,200 for Bridge over Commissioner's Crossing; £500 for Bridge over Salisbury River, near Uralla; £2,000 for Approaches to Old Bridge, Torriaro, Namoi River; £500 for Bridge over Boggy Creek, Narrabri to Moree; £3,500 for Bridge over Karuah River, Gloucester Road; £400 for Bridge between Aaron's Pass and Cudgegong Corner; £500 for Bridge over Cheshire's Creek; £350 for Bridge over Crookwell River; £300 for Bridge over Bungendore Creek; £600 for Bridge at Micalago; £150 for Bridge at Bunbury, Curran Creek; £3,000 for Bridge over Bega River; £500 for Bridge, Frog's Hollow Creek; £1,000 for Bridge, Wolumla Creek; £1,500 for Bridge on Road, Muswellbrook to Merriwa, Cassilis, and Coolah; £300 for Bridge at Deep Creek, Nambuccra to Bellinger; £1,200 for Bridge, White's Falls; £1,500 for Bridges between Orange and Wellington, on Main Western Road; £5,000 for Bridges, Lachlan to Darling; £700 for Bridge at Menangle, further sum; £200 for Bridge, Dark Creek; £400 for Bridge over Bell River, between Molong and Ironbarks; £1,200 for Bridges, Culverts, &c., Road, Tenterfield to Maryland; £300 for Culvert at Muswellbrook; £500 for Road, Nimbooy to top of O. B. X. Hill; £2,000 for Road, Yass to New Railway Station; £400 for Road from Defence Road, North Shore *via* the Spit Ferry to Manly; £300 for Road from Railway Station and Approach to Luskintyre Bridge; £1,000 for Road Wollongong to Shoalhaven, near Albion Park; £1,000 for Reflooring Penrith Bridge; £5,000 for Roads, Orange to Parkes; £4,000 for Road, Tarrago to Cooma; £1,000 towards Water Supply at Parkes; £900 for Gulgong Water Supply; £300 for Approaches, Springhill Railway Station; £500 for Road, Vegetable Creek, by Dundee, to Newtown Boyd Road; £450 for Road, Randwick to Long Bay; £350 for Long Pay Road to Banks Meadow; £2,000 for Military Roads; and £54,050 for Roads under Trustees, viz.,—£350 for Clerk in Charge; £46,700 for Roads under Trustees, as per Schedule; £6,000 for Unclassified Roads; £600 for Cost of obtaining Reports, and other Contingent Expenses; and £400 for Road, Newcastle to Wallsend—Neutral Ground.

(136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £794, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1875,—being £70 for attending to the lighting and extinguishing the Gas, &c., in the Parliamentary Buildings; £120 for Lighting Lamps, Newcastle Wharf; £500 to defray Expenses during the occasional employment of the "Thetis," &c., on special services; and £104 for Law Costs incurred by Trustees, Bulli Road.

RE-VOTES.

(137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £118,279 18s. 1d., being for Appropriations and Balances of Appropriations which lapsed under the 17th clause of the Audit Act, to be re-voted, viz.:—Roads and Bridges—1871—Revoted, 1872,—£1,326 17s. 1d. for Approaches to Balranald Punt;—1872,—£1,000 for Approaches to Balranald Punt;—1872—Revoted, 1873—£975 13s. 4d. for Bridge at Inveralochy;—1872—Revoted, 1874,—£360 3s. 5d. for Road, Cassilis to Coonabarabran; £935 11s. 4d. for Wells, Lachlan to Darling;—1873—£98 0s. 8d. for Road, Queanbeyan to Cooma; £75 19s. 6d. for Road, Waratah to Maitland; £116 11s. 3d. for Road, Currabubla to Tamworth; £193 14s. 3d. for Road, Armidale to Glen Innes; £48 12s. 2d. for Road, Cundle to Port Macquarie; £61 9s. 1d. for Road, Casino to Ballina; £348 8s. 6d. Punt at Brewarrina; £91 for Road, Bell's Line to Colo River; £188 7s. 2d. for Grading Road, Wyadon Hill; £948 10s. for Bridge, Bombala; £236 for Bridge, Ironbark Creek; £344 19s. 11d. for Bridge, Cockburn Creek; £1,310 18s. 4d. for Bridge, Molonglo; £748 3s. for Bridge, Tumut, at Brungle; £500 for Bridge, Saumarez Village; £674 3s. 10d. for Bridge, Canowindra; £1,750 15s. 4d. for Forming footpath, University cutting; £500 for Menangle Bridge; £872 18s. 2d. for Bridge, Broadwater, Moree;—1873—Re-voted, 1874—£636 16s. for Road, Manilla *via* Barraba to Warialda; £1,798 7s. 10d. towards opening Road, Kempsey to Armidale; £1,729 9s. for Approaches, Howlong Punt; £215 3s. 10d. for Bridge, Brungah Creek, near Hay; £1,434

£1,434 5s. 5d. for Bridge, Yarrowford and Beardie Creek; £500 for Metalling Road, Campbelltown to Camden; £183 14s. for Road, Jamberoo Mountain Pass; £97 11s. 8d. for Bridge at Doctor's Creek; £3,369 9s. 2d. for Bridge over Cudgegong, at Mudgee; £1,581 11s. 1d. for Bridge at Slasher's Flat; £1,700 for Bridge, Warren; £700 for Bridge, Billabong, at Conargo; £812 17s. 8d. for Victoria Bridge, West Maitland; £400 for Bridge, Bong Bong River; £195 16s. 8d. for Bridge, Baker's Creek; £553 for Bridge, Tallawalka, near Menindie; £1,476 8s. for Bridge, Kangaroo Valley; £350 for Bridge, Tallymullin Creek; £497 7s. for Bridge, Cato Creek, near Walgett; £5,000, further sum, for Road, Kempsey to Armidale; £177 19s. for Road, Singleton *via* Denman to Cassilis; £45 7s. for Road, Narrabri to Walgett; £589 10s. 10d. for Road, Manilla *via* Barraba to Warialda; £1,323 11s. 9d. for Road, Armidale to Glen Innes; £1,317 2s. 3d. for Main North Road at Bendemeer, to Inverell; £266 for Road, Armidale to Walcha; £176 6s. for Road, Cundle to Port Macquarie; £524 18s. 5d. for Road, Walcha to Port Macquarie; £142 17s. 11d. for Road, Kempsey to the Bellinger; £676 7s. for Road, Richmond River to the Tweed; £1,184 18s. for Road, Hill End, *via* Bragg's, to Main Western Road; £274 for Road, Throsby Park to Kiama Municipality; £625 1s. 11d. for Road, Throsby Park to Broughton Creek; £60 for Road, Peelwood to the Abercrombie River; £200 6s. 3d. for Road, Goulburn to Wheeo; £42 13s. 4d. for Road, Sharpening-stone Creek to Boorowa; £66 2s. 4d. for Road, Milton to Bateman's Bay; £21 15s. 10d. for Road, Araluen to Moruya; £234 9s. 6d. for Road, Bombala to Delegate; £119 17s. 8d. for Road, Wallanbeen to Murrumburrah; £195 14s. 5d. for Road, Wagga Wagga to Deniliquin; £544 for Road, Corowa to Deniliquin; £280 12s. 4d. for Road, Twelve-mile Creek to Wallerang; £378 15s. 8d. for Road, Albury to Urana; £300 for Bridge, Broadwater, Moree; £150 for Punt at Browarrina; £1,195 16s. 8d. for Bridge, Emigrant Creek; £204 2s. for Bridge, Paramonoo; £795 16s. 8d. for Bridge, at Inverell; £832 for Bridge, Payne's Crossing; £145 for Bridge, Marengo Creek; £550 for Bridge, Billabong, at Goonambil; £4,466 1s. 8d. for Bridge, Tallywalka, Lachlan to Darling. From Trustees Schedule.—£300 for Road, Coorawang to Goulburn. Public Works and Buildings—Appropriations of 1873—Harbours and Rivers Navigation—£2,500 for draining Public Buildings at Parramatta. Appropriations of 1874.—Harbours and Rivers Navigation—£5,000 for Steam Tug, Richmond River; £251 for clearing obstructions from Richmond River at Woodburn; £1,500 for Stationary Engine at Hinton—To be Re-voted as Steam Punt at Hinton. Colonial Architect—£2,300 for Stabling and Cottage for Grooms, New General Post Office; £10,000 for Public Buildings, Bathurst; £6,000 for Alterations of Buildings at Parramatta for Infirm and Destitute Females; £950 for Police Buildings, Toogong; £4,000 for Alterations and Additions to Legislative Assembly Chamber; £1,700 for Police Buildings, Newcastle; £900 for Court House, Hill End; £3,500 for Repairs to the Mint Buildings; £6,500 for Repairs and Additions to Buildings, Quarantine Station; £593 for Repairs to Buildings, Abattoir, Glebe Island—Balance of Vote; £1,500 for Water Supply for Asylums for Imbeciles, Newcastle; £3,500 for Additions to Gaol at Yass; £2,500 for Additions to Gaol at Dubbo; £2,500 for Additions to Gaol at Mudgee; £800 for Court House and Lock-up at Coonamble; £900 for Lock-up at Ashfield; £800 for Court and Watch-house, Milton; £900 for Court and Watch House, Shell Harbour; £800 for Lock-up at Nambucca River; £1,000 for Court and Watch House, and Stables at Buckley's Crossing; £200 to Purchase Premises at Howlong for Court House and Police Station; £1,000 for Police Buildings at Wallerawang; and £900 for lowering and underpinning Wall at Victoria Barracks.

VIII.—RAILWAYS.

(138.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,525, to defray the charge for the Railway Branch of the Department of Public Works, "General Establishment," for the year 1875.

(139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £259,761, to defray the charge for "Working Expenses," for the year 1875.

(140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,405, for "Miscellaneous" for the year 1875,—being £2,000 to cover temporary Payments on account of Contractors and others, Vote to be recouped as advances are recovered; £10,000 for Alterations and Additions to Station Buildings and Siding Accommodation to meet increasing traffic; £100 for compensation to the widow of William Lutton, late guard, who was accidentally killed on the Railway, near South Creek, while on duty; £100 for compensation to the widow of Edward Williamson, late porter, who was accidentally killed at the Railway Station, at Honeysuckle Point, while on duty; and £205 for compensation to Joseph Cross, late station-master at Parramatta Junction, for loss of office in consequence of personal injury received while on duty, one month's pay for each year of service.

(141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,374, to defray the charge for "Works in Progress," for the year 1875.

NO. IX.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £193,991, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Post Office Department, for the year 1875.

(143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,395, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Money Order Department, for the year 1875.

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £68,536, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Electric Telegraph Department, for the year 1875.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR THE YEARS 1873 AND 1874.

Services of 1873.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12, to defray supplementary charge for "Industrial Schools,"—being allowance to the Assistant Matron of the Biloela Industrial School for Girls, for extra services.

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(146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £174 11s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge for "Charitable Allowance,"—being in aid of the Mudgee Hospital, on the usual conditions, further sum.

No. IV.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £67 5s., to defray supplementary charge for "Minor Roads,"—being to meet expense of Fencing Public Roads where proclaimed through Crown Lands, further sum.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £107 17s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge for "Roads and Bridges,"—being for Road, Newcastle to Maitland (in lieu of balance of vote written off).

Services of 1874.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £780 13s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge for "Police Contingencies,"—being amount of balances repaid to the Treasury, now required to meet claims since presented.

(150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £353 17s., to defray supplementary charge for "Registrar General,"—being for Fees to District Registrars, further sum.

(151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,004 18s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge for further aid to the undermentioned Institutions, on condition of equal amounts being raised by private contributions, &c., viz.:—Mudgee Hospital,—maintenance, £154 13s. 4d.; Mudgee Hospital—Building Fund, £800; Queanbeyan Hospital—Maintenance, £50.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £274, to defray supplementary charge for "Miscellaneous Services,"—being £150 towards enclosing and laying out for Public Recreation the Flagstaff Hill Reserve, further sum; and £124 towards fencing and clearing the General Cemetery, Long Bay Road, Randwick, further sum.

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,132 8s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge for "Harbours and Rivers Navigation,"—being £1,000 for Landing silt from Dredges and forming ground, further sum; and £132 8s. 11d., for the completion of the Boat-shed, Newcastle.

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1875.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £36 10s., to defray additional charge under the head "His Excellency the Governor"—being for Aide-de-Camp, Mounted Orderlies, Police, Increased pay to four Mounted Orderlies, at 6d. per diem each.

(155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £230, to defray additional charge under the head "Police,"—being £80 for purchase of additional land at Manly for the Lock-up; £50 for purchase of Land at North Willoughby (two acres) as site for a Lock-up; and £100 for purchase of land at Lithgow Valley as site for Police Station.

(156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,150, to defray additional charge under the head "Gaols generally,"—being for purchase of materials for employment of Prisoners in Gaols, further sum.

(157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £710, to defray additional charge under the head "Nautical School Ship 'Vernon,'"—being £210 for Contingencies, further sum; and £500 for Boiler and Engine for Steam Launch.

(158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £161 13s. 4d., to defray additional charge under the head "Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute,"—being for Secretary's salary from 1st August at the rate of £400 per annum.

(159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray additional charge under the head "Charitable Allowances,"—being in aid of the erection of a Fever-Ward, Albury Hospital. (In lieu of the Vote of 1874, written off.)

(160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £46,935, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being £300 for the purpose of enabling the Crown to be represented on the hearing of the Appeal in the case *Joachim v O'Shanassy*, now before the Privy Council (Resolution of the Assembly); £120 gratuity, at the rate of £20 per month for the remainder of the year, from 1st July, 1875, to Mr. Thomas Scott, of Brisbane Water, for his exertions through the Press, and otherwise (during a period of over forty years), in naturalizing the cultivation of the Sugar-cane, and promoting the manufacture of Sugar in this Colony (Resolution of the Assembly); £6,000 Sydney City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board—Expenses connected therewith; £500 for construction of Pneumatic Carts in connection with the Sewage and Health Board; £40,000 as a loan in aid of the Corporation of the City of Sydney, to enable them to carry out works of urgent public importance, to be repaid by annual instalments during the years 1876, 1877, and 1878, with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum; and £15 for relief to the Widow of Thomas Havenhand, who lost his life in the performance of his duty in the Public Service (Resolution of Assembly) at the rate of £30 per annum from 1st July.

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £402, to defray additional charge under the head "Petty Sessions,"—being £300 for Police Magistrate, Singleton, at £450, from 1st May; £52 for Central Police Court—Extra Clerk from 1 July; and £50 for Contingencies—Bailiff, Small Debts Court.

(162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,026 Os. 9d., to defray additional charge under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions,"—being £1,000 for New South Wales Academy of Art, as per Resolution of Assembly; and £26 Os. 9d. for North Willoughby School of Arts (to be re-voted on account of 1874).

(163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £87 6s., to defray additional charge under the head "Quarter Sessions,"—being £66 10s. for Rent of Office for Clerk of the Peace; and £20 16s. for Rent of Office for Housekeeper.

(164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £622 5s. 11d., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being for Law Expenses in the following cases:—£50, the Queen *ats. Suiter*; £50, the Queen *ats. Thorburn*; £50, the Queen *ats. Currie*; £30, Farnell *ats. Busby*; £256 5s. 11d., Reeve *v. Lloyd*, further sum, to meet expenses of Appeal to Privy Council; £100 for Gratuity to Mrs. Smith, widow of the late Sheriff's Bailiff, Deniliquin; £36 for purchase of twenty-five copies of Forster's District Court Practice; and £50 for Incidental Expenses.

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(165.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,506 16s. 8d., to defray the additional charge under the head "Customs,"—being Increases to the salaries of the following officers, in lieu of overtime allowances, now abolished, and for additional care and responsibility consequent on the working of the new regulations, viz.:—Sydney—£58 6s. 8d. for Collector, at the rate of £100 per annum, from 1st June; £128 6s. 8d. for 2 Landing-surveyors—1 at £120 and 1 at £100, from 1st June; £58 6s. 8d. for 1 Warehouse-keeper, at £100, from 1st June; £997 10s. for 19 Landing-waiters, at £90 each, from 1st June; £495 16s. 8d. for 17 Lockers, at £50 each, from 1st June; £116 13s. 4d. for 2 Clerks, at £100 each, from 1st June; £58 6s. 8d. for 2 Tide-surveyors, at £50 each, from 1st June;—Newcastle—£150 for Tide-surveyor, Landing-waiter, Locker, two Clearing Clerks, and Warrant Officer, at £50 each per annum, from 1st July;—Out-ports—£200 to meet claims which may arise at Out-ports under the new Regulations; £156 for Increase to pay of Boatmen (13) at Botany Bay, Broken Bay, Grafton, and Richmond River, at the rate of £12 per annum (omitted from Estimates-in-Chief); and £87 10s. for Additional Clerk at Moama, at £175 per annum, from 1st July.

(166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,390, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being for the relief of the widows of the late Lieutenant Gowlland, and — Petersen, who lost their lives in performance of their duties in the Public Service (Resolution of Assembly), viz.:—£75, Mrs. Gowlland, at the rate of £150 per annum, from 1st July; £15, Mrs. Petersen, at the rate of £30 per annum, from same date; £300, to meet the probable expenses of the Board appointed to consider the desirability of the removal of the Goat Island Powder Magazine; and £2,000, Contribution towards the cost of surveying Bass's Straits.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(167.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,111, to defray additional charge under the head "Survey of Lands,"—being for bonuses to Draftsmen of 25 per cent. on salaries for present year.

(168.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £275, to defray additional charge under the head "Triangulation and General Survey of the Colony,"—being for bonuses to Draftsmen of 25 per cent. on salaries for present year.

(169.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge under the head "Occupation of Lands,"—to meet expense of compiling the Return of Lands Leased and Licensed, ordered by the Legislative Assembly on the motion of Mr. Piddington.

(170.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,969 1s. 6d., to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being £200 for improving the Public Reserves at Manly Beach; £200 for improving and planting with trees and shrubs, Biloela Island, Parramatta River (in lieu of the vote of 1874, which lapsed on 31st December last); £159 1s. 6d., for Compensation to Messrs. R. and A. Landale for loss sustained by them for the re-sale of portion 15, on the Reserve 214, Parish of Mundiwa, County of Townsend, comprising 303 acres, at 10s. 6d. per acre; £1,000 for cost of preparing Returns called for by Parliament, and of publication of Pamphlet of all existing Reserves, and for such other further clerical assistance and contingent expenses as may be found necessary; £300 for Planting and laying out Wynyard-square, further sum; £400 for Cemetery, Waverley, further sum; £2,000 for probable expense of bringing the Land Bill into operation; £40 for cost of Boat for the use of the Inspector of Oyster-beds; and £670 for losses sustained by Mr. Robert John Greenwood in connection with the case King *v. Greenwood*, viz., costs, including witnesses' expenses (subject to taxation) £350; value of Improvements (subject to appraisalment) £320.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR MINES.

(171.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,000, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being for reward for the discovery of Gold in payable quantities in quartz-veins, lodes, or reefs, below certain depths.

No. VIII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(172.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,750 to defray additional charge under the head "Public Works and Buildings,"—being for alterations and additions to the Queen's Warehouse, Custom House, Sydney. (173.)

(173.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15,848, to defray additional charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation,"—being £7,000 for incidental expenses to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works, further sum; £5,600 for Dredge Services further sum; £1,200 for Overflow Pipes and Dwarf Wall, &c., Botanic Gardens; £2,000 for landing Silt and forming Ground, further sum; and £48 for lighting Lamps, Newcastle Wharf, further sum.

(174.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,650, to defray additional charge under the head "Roads and Bridges,"—being £850 for Bridge at Bombala, further sum; £350 for Punt, Wilson's River; £1,500 for Road, Tamworth to Gunnedah, through the Peel River Company's property; £1,000 for completion of the Bullock Island or Onebygambah Bridge (Resolution of Assembly); £700 for Bridge at Bryant's Creek, Wollombi; £300 for Bridge at Euroka Creek, Kempsey; £800 for Bridge at Price's Creek, Jamberoo; £800 for Tolls to be collected at Hay Bridge, balance not required for maintenance to be refunded to Municipality; £350 for Tolls, Wiseman's Ferry and Parramatta River, to be expended where collected in maintenance, &c., of Ferries; and £3,000 for Mudgee Road.

(175.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray additional charge under the head "Railways,"—being for Gratuity to the Widow and Children of the late James Tracey, who was killed whilst in the discharge of his duty on the Railway at Newcastle.

(176.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £205, to defray additional charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being for Compensation to Rev. J. S. White for certain land taken from him at Singleton by the Government for public purposes. (Resolution of Assembly.)

NO. IX.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(177.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £214 15s., to defray additional charges under the head "Post Office,"—being £94 15s. to purchase 5 Iron Safes for Country Post Offices; and £120 for Iron Letter Receivers, further sum.

(178.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, to defray additional charge under the head "Electric Telegraph,"—being for guaranteed annual subscription for ten years towards the construction and maintenance of Electric Cable between New Zealand and New South Wales. (Resolution of Assembly.)

LOAN ESTIMATES, 1875.

To be raised by Loan.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS.

(179.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1875, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £97,490, for Electric Telegraphs, being—£30,000, Bourke to Wentworth; £4,200, Coonabarabran to Coonamble; £4,600, Warialda to Goondawindi; £3,500, Orange to Wellington, *via* Molong; £2,600, Wollombi to Singleton (3 wires); £7,200, Glen Innes to Grafton, *via* Newton Boyd; £600, St. Leonards to Manly Beach; £4,800, Bourke to Rutherford's; £1,000, additional sum for Line to the Tweed; £15,000, Iron Poles for Railway Extensions; £600, Newcastle to Wallsend; £1,850, Singleton, *via* Jerry's Plains, to Denman; £3,500, Moruya to Bega; £7,500, West Kempsey to Grafton, *via* the Nambucca and Bellinger Rivers; £2,000, Balranald to the Victorian Boundary; £3,500, Dubbo to Warren; £340, St. Leonards to Hunter's Hill and Gladsville; £3,500, Wagga Wagga to Narrandera; and £1,200, to connect Murrumburrah.

FORTIFICATIONS.

(180.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1875, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £5,000, towards completing the Fortifications of Port Jackson.

ADDITIONAL LOAN ESTIMATE, 1875.

To be raised by Loan.

RAILWAY EXTENSION.

(181.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1875, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £75,000, for Railway Extension, being—£50,000 for additional Rolling Stock; £5,000 for additional Machinery; and £20,000 for Trial Surveys.

HARBOURS AND RIVERS.

(182.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1875, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £36,000, for Harbours and Rivers, being—£10,000 for reclamation of Black-wattle Swamp, further sum; £4,000 for improving the navigation of the Murrumbidgee River, further sum; £2,000 for improving the navigation of the Darling River, further sum; and £20,000 for Newcastle Wharf—Cranes, Hydraulic Engine-house, and Apparatus.

BUILDINGS.

(183.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1875, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £11,000, for Buildings, being—£3,000 for completion of New General Post Office, further sum; £5,000 for Custom House, Newcastle, further sum; and £3,000 for Light-house at Seal Rocks, further sum.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

(184.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1875, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £11,200, for Roads and Bridges, being—£1,200 for Bridge over Hunter at Elderslie; £3,000 for Bridge at Casino, further sum; and £7,000 for purchase of Richmond Bridge.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

10. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

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

The Resolutions were then read a first time, as follows:—

(8.) *Resolved*, that towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1874 and previous years, the sum of £136,709 0s. 9d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(9.) *Resolved*, that towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1875, the sum of £2,722,606 7s. 3d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

(10.) *Resolved*, that towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £235,690 be raised by the sale of Debentures, or otherwise, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 5 per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of carrying on certain Public Works of the Colony, and other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, the Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

The House adjourned at seventeen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 AUGUST, 1875.

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

LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. 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 dated this day, on the subject of the Council's amendments in the Lands Acts Amendment Bill, disagreed to by the Assembly, and insisted on by the Council; and appoints that the same be held in the back Library, at the hour of a quarter before 5 o'clock in the afternoon of to-morrow, the 5th instant, and that the Honorable W. B. Dalley, the Honorable F. M. Darley, the Honorable Sir E. Deas-Thomson, C.B., K.C.M.G., the Honorable Joseph Docker, the Honorable John Frazer, the Honorable S. D. Gordon, the Honorable Sir Wm. Manning, Kt., Q.C.; the Honorable Robert Owen, the Honorable Saul Samuel, C.M.G., and the Honorable J. B. Watt, be the managers thereof on its behalf.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th August, 1875.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Charge against a Landing Waiter:—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Were the Detective Police set in motion by the Collector of Customs within the last six weeks, to watch the proceedings of a Landing Waiter in his Department; and if so, for what purpose?
- (2.) Did the Detective Police enter the said Landing Waiter's house in company with Mr. Jones, one of the Landing Surveyors, and take therefrom a quantity of uncustomed wines and spirits; and are the same at the present time in the Queen's Warehouse?
- (3.) Was the said Landing Waiter suspended from his office, pending the opinion of the Crown Law Officers as to whether he should be criminally prosecuted; and what was their decision?
- (4.) Did the Collector hold an inquiry in the said Landing Waiter's case, and was it proved that the said wines and spirits were taken from a wharf by the said Landing Waiter?
- (5.) Is it true that the said Landing Waiter has been reinstated, and upon what grounds?
- (6.) Was he reinstated by the recommendation of the Collector of Customs?

Mr. W. Forster answered,—

- (1.) A Detective Policeman was employed by the Collector of Customs to watch the proceedings of a Landing Waiter in his Department, for the purpose of ascertaining whether customable goods were irregularly conveyed by him from his place of employment to his residence.
- (2.) This policeman did, under the instructions of the Collector of Customs, enter the said Landing Waiter's house, in company with Mr. Jones, one of the Landing Surveyors, and seized therein certain wines and spirits, whether "uncustomed" or not, excepting as to an ullage bottle of Marischino, there is no sufficient evidence to show.
- (3.) The Landing Waiter was suspended from his office, pending an inquiry into the charges against him by the Collector of Customs, and after such investigation the papers were forwarded to the Crown Law Offices for the purpose of procuring an opinion as to whether criminal proceedings should be instituted against him, and the Attorney General has advised that there are no sufficient grounds for instituting any criminal charge against the Landing Waiter.

(4.)

- (4.) An inquiry was held by the Collector, and it was not proved that such wines and spirits were taken as suggested, except in the case of an ullage bottle of Marischino, which had been used for the purpose of gauging, and which appears to have been left for the use of the officers.
- (5.) The Landing Waiter has been reprimanded and reinstated, upon a full consideration of the whole facts of the case.
- (6.) No recommendation of the Collector of Customs was made, but he concurs in the course adopted.
- (2.) Colonization of New Guinea:—Mr. Davies asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to the deputation that waited upon him on the subject of the Colonization of New Guinea,—what steps (if any) have the Government taken in reference to this matter? Mr. Robertson answered,—The Government determined that a Cabinet Minute should be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies upon this matter, and I shall be quite willing to lay that Cabinet Minute upon the Table of the House, having obtained His Excellency's consent to do so.
- (3.) Tolls on Nepean Bridge:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to cease collecting Tolls at the Bridge over the Nepean, at Penrith; and if so, when? Mr. Lackey answered,—The Government have no intention of ceasing to collect these Tolls. The road portion of this bridge cost over £35,000, and the people would have to pay punt toll if it was not provided. Tolls are charged on all bridges where it will pay to collect them; these tolls are the only funds available for repair of the Main Road in the vicinity.
- (4.) Goods Shed at Railway Station, Tarana:—Mr. W. H. Suttor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to complete the erection of the Goods Shed at the Railway Station at Tarana? Mr. Lackey answered,—It was decided in May last that a shed should be erected at Tarana. The drawings have since been completed, and the shed will be erected as soon as the funds voted by Parliament have been made available by the passing of the Appropriation Act.
3. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Minute for His Excellency the Governor respecting the proposed annexation of New Guinea.
- (2.) Report on Prisons, for the year 1874.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table,—Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 2nd June, 1874, in reference to Church and School Lands.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—
- (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. July, 1875.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the same Act.
- Ordered to be printed.
4. MR. E. W. RUDDER:—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Petition from E. W. Rudder, alleging that he had a part in the discovery of Gold in this Colony; and praying the House to take his case into favourable consideration.
- Petition received.
5. APPROPRIATION BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. W. Forster moved, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. 8 and 9, 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 1875, and for the year 1874, and previous years.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Forster then presented a 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 1875 and for the Year 1874 and previous Years,*"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. LOAN BILL:—
- (1.) Mr. W. Forster moved, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 10, to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works.
- Question put and passed.
- (2.) Mr. Forster then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works,*"—which was read a first time.
- Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Free Conference*):—The time having arrived for holding the Free Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject of certain amendments made by the Council in this Bill, disagreed to by the Assembly, and insisted on by the Council,—the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, called over the names of the Managers appointed on behalf of the Assembly.
- And Mr. Sutherland not answering,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lord was appointed in his place.
- The Managers then proceeded to the Conference, attended by the Sergeant-at-Arms,—the business of the House being suspended during their absence.
- The Managers having returned, Mr. Garrett, on their behalf, reported as follows:—
- "The Managers chosen by this House have met the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, and have conferred together with regard to the Assembly's disagreements to the amendments made by the Council in the Lands Acts Amendment Bill. The result of that interchange of opinion in the Conference will be communicated to this House by a Message from the Legislative Council."
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8. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Stuart moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
9. **NUISANCES PREVENTION BILL** (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Lackey, read a third time, and *passed*.
 Mr. Lackey then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for preventing certain Nuisances in the City of Sydney and other Municipalities.*"
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered, 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 for preventing certain Nuisances in the City of Sydney and other Municipalities,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th August, 1875.
10. **BRIDGE OVER THE GWYDIR, AT BUNDARRA** (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the prayer of the Petition presented by him on the 4th instant, from Residents of Bundarra, respecting the erection of a Bridge across the Gwydir River.
 Question put and passed.
11. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Nelson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
12. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow :—
 (1.) Supply ; resumption of the Committee.
 (2.) Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
13. **MR. E. H. HARGRAVES** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Cunneen, Mr. 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 on a Supplementary Estimate for 1875, a sum not exceeding £7,619, as compensation to Mr. E. H. Hargraves for the discovery of Gold made by him in New South Wales.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
 Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the report be *now* received.
 The Resolution was then 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 1876, a sum not exceeding £250 per annum, during the remainder of his natural life, as a further gratuity to Mr. Edward Hammond Hargraves, of Brisbane Water, in recognition of his very valuable and successful services as the practical discoverer of Gold in the Western Districts of this Colony, during the year 1851.
 On motion of Mr. Cunneen, the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.
- The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1875.

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

QUESTION.—Mineral Selection at Togo:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of *Mr. Greville*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will the witnesses who gave evidence before the Select Committee appointed to inquire as to a Mineral Selection at Togo be paid?
 (2.) What steps ought they to take to procure payment?

Mr. Robertson answered,—I am afraid it will be too late to provide for this money on the Estimates. It quite passed my memory. It ought to be moved for by the Chairman, and I was the Chairman of the Committee. I think the better way will be, as it has remained so long, to place it on the Estimates for the next year.

2. *MR. E. W. RUDDER* ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of *Mr. R. B. Smith*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 5th August, from *Mr. E. W. Rudder*, relative to the public services rendered by him in making known the discovery of Gold in 1851, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
3. BEER'S DISABILITIES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of *Mr. Driver*, discharged.
 Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Driver*, that the Bill be withdrawn.
4. BARRISTERS ADMISSION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of *Mr. R. B. Smith*, discharged.
 Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Smith*, that the Bill be withdrawn.
5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Wellington Electorate Sub-division Bill postponed until Monday next.
6. NATIVE DOGS DESTRUCTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 On motion of *Mr. W. H. Suttor* (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
7. PAPERS:—*Mr. Robertson* laid upon the Table:—
 (1.) Regulation under Military and Naval Forces Regulation Act.
 (2.) Opinion of the Attorney General for persons purposing to take part in the O'Connell Celebration.
 Ordered to be printed.
8. RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of *Mr. Driver*, discharged.
 Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Driver*, that the Bill be withdrawn.
9. DISTILLATION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of *Mr. Driver*, discharged.
 Ordered, on motion of *Mr. Driver*, that the Bill be withdrawn.

10. CUSTODY OF INFANTS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. H. C. Dangar (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
11. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Animals Protection Bill postponed until Monday next.
12. STORAGE AND SALE OF KEROSENE RESTRICTION ACT REPEAL BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of Mr. Meyer, discharged.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Meyer, that the Bill be withdrawn.
13. MINING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cameron moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and negatived.
14. BLAKEFIELD *v.* SHIELDS :—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on the case of Blakefield *v.* Shields, brought up on the 4th August, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Garrett moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until a later hour of the day.
Question put and passed.
15. LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*Free Conference*) :—Mr. 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 the 5th instant, in reference to the Council's amendments in the Lands Acts Amendment Bill, disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council, requests a further Free Conference with the Assembly upon the subject matter thereof; and has appointed the following of its Members the Managers of such Conference in its behalf, viz. :—The Honorable W. B. Dalley, the Honorable F. M. Darley, the Honorable Sir E. Deas-Thomson, the Honorable Joseph Docker, the Honorable John Frazer, the Honorable S. D. Gordon, the Honorable Sir W. M. Manning, the Honorable Robert Owen, the Honorable Saul Samuel, and the Honorable J. B. Watt.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 6th August, 1875.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Mr. Garrett moved, That the following Message, in reply, be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly agrees to the further Free Conference requested by the Legislative Council in its Message dated this day, in reference to the Council's amendments in the Lands Acts Amendment Bill, disagreed to by the Assembly and insisted on by the Council, and appoints that the same be held in the back Library presently.

The Assembly has appointed the following of its Members to be Managers of such Conference in its behalf :—Mr. Clarke, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Day, Mr. W. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lord, Mr. Montague, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Wisdom.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th August, 1875.*

Question put and passed.

The Clerk then, by direction of Mr. Speaker, called over the names of the Managers appointed on behalf of the Assembly.

The Managers having answered to their names, proceeded to the further Free Conference, attended by the Sergeant-at-Arms,—the business of the House being suspended during their absence.

And having returned,—Mr. Garrett, on their behalf, brought up from the Conference the following Report of the Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council, as adopted by the Council :—

Report from the Committee of the Whole. Adopted by the Council, 6th August, 1875.

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Report of the Managers on its behalf of the Free Conference with the Legislative Assembly, held yesterday, on the subject of the Council's amendments in the "Lands Acts Amendment Bill," disagreed to by the Assembly, but insisted on by the Council, has agreed to the following Resolutions :—

"(1.) The Council does not insist on so much of its amendment in clause 15, lines 22 and 23, as proposes to omit the words 'to the satisfaction of the Minister,' but proposes to insert thereafter the words 'after inquiry,' and insists upon its other amendment in the said lines, viz. :—the insertion of the words 'before a Commissioner in the manner hereinafter provided.'

"(2.) The Council insists upon its amendments in clause 15, lines 29 and 30.

"(3.) The Council does not insist upon its amendment which proposes to insert a new clause to follow clause 31.

"(4.) The Council insists upon its amendment in clause 34, line 32.

"(5.) The Council insists upon its amendment in clause 40, line 49, but proposes to amend the said amendment by the addition of the words 'such compensation to be assessed according to the value of the same to a conditional purchaser.'

"(6.) The Council insists upon its amendment which omits clause 43.

"(7.) The Council insists upon its amendment in the Schedule, line 12, which omits the figures '32.'"

JOHN HAY,
President.

Mr. Garrett then (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Report brought up by its Managers from the further Free Conference.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported as follows:—

The Committee having considered the Report from a Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council, as adopted by the Council, brought up from the further Free Conference on this Bill,—does not adhere to its disagreements from the Council's amendments, viz. :—

Clause 15, lines 22, 23, 29, and 30.
 Clause 34, line 32.
 Clause 40, line 49.
 Clause 43.
 Schedule, line 12.

And agrees to the further amendments proposed by the Council upon certain of its amendments, which are also agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Garrett, that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Report of the Committee of the Whole of the Legislative Council, as adopted by the Council, and brought up to the Assembly by the Managers appointed to represent the Assembly at a further Free Conference with the Legislative Council, in reference to the Assembly's disagreements to the amendments made, and insisted on, by the Council in the Lands Acts Amendment Bill,—Does not adhere to its disagreements from the Council's amendments, viz. :—

Clause 15, lines 22, 23, 29 and 30.
 Clause 34, line 32.
 Clause 40, line 49.
 Clause 43.
 Schedule, line 12.

And agrees to the further amendments proposed by the Council upon certain of its amendments, which are also agreed to.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
 Sydney, 6th August, 1875.*

16. **BLAKEFIELD v. SHIELDS**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Nelson, "That the Report of the Select Committee on the "case of Blakefield v. Shields, brought up on the 4th August, be now adopted,"—
 Debate resumed.
 Mr. Driver moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until Monday next.
 Debate ensued.
 Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned until Monday next,—put and passed.
17. **PETITION OF AMOS DAVIS** (*Suspension of 47th Standing Order*):—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended by consent*), the suspension of the 47th Standing Order, to enable the Acting Chairman to sign the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Amos Davis, the Honorable Member for Liverpool Plains, who was chosen Chairman, having declined to sign the Report agreed to by the Committee.
 Question put and passed.
18. **APPROPRIATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Forster, that report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
19. **LOAN BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Forster, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Forster, that report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time at a later hour of the day.
20. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Monday next:—
 (1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.
 (2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
21. **APPROPRIATION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Forster, *passed*.
 Mr. Forster 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 1875 and for the Year 1874 and previous Years.*"
 Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, 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 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 1875 and for the Year 1874 and previous Years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th August, 1875.*

22. LOAN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. W. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Forster, *passed.*

Mr. Forster then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, 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 enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th August, 1875.*

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Ten o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 9 AUGUST, 1875.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Volunteer Force Regulation Act Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 41.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867,'*"—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, 9th August, 1875.

- (2.) Australasia Coal Company's Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 42.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the 'Australasia Coal Company Limited' 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th August, 1875.

2. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Iron:—Mr. Dibbs asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How much Colonial Manufactured or Rolled Iron was used in connection with the Railways of the Colony during the years 1872, 1873, and 1874?

(2.) If orders, verbal or otherwise, have been given to prohibit the use of Colonial Manufactured or Rolled Iron in the construction of Railway Plant?

(3.) Has permission ever been given to one Contractor to use Colonial Rolled Iron in the manufacture of Railway Plant, while similar permission has been refused to another?

Mr. Lackey answered,—

(1.) About 100 tons of Colonial Manufactured Iron were supplied during these years to the contractors for Rolling Stock, and to the Railway Department direct. There were also about 190 tons of Colonial Rolled Iron used by the contractors for Rolling Stock from "Blooms," supplied by themselves.

(2.) Yes. The specification for the last contract for Rolling Stock stipulated that the iron should be the best B B H English Iron.

(3.) Permission was given under the first contract for Rolling Stock to use Colonial Manufactured Iron, after being tested and found to be equal in quality to B B H. In the last contract, however, it was considered desirable to stipulate for the best B B H English iron.

(2.)

- (2.) Patents Bill :—Mr. W. C. Brown asked the Colonial Secretary pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring in an amended Patents Bill during the next Session of Parliament?
Mr. Robertson answered,—This matter has not been brought under the notice of the Government. I believe it is of some importance, and will bring it under consideration during the recess, but at present it is impossible to say what will be done.
3. PAPER :—Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Reports from Commodore Goodenough and Captain Nares respecting the unhealthiness of Sydney Harbour.
Ordered to be printed.
4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. CORONERS INQUESTS (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of Coroners Inquests or Magisterial Inquiries held in the Police District of Sydney during the three years ending 30th June last, distinguishing the number of Suicides, and the number of cases in which a verdict of *felo-de-se* was returned.
Question put and passed.
6. NATIVE DOGS DESTRUCTION BILL (“*Formal*” *Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. W. H. Suttor, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Suttor then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to amend the Act sixteenth Victoria number forty-four known as the ‘Native Dogs Destruction Act.’*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, 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 Act sixteenth Victoria number forty-four known as the ‘Native Dogs Destruction Act,’*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th August, 1875.*
7. CUSTODY OF INFANTS BILL (“*Formal*” *Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. H. C. Dangar, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Dangar then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to amend the Law as to the Custody of Infants.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, 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 as to the Custody of Infants,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th August, 1875.*
8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Supply ; resumption of the Committee ;—*until to-morrow.*
(2.) Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee ;—*until to-morrow.*
(3.) Resumption of adjourned Debate in reference to a Site for the German Lutheran Church ;—*until Friday next.*
9. WELLINGTON ELECTORATE SUBDIVISION BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of Mr. J. S. Smith, discharged.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Smith, that the Bill be withdrawn.
10. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Animals Protection Bill postponed until Friday next.
11. BLAKEFIELD *v.* SHIELDS :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Nelson, “That the Report of the Select Committee on the case of “*Blakefield v. Shields*, brought up on the 4th August, be now adopted,”—
Debate resumed.
Question put,—That the Report of the Select Committee on the case of *Blakefield v. Shields*, brought up on the 4th August, be now adopted.
The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Scholey,
Tellers.
Mr. W. C. Brown,
Mr. Nelson.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Stuart,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. W. H. Suttor,
Mr. Stevens,
Mr. Clarke,
Tellers.
Mr. Dibbs,
Mr. Meyer.

And so it passed in the negative.

12. APPROPRIATION BILL:—Mr. 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 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 1875 and for the Year 1874 and previous Years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th August, 1875.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

13. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at a quarter before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 AUGUST, 1875.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mail Route from San Francisco to Sydney:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government had any proposals made to them to alter or modify the Mail Route from San Francisco to Sydney, as arranged by the new Contract; and if so, is it their intention to assent to them?

Mr. Burns answered,—The Contractors have proposed to change the Route from Fiji to the Bay of Islands, in consideration of a reduction in the amount of the subsidy, but the proposal has not met with the approval of the Government.

- (2.) Messrs. Moody and Sulky:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Has the Government received any authentic information as to the threatened visit to this Country of two individuals calling themselves Moody and Sulky?
(2.) If the Government has received such information, does it intend, with all despatch, to see to the enlargement of our Lunatic Asylums?

Mr. Robertson answered,—

- (1.) No.

(2.) I fear there is a necessity for greatly enlarging our Lunatic Asylums, and probably the Government will be able to bring forward a proposition next Session for that purpose.

- (3.) Wardens of District Councils:—Mr. Terry asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—How many Wardens of District Councils are there in the Colony, and what are their names?

Mr. Robertson answered,—There are but two,—Mr. John Bowden, Warden of Maitland, and Mr. Robert Park, Warden of Paterson.

- (4.) Railway Trial Surveys:—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf Mr. Nelson, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to lay upon the Table of the House, before the close of the Session, the Papers moved for by him on the 20th April last, relative to Railway Trial Surveys?

Mr. Lackey answered,—The Papers will not be ready to be laid upon the Table of the House before the close of the Session.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 4th June, 1875, in reference to Free Education in Schools under Council of Education.
(2.) By-laws of the Borough of Burwood.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. W. Forster laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 21st July, 1875, in reference to Overtime to Officers of the Customs Department.
(2.) Return to an Address, adopted on 13th July, 1875, in reference to the case of Mr. Andrew Miller Dick.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garrett laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Order, made on 16th July, 1875, in reference to Diseases affecting Live Stock.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Diseases affecting Live Stock."

3. PETITION OF AMOS DAVIS :—Mr. Macintosh, as Acting 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 subject was referred on 7th May, 1875, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

4. PAPER :—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table,—Abstracts of the Public Accounts for the year 1874, together with the Auditor General's Report thereon,—transmitted to the Legislative Assembly in conformity with the provisions of the 38th clause of the Audit Act 33 Vic. No. 18.
Ordered to be printed.

5. LOAN BILL :—Mr. 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 the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th August, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

6. EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan,—“That, in the opinion of this House, the fact that any single Member can clear the House of Strangers by merely calling the attention of the Speaker to their presence, is attended with inconvenience,”—

Upon which Mr. Robertson had moved, that the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words—“the question of the desirability or otherwise of the practice of any single Member having the power of obtaining the clearing of the House of Strangers be submitted to the Standing Orders Committee for their consideration and report,”—

Debate resumed.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. T. G. Dangar,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. F. B. Suttor,	Mr. Meyer.
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. W. H. Suttor,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Burns,	Mr. W. Forster,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Hurley,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Montague,
Mr. Day,	Mr. Davies,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. W. Watson,
Mr. Long,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cameron,	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Dibbs.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

And Division called for,—

But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Ayes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *negative*.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill postponed until Friday next.

8. BRIDGE OVER THE GWYDIR AT BUNDARRA :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Terry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the prayer of the Petition presented on the 4th instant, from Residents of Bundarra, respecting the erection of a Bridge across the Gwydir River.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

The Resolution was then 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 1876, a sum of money sufficient to construct a Bridge across the Gwydir River at Bundarra.

On motion of Mr. Terry the Resolution was read a second time, and agreed to.

9. ASSENT TO LANDS ACTS AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 43.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to declare and amend the Laws relating to 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, 10th August, 1875.

10. NUISANCES PREVENTION BILL:—Mr. 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 preventing certain Nuisances in the City of Sydney and other Municipalities*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th August, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

11. NATIVE DOGS DESTRUCTION BILL:—Mr. 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 sixteenth Victoria number forty-four known as the 'Native Dogs Destruction Act'*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th August, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

NATIVE DOGS DESTRUCTION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 10th August, 1875.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, line 6. Omit "Any owner or proprietor of any station or estate" insert "the occupant of any land"
- " clause 1, line 8. Omit "station or estate" insert "land"
- " " 2, " 12. Omit "owner" insert "occupant"
- " " " " After "any" insert "freehold"
- Page 2, clause 3, line 1. Omit "any person authorized as aforesaid to lay poisoned meat" insert "every person who shall have laid poisoned meat on any land"
- " clause 3, line 2. Omit "estate or station" insert "land"
- " " " 4. Omit "estate or station" insert "land"
- " " 5, " Omit clause 5, substitute new clause " 'Occupant' any holder or occupier ^{Definition of the} of land under whatever tenure or any superintendent overseer or other duly authorized ^{word occupant.} person acting for and on behalf of any such occupant."
- " clause 7. Omit clause 7.

Examined,—

SAUL SAMUEL,
Chairman *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. W. H. Suttor (*with the concurrence of the House*), Mr. 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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Suttor, that report was adopted.

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 sixteenth Victoria number forty-four known as the 'Native Dogs Destruction Act.'*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th August, 1875.

12. CUSTODY OF INFANTS BILL:—Mr. 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 Law as to the Custody of Infants*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th August, 1875.

JOHN HAY,
President.

CUSTODY OF INFANTS BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 10th August, 1875.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 1, clause 1, lines 7 to 9. Omit "or for the Primary Judge of the said Court in Equity or during his absence or illness for any other Judge of the said Court" insert "in its equitable jurisdiction"
- " clause 1, line 10. Omit "fourteen" insert "sixteen"
- " " " 12. Omit "or Judge"
- " " " 16. Omit "fourteen" insert "sixteen"
- Page 2, clause 2. Omit clause 2.
- " " 3. Omit clause 3.

Examined,—

SAUL SAMUEL,
Chairman *pro tem.*

On

On motion of Mr. R. B. Smith (*with the concurrence of the House*), Mr. 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.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Smith, that report was adopted.

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 Law as to the Custody of Infants.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10th August, 1875.*

13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply read, and, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, discharged.
14. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means read, and, on motion of Mr. W. Forster, discharged.
15. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Robertson informed the House that he had it in command to state that His Excellency the Governor would prorogue Parliament to-morrow at Twelve o'clock (noon),—and moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at half-past Eleven o'clock.
Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at twenty minutes after Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at *half-past Eleven o'clock, A.M.*

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 AUGUST, 1875.

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

ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Robertson, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Nuisances Prevention Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 44.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for preventing certain Nuisances in the City of Sydney and other 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 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 August, 1875.

- (2.) Custody of Infants Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 45.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law as to the Custody of Infants*,"—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 August, 1875.

- (3.) Native Dogs Destruction Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message, No. 46.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Act sixteenth Victoria number forty-four known as the Native Dogs Destruction Act*,"—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 August, 1875.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Burns laid upon the Table,—Further Papers respecting the San Francisco Mail Service.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Robertson laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 21st July, 1875, in reference to the case of Mr. W. L. Vardy.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lucas laid upon the Table,—Draft Mining Bill.
Ordered to be printed.

3. QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE:—Mr. Piddington, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the following Report from the Standing Orders Committee:—

“ The Standing Orders Committee, for whose consideration was referred, on the 15th July, 1875, a matter brought under the notice of the House by Mr. Scholey, in reference to the offer to him of a Bribe, within the precincts of this House, have agreed to the following Report:—

“ The Committee have searched for precedents, and consulted all available authorities upon the matter referred for their consideration and report.

“ The first Standing Order of this House provides that,—‘ 1. In all cases not specially provided for hereinafter or by Sessional or other Orders, resort shall be had to the rules, forms, and usages of the Imperial Parliament, which shall be followed so far as the same can be applied to the proceedings of this House.’

“ Under the 419th Standing Order of the House of Commons it is provided that ‘ the offer of any money or other advantage to any Member of Parliament, for the promoting of any matter whatsoever depending or to be transacted in Parliament, is a high crime and misdemeanour, and tends to the subversion of the English Constitution.’

“ The Committee are of opinion that the Legislative Assembly has no power to punish for the breach of its privileges alleged to have been committed by the person charged therewith in the matter referred for their consideration, nor to enforce any order or summons to him to attend and appear at the Bar of the House in respect of any such charge.

“ The Committee recommend that a Bill be introduced into the Legislative Assembly to define its privileges and powers, and affix penalties or punishments for the breach of any of such privileges.

“ *Mr. Speaker's Room,*
“ *11th August, 1875.*”

“ G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
“ Chairman.

Ordered to be printed.

4. QUESTION.—Mining Regulations:—Mr. R. Forster asked the Secretary for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—When will the amended Mining Regulations, passed recently by the Mining Board, be published in the *Gazette*?

Mr. Lucas answered,—I intend to bring them under the consideration of the Cabinet next week and so soon as they shall have received the approval of Government they will be published in the *Gazette*.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Davies moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR:—The Usher of the Black Rod was admitted, and delivered the following Message:—

MR. SPEAKER,

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor that this Honorable House do attend him immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Legislative Council, where Mr. Speaker 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 expenditure for the service of previous years not then provided for. The Assembly has also voted an amount to be raised by Loan for the carrying on of certain Public Works. These grants have been embodied in two Bills intituled respectively,—

“ 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 1875 and for the Year 1874 and previous Years.”

“ A Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works.”

Which Bills I have now the honor to present to Your Excellency, in order that they may receive the Royal Assent.

7. ASSENT TO BILLS:—His Excellency then subscribed, and declared his Assent, in the name, and on the behalf of Her Majesty, to the Bills presented to him by Mr. Speaker, viz.:—

(1.) “ *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 1875 and for the Year 1874 and previous Years.*”

(2.) “ *An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works.*”

8. PROROGATION:—His Excellency was then pleased to deliver a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, as follows:—

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

1. It affords me sincere gratification to be at length enabled to relieve you for a time from attendance upon your public duties. From various causes the Session of Parliament has been protracted to an unusual period. But, whatever may have been the inconvenience to which you have been subjected by the delay, it must be a source of satisfaction that you have been enabled to consider and mature many measures of great public importance and of urgent necessity.

2. The alarming disclosures made by the City and Suburban Sewage and Health Board, appointed by the Government in April last, in reference to the probable causes of the unusual sickness and excessive mortality, prevailing for some months before, rendered the adoption of prompt and decisive measures a matter of imperative necessity. In pursuance of the recommendations of the Board, the Act for preventing the pollution of the water supplied to the Metropolis and its suburbs was introduced and passed; and it is to be hoped that this well-considered measure will have the beneficial effect of preventing such a disastrous state of things as the contamination of water used

used for household purposes, and the consequent spread of epidemic and infectious diseases. The kindred measure for more effectually improving the sanitary condition, not only of Sydney and its Suburbs, but of other Municipalities, by the suppression of certain nuisances prejudicial to health, through the extension of Municipal powers, and the enforcement of provisions necessarily stringent, is an Act the necessity for which has been clearly demonstrated by the evidence adduced, and which cannot fail to be productive of the most important sanitary improvements.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

3. I thank you for the Supplies granted for the Public Service, and for the various Loans which you have authorized for the extension and completion of Public Works. Your provision for Telegraphic Communication, both inland and foreign, is much in excess of any previous appropriation for purposes so essential to the furtherance of the general prosperity, and so highly calculated to lead to a more correct impression in other countries of the rapidly growing importance of the Colony. Your liberality will be most effectively acknowledged by strict economy and vigilant supervision of the Public Expenditure.

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

4. For some years past there has been a growing conviction of the necessity for new legislation concerning the Alienation and Occupation of the Public Lands. The various and conflicting interpretations of these Laws, in some cases even their fraudulent evasion, and the doubtful Judgments of Superior Courts, have all combined to render legislation upon the subject a question of pressing importance; and, in accordance with this view, a measure was as early as possible introduced into the Legislative Assembly which, with some modifications, has been passed into law.

5. In the satisfactory settlement of this most important question, it is a subject of sincere congratulation that a good understanding and beneficial co-operation between both Branches of the Legislature have been maintained by means of personal consultation, and that the result of free conference between the Houses has been to effect an agreement which the written reasons furnished by either Chamber had failed in producing.

6. The completion, after difficult and prolonged negotiations, of a joint contract on behalf of our Government and that of New Zealand with the Pacific Mail Company for a Mail Service between this Colony and San Francisco, and between New Zealand and the same port, for a term of eight years, and a rate of speed of eleven knots, may lead to the hope that this Service will justify the large expenditure undertaken for its maintenance.

7. Communication by means of an Electric Cable between this Colony and New Zealand has been under the consideration of various Governments for many years. The contract which you have authorized the Government to conclude will speedily place you in possession of the advantages to be derived from this intercourse, at a cost very much below what was originally calculated; while recent scientific explorations tend to prove that there will be comparatively little difficulty in laying the Cable.

8. The very generally expressed disapproval of the Mining Act of 1874, the difficulty experienced by its administrators, and even by the Judges of the inferior and superior Courts in interpreting its meaning, have rendered its repeal imperative. A Draft Bill has therefore been recently presented to Parliament for the more effectual regulation of Mining Interests. This Bill will be proceeded with at an early period of next Session. Meanwhile measures have been sanctioned to encourage, by rewards, the discovery of Gold in New Fields, and by means of deep sinking upon those already known.

9. The interest which has been manifested in the suggestion to include within the beneficent sway of the Mother Country the magnificent island of New Guinea, has appeared to my Advisers to justify a special representation on their part to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies of the desirability of an early occupation of that territory by the Imperial Government. There can be no doubt that the Australian Colonies are deeply interested in such an enlargement of the Colonial Possessions of Great Britain, which would unquestionably tend to increase the greatness of the Empire as well as the security of these Colonies.

10. The continued prosperity of the Colony is most satisfactorily established by the large increase of Revenue. Comparing the Receipts of the present year with those of the corresponding period of the past year, there is an increase in 1875 of £350,921; while there is no reason to apprehend that during the remainder of the year there will be any material diminution. And although this very considerable improvement in Revenue arises mainly from the proceeds of the sales of Crown Lands, it is encouraging to know that other sources of Revenue show no falling off; while under many heads—and among these such important departments as those of Railways, Telegraphs, and Postage—a large increase is exhibited.

11. In releasing you from your Parliamentary duties, I congratulate you on the general prosperity which, under the blessing of Heaven, the Colony now enjoys to as large an extent as at any previous period of its history.

I now declare this Parliament prorogued until Tuesday, the 14th of September.

G. WIGRAM ALLEN,
Speaker.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Site for German Lutheran Church; resumption of the Debate, on the motion of Mr. Buchanan, "That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should be empowered to grant to the German Residents of Sydney a piece of land within the City as a site for the erection of a Church."
 2. Animals Protection Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 3. Contagious Diseases Prevention Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
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ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS IN DIVISIONS AND COUNTS-OUT,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1875.

	Divisions in the House.	Divisions in Committee.	Counts-out.	Total.
Abbott, Robert Palmer, Esq.	16	21	.....	37
Allen, The Hon. George Wigram, Esq. (<i>Speaker from 23 March, 1875.</i>)	2	2	.....	4
Arnold, The Hon. William Munnings, Esq. (<i>Speaker to 1 March, 1875, deceased.</i>) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Baker, Ezekiel Alexander, Esq.	8	5	1	14
Bawden, Thomas, Esq.	11	16	.....	27
Bennett, Hanley, Esq.	34	50	2	86
Booth, John, Esq.	14	14	.....	28
Brown, Herbert Harrington, Esq. (<i>from 23 March, 1875.</i>)	36	55	.....	91
Brown, Stephen Campbell, Esq.	28	42	1	71
Brown, Thomas, Esq.	30	67	1	98
Browne, William Charles, Esq.	51	72	4	127
Buchanan, David, Esq.	29	4	2	35
Burns, The Hon. John Fitzgerald, Esq.	72	109	9	190
Butler, Edward, Esq., Q.C.	6	.....	.....	6
Byrnes, Charles Joseph, Esq.	22	23	.....	45
Cameron, Angus, Esq.	64	96	3	163
Charles, Samuel, Esq.	50	66	1	117
Clarke, Henry, Esq.	25	58	.....	83
Cohen, Henry Emanuel, Esq.	36	56	2	94
Cunneen, James Augustine, Esq.	37	36	4	77
Dangar, Henry Cary, Esq.	46	87	3	136
Dangar, Thomas Gordon Gibbous, Esq.	48	72	1	121
Davies, John, Esq.	64	102	2	168
Day, George, Esq.	49	95	5	149
Dibbs, George Richard, Esq.	54	81	5	140
Driver, Richard, Esq. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>)	70	.....	9	79
Farnell, James Squire, Esq.	56	92	4	152
Fitzpatrick, Michael, Esq.	47	97	2	146
Forster, Robert Henry Mariner, Esq.	50	73	4	127
Forster, The Hon. William, Esq.	63	107	6	176
Garrett, The Hon. Thomas, Esq.	62	103	7	172
Goold, Stephen Stiles, Esq.	23	21	1	45
Gray, Samuel William, Esq.	24	38	1	63
Greville, Edward, Esq.	28	27	.....	55
Hay, William, Esq.	22	44	.....	66
Hill, Richard, Esq.	51	66	2	119
Hoskins, James, Esq.	34	58	1	93
Hungerford, Thomas, Esq. (<i>from 29 June, 1875, election declared void 12 July, 1875.</i>)	8	6	1	15
Hurley, John, Esq.	22	12	.....	34
Jacob, Archibald Hamilton, Esq.	30	46	1	77
Lackey, The Hon. John, Esq.	69	101	6	176
Lloyd, George Alfred, Esq.	60	66	.....	126
Long, William Alexander, Esq. (<i>from 30 June, 1875.</i>)	15	19	1	35
Lord, George William, Esq.	20	13	.....	33
Lucas, The Hon. John, Esq.	54	86	4	144
Macintosh, John, Esq.	61	83	6	150
Meyer, Solomon, Esq.	43	50	.....	93
Montague, Alexander, Esq.	69	110	6	185
Moses, Henry, Esq.	9	17	.....	26
Nelson, Harris Levi, Esq.	36	61	2	99
Onslow, Arthur, Captain, R.N.	7	1	.....	8
Parkes, Henry, Esq.	44	71	4	119
Phelps, Joseph James, Esq.	30	60	2	92
Piddington, William Richman, Esq.	61	95	7	163
Pilcher, Charles Edward, Esq.	19	17	1	37
Robertson, The Hon. John, Esq.	65	88	6	159
Scholey, Stephen, Esq.	57	63	3	123
Shepherd, Patrick Lindesay Crawford, Esq.	28	43	1	72
Smith, John Samuel, Esq.	33	34	2	69
Smith, Robert Burdett, Esq.	45	58	2	105
Stevens, Charles James, Esq.	40	54	.....	94
Stuart, Alexander, Esq.	46	83	4	133
Sutherland, John, Esq.	50	49	2	101
Suttor, Francis Bathurst, Esq.	51	97	4	152
Suttor, William Henry, junr., Esq.	40	64	1	105
Taylor, Hugh, Esq.	22	2	.....	24
Teece, William, junr., Esq.	15	29	1	45
Terry, Samuel Henry, Esq.	46	70	2	118
Warden, James, Esq.	12	38	.....	50
Watson, James, Esq.	20	34	2	56
Watson, William, Esq.	32	74	3	109
Wearne, Joseph, Esq. (<i>to 14 June, 1875, resigned.</i>)	21	26	.....	47
White, Francis, Esq. (<i>to 11 May, 1875, deceased.</i>)	2	2
Wisdom, Robert, Esq.	48	70	1	119
Wright, John James, Esq.	29	49	2	80

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW SOUTH WALES,
DURING THE SESSION OF 1875.

1. New Writs issued...	...	...	...	...	9
2. Select Committees:—					
On Public Matters	...	...	9		
On Private Bills	...	...	6		
3. Standing Committees	...	...	...	...	15
4. Public Bills:—					
Originated in the Assembly—					
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	22		
Reserved for Royal Assent	...	...	3		
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	...	...	25		
			50		
Brought from the Council—					
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	3		
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	...	...	1		
			4		54
5. Private Bills:—					
Originated in the Assembly—					
Received the Royal Assent...	...	...	5		
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	...	...	1		
			6		
Brought from the Council—					
Received the Royal Assent	...	...	2		
Dropped or otherwise disposed of	...	...	0		
			2		8
6. Petitions received:—					
Printed	...	...	107		
Not printed	...	...	15		
			122		
7. Divisions:—					
In the House	...	...	75		
In Committee of the Whole	...	...	117		
			192		
8. Sittings:—					
Days of Meeting	...	...	...	...	102
Hours of Sitting	...	...	...	...	658 h. 50 m.
Hours of Sitting after Midnight	...	...	...	...	13 h. 34 m.
Daily average	...	...	...	...	6 h. 27½ m.
Adjourned for want of a Quorum—					
Before commencement of Business	...	...	1		
After commencement of Business	...	...	9		
			10		
9. Votes and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	102
Entries in Votes and Proceedings—					
Of Business done	...	...	1,139		
Of Notices of Motion...	...	...	1,355		
Of Orders of the Day	...	...	2,019		
Of Questions	...	...	1,257		
Of Contingent Notices	...	...	9		
			6,779		
Daily average	...	...	...	...	56
10. Contingent Notices	...	...	...	...	16
Entries in Contingent Notice Paper...	...	...	...	...	100
11. Orders for Papers...	...	...	...	...	59
12. Other Order	...	...	...	...	1
13. Addresses for Papers	...	...	...	...	16
14. Other Addresses	...	...	...	...	14
15. Papers laid upon the Table:—					
By Message	...	...	20		
By Command	...	...	122		
By Speaker	...	...	6		
In Return to Orders	...	...	38		
In Return to Addresses	...	...	15		
Reports from Standing and Select Committees	...	...	18		
			219		
Ordered to be printed...	...	...	205		
Not ordered to be printed	...	...	14		
			219		

Legislative Assembly Offices,
Sydney, 11 August, 1875.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

