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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 MAY, 1856.

1. Opening of Parliament:—The House met at Twelve o'clock, pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor General, bearing date the 13th instant,—of which the following is a copy:—

“ PROCLAMATION.

“ *By His Excellency SIR WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, Knight, Governor General in and over all Her Majesty's Colonies of New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief of the Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.*

“ 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 the first 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 Thursday, the twenty-second day of May instant, 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 thirteenth day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the nineteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“ (L.S.) W. DENISON.

“ *By His Excellency's Command,*

“ E. DEAS THOMSON.

“ GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered a Message, “ That the Commissioners request the attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber, to hear read the Commission for opening and holding this Parliament.”

The House went; and the Commission, of which the following is a copy, was read by the Clerk of the Council:—

“ VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c.

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,

“ Greeting:

“ Whereas, by Proclamation made on the thirteenth day of May now instant, by His Excellency Sir William Thomas Denison, Our Governor General of Our Australian Colonies, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of Our Colony of New South Wales, the said Sir William Thomas Denison did, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in him as Governor of New South Wales, by virtue of the Act of the late Legislature thereof, intituled ‘ *An Act to confer a Constitution on the said Colony, and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty,*’ as assented to by Us, Proclaim that the first Session of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, constituted under the said Act, and composing the Parliament of the said Colony of New South Wales, should commence and be holden on Thursday the twenty-second of the said month of May now instant: And whereas, for certain causes, Our said Governor cannot conveniently be present in person at the Opening of the said Session on the said twenty-second day of May: Now know ye, that We, trusting in the discretion, fidelity, and care of Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Alfred Stephen, Knight, President of the said Legislative Council, Edward Deas Thomson, Esquire, Companion of the Bath, and Member of the said Legisla-
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“ tive Council, and Henry Keane Bloomfield, Colonel Commanding Our Land Forces
 “ in New South Wales, and Member of the said Legislative Council, Do give and
 “ grant, by the tenor of these presents, unto the said Sir Alfred Stephen, Edward
 “ Deas Thomson, and Henry Keane Bloomfield, 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-second day of May, 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 the said Parliament: Com-
 “ manding also, by the tenor of these presents, all whom it concerns to meet in the
 “ said Parliament, that to the said Sir Alfred Stephen, Edward Deas Thomson, and
 “ Henry Keane Bloomfield, 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.

“ Witness Our trusty and well-beloved Sir William Thomas Denison, Knight,
 “ Governor General in and over all Our Colonies of New South Wales,
 “ Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia, and Captain
 “ General and Governor-in-Chief of the Territory of New South Wales and
 “ its dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at Government House,
 “ Sydney, in New South Wales aforesaid, on the twentieth day of May, in
 “ the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in
 “ the nineteenth year of Our Reign.

“ (Signed) W. DENISON.

“ By His Excellency's Command, and with the advice of the Executive Council.

“ (Signed) E. DEAS THOMSON,
 “ Colonial Secretary.”

After which, the President acquainted both Houses that he had it in command from His Excellency the Governor General to let them know that they would, to-morrow, at noon, be informed by His Excellency in person of the cause of this Parliament being called together: And, addressing the Assembly, added:—“ It being necessary that a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly should first be chosen, the Commissioners request that you now retire to the place prepared for your meeting, and there be pleased to choose your Speaker.”

2. Members and Officers sworn:—The House being returned, The Honorable Stuart Alexander Donaldson, Esquire, informed the Assembly that His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to issue a Commission under the Great Seal of the Colony, empowering him and two other Members of the House, therein named, to administer to each other, and to all or any other Member or Members of the House, the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by Law to be taken or made and subscribed before any Member can sit or vote therein,—which Commission was read by the Clerk as follows:—

“ By His Excellency Sir William Thomas Denison, Knight, Governor General in and
 “ over all Her Majesty's Colonies of New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria,
 “ South Australia, and Western Australia, and Captain General and Governor-
 “ in-Chief of the Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and
 “ Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

“ To all to whom these presents shall come,

“ Greeting:

“ In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir William Thomas Denison, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby authorize the Honorable Stuart Alexander Donaldson, the Honorable William Montagu Manning, and the Honorable James Macarthur, Esquires, or any one or more of them, to administer to all or any Members or Member of the Legislative Assembly of the said Colony 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 Territory, at Government House,
 “ Sydney, this twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord One
 “ thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the nineteenth year of
 “ the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

“ W. DENISON.

“ By His Excellency's Command.

“ E. DEAS THOMSON.”

Whereupon Mr. Donaldson took and subscribed the oath himself, and administered the same to the two other Commissioners, the Honorable William Montagu Manning, Esquire, and the Honorable James Macarthur, Esquire, and then the Commissioners administered the Oath to all the other Members present, the Clerk producing the several Writs returning them, and the Members subscribing the Roll of the House, as they were severally called to the Table;—John Hubert Plunkett, Esquire, claiming to be, and being, sworn as Member for Argyle and also as Member for Bathurst, and twice subscribing the Roll.

The Commissioners then administered the Oath of Allegiance and of Office, respectively, to Richard O'Connor, Esquire, as Clerk of the House; and to Henry John Tudor Shadforth, Esquire, as Serjeant-at-Arms.

3. Election of Speaker:—Mr. Cowper (addressing the Clerk) moved, and Mr. Jones seconded the motion, "That Daniel Cooper, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House, as Speaker."

Mr. George Macleay (addressing the Clerk) moved, and Mr. Holroyd seconded the motion, "That Henry Watson Parker, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House, as Speaker."

Mr. Cooper and Mr. Parker then severally addressed themselves to the House—Whereupon Debate ensued,

And the Question being put by the Clerk—"That Daniel Cooper, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House, as Speaker"—

The House divided,—And the Tellers not agreeing, in consequence of Mr Plunkett, at his own request, being told twice with the Noes, as Member for Argyle and as Member for Bathurst—the Clerk declined to receive their Report until they should agree,—

And Mr. Plunkett having ultimately waived, for this occasion, the claim he preferred to have his Vote twice recorded, the Tellers agreed, and reported the Division as follows:—

Ayes, 24.	Noes, 23.
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Marks,	Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Cowper,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Pye,
Mr. Richardson,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Barker,
Mr. Holt,	Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Wilshirc,	Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Irving,	Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Fiddington,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Flood,	Mr. Garland,
Mr. Jamison,	Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Weekes,	Mr. Hely,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Parker,	Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Jones,	Mr. Lang,
Mr. Russell,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Arnold,	Mr. G. Macleay. } Tellers.
Mr. Martin. } Tellers.	

And the Clerk having thereupon declared the Question to have passed in the affirmative,—

Mr. Cowper and Mr. Jones conducted Mr. Cooper to the Chair.

The Speaker then made his acknowledgments to the House, and having been congratulated by Mr. Donaldson;—

Mr. Donaldson acquainted the House that he had previously ascertained from the Governor General that His Excellency would receive their Speaker at Government House, to-morrow, at Eleven o'clock, A.M.

Whereupon the House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, at a quarter before Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at half-past Ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, MAY 23.

MEMO.—The House meet at half-past Ten o'clock, A.M., this day, to proceed to Government House, and there, at Eleven o'clock, to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor General.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records.

2. It also highlights the need for regular communication and collaboration between team members.

3. Furthermore, the document emphasizes the role of leadership in setting a clear vision and direction.

4. In addition, it notes that effective time management is crucial for meeting deadlines and staying on track.

5. The document also mentions the importance of flexibility and adaptability in response to changing circumstances.

6. Finally, it concludes by stating that a strong foundation of trust and respect is essential for a successful team.

7. Overall, the document provides a comprehensive overview of the key factors that contribute to organizational success.

8. It is hoped that these insights will be helpful to all those who are committed to achieving their goals.

9. Thank you for your attention and interest in this document.

10. We look forward to continuing our work together and achieving new heights of success.

11. Sincerely,
[Signature]

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 MAY, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Presentation of Speaker:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the House proceeded to Government House to present their Speaker to His Excellency the Governor General,—
And the House having returned, the Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, and that he had there acquainted the Governor General that the House had proceeded, in the exercise of their undoubted right, to elect a Speaker, and that he then presented himself to His Excellency as the Speaker duly chosen by the Assembly, whereupon His Excellency was pleased to offer to him his congratulations on the high honor and dignity conferred on him by the House, after which he had, on their behalf, laid claim to all the undoubted rights and privileges of the Assembly, and had requested that the most favorable construction should, on all occasions, be put upon their words and acts, and that His Excellency had been pleased fully to acknowledge the same.
The Speaker then repeated his most respectful acknowledgements for the honor the House had conferred on him.
2. Message from the Governor General:—The Usher of the Black Rod, being admitted, delivered a Message, "That it is the pleasure of the Governor General that this "Honorable House do attend His Excellency forthwith in the Legislative Council "Chamber."
The House went, and being returned, adjourned till Three o'clock.
3. Speaker's Commission to Administer the Oath:—The House having resumed, the Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to issue a Commission, under the Great Seal of the Colony, 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 WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, Knight, Governor General
"in and over all Her Majesty's Colonies of New South Wales, Tasmania,
"Victoria, South Australia, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in
"the Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral
"of the same, &c., &c., &c.,
"To all to whom these Presents shall come,
"GREETING:
"In pursuance of the authority in me vested in that behalf, I, Sir WILLIAM
"THOMAS DENISON, as Governor of the Colony of New South Wales, do hereby
"authorize the Honorable Daniel Cooper, Esquire, Speaker of the Legislative
"Assembly of the said Colony, to administer from time to time, as occasion may
"require, to any Members 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 Territory, at Govern-
"ment House, Sydney, this twenty-third day of May, in the
"year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six,
"and in the nineteenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty
"Queen Victoria.
"W. DENISON.
"By His Excellency's Command,
"and with the advice of the
"Executive Council,
"E. DEAS THOMSON."
4. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill:—Mr. Manning having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "A Bill to enable Infants, with the approbation of the Supreme Court in
"its Equitable Jurisdiction, to make binding Settlements of their Real and Personal
"Estate on Marriage," read a first time (*pro forma*); ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

5. The Governor General's Opening Speech :—The Speaker reported that the House had this day attended His Excellency the Governor General in the Legislative Council Chamber, where His Excellency delivered an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy, which he then read to the House at length, as follows :—

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

It is with no ordinary feelings of satisfaction that I address you, for the first time, as the Legislature constituted under the provisions of an enactment framed for the purpose of adopting, as far as circumstances will permit, the principles characteristic of the British Constitution; and I trust that this form of Government will be found congenial with the habits and feelings, and conducive to the happiness and prosperity, of the people of New South Wales.

2. By this enactment, a change has been made in my relation towards the Legislature to which it is necessary that I should briefly allude.

3. Under the former Constitution of the Colony, the Governor only was responsible for the policy of the Government, and for the measures submitted to the Legislature by which that policy was intended to be carried into effect. Under the present Constitution, the Governor is relieved from that responsibility, which now, most properly, falls upon those gentlemen whom he may select as his advisers, and in whose ability, integrity, and political principles, the Legislature place confidence. As in my former relation to you, I was always most anxious to press upon your notice whatever could, in my opinion, be conducive to the interests of the Colony, so now I shall be ever ready to carry into effect, as Head of the Executive, such measures as the Legislature may consider best calculated to enhance the general prosperity.

4. Before I allude to the measures which will be submitted for your consideration, I am desirous to explain the reasons which have induced me to avail myself of the services of the gentlemen at present composing the Executive Council.

5. Under the New Constitution, and by the Royal Instructions, it became the duty of the Governor, prior to the meeting of the Legislature, to summon to the Legislative Council, such persons as the Governor and the Executive Council should think fit. In my opinion it was requisite that the Executive Council, under whose advice this duty was to be performed, should be composed of gentlemen, most of whom had been returned as Members of the Legislative Assembly, and who had thus (regard being had to the peculiar circumstances under which Responsible Government is now first organized) given the best constitutional guarantee that they possessed the confidence of the community.

6. I have not, however, yet placed these gentlemen in charge of any of the Departments of the Government, because their seats in the Assembly would thereby have become vacant; and as there was no power to issue new Writs for their respective Districts, until after the meeting of the Parliament, I should thus have been deprived of the opportunity of explaining to you, at the commencement of the Session, the principles upon which the Government is prepared to act with reference to many important questions which must necessarily be submitted for your consideration.

7. I am glad to have it in my power to congratulate you on the propitious season, with which we have, under Divine Providence, been favored, and on the general prosperity of the Colony.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.

8. The failure in the cereal crops in 1854, followed by considerable commercial depression, arising from this and other causes, exercised an unfavorable influence upon the Customs' Revenue for 1855, and for the first four months of this year. The amount of Revenue collected during the above period has fallen considerably short of the estimate.

9. There are, however, already, indications of such increased activity in trade and commerce, as may justify me in looking forward with confidence to a steadily improving Revenue.

10. The Estimates for 1857 shall be laid before you at the earliest possible period.

11. It will be my anxious desire, so to regulate the Public Expenditure, as to combine with a wise and judicious economy, the increased efficiency of the Government Departments, and the advancement of the Colony.

12. Should the exigencies of the Country demand increased taxation, care will be taken that such proposed additional burthen shall be so distributed as not to bear with undue pressure upon any particular class of the community.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and of the Legislative Assembly.

13. Availing myself of the provisions contained in the 4th section of the Act of Parliament enabling Her Majesty to assent to the Constitution Act, I shall lay before you a Bill to repeal those clauses which require a majority of two-thirds of the Legislature to effect changes in the system of Representation, or the principles of the Constitution.

14. Material changes in the Administrative Departments will be required for the more efficient conduct of the Public Service; and to this the attention of the Executive Government has been already directed. The expense and numerical strength of various Public Offices may be diminished, without impairing their efficiency, by a better distribution of departmental responsibility, and by simplifying official forms.

15. It will be necessary to make arrangements by which the occupants of offices (some perhaps yet to be created;) will be placed in a position of direct responsibility to the Legislature. In connexion with this subject a plan will be submitted to you for the formation of a "Board of Works."

16. The final Report of the Commissioners appointed, in accordance with an Address of the late Legislative Council, to inquire into the state of Public Schools throughout the Colony, will be laid before you. This Report places in a strong point of view the urgent necessity which exists for devising a comprehensive system of Public Education. This subject must claim the early attention of the Executive Government and the Legislature.

17. The Management of the Public Lands, and the Control of the Revenues derived from that source, having been surrendered to the local Government, and the Imperial Acts for the disposal of these lands having been repealed, it will be your duty to give your immediate attention to this most important subject. I confide in the wisdom of the Legislature to aid the Government in the enactment of measures by which, without violating the public faith, or sacrificing existing interests, greatly increased facilities may be afforded for the acquisition of land, by persons of all classes, and the settlement of the Country promoted. Arrangements are in progress for surveying and preparing for sale a very large extent of available land, and for the improvement and more prompt issue of Deeds of Grant.

18. The Internal Communications of the Country will require much consideration, with a view to the adoption of such a system of Railway Extension, and other means of transit, as shall enhance the value of property, and develop the resources of the country.

19. The important subject of Immigration will demand your early and earnest attention, and it will be desirable to consider how far it may be expedient to enable those persons who require laborers, and who, by purchase of land or otherwise, provide the means for their introduction, to exercise a direct influence in their selection—in order that the funds appropriated to that purpose may be employed in introducing the most suitable description of labor.

20. Measures will be laid before you for the establishment of Municipal Institutions throughout the Colony—for the purpose of relieving the Central Government of duties which it cannot adequately fulfil, and of vesting the control of local affairs in those directly interested in their successful management.

21. The Gold Fields Management Acts will expire at the end of the present year. The serious attention of the Government will be given to the development of the Gold Fields, and to all the details of their management.

22. The great and growing importance of the Northern Districts of the Colony, and their remoteness from Sydney, call for the early establishment of a branch of the Supreme Court, with a Resident Judge, at Brisbane. I trust also that it may be found compatible with a due regard for the Public Finances, to establish in other Districts, Local Courts with extensive Jurisdiction, Civil and Criminal. Bills for these purposes will be laid before you.

23. Measures designed to simplify and improve the Law, and to relieve the Administration of Justice from sources of delay and costliness, will be proposed. I particularly invite your attention to the importance of uniting the Common Law and Equity Jurisdictions of the Courts in all cases in which practical evils are entailed upon suitors by the maintenance of the present system.

24. You will, I am sure, give your earnest attention to a measure which will be proposed to you for the amendment of the Insolvent Law; and will especially desire to mark more broadly the distinction between the honest but unfortunate and the fraudulent or reckless Insolvent, so essential to the maintenance of a high tone of commercial honor.

25. In order to secure the skilful preparation and proper structure of Bills, it will, I think, be necessary to appoint an officer specially charged with the duty of preparing them, and of watching their progress, and aiding in their amendment whilst passing through their various stages. It should also be the duty of that officer to devote his attention to the subject of the progressive amendment of the Law.

26. Despatches on the subject of Steam Communication with Great Britain, and other important matters, will be laid before you.

27. By the terms of the Act of the Imperial Parliament enabling Her Majesty to assent to the Constitution Act, it became my imperative duty to call you together on or before this day; but it is obviously necessary that sufficient time should be afforded, by adjournment, for the preparation of the measures to be submitted to you in reference to the foregoing and other important subjects. Under the peculiar circumstances of the great change now taking place in the whole system of our Government, I trust that you will not hesitate to assent to the adoption of such a course.

28. I entertain a firm reliance in the moderation and sound judgment of the Parliament, satisfied that the measures which may ultimately be determined upon will be such as to confirm the high character justly attained by the preceding Legislature of the Colony, and under the blessing of Almighty God to ensure the public welfare.

W. DENISON.
Mr.

Mr. Garland then moved, and Mr. Faucett seconded, the motion, That a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Barker, Mr. Holt, Mr. Murray, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Parker, Mr. Faucett, and Mr. Jones, be appointed to prepare an Address, in reply to the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General, on opening this first Session of the first Parliament of New South Wales.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Garland having brought up the Address prepared by the Committee, the same was read by the Clerk, on motion of Mr. Garland, as follows:—

"To His Excellency SIR WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, Knight, Governor General of all Her Majesty's Colonies of New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c."

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

"We, Her Majesty's loyal and dutiful Subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, in Parliament assembled, desire to express to Your Excellency our affection and loyalty to the Person and Government of our Most Gracious Sovereign; and to offer our respectful thanks for Your Excellency's Speech to this Assembly.

"2. We fully reciprocate the feelings of satisfaction expressed by your Excellency at meeting, for the first time, the Legislature as at present constituted. We cannot doubt, that the adoption in this Colony, so far as circumstances will permit, of the principles which characterise the British Constitution, will be congenial with the feelings, and conducive to the happiness of the people.

"3. We have every confidence that in the altered relation which subsists between Your Excellency and the Legislature of the Colony, Your Excellency will be ever ready to carry into effect, as Head of the Executive, such measures as may be considered best calculated to enhance the general prosperity.

"4. We accept as our earnest of Your Excellency's desire to ensure the harmonious working of the different branches of the Legislature, that, in a political act of so much moment as the creation of the Legislative Council, Your Excellency sought the advice of gentlemen who had been returned as Members of the Legislative Assembly, and who had thus given the best Constitutional guarantee that they possessed the confidence of the community. And it is satisfactory to us to find that, by the course which Your Excellency has adopted, under the peculiar circumstances attending the first introduction of Responsible Government, Your Excellency is afforded an opportunity of explaining at the commencement of the Session, the principles on which your Excellency's Government is prepared to act with respect to many important questions that will be submitted for our consideration.

"5. We cordially reciprocate your Excellency's congratulations on the propitious season with which, under Divine Providence, the Colony has been favored; and on the general prosperity of the people.

"6. We are persuaded that the causes which exercised an unfavorable influence on the Customs Revenue of last year, have, for the most part, ceased to operate; and there are already such indications of increased activity in trade and commerce, as justify your Excellency's confidence in a steadily increasing Revenue.

"7. Your Excellency's desire so to regulate the Public Expenditure as to combine, with a wise and judicious economy, increased efficiency in the Public Departments, demands our full concurrence, and we receive with much satisfaction the assurance that the expense and numerical strength of various public offices may be diminished, without impairing their efficiency, by a better distribution of Departmental responsibility, and by simplifying official forms. Should the exigencies of the Colony require increased taxation, we will endeavour so to distribute the additional burden, that it shall not bear with undue pressure upon any particular class of the community.

"8. The Bill which your Excellency has expressed an intention of introducing, to repeal those clauses in the Constitution Act of the Colony which require a majority of two-thirds of the Legislature to effect changes in the system of Representation, or in the principles of the Constitution, shall, when laid before us, receive that earnest attention which the importance of the subject demands.

"9. We shall be prepared not less readily to consider any proposal which may be submitted to us for placing, in a position of direct responsibility to the Legislature, the occupants of offices other than those declared by the Constitution Act to be political.

"10. Any effort which may be made to place the Public Schools on a satisfactory footing will receive our warmest support; and it is not without regret that we acknowledge the urgent necessity which exists for greatly improving the present system of Education.

"11. We will cordially co-operate with your Excellency's Government in the enactment of any measures by which, without violating the public faith, or sacrificing existing interests, increased facilities may be afforded for the acquisition of land by persons of all classes, and the settlement of the Country promoted; and we learn with satisfaction that arrangements are in progress for surveying and preparing for sale a large extent of available land, and for the more prompt issue of Deeds of Grant.

"12.

" 12. We shall be prepared to bestow our best attention on any system which may be devised for the improvement of the Internal Communication of the Colony, with a view to the development of its resources.

" 13. We shall enter upon the consideration of the important subject of Immigration with the earnest desire, to devise a scheme by which the funds appropriated for this purpose may be employed in introducing the most suitable description of labor.

" 14. The establishment of Municipal Institutions throughout the Colony is a matter of great moment, both in a social and political point of view; and we will readily lend our assistance in maturing a system of Municipalities, suited to the peculiar circumstances of the Colony.

" 15. We feel assured that the establishment of Local Courts in different parts of the Colony, with extensive civil and criminal jurisdiction, (should the state of the Public Finances permit the adoption of such a measure,) will be hailed with satisfaction by all classes of the community.

" 16. The various other matters alluded to in your Excellency's Address will receive every attention at our hands.

" 17. Finally, we desire gratefully to acknowledge the confidence expressed by Your Excellency in the moderation and judgment of the present Parliament; and to express our earnest hope that the measures ultimately determined upon will be such as to entitle it to a participation in the high character justly attained by the preceding Legislature; and, under the blessing of Almighty God, to ensure the public welfare."

Mr. Garland then moved,—That the Address in reply to the Governor General's opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Donaldson moved,—That this Debate be now adjourned until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

Question—on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until Monday next, at three o'clock—put and passed.

6. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—The Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1851, 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 1851, I do hereby appoint

" John Norton Oxley, Esquire,
 " Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquire,
 " Alexander Walker Scott, Esquire,
 " Henry Watson Parker, Esquire,
 " Richard Jones, Esquire,
 " Peter Faucott, Esquire, and
 " Arthur Todd Holroyd, 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-third day of May, in
 " the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

" DANIEL COOPER,

" Speaker."

7. Election Petitions:—Mr. Donaldson, by *Command*, laid upon the Table the following Election Petitions which had been addressed to His Excellency the Governor General:—

(1.) A Petition from William Christie, of Maitland, Gentleman, complaining of the election and return of Bourne Russell, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of the Northumberland Boroughs, and praying that the same may be declared to be wholly null and void, and that Elias Carpenter Weekes, Esquire, was elected, and ought to have been returned.

(2.) A Petition from William Brady, Timothy Maher, and J. Canty, who had a right to vote at the late election of Members to represent the Electoral District of the City of Sydney, complaining of the Election and return of Charles Cowper, Henry Parkes, Robert Campbell, and James Robert Wilshire, Esquires, and praying that one or more of them may be adjudged and declared not duly elected, and that John Hubert Plunkett, Esquire, may be declared duly elected in the place of some one of them.

Whereupon the Speaker reported that he had this day received notice from William Brady, Timothy Maher, and J. Canty, of the withdrawal of their said Petition against the election and return of the sitting Members for the Electoral District of the City of Sydney, but withheld acquainting the House of the circumstance until the Petition should be properly before the Assembly.

The House then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, at Seven o'Clock, until Monday next, at Three o'Clock.

SATURDAY, MAY 24.

MEMO:—

The Speaker will meet, at Government House at *Half-past Twelve o'clock to-day*, those Members who desire to be presented at the *Levé* to be held there by His Excellency the Governor General, at *One o'clock*, in honor of Her Majesty's Birth Day.

NOTICE OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, MAY 26.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That Arthur Todd Holroyd, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House, during the present Session.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; second reading.
2. Resumption of the adjourned debate on the motion of Mr. Garland,—
"That the Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House."

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.



No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 26 MAY, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Donaldson, *by Command*, laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
- (1.) Return of all Moneys received by or payable to Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, rendered pursuant to 4 Vict., No. 2.
 - (2.) Return of all Lands and Buildings vested in Her Majesty's Ordnance Department, rendered pursuant to 4 Vict., No. 2.
 - (3.) Return of the Quantity of Gold exported from 1 April, 1855, to 31 March, 1856.
 - (4.) Letter from Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates, of 25 March, 1856, reporting that no Rules have been made, in matters of Insolvency, since last Report.
 - (5.) Letter from Acting Commissioner of New England District, of 18 March, 1856, reporting on the Rocky River Gold Fields.
 - (6.) Statement of present cost of the Gold Escorts, with Return of Revenue in 1855, including that for Remittances to and fro.
 - (7.) List of Pensions.
 - (8.) Rules of Court, promulgated by their Honors the Judges, since 20 March, 1855.
 - (9.) Report for 1855, from Trustees of the Australian Museum.
 - (10.) Return of Gold Licenses issued in the Liverpool Plains Pastoral District, from 1 April, 1855 to 31 March, 1856.
 - (11.) Return of places at which Gold has been discovered in the Liverpool Plains District.
 - (12.) Return of Gold Licenses issued, and of places where Gold has been discovered, in the Gwydir District, from 1st April, 1855, to 31st March, 1856.
 - (13.) Return of Gold Licenses issued in the New England District during the same period.
 - (14.) Return of places at which Gold has been discovered in the District of New England.
 - (15.) Return of Gold Licenses issued in the Morumbidgee District, from 1 April, 1855, to 31 March, 1856.
 - (16.) Return of places at which Gold has been discovered in the Morumbidgee District.
 - (17.) Return of Gold Licenses issued in the Western Gold District, from 1 April, 1855, to 31 March, 1856.
 - (18.) Return of places at which Gold has been discovered in the Western Gold District.
 - (19.) Returns (4) of Spirits upon which duties have been paid, from 1 January, 1856, to 31 December, 1855.
 - (20.) Statement of the Expenditure during 1855, on account of Permanent Public Works, authorized by 18 Vict., No. 35.
 - (21.) Receipts and Appropriations on account of Police Reward Fund, to 31 December, 1855.
 - (22.) Similar Return of Police Superannuation Fund to 31 December, 1855.
 - (23.) Letter from Prothonotary of 16 April, 1856, stating that no Rules of Court under the Joint Stock Companies' Act, 11 Vict., No. 19, have been made since last report.
 - (24.) Report of the City Commissioners for 1855.
- Ordered to be printed.
2. Chairman of Committees:—Mr. Plunkett moved, pursuant to notice, "That" Arthur Todd Holroyd, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House during the present Session.
Mr. Martin moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House during the present Session."

Question—

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

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

Question—That Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the whole House, during the present Session—put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Murray made his acknowledgments to the House.

3. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill :—On motion, of Mr. Manning, the Order for the second reading of this Bill discharged from the Paper.

4. Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech :—The Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Garland,—“ That the Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House,”—resumed. Mr. Cowper moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of paragraphs 2 and 4, with a view to the insertion in the place of paragraph 2 of the paragraph following :—

“ 2. We fully reciprocate the feelings of satisfaction expressed by your Excellency, in meeting for the first time the Legislature assembled in pursuance of an Act by which increased powers of self-government have been conferred upon the Colony ; and we shall be happy to join in the introduction of such amendments of the Constitution as may from time to time be considered desirable ;—

And in the place of paragraph 4, of the paragraph following :—

“ 4. With reference to the recent appointments, by your Excellency, of gentlemen who have been returned to the Legislative Assembly, as Members of the Executive Government, without the charge of any Department, we desire to convey to your Excellency the expression of our opinion that the Officers of Government, for whom Pensions or retiring Allowances have been provided by the Constitution Act, 18 & 19 Vict., c. 54, on their release or retirement from Office on political grounds, are not entitled to claim, under that Act, such Pensions or Allowances, unless such release or retirement takes place after some direct Parliamentary manifestation of their inability to carry on the Government,—which manifestation has not yet been made ; and that the assumption of Office, as responsible Ministers, under existing circumstances, by any persons, in the place of those for whom such pensions have been provided, before such manifestation shall have taken place, is highly irregular and unconstitutional. The existence of an entire Ministry, no member of which is the holder of any office under the Crown, is also, in our opinion, incompatible with that responsibility to which every Administration ought to be subject.”

Debate continued.

Mr. Forster moved, That this Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

Question—on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until to-morrow—put and passed.

The House then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, at a quarter before Nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MAY 27.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. MARTIN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of any Commission of Inquiry which His Excellency may have issued, in consequence of the Address of the late Legislative Council, respecting the City Commissioners' Department ; as well as a copy of any Report which His Excellency may have received from any such Commission.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garland,—“ That the Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House,”—

Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of Amendment, “ That the 2nd and 4th paragraphs be omitted, with a view to the insertion, in the place of paragraph 2, of the paragraph following :—

“ 2. We fully reciprocate the feelings of satisfaction expressed by your Excellency, in meeting for the first time the Legislature assembled in pursuance of an Act by which increased powers of self-government have been conferred upon the Colony ; and we shall be happy to join in the introduction of such amendments of the Constitution as may from time to time be considered desirable ;—

“ And in the place of paragraph 4, of the paragraph following :—

“ 4. With reference to the recent appointments, by your Excellency, of gentlemen who have been returned to the Legislative Assembly, as Members of the Executive Government, without the charge of any Department, we desire to convey to your Excellency the expression of our opinion that the Officers of Government, for whom Pensions or retiring

‘ retiring Allowances have been provided by the Constitution Act, 18 & 19 Vict., c. 54, on their release or retirement from Office on political grounds, are not entitled to claim, under that Act, such Pensions or Allowances, unless such release or retirement takes place after some direct Parliamentary manifestation of their inability to carry on the Government,—which manifestation has not yet been made; and that the assumption of Office, as responsible Ministers, under existing circumstances, by any persons, in the place of those for whom such pensions have been provided, before such manifestation shall have taken place, is highly irregular and unconstitutional. The existence of an entire Ministry, no member of which is the holder of any office under the Crown, is also, in our opinion, incompatible with that responsibility to which every Administration ought to be subject.’ ”

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That on the rising of this House on Friday next, it do stand adjourned for ten weeks.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz. : The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Manning, Mr. Parker, Mr. James Macarthur, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Martin, with leave to sit during any adjournment.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz. :—The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Parker, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. James Macarthur, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Garland, with leave to sit during any adjournment.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week, be the days on which this House shall meet for the Dispatch of Business.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move, That on Wednesday and Thursday, in each week, Government Business shall take precedence of all other Business.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the City Commissioners' Department, and to establish a Municipal Corporation for the City of Sydney.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 MAY, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Member Sworn:—George Henry Cox, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of the County of Wellington.
2. Papers:—Mr. Donaldson, *by Command*, laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Return of Gold Licenses issued in the Southern Gold District from 1st April, 1855, to 31st March, 1856.
 - (2.) Return of places at which Gold has been discovered in the Southern District.
 - (3.) Abstracts of Bank Liabilities and Assets, for the Quarters ended 31st December, 1855, and 31st March, 1856.
 - (4.) Despatch from Secretary of State, enclosing first Report of the Master of the Royal Mint, on the weight and fineness of the Coins produced at the Sydney Mint.
 - (5.) Final Report of Education Commissioners on the state of Education throughout the Colony.
 - (6.) Receipts and Disbursements of General Revenue, from 1st January to 23rd November, 1855.
 - (7.) Receipts and Disbursements of Consolidated Revenue from 24th November to 31st December, 1855.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. City Commissioners' Department:—Mr. Martin being about to make his motion for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, for Papers respecting the City Commissioners' Department,—
And a Debate arising on the Question of Privilege, whether this House is entitled to proceed at once by *Order*, instead of by Address, for any Papers not affecting the Prerogative of the Crown,—
Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there shall be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of any Commission of Inquiry which the Governor General may have issued, in consequence of the Address of the late Legislative Council, respecting the City Commissioners' Department; as well as a copy of any Report which His Excellency may have received from any such Commission.
Question put and passed.
4. Address in Reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech:—The Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garland,—“That the Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House,”—
Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of Amendment, “That the 2nd and 4th paragraphs be omitted, with a view to the insertion, in the place of paragraph 2, of the paragraph following:—
‘ 2. We fully reciprocate the feelings of satisfaction expressed by your Excellency, in meeting for the first time the Legislature assembled in pursuance of an Act by which increased powers of self-government have been conferred upon the Colony; and we shall be happy to join in the introduction of such amendments of the Constitution as may from time to time be considered desirable;—
And in the place of paragraph 4, of the paragraph following:—
‘ 4. With reference to the recent appointments, by your Excellency, of gentlemen who have been returned to the Legislative Assembly, as Members of the Executive Government, without the charge of any Department, we desire to convey to your Excellency the expression of our opinion that the Officers of Government, for whom Pensions or retiring Allowances have been provided by the Constitution Act, 18 & 19 Vict., c. 54, on their release or retirement from Office on political grounds, are not entitled to claim, under that Act, such Pensions or Allowances, unless such release or retirement takes place after some direct Parliamentary manifestation of their inability to carry on the Government,—which manifestation has not yet been made; and that the assumption of Office, as responsible Ministers, under existing circumstances,

' circumstances, by any persons, in the place of those for whom such pensions have been provided, before such manifestation shall have taken place, is highly irregular and unconstitutional. The existence of an entire Ministry, no member of which is the holder of any office under the Crown, is also, in our opinion, incompatible with that responsibility to which every Administration ought to be subject',— resumed.—

Mr. Martin moved, That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

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

Debate ensued.

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

Council divided.

Ayes, 29.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Pyc,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Parkes, } Tellers.
Mr. Martin, }

Mr. Cox,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Jamison, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd, }

Whereupon Original Question for adjournment of the Debate until to-morrow— put and passed.

The House then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, at twenty-five minutes before Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock, with the understanding that the resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech take precedence of the motions on the Notice Paper.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garland,—“That the Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House,”—

Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of Amendment, “That the 2nd and 4th paragraphs be omitted, with a view to the insertion, in the place of paragraph 2, of the paragraph following:—

“ 2. We fully reciprocate the feelings of satisfaction expressed by your Excellency, in meeting for the first time the Legislature assembled in pursuance of an Act by which increased powers of self-government have been conferred upon the Colony; and we shall be happy to join in the introduction of such amendments of the Constitution as may from time to time be considered desirable;—

“ And in the place of paragraph 4, of the paragraph following:—

“ 4. With reference to the recent appointments, by your Excellency, of gentlemen who have been returned to the Legislative Assembly, as Members of the Executive Government, without the charge of any Department, we desire to convey to your Excellency the expression of our opinion that the Officers of Government, for whom Pensions or retiring Allowances have been provided by the Constitution Act, 18 & 19 Vict., c. 54, on their release or retirement from Office on political grounds, are not entitled to claim, under that Act, such Pensions or Allowances, unless such release or retirement takes place after some direct Parliamentary manifestation of their inability to carry on the Government,—which manifestation has not yet been made; and that the assumption of Office, as responsible Ministers, under existing circumstances, by any persons, in the place

' place of those for whom such pensions have been provided, before such manifestation shall have taken place, is highly irregular and unconstitutional. The existence of an entire Ministry, no member of which is the holder of any office under the Crown, is also, in our opinion, incompatible with that responsibility to which every Administration ought to be subject.' "

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That on the rising of this House on Friday next, it do stand adjourned for ten weeks.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz. : The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Manning, Mr. Parker, Mr. James Macarthur, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Martin, with leave to sit during any adjournment.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz. :—The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Parker, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. James Macarthur, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Garland, with leave to sit during any adjournment.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week, be the days on which this House shall meet for the Dispatch of Business.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move, That on Wednesday and Thursday, in each week, Government Business shall take precedence of all other Business.

THURSDAY, MAY 29.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SCOTT to move, That there shall be laid upon the Table of this House, all the correspondence that has passed between the Executive Government and Mr. Moriarty, respecting the deepening of the River Hunter, together with plans and specifications connected therewith.

FRIDAY, MAY 30.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That this House before commencing the business of the day, resolve, henceforth, to acknowledge the Lord, and to implore His blessing.
 - (2.) That, in accordance with the above Resolution, the Honorable the Speaker read, on his taking the Chair, the 67th Psalm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the City Commissioners' Department, and to establish a Municipal Corporation for the City of Sydney.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Impounding Act of 1855.*" 19 *Vict.*, No. 36.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers: Mr. Donaldson, *by Command*, laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Report of the Senate of the University of Sydney, for the year ended 31st December, 1855.
 - (2.) Copy of the By-Laws passed by the Senate of the University of Sydney since the last By-Laws were laid upon the Table.
 - (3.) Report of the Auditors of the Senate of the University of Sydney, for the year ended 31st December, 1855.
 Ordered to be printed.

2. Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech:—The Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Garland, "That the Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House,"—Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of Amendment, 'That the 2nd and 4th paragraphs be omitted, with a view to the insertion, in the place of paragraph 2, of the paragraph following:—
 - ' 2. We fully reciprocate the feelings of satisfaction expressed by your Excellency, in meeting for the first time the Legislature assembled in pursuance of an Act by which increased powers of self-government have been conferred upon the Colony; and we shall be happy to join in the introduction of such amendments of the Constitution as may from time to time be considered desirable';—
 - ' And in the place of paragraph 4, of the paragraph following:—
 - ' 4. With reference to the recent appointment, by your Excellency, of gentlemen who have been returned to the Legislative Assembly, as Members of the Executive Government, without the charge of any Department, we desire to convey to your Excellency the expression of our opinion that the Officers of Government, for whom Pensions or retiring Allowances have been provided by the Constitution Act, 18 & 19 Vict., c. 54, on their release or retirement from Office on political grounds, are not entitled to claim, under that Act, such Pensions or Allowances, unless such release or retirement takes place after some direct Parliamentary manifestation of their inability to carry on the Government,—which manifestation has not yet been made; and that the assumption of Office, as responsible Ministers, under existing circumstances, by any persons, in the place of those for whom such pensions have been provided, before such manifestation shall have taken place, is highly irregular and unconstitutional. The existence of an entire Ministry, no member of which is the holder of any office under the Crown, is also, in our opinion, incompatible with that responsibility to which every Administration ought to be subject.'—
 resumed,—
Mr. Darvall moved, That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until to-morrow—put and passed.

3. Postponement:—Mr. Donaldson postponed the motions standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
The House then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, at twenty minutes after Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock, with the understanding that the resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech take precedence of all motions on the Notice Paper.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, MAY 29.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garland,—“That the Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House,”—
Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of Amendment, “That the 2nd and 4th paragraphs be omitted, with a view to the insertion, in the place of paragraph 2, of the paragraph following:—
 - ' 2. We fully reciprocate the feelings of satisfaction expressed by your Excellency, in meeting

' meeting for the first time the Legislature assembled in pursuance of an Act by which increased powers of self-government have been conferred upon the Colony; and we shall be happy to join in the introduction of such amendments of the Constitution as may from time to time be considered desirable';—

" And in the place of paragraph 4, of the paragraph following:—

' 4. With reference to the recent appointments, by your Excellency, of gentlemen who have been returned to the Legislative Assembly, as Members of the Executive Government, without the charge of any Department, we desire to convey to your Excellency the expression of our opinion that the Officers of Government, for whom Pensions or retiring Allowances have been provided by the Constitution Act, 18 & 19 Vict., c. 54, on their release or retirement from Office on political grounds, are not entitled to claim, under that Act, such Pensions or Allowances, unless such release or retirement takes place after some direct Parliamentary manifestation of their inability to carry on the Government,—which manifestation has not yet been made; and that the assumption of Office, as responsible Ministers, under existing circumstances, by any persons, in the place of those for whom such pensions have been provided, before such manifestation shall have taken place, is highly irregular and unconstitutional. The existence of an entire Ministry, no member of which is the holder of any office under the Crown, is also, in our opinion, incompatible with that responsibility to which every Administration ought to be subject.' "

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SCOTT to move, That there shall be laid upon the Table of this House, all the correspondence that has passed between the Executive Government and Mr. Moriarty, respecting the deepening of the River Hunter, together with plans and specifications connected therewith.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That on the rising of this House on Friday next, it do stand adjourned for ten weeks.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.: The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Manning, Mr. Parker, Mr. James Macarthur, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Martin, with leave to sit during any adjournment.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Parker, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. James Macarthur, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Garland, with leave to sit during any adjournment.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week, be the days on which this House shall meet for the Dispatch of Business.
6. MR. DONALDSON to move, That on Wednesday and Thursday, in each week, Government Business shall take precedence of all other Business.

FRIDAY, MAY 30.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That this House before commencing the business of the day, resolve, henceforth, to acknowledge the Lord, and to implore His blessing.
 - (2.) That, in accordance with the above Resolution, the Honorable the Speaker read, on his taking the Chair, the 67th Psalm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the City Commissioners' Department, and to establish a Municipal Corporation for the City of Sydney.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Towns in the Interior to cut Timber on the adjacent Crown Lands.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Impounding Act of 1855.*" 19 Vict., No. 36.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 MAY, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Member Sworn:—James Thomson, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of the County of St. Vincent.
2. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Henry Watson Parker, Terence Aubrey Murray, and John Norton Oxley, Esquires, sworn at the Table by the Clerk, as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, pursuant to the requirement of the 59th Section of the Electoral Act of 1851.
3. Member returned for two Places;—The Speaker acquainted the House that he held in his hand a Writ, returning John Hubert Plunkett, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of the County of Argyle; and another Writ, returning the same gentleman as Member for the Electoral District of the County of Bathurst;—and that the time allowed, by the 65th section of the Electoral Act of 1851, for the presentation of Election Petitions, expired yesterday, without any question of the return made for either of the beforementioned Electoral Districts;—
And the Speaker having called upon Mr. Plunkett, in conformity with the practice of Parliament in like cases, to make his election for which of those two Electoral Districts he will serve, by addressing to him a letter, resigning his seat for the other, in accordance with the requirement of the 25th section of the Constitution Act;—
Mr. Plunkett declared his intention to serve for the County of Argyle, and his purpose of forthwith addressing a letter to the Speaker, resigning his seat for the County of Bathurst.
4. Election Petitions:—Mr. Donaldson, referring to the 65th section of the Electoral Act of 1851, moved, without previous notice,—
(1.) That it be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to ascertain and certify whether any, and what costs have become payable by the Petitioners against the Election and Return of the sitting Members for the Electoral District of the City of Sydney, in consequence of the presentation of their Petition, withdrawn on the 23rd instant.
Question put and passed.
(2.) That the Petition of William Christie, of Maitland, Gentleman, complaining of the Election and Return of Bourne Russell, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of the Northumberland Boroughs, and praying that the same may be declared to be wholly null and void, and that Elias Carpenter Weekes, Esquire, was elected, and ought to have been Returned,—be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
Question put and passed.
5. Vacant Seat: The Speaker reported, that he had received a letter from John Hubert Plunkett, Esquire, resigning his seat for the county of Bathurst, in consequence of his having elected to serve for the county of Argyle, and said he apprehended it would now be necessary for some Member to move a Resolution declaring the vacancy of the seat for Bathurst, and the causes thereof, in conformity with the 27th section of the Constitution Act,—
Whereupon MR. DONALDSON, referring to the 27th section of the Constitution Act, moved, without previous notice, That this House now resolves that the seat of John Hubert Plunkett, Esquire, as Member for the Electoral District of the County of Bathurst, has become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said John Hubert Plunkett.
Question put and passed.
6. Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech:—The Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Garland,—“That the Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House,”—
Upon which Mr. Cowper had moved, by way of Amendment, “That the 2nd and 4th paragraphs be omitted, with a view to the insertion, in the place of paragraph 2, of the paragraph following:—
‘ 2. We fully reciprocate the feelings of satisfaction expressed by your Excellency, in meeting for the first time the Legislature assembled in pursuance of an Act by which increased powers of self-government have been conferred upon the Colony; and we shall be happy to join in the introduction of such amendments of the Constitution as may from time to time be considered desirable’;—
“ And in the place of paragraph 4, of the paragraph following:—
‘ 4. With reference to the recent appointment, by your Excellency, of gentlemen who have been returned to the Legislative Assembly, as Members of the Executive Government, without the charge of any Department, we desire to convey to your Excellency the expression of our opinion that the Officers of Government, for whom Pensions or retiring Allowances have been provided by the Constitution Act, 18 & 19 Vict., c 54, on their release or retirement from Office on political grounds, are
‘ not

' not entitled to claim, under that Act, such Pensions or Allowances, unless such
' release or retirement takes place after some direct Parliamentary manifestation of
' their inability to carry on the Government,—which manifestation has not yet been
' made; and that the assumption of Office, as responsible Ministers, under existing
' circumstances, by any persons, in the place of those for whom such pensions have
' been provided, before such manifestation shall have taken place, is highly irregular
' and unconstitutional. The existence of an entire Ministry, no member of which
' is the holder of any office under the Crown, is also, in our opinion, incompatible
' with that responsibility to which every Administration ought to be subject.'—
resumed,—

Question put—That paragraph 2,—“ We fully reciprocate the feelings of satisfaction
“ expressed by your Excellency at meeting, for the first time, the Legislature as at
“ present constituted. We cannot doubt, that the adoption in this Colony, so far
“ as circumstances will permit, of the principles which characterise the British Con-
“ stitution, will be congenial with the feelings, and conducive to the happiness of
“ the people.”—stand part of the Address.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. James Macarthur,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. George Macleay,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Pyc,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. William Macleay,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Manning, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

Nos, 21.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Jones, } Tellers.
Mr. Martin, }

Question put—That paragraph 4,—“ We accept as our earnest of Your Excellency's
“ desire to ensure the harmonious working of the different branches of the Legis-
“ lature, that, in a political act of so much moment as the creation of the Legislative
“ Council, Your Excellency sought the advice of gentlemen who had been returned
“ as Members of the Legislative Assembly, and who had thus given the best Con-
“ stitutional guarantee that they possessed the confidence of the community. And
“ it is satisfactory to us to find that, by the course which Your Excellency has
“ adopted, under the peculiar circumstances attending the first introduction of
“ Responsible Government, Your Excellency is afforded an opportunity of explaining
“ at the commencement of the Session, the principles on which your Excellency's
“ Government is prepared to act, with respect to many important questions that will
“ be submitted for our consideration.”—stand part of the Address.

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. James Macarthur,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. George Macleay,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Russell,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Pyc,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. William Macleay,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Manning, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

Noes, 19.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Jones, }

Mr.

Mr. Jamison then moved the Previous Question.
 Previous Question put—" Shall this Question be now put ?"
 The House divided.

Ayes, 30.
 Mr. James Macarthur,
 Mr. Nichols,
 Mr. Darvall,
 Mr. Holroyd,
 Mr. Plunkett,
 Mr. George Macleay,
 Mr. Barker,
 Mr. Hely,
 Mr. Gordon,
 Mr. Lang,
 Mr. Lord,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Irving,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Thomson,
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. Cox,
 Mr. Hargrave,
 Mr. Bowman,
 Mr. Oxley,
 Mr. Pye,
 Mr. Holt,
 Mr. William Macleay,
 Mr. Osborne,
 Mr. Parker,
 Mr. Garland,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.
 Mr. Manning, }

Noes, 18.
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Richardson,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Arnold,
 Mr. Flood,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Murray,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Oakes,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Jamison,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. Wilshire,
 Mr. Jones, } Tellers.
 Mr. Martin }

Whereupon Original Question put,—“ That the Address in reply to the Governor
 “ General’s opening Speech, as read by the Clerk, be now adopted by this House.”
 The House divided.

Ayes, 30.
 Mr. James Macarthur,
 Mr. Nichols,
 Mr. Darvall,
 Mr. Holroyd,
 Mr. Plunkett,
 Mr. George Macleay,
 Mr. Barker,
 Mr. Hely,
 Mr. Gordon,
 Mr. Lang,
 Mr. Lord,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Irving,
 Mr. Russell,
 Mr. Thomson,
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. Cox,
 Mr. Hargrave,
 Mr. Bowman,
 Mr. Oxley,
 Mr. Pye,
 Mr. Holt,
 Mr. William Macleay,
 Mr. Osborne,
 Mr. Parker,
 Mr. Garland,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.
 Mr. Manning, }

Noes, 18.
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Richardson,
 Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Arnold,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Flood,
 Mr. Murray,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Oakes,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Jamison,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. Wilshire,
 Mr. Jones, } Tellers.
 Mr. Martin }

Mr. Donaldson then acquainted the House, that he had previously ascertained it to
 be the Governor General’s pleasure to receive their Address on Saturday next, at 11
 o’clock, A.M.,—

And moved,—That this House do present to the Governor General their Address in
 reply to His Excellency’s opening Speech, at Government House, on Saturday next,
 at 11 o’clock, A.M.

Question put and passed.

- 7 Postponement:—Mr. Scott postponed the motion standing in his name first on the
 Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
8. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Alexander Walker Scott, Richard Jones,
 Peter Faucett, and Arthur Todd Holroyd, Esquires, sworn at the Table by the Clerk,
 as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session,
 pursuant to the requirement of the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1851.
9. Postponement:—Mr. Donaldson postponed the motions standing in his name on the
 Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
10. First Meeting of Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Pursuant to the require-
 ment of the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1851, the Speaker appointed the
 first Meeting of the Elections and Qualifications Committee to take place at Noon, on
 Tuesday next, in Committee Room No. 2.

11. Postponement:—Mr. Holt postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for Friday next, until Tuesday, June 3.
The House then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, at twenty minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Saturday next, at half-past Ten o'clock, a. m.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

SATURDAY, MAY 31.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. The House to meet at *half-past Ten o'clock, a. m.*, this day, to proceed to Government House, there, at Eleven o'clock, to present to the Governor General their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SCOTT to move, That there shall be laid upon the Table of this House, all the correspondence that has passed between the Executive Government and Mr. Moriarty, respecting the deepening of the River Hunter, together with plans and specifications connected therewith.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That on the rising of this House on Friday next, it do stand adjourned for ten weeks.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.: The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Manning, Mr. Parker, Mr. James Macarthur, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Martin, with leave to sit during any adjournment.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Parker, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. James Macarthur, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Garland, with leave to sit during any adjournment.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week, be the days on which this House shall meet for the Dispatch of Business.
6. MR. DONALDSON to move, That on Wednesday and Thursday, in each week, Government Business shall take precedence of all other Business.
7. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That this House before commencing the business of the day, resolve, henceforth, to acknowledge the Lord, and to implore His blessing.
 - (2.) That, in accordance with the above Resolution, the Honorable the Speaker read, on his taking the Chair, the 67th Psalm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the City Commissioners' Department, and to establish a Municipal Corporation for the City of Sydney.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Towns in the Interior to cut Timber on the adjacent Crown Lands.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Impounding Act of 1855.*" 19 *Vict.*, No. 36.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SATURDAY, 31 MAY, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair. Address in reply to the Governor General's Opening Speech:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Assembly proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Governor General their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech,— And having returned, the Speaker reported that the Assembly had been to Government House, and there presented to the Governor General their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:—

MR. SPEAKER, AND
GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

I thank you for the Address which you have just presented.

The expressions of loyalty and affection for Her Majesty's person and Government are such as I expected to receive from the Representatives of the Inhabitants of New South Wales.

I receive with pleasure the assurance of your co-operation and support in the promotion of all measures which may conduce to the prosperity of the Colony.

W. DENISON.

The House then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, at ten minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SCOTT to move, That there shall be laid upon the Table of this House, all the correspondence that has passed between the Executive Government and Mr. Moriarty, respecting the deepening of the River Hunter, together with plans and specifications connected therewith.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That on the rising of this House on Friday next, it do stand adjourned for ten weeks.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.: The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Manning, Mr. Parker, Mr. James Macarthur, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Martin, with leave to sit during any adjournment.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Parker, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. James Macarthur, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Garland, with leave to sit during any adjournment.
5. MR. DONALDSON to move, That Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week, be the days on which this House shall meet for the Dispatch of Business.
6. MR. DONALDSON to move, That on Wednesday and Thursday, in each week, Government Business shall take precedence of all other Business.
7. MR. HOLT to move,—
(1.) That this House before commencing the business of the day, resolve, henceforth, to acknowledge the Lord, and to implore His blessing.
(2.) That, in accordance with the above Resolution, the Honorable the Speaker read, on his taking the Chair, the 67th Psalm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the City Commissioners' Department, and to establish a Municipal Corporation for the City of Sydney.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Towns in the Interior to cut Timber on the adjacent Crown Lands.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Impounding Act of 1855.*" 19 Vict., No. 36.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 JUNE, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Member sworn :—John Hay, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the Pastoral District of Murrumbidgee.
2. Papers :—Mr. Donaldson, *by Command*, laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
 - (1.) Nominal Return of the Commissioners, Sergeants, and Troopers, at the several Gold Districts, with their respective Salaries.
 - (2.) Report from Medical Adviser to the Government, with Return of Vaccination for 1855.
 - (3.) Statements of Expenditure under Schedule A, Parts 1, 2, and 3, annexed to Act 13 and 14 Vict., cap. 59, during 1855.
 - (4.) Account of Receipts and Disbursements of the Territorial Revenue for 1855.
 - (5.) Account of Receipts and Disbursements of Clergy and School Lands' Revenue for 1855.
 - (6.) Account of Receipts and Disbursements under Assessment on Sheep Act, 18 Vict., No. 26, for 1855.
 - (7.) Statement of Receipts under the Assisted Immigrants' Act, 16 Vict., No. 42, and the Expenditure thereof, during 1855.
 - (8.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of Colonial Agent General, from 1st October, 1854, to 30th September, 1855.
 - (9.) Statement of Issues and Re-Issues to the Deputy Master of the Royal Mint, from the Balance of Deposits in the Colonial Treasury at the credit of the Savings' Bank of New South Wales, for the purchase of Gold Bullion imported into the Mint for Coinage, up to 31 December, 1855.
 - (10.) Account of Deposits in the Colonial Treasury made by the Sydney and Hunter River Railway Companies, to 31st December, 1855, and of the Re-issues therefrom to the same date.
 - (11.) Account of Special Receipts, and of Re-issues therefrom, by the Colonial Treasurer, for 1855.
 - (12.) Account of Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Transport of Gold, during 1855.
 - (13.) Report from Surveyor General relative to Sale of Land.
 - (14.) Report of Proceedings of Railway Commissioners, with Account of the Receipts and Expenditure during 1855.

Ordered to be printed.
3. Navigation of the River Hunter :—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to notice, That there shall be laid upon the Table of this House, all the correspondence that has passed between the Executive Government and Mr. Moriarty, respecting the deepening of the River Hunter, together with plans and specifications connected therewith.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
4. Proposed Adjournment for Ten Weeks :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That on the rising of this House on Friday next, it do stand adjourned to Tuesday, the "12th day of August next."
Mr. Cox moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the figures and words—"12th day of August next," with a view to the insertion in their place of the figures and words—"15th day of July next."
Debate ensued.
Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn.
Original Question by leave withdrawn.

5. Standing Orders Committee:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.: The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Manning, Mr. Parker, Mr. James Macarthur, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Martin, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to confer, upon subjects of mutual concernment, with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Debate ensued;—
And Mr. Parkes having required that the proposed Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
Question (1)—That a Standing Orders Committee be appointed for the present Session, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to confer, upon subjects of mutual concernment, with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council—put and passed.
Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following Members to be the Committee duly appointed, viz.: Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parker, Mr. Martin, Mr. Holroyd, The Speaker, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Macarthur, and Mr. Manning.
6. Library Committee:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Speaker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Parker, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. James Macarthur, Mr. Scott, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Garland, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to confer, upon subjects of mutual concernment, with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
Debate ensued,—
And Mr. Campbell having required that the proposed Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
Question—(1.) That a Library Committee be appointed for the present Session, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to confer, upon subjects of mutual concernment, with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council—put and passed;—
Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following Members to be the Committee duly appointed, viz.: Mr. Donaldson, The Speaker, Mr. Scott, Mr. Martin, Mr. Garland, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Parker, Mr. Macarthur, and Mr. Arnold.
7. Days for Dispatch of General Business:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, in each week, be the days on which this House shall meet for the Dispatch of Business, unless otherwise ordered.
Question put and passed.
8. Days for Dispatch of Government Business:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday, in each week, Government Business shall take precedence of all other Business.
Question put and passed.
9. Prayer:—Mr. Holt moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That this House before commencing the business of the day, resolve, henceforth, to acknowledge the Lord, and to implore His Blessing.
(2.) That, in accordance with the above Resolution, the Honorable the Speaker read, on his taking the Chair, the 67th Psalm.
Mr. Forster moved the Previous Question.
Debate ensued.
Previous Question put—" Shall this Question be now put?"
The House divided.

Ayes, 9.
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Irving, } Tellers.
Mr. Gordon, }

Noes, 26.
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Murray, } Tellers.
Mr. Martin, }

The House then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, at half-past seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JONES to move,—
 - (1.) That as the Constitution Act provides that all Taxation and Appropriation Bills shall originate in the Legislative Assembly, this House is of opinion that, to secure the due administration of the Financial affairs of the Colony, and the direct Parliamentary responsibility of the officer administering them, the Office of Colonial Treasurer, or of Finance Minister, by whatever title hereafter designated, should be filled by a Member of this Assembly.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. HOLROYD to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the Petition of Peter Rawlings, of Ashfield, presented to the Legislative Council during the last Session, and to report upon the claim of the Petitioner,—with leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Holt, Mr. Martin, Mr. Irving, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Lee, Mr. Pye, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Holroyd.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JAMISON to move, That any correspondence which has passed between the Law Officers of the Crown, the Crown Lands Office, and the Colonial Secretary's Office, relative to the forfeiture of certain Runs, by non-payment of rent within the prescribed time, be laid upon the Table of this House.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FLOOD to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee (with leave to sit during any adjournment of this House) be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity, and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.
2. MR. HOLROYD to move, That a Select Committee, consisting of the Speaker, Mr. Murray, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Martin, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parker, Mr. Garland, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Holroyd, be appointed to consider the necessity of erecting a proper suite of Buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature of the Colony; and that such Committee be instructed to devise a plan for the Buildings aforesaid—as to arrangement and architectural design—befitting the wants, and appropriate to the high functions which the Legislature is called upon to exercise; and that such Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the City Commissioners' Department, and to establish a Municipal Corporation for the City of Sydney.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Towns in the Interior to cut Timber on the adjacent Crown Lands.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that, in the proposed arrangements for the administration of Justice at Moreton Bay, which include the appointment of a resident District Judge at Brisbane, His Excellency will be pleased to make provision for the local Registration of Deeds of Conveyance, and other Documents.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Impounding Act of 1855.*" 19 *Vict.*, No. 36.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Donaldson, *by Command*, laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) Report of a Board appointed, pursuant to an Address adopted, by the late Legislative Council, on the 18th December 1855, to inquire into the character of Work in the City Sewers.
(2.) Correspondence respecting Steam Communication.
Ordered to be printed
2. Question of Privilege:—Mr. Flood having taken notice of two foot notes to the Table of Contents prefixed to the volumes of the Votes and Proceedings of the late Legislative Council during the Session of 1855, to the effect that the Return to the Address in reference to the Assessment on Stock and Lands sold in the Unsettled Districts, adopted, on motion of Mr. Rusden, on the 5th December, 1855, and the Return to the Address in reference to the Colonial Treasury Accounts, adopted, on motion of Mr. Flood, on the 13th December, 1855, which were respectively laid upon the Table by the late Acting Colonial Secretary, and by the Council ordered to be printed, on the 19th December, 1855, had not been printed in pursuance of such order, for reasons assigned in the Colonial Secretary's letter to the Clerk of the Council, No. 19, of 4th March, 1856, and having referred to the said letter, as well as to the letter of the Clerk, to which it was in reply, and having complained of the unauthorised removal of those Papers, as evidenced in the correspondence referred to, and of their not appearing, in consequence of such removal, among the printed records of the late Council;—
And a Debate arising thereupon,—
Mr. Jones moved, That the matter brought under the notice of this House by Mr. Flood, be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for inquiry and report.
Question put and passed.
3. Office of Colonial Treasurer:—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That as the Constitution Act provides that all Taxation and Appropriation Bills shall originate in the Legislative Assembly, this House is of opinion that, to secure the due administration of the Financial affairs of the Colony, and the direct Parliamentary responsibility of the officer administering them, the Office of Colonial Treasurer, or of Finance Minister, by whatever title hereafter designated, should be filled by a Member of this Assembly.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
4. Peter Rawlings:—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the Petition of Peter Rawlings, of Ashfield, presented to the late Legislative Council during the last Session, and to report upon the claim of the Petitioner,—with leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Hely, Mr. Martin, Mr. Irving, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Lee, Mr. Pye, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Holroyd.
Debate ensued.
Question—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider the Petition of Peter Rawlings, of Ashfield, presented to the late Legislative Council during the last Session, and to report upon the claim of the Petitioner,—with leave to sit during any adjournment of this House—put and passed.
Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Hely, Mr. Martin, Mr. Irving, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Lee, Mr. Pye, Mr. Parker, and Mr. Holroyd—put and passed.
5. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Jamison withdrew the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for Thursday, June 5,—giving an *amended* notice on the same subject for Friday, June 6.
The House then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, at twenty-five minutes before Six o'clock until *Friday* next, at Three o'clock.

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NOTICES OF MOTION.

FRIDAY, JUNE 6.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FLOOD to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee (with leave to sit during any adjournment of this House) be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity, and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.
 2. MR. HOLROYD to move, That a Select Committee, consisting of the Speaker, Mr. Murray, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Martin, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parker, Mr. Garland, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Holroyd, be appointed to consider the necessity of erecting a proper suite of Buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature of the Colony; and that such Committee be instructed to devise a plan for the Buildings aforesaid—as to arrangement and architectural design—befitting the wants, and appropriate to the high functions which the Legislature is called upon to exercise; and that such Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.
 3. MR. HELY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Sums of Money paid to the Wardens of the several Districts in the County of Northumberland, to be expended in the repairs of Roads and Bridges in those Districts within the last three years.
 - (2.) The names of the several Wardens, and those of the parties associated with each Warden in the expenditure of said several Sums of Money; also the dates when such Sums were paid to the Wardens respectively.
 4. MR. JAMISON to move, That any correspondence which has passed between the Law Officers of the Crown, the Crown Lands Office, and the Colonial Secretary's Office, relative to the forfeiture of Mr. John Walker's Run, by non-payment of rent within the prescribed time, be laid upon the Table of this House.
- Questions :—MR. RICHARDSON to ask THE PREMIER,—
- (1.) Whether any steps have been taken towards the erection of the Gaol at North Brisbane?
 - (2.) When the Building is likely to be commenced?

TUESDAY, JUNE 24.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the City Commissioners' Department, and to establish a Municipal Corporation for the City of Sydney.

MONDAY, AUGUST 4.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Towns in the Interior to cut Timber on the adjacent Crown Lands.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that, in the proposed arrangements for the administration of Justice at Moreton Bay, which include the appointment of a resident District Judge at Brisbane, His Excellency will be pleased to make provision for the local Registration of Deeds of Conveyance, and other Documents.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That all Despatches received by His Excellency the Governor General from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle Districts of the Colony of New South Wales, together with copies of all Correspondence from His Excellency the Governor General to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed construction of a Public Wharf at Maryborough; also of all correspondence between the Government and certain residents and others interested in the Town of Maryborough, Wide Bay, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Impounding Act of 1855.*" 19 *Vict.*, No. 36.
2. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed application of the Towns' Police Act to the Town of Gayndah in the aforesaid District; also of all Correspondence between the Government and certain Magistrates of the said District, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
3. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Joseph North, Esq., Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, on the subject of a proposed alteration of the Place of Nomination for the aforesaid Electoral District;—also, between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the same subject;—also, between the Government and William Forster, Esq., M.L.A., for the County of Murray, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 6 JUNE, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Member Sworn:—Francis Townsend Rusden, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the United Pastoral Districts of Liverpool Plains and Gwydir.
2. Vacant Seats:—Mr. Manning acquainted the House, *by Command* of His Excellency the Governor General, that the Honorable Stuart Alexander Donaldson, Esquire, the Honorable John Bayley Darvall, Esquire, the Honorable Thomas Holt, Esquire, and the Honorable George Robert Nichols, Esquire, had made their several acknowledgments on acceptance of Office under the Crown in this Colony, and that he had made his own acknowledgments on acceptance of the Office of Attorney General in lieu of the other Office of Solicitor General which he held before and at the time of his Election and return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Cumberland, which acceptance of another Office did not vacate his Seat as the acceptance of Office by the four other gentlemen he had named had vacated their Seats;—
The Attorney General (Mr. Manning) then moved,—
(1.) That the Seat of the Honorable Stuart Alexander Donaldson, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Colonial Secretary and Registrar of Records since his election and return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of the Sydney Hamlets.
Question put and passed.
(2.) That the Seat of the Honorable John Bayley Darvall, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Solicitor General since his election and return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Cumberland.
Question put and passed.
(3.) That the Seat of the Honorable Thomas Holt, 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 a Member for the Stanley Boroughs.
Question put and passed.
(4.) That the Seat of the Honorable George Robert Nichols, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Auditor General since his election and return to serve in this House as a Member for the Northumberland Boroughs.
Question put and passed.
3. Paper:—The Attorney General, *by Command*, laid upon the Table the copy of a Memorial from the London General Association for the Australian Colonies, to the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in reference to the establishment of Steam Postal communication with Australia.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Vacant Seat:—The Speaker reported that he had received a letter from James Macarthur, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the Western Division of the County of Camden;—
Whereupon the Attorney General moved, That this House now resolves that the Seat of James Macarthur, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of the Western Division of the County of Camden, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said James Macarthur, Esquire.
Question put and passed.
5. Motions withdrawn;—
(1.) Mr. Flood withdrew the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, giving fresh Notice of Motion to the same effect for Tuesday, August 12.
(2.) Mr. Holroyd withdrew the Motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, giving fresh Notice of Motion to the same effect for Tuesday, August 5.

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6. Expenditure upon Roads in the County of Northumberland:—Mr. Hely moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of all Sums of Money paid to the Wardens of the several Districts in the County of Northumberland, with the exception of those in which the District Councils are still in operation, to be expended in the repairs of Roads and Bridges in those Districts within the last three years.
- (2.) The names of the several Wardens, and those of the parties associated with each Warden in the expenditure of said several Sums of Money; also the dates when such Sums were paid to the Wardens respectively.
- Question put and passed.
- Forfeiture of Mr. John Walker's Run:—Mr. Jamison moved, pursuant to notice, That any correspondence which has passed between the Law Officers of the Crown, the Crown Lands Office, and the Colonial Secretary's Office, relative to the forfeiture of Mr. John Walker's Run, by non-payment of rent within the prescribed time, be laid upon the Table of this House.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
8. Adjournment to Tuesday, August 5:—The Attorney General moved, without previous notice, That this House, at its rising to-day, do adjourn to Tuesday, the 5th day of August next.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- 9 Standing Orders Committee:—Mr. Flood moved, without previous notice, That Mr. Arnold, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Forster, be appointed Members of the Standing Orders Committee, in room of Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Macarthur, and Mr. Nichols, whose Seats, as Members of this House, have become and been declared to be vacant.
- Debate ensued;—
- And the Attorney General having required that any Members added to the said Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
- Question put—That there be added to the Standing Orders Committee three Members in room of Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Macarthur, and Mr. Nichols, whose Seats, as Members of this House, have become and been declared to be vacant.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Irving,	} Tellers.
Mr. Russell,	
Mr. Robertson,	
Mr. Flood,	
Mr. Murray,	
Mr. Bowman,	
Mr. Lee,	
Mr. Gordon,	
Mr. Weekes,	
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Wilshire,	
Mr. Jamison,	
Mr. Parkes,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. Parker,	} Tellers.
Mr. Buckley,	
Mr. Richardson,	
Mr. Jones,	
Mr. G. Macleay,	
Mr. Hay,	
Mr. Cox,	
Mr. Egan,	
Mr. W. Macleay,	
Mr. Scott,	
Mr. F. T. Rusden,	
Mr. Faucett,	
Mr. Forster,	
The Attorney General,	
Mr. Garland,	
Mr. Cowper,	
Mr. Martin,	

The House then adjourned, on motion of the Attorney General, at Six o'clock, until Tuesday, August 5th, at three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that, in the proposed arrangements for the administration of Justice at Moreton Bay, which include the appointment of a resident District Judge at Brisbane, His Excellency will be pleased to make provision for the local Registration of Deeds of Conveyance, and other Documents.
2. MR. MARTIN to move,—
 - (1.) That the Report of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor General to examine and report upon the City Sewers, which was laid upon the Table of this House on the fourth day of June last, be referred to a Select Committee of this House, to consider and report thereon;—with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Jones, Mr. Flood, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Oakes, and Mr. Martin.

Mr. MARTIN to move,—

(1.) That it is highly improper for any of Her Majesty's Ministers in this Colony to be connected, directly or indirectly, with the management of any private Banking, Insurance, Loan, or Mercantile Establishment whatsoever.

(2.) That it is highly improper for any of Her Majesty's Ministers in this Colony, charged with the management of the Public Finances, to be a Member of, or in any way connected with any private Banking, Insurance, Loan, or Mercantile Establishment whatsoever.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

4. Mr. HOLROYD to move, That a Select Committee, consisting of the Speaker, Mr. Murray, Mr. Martin, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parker, Mr. Garland, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Holroyd, be appointed to consider the necessity of erecting a proper suite of Buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature of the Colony; and that such Committee be instructed to devise a plan for the Buildings aforesaid—as to arrangement and architectural design—befitting the wants, and appropriate to the high functions which the Legislature is called upon to exercise; and that such Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.
5. Mr. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to inquire into and report upon the state of that portion of the Semi-Circular Quay constructed by Mr. Randle, and upon the contract made by the Government with that gentlemen, and the mode in which such contract has been performed;—with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Manning, Mr. Francis T. Rusden, Mr. Jones, Mr. Irving, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Hay, and Mr. Parkes.
6. Mr. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the City Commissioners' Department, and to establish a Municipal Corporation for the City of Sydney.
7. Mr. CLARK IRVING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of Towns in the Interior to cut Timber on the adjacent Crown Lands.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. BUCKLEY to move, That all Despatches received by His Excellency the Governor General from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle Districts of the Colony of New South Wales, together with copies of all Correspondence from His Excellency the Governor General to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. Mr. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur F. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed construction of a Public Wharf at Maryborough; also of all correspondence between the Government and certain residents and others interested in the Town of Maryborough, Wide Bay, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. FLOOD to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity, and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Impounding Act of 1855.*" 19 *Vict.*, No. 36.
2. Mr. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed application of the Towns' Police Act to the Town of Gayndah in the aforesaid District; also of all Correspondence between the Government and certain Magistrates of the said District, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.

3. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Joseph North, Esq., Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, on the subject of a proposed alteration of the Place of Nomination for the aforesaid Electoral District;—also, between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the same subject;—also, between the Government and William Forster, Esq., M.L.A., for the County of Murray, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
4. MR. FAUCETT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Copy of any Correspondence that has taken place between the Bench of Magistrates at Binalong and the Bench of Magistrates at Yass, and between those Benches and the Government, and between the Government and any of the Residents of Burrowa, relative to appointing Burrowa a place for holding Petty Sessions.
 - (2.) A Copy of any Correspondence that has taken place between the Government and any of the Residents at Burrowa relative to the Building of a Lock-up at Burrowa.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That all Correspondence from the Inspector General of Police, Sydney, to the Commandant of Native Police in the Northern Districts, also all Correspondence from Commandant of said Native Police to the said Inspector General for the last two years, respecting the Management of the Native Police, be laid upon the Table of this House.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 AUGUST, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Members Sworn;—
 - (1.) The Honorable Stuart Alexander Donaldson, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the Sydney Hamlets.
 - (2.) Thomas George Rusden, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the United Pastoral Districts of New England and Mucleay.
 - (3.) The Honorable Thomas Holt, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the Stanley Boroughs.
 - (4.) The Honorable George Robert Nichols, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the Northumberland Boroughs.
 - (5.) The Honorable James Macarthur, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the Western Division of the County of Camden.
 - (6.) William Henry Sutor, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of the County of Bathurst.
 - (7.) Gordon Sandeman, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of the United Pastoral Districts of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa.
2. Papers:—The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, *by Command*, laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Report from the Denominational School Board for 1855.
 - (2.) Letter from Registrar General dated 4th June, 1856, reporting the measures that have been taken for bringing into operation the Marriage and Registration Acts.
 - (3.) Account of Gold Revenue and Expenditure during 1855.
 - (4.) Health Officer's Report for 1855.
 - (5.) Report for 1855 from Director of Botanic Gardens.
 - (6.) Returns (3) of the Western and Southern Road Patrols, Gold Escorts, and Extra Constables, to 31st March, 1856.
 - (7.) Report from Trustees of Sydney Grammar School for 1855.
 - (8.) Return of Receipts and Expenditure on account of the building of the University of Sydney.
 - (9.) Letter from the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, dated 2nd June, 1856, stating that no specific Rules of Court have been made under the Equity Practice Act of 1853.
 - (10.) Letter from Senior Assistant Commissioner Johnson, dated 28th July, 1856, reporting on the Gold Fields in the Western District.
 - (11.) Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets during the Quarter ended 30th June, 1856.
 - (12.) Further letter from Messrs. Beit and Sons, dated 11th July, 1856, respecting the re-establishment of Steam Communication with England *via* Singapore.
 - (13.) Despatch from Secretary of State dated 3rd May, 1856, in reply to Resolutions passed by the late Legislative Council relative to the War with Russia.
 - (14.) Despatch from Secretary of State dated 5 April, 1856, in reply to the Address to the Queen from the late Legislative Council on the fall of Sebastopol.
 - (15.) Sydney Road Trust Account, for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1855.
 - (16.) Liverpool Road Trust Account, for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1855.
 - (17.) Parramatta Road Trust Account, for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1855.
 - (18.) Campbelltown Road Trust Account, for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1855.
 - (19.) Windsor Road Trust Account, for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1855.
 - (20.) Richmond Road Trust Account, for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1855.
 - (21.) The Statistics of New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

3. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Clark Irving withdrew the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day.

4. Report on the City Sewers:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That the Report of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor General to examine and report upon the City Sewers, which was laid upon the Table of this House on the fourth day of June last, be referred to a Select Committee of this House, to consider and report thereon;—with liberty to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Jones, Mr. Flood, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Oakes, and Mr. Martin.

Debate ensued.

Question put—That the Report of the Commissioners appointed by His Excellency the Governor General to examine and report upon the City Sewers, which was laid upon the Table of this House on the fourth day of June last, be referred to a Select Committee of this House, to consider and report thereon;—with liberty to send for persons and papers.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Parkes, } Tellers.
Mr. Martin, }

Noes, 22.

Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. William Macleay,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. George Macleay,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.
Mr. Nichols, }

5. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Mr. Holroyd, as Chairman, brought up from the Committee of Elections and Qualifications,—

(1.) A Report on the Question of Costs referred to that Committee on the 29th day of May last, in connexion with the withdrawn Petition of William Brady, Timothy Maher, and J. Canty, against the Election and Return of the Members for the City of Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) A Report in the matter of the Petition of William Christie, of Maitland, Gentleman, against the Election and Return of Bourn Russell, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of the Northumberland Boroughs, declaring that Bourn Russell, Esquire, was not duly elected, and that Elias Carpenter Weekes, Esquire, was duly elected, as a Member for the said Electoral District.

Ordered to be printed.

6. Question of Privilege:—Mr. Martin, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the Report from the Standing Orders Committee on the Question of Privilege touching the unauthorised removal of Papers laid upon the Table of the House, which was referred for their consideration and report on the 4th June last.

Ordered to be printed.

7. Ministerial Offices:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That it is highly improper for any of Her Majesty's Ministers in this Colony to be connected, directly or indirectly, with the management of any private Banking, Insurance, Loan, or Mercantile Establishment whatsoever.

(2.) That it is highly improper for any of Her Majesty's Ministers in this Colony, charged with the management of the Public Finances, to be a Member of, or in any way connected with any private Banking, Insurance, Loan, or Mercantile Establishment whatsoever.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Flood moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

Previous Question—" Shall this Question be now put ?"—put and negatived.

8. Vacant Seat:—The Speaker, addressing Mr. Weekes, said, " The Honorable Member, Mr. Weekes, having been returned at the late General Election, " to serve as one of the Members for the South Riding of the County of " Cumberland, and having also, by the Report from the Committee of Elections and " Qualifications just laid upon the Table, been declared to have been duly elected " to serve as one of the Members for the Northumberland Boroughs, I now call upon " that Honorable Member to make his election for which of those two places he will " serve, by transmitting to me in writing, within one week from and after this day, " the resignation of his seat for the other."

And

And Mr. Weekes having requested the opinion of the Speaker, or of the House, as to whether he could legally and safely make an election under the circumstances, the Speaker gave it as his opinion, that the right of choice was undoubtedly in the Honorable Member himself," and added—"Before the Report from the Committee of Elections and Qualifications was laid upon the Table, the Honorable Member had no choice to make. That Report, however, declares that the Honorable Member was duly elected at the late General Election, as one of the Members for the Northumberland Boroughs. The effect of that declaration is, by the Electoral Act of 1851, more than equivalent to the return of the Honorable Member by the Returning Officer, inasmuch as it cannot be questioned. The Practice of Parliament extends the right, and enforces the duty, alike upon Members returned for two or more places in the first instance, and Members returned for one place and subsequently declared by a controverted Elections Committee, or otherwise by the House, to have been duly elected for another, to choose for which place they will serve, notwithstanding their having already served for the places for which there was no question of the Return. I am decidedly of opinion, therefore, that the Honorable Member, Mr. Weekes, has now the right, and is in duty bound, to elect for which place he will serve, notwithstanding his having already served for the South Riding of the County of Cumberland; and I would fortify this opinion by citing the cases of Fox, in 1784-5-6, and O'Connell, in 1842. Fox served for Kirkwall during two Sessions, but, upon having a choice presented to him, upon the decision in his favor of the celebrated Westminster case, elected, in the third Session, to serve for Westminster. O'Connell served for Cork; and upon having a choice presented to him, upon the Report of a controverted Elections Committee, elected to continue his service for Cork; although if we believe, as we must, that the choice given to him was *bona fide*, it is clear he might, if he had thought proper, have elected to serve for Meath instead."

Mr. Weekes then handed to the Speaker a letter, resigning his seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Cumberland;—

And the Speaker having read the same to the House;—

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary moved, That this House now resolves that the Seat of Elias Carpenter Weekes, Esquire, as a Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Cumberland, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Elias Carpenter Weekes, Esquire.

Question put and passed.

9. Postponements :—

(1.) Mr. Holroyd postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.

(2.) Mr. Flood, on behalf of Mr. Parkes, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Parkes fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.

(3.) Mr. Campbell, on behalf of Mr. Cowper, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Cowper sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day fortnight.

10. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Clark Irving withdrew the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Revenues, under the provisions of the 16th Vict., No. 12.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parker, Mr. Hay, Mr. C. Irving, Mr. Gordon, Mr. R. Jones, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Scott.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. PARKER to move, That the Honorable S. A. Donaldson, Esquire, The Honorable G. R. Nichols, Esquire, and the Honorable James Macarthur, Esquire, be appointed Members of the Standing Orders Committee.

Questions :—MR. MARTIN to ask the Honorable Member THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—

(1.) Whether, disregarding the Royal Instructions, and the principles by which a Responsible Government ought to be guided in such cases, His Excellency the Governor has not, in several instances, exercised the Prerogative of Pardon, not only without being advised by, but also without even consulting His Executive Council, or any Member thereof?

(2.)

(2.) Whether there are any and what functions, other than those contemplated by the Constitution Act, in connexion with the Government of the Colony, which His Excellency discharges on his own responsibility, and without the concurrence or advice of His Executive Council, or any Member thereof?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to procure the rescinding of those portions of the Governor General's Instructions, which are at variance with the principles of Responsible Government?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as requires the concurrence of unusual majorities of Members in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, in the passing of Bills to alter the Constitution conferred by the said Act, or the number and apportionment of Representatives in the said Legislative Assembly.
2. THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, by the prevention of frivolous and fictitious defences to actions thereon.
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4. THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Infants, with the approbation of the Supreme Court in its Equitable Jurisdiction, to make binding settlements of their real and personal estate, on marriage.
5. THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Sale and Disposal of the Waste Lands of the Crown.
6. THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Payment of Costs in proceedings instituted on behalf of the Crown in matters relating to the Revenue; and for the amendment of the procedure and practice in Crown suits.
7. THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading.
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1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That all Despatches received by His Excellency the Governor General from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle Districts of the Colony of New South Wales, together with copies of all Correspondence from His Excellency the Governor General to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed construction of a Public Wharf at Maryborough; also of all correspondence between the Government and certain residents and others interested in the Town of Maryborough, Wide Bay, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House:—A Return, setting forth—
 - (1.) The number of Insolvencies from 1st January, 1850, to 31st December, 1855, distinguishing the number in each year.
 - (2.) The total amount of liabilities and assets, as stated by Insolvents in schedules.
 - (3.) The total amount of dividends declared.
 - (4.) The average time between the filing of the schedule and declaration of first dividend.
 - (5.) The total amount of charges, distinguishing Law Costs, Assignees' Commissions, and Incidental Charges.
 - (6.) The total number of certificates granted, suspended, and refused respectively.
 - (7.) The total number of prosecutions for fraudulent Insolvency, and the result.
 - (8.) The total amount of unclaimed dividends on 31st December, 1855:

Question:—MR. RICHARDSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Government intend taking steps for the purpose of Deepening the Bar at the mouth of the River Brisbane, and Clearing the Channel of the River itself?

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. FLOOD** to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity, and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.
2. **MR. FORSTER** to move,—
 - (1.) That the political position occupied by the Judges in the Legislative Council tends to abate the respect due to their office, and to affect unfavorably their judicial independence.
 - (2.) That to impose upon the Judges the functions of Legislators, in addition to their ordinary duties, cannot but impair their efficiency, or lead to unnecessary expenditure of public funds.
3. **MR. MARTIN** to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the proceedings of the Commissioners for the City of Sydney from the period of their appointment.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Jones, Mr. Flood, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Oakes, and Mr. Martin.
4. **MR. HOLBOYD** to move, That a Select Committee, consisting of the Speaker, Mr. Murray, Mr. Martin, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parker, Mr. Garland, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Holroyd, be appointed to consider the necessity of erecting a proper suite of Buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature of the Colony; and that such Committee be instructed to devise a plan for the Buildings aforesaid—as to arrangement and architectural design—befitting the wants, and appropriate to the high functions which the Legislature is called upon to exercise; and that such Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.
5. **MR. PARKES** to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to inquire into and report upon the state of that portion of the Semi-Circular Quay constructed by Mr. Randle, and upon the contract made by the Government with that gentleman, and the mode in which such contract has been performed;—with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Manning, Mr. Francis T. Rusden, Mr. Jones, Mr. Irving, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Hay, and Mr. Parkes.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. **THE HONORABLE THE AUDITOR GENERAL** to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Impounding Act of 1855.*" 19 *Vict.*, No. 36.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. BUCKLEY** to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed application of the Towns' Police Act to the Town of Gayndah in the aforesaid District; also of all Correspondence between the Government and certain Magistrates of the said District, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. **MR. BUCKLEY** to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Joseph North, Esq., Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, on the subject of a proposed alteration of the Place of Nomination for the aforesaid Electoral District;—also, between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the same subject;—also, between the Government and William Forster, Esq., M.L.A., for the County of Murray, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
3. **MR. FAUCETT** to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Copy of any Correspondence that has taken place between the Bench of Magistrates, at Binalong and the Bench of Magistrates at Yass, and between those Benches and the Government, and between the Government and any of the Residents of Burrowa, relative to appointing Burrowa a place for holding Petty Sessions.
 - (2.) A Copy of any Correspondence that has taken place between the Government and any of the Residents at Burrowa relative to the Building of a Lock-up at Burrowa.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. THE HONORABLE THE AUDITOR GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill for Regulating the Construction of Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire in the City of Sydney, and to repeal certain Acts relating thereto.
2. THE HONORABLE THE AUDITOR GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to make more effectual provision for the construction, by the Government, of Railways, and for the regulation of such Railways.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That all Correspondence from the Inspector General of Police, Sydney, to the Commandant of Native Police in the Northern Districts, also all Correspondence from Commandant of said Native Police to the said Inspector General for the last two years, respecting the Management of the Native Police, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. MR. PLUNKETT to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish certain oaths, and to simplify oaths of qualification for Public Offices and Employments.
3. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the City Commissioners' Department, and to establish a Municipal Corporation for the City of Sydney.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—The Honorable the Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table the under-mentioned Papers:—
(1.) Return to the Address in reference to the Colonial Treasury Accounts, adopted, on motion of Mr. Flood, on the 13th December, 1855.
(2.) Two letters from the City Engineer, dated respectively, 15th and 18th July, 1856, with Statement of Amounts paid to Mr. Randle on account of Rendering,—Memoranda of work executed by Mr. Randle,—Abstracts of Accounts, and Form of Certificate upon which payments are made to Mr. Randle.
(3.) Return to an *Order* made by the House, on motion of Mr. Jamison, on the 6th June last, for Papers relative to the forfeiture of Mr. John Walker's Run.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Alleged Breach of Privilege:—Mr. Martin, referring to a paragraph in one of the daily papers of this date, in which it is reported that a Member of this House was assaulted yesterday within the precincts of the House, and stating that the assault was witnessed by a Mr. Ellis, who was now at hand and willing to afford the House the information he possessed in relation thereto,—
Moved, that Mr. Ellis be called to the Bar to give to this House what information he can in reference to an alleged assault committed yesterday within the precincts of this House upon a Member thereof.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
3. Mr. Thomas Alison Scott:—Mr. Campbell presented a Petition from Mr. Thomas Alison Scott, praying that an opportunity maybe afforded to him of proving the matters therein alleged in reference to his Land Claim, with a view to his obtaining such relief as the circumstances of his case may require.
Petition received.
4. Audit of the Accounts of the Revenues:—The Honorable the Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Revenues, under the provisions of the 16th Vict., No. 12.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parker, Mr. Hay, Mr. C. Irving, Mr. Gordon, Mr. R. Jones, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Scott.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Martin moved the Previous Question.
Debate continued.
Previous Question by leave withdrawn.
Question (1)—*as then by consent amended*—That a Select Committee be appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Revenues, under the provisions of the 16th Vict., No. 12, and to report upon the sufficiency of the law as it now stands—put and passed.
Whereupon Question (2)—That such Committee consist of Mr. Parker, Mr. Hay, Mr. C. Irving, Mr. Gordon, Mr. R. Jones, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Flood, and Mr. Scott—put and passed.
5. Standing Orders Committee:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That the Honorable S. A. Donaldson, Esquire, The Honorable G. R. Nichols, Esquire, and the Honorable James Macarthur, Esquire, be appointed Members of the Standing Orders Committee.
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary moved, That the Question be amended by adding at the end, the words "and that it be an instruction to that Committee to "prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear best adapted for the "orderly conduct of the Business of this House, and to report the same with as "little delay as possible."
Question—That the words proposed to be added at the end of the Question, be there added—put and passed.
Whereupon Question—That The Honorable S. A. Donaldson, Esquire, The Honorable G. R. Nichols, Esquire, and The Honorable James Macarthur, Esquire, be appointed Members of the Standing Orders Committee; and that it be an instruction to that Committee to prepare such Standing Rules and Orders as shall appear best adapted for the orderly conduct of the Business of this House, and to report the same with as little delay as possible—put and passed.
The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Five o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as requires the concurrence of unusual majorities of Members in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, in the passing of Bills to alter the Constitution conferred by the said Act, or the number and apportionment of Representatives in the said Legislative Assembly.
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9. THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Renewal for a limited period of the Masters and Servants' Act.
10. THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY to move, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of reporting the following Resolutions for adoption by the House:—
 - (1.) That it is expedient to create a new Department of the Government, to which shall be confided the charge of the Public Lands and Works.
 - (2.) That this House will make provision for an adequate Establishment for such Department.
11. THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY to move, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of reporting the following Resolutions for adoption by the House:—
 - (1.) That it is expedient to appoint two Parliamentary Draftsmen, for the preparation of such Bills as may be introduced into both Houses of Parliament.
 - (2.) That the sum of £600 per annum be placed on the Estimates for this purpose.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That all Despatches received by His Excellency the Governor General from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle Districts of the Colony of New South Wales, together with copies of all Correspondence from His Excellency the Governor General to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
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Questions:—

- (1.) MR. ARNOLD to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—Whether any steps have been taken or are in contemplation for providing an Escort to and from the Northern Gold Fields?
- (2.) MR. COX to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—Whether any steps have been taken to establish an Armed Escort from the new Gold Fields at Stoncy Creek, to Bathurst or Tambaroora?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House:—A Return setting forth—
 - (1.) The number of Insolvencies from 1st January, 1850, to 31st December, 1855, distinguishing the number in each year.
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 - (7.) The total number of prosecutions for fraudulent Insolvency, and the result.
 - (8.) The total amount of unclaimed dividends on 31st December, 1855.
2. MR. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the several Certificates of Works executed by, and of Payments made to, the Contractor for the Sydney Sewerage Works, from 31st March to the present date, being the continuation of those contained in the Appendix to the Evidence annexed to the Final Report

Report

Report from the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department, which was ordered by the Council to be printed on 13 December, 1855.

3. MR. JONES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House—
- (1.) A Return shewing the gross amount of the Loans contracted by the Colony up to the 30th June, 1856, and at that date unpaid, for all Services and Works, and the annual amount of Interest payable thereon.
 - (2.) A Return specifying the several Services or Works for which these Loans have been incurred; the amount raised for, and expended on each Service or Work; the annual Interest thereon, and from what fund payable; the Revenue or Revenues on which each Loan is secured; and the time for which each Loan has been borrowed.
 - (3.) A Return of any Loans which the Government have been authorised to contract, but which, up to the 30th June, 1856, had not been raised.
4. MR. JONES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return shewing the total amount expended in the purchase and construction of the Railway from Sydney to Parramatta, and in the purchase of land on account of the said Railway, up to the 30th June, 1856; the amount payable on account of contracts in course of execution on the 30th June, 1856, and also on account of any which have been entered on since that date; and the estimated cost of all further works, buildings, land, and rolling stock, which will be required to thoroughly complete the said Railway.
 - (2.) A similar Return of the sums which have been expended, and which have yet to be expended, on account of the Railway from Newcastle to Maitland.
 - (3.) A similar Return, except as to the purchase, of the sums which have been expended, and which have yet to be expended, on account of the Railway from Parramatta to Liverpool.
 - (4.) A Return shewing the amounts received from passengers, and for goods and parcels, on the Sydney and Parramatta Railway, from the 26th September, 1855, to the 30th June, 1856; the expenditure incurred on account of working the line during the same period, specifying the items of such expenditure, and including the cost, if any, of renewing permanent way, buildings, or rolling stock; and the balance of receipts from traffic on said Railway, paid to the Colonial Treasurer during the same period.
 - (5.) A copy of the agreement made between the Railway Commissioners and Mr. Randle, for the working of the Sydney and Parramatta Railway, for the period of Twelve months from the 26th September, 1855.
5. MR. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition of Mr. Thomas Alison Scott, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.
- Question:—MR. RICHARDSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Government intend taking steps for the purpose of Deepening the Bar at the mouth of the River Brisbane, and Clearing the Channel of the River itself?

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WEDNESDAY

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 - (2.) A Copy of any Correspondence that has taken place between the Government and any of the Residents at Burrowa relative to the Building of a Lock-up at Burrowa.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14.

1. THE HONORABLE THE AUDITOR GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill for Regulating the Construction of Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire in the City of Sydney, and to repeal certain Acts relating thereto.
2. THE HONORABLE THE AUDITOR GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to make more effectual provision for the construction, by the Government, of Railways, and for the regulation of such Railways.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That all Correspondence from the Inspector General of Police, Sydney, to the Commandant of Native Police in the Northern Districts, also all Correspondence from Commandant of said Native Police to the said Inspector General for the last two years, respecting the Management of the Native Police, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. MR. PLUNKETT to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish certain oaths, and to simplify oaths of qualification for Public Offices and Employments.
3. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the City Commissioners' Department, and to establish a Municipal Corporation for the City of Sydney.
4. MR. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return exhibiting State of the Balances, in the Colonial Treasury, of the Consolidated Revenue and the Loan Funds, respectively, on 31 December, 1855; 31 March, 1856; 31 July, 1856.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the several sums raised by Sale of Debentures, up to 31 July, 1856, for the following Services, viz:—
 - Immigration (specifying amount sold, Purchaser, Rate of Interest, Amount repaid, Date at which Debenture outstanding can, at option of either Government or Holder, be paid off.)
 - Sewerage of Sydney (same particulars.)
 - Water Works of Sydney (same particulars.)
 - Sydney Railway Works (same particulars.)
 - River Hunter Railway (same particulars.)
 - Public Works, as mentioned in the Acts of Council, 18 Vict., No. 35, and 19 Vict., No. 40 (same particulars.)
 - (3.) A Return shewing the amount of Sums which, (raised by Loan for the specific Services referred to in Return No. 2) have been diverted from such Services, and applied to meet the Ordinary Current Expenditure of the Government, on 30 September, 1855; 31 December, 1855; and 31 March, 1856.
 - (4.) A Return shewing Receipt and Expenditure on 30 June, 1856, on account of each of the Services mentioned in Return No. 2, viz:—
 - Sum originally appropriated for each separate service.
 - Sum subsequently raised for each separate service.
 - Sum actually Expended for each separate service.
 - (5.) A Return of the several Works provided for by Special Acts of Council, as before referred to, the Execution of which Works has been delayed, up to 30 June, 1856, with Explanation of the cause of delay in each case.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 AUGUST, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
The Sydney Bethel Union :—The Honorable the Attorney General presented a Petition from the Trustees of the Sydney Bethel Union, praying leave to introduce a Bill to enable them to surrender certain Land in Macquarie-street, granted as the site for a Mariners' Church, and to accept a Grant of other Land in lieu thereof.
Petition received.
2. Representation of the Stanley Boroughs :—The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer presented a Petition from certain Electors of the Borough of Ipswich, in the County of Stanley, praying that a Bill may be passed for the separation of the Towns of Brisbane and Ipswich for electoral purposes, and for granting to each of those Towns a Member to represent its separate interests in the Legislative Assembly.
Petition received.
3. Constitution Act Amendment Bill :—The Honorable the Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in "*A Bill to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as requires the concurrence of unusual majorities of Members in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, in the passing of Bills to alter the Constitution conferred by the said Act, or the number and apportionment of Representatives in the said Legislative Assembly.*"
Question put and passed,—
And Bill *presented*; read a first time;—to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.
4. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill :—The Honorable the Attorney General moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in "*A Bill to facilitate the remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, by the prevention of frivolous or fictitious defences to actions thereon.*"
Question put and passed,—
And Bill *presented*; read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
5. Common Law Proceedings Bill :—The Honorable the Attorney General moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in "*A Bill for the further amendment of the process, practice, and mode of Pleading at Law, in the Supreme Court, and enlarging its Jurisdiction in Common Law Proceedings.*"
Question put and passed,—
And Bill *presented*; read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.
6. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill :—The Honorable the Attorney General moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
Question put and passed.
7. Crown Lands' Sales Bill :—The Honorable the Attorney General moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in "*A Bill for regulating the Sale and Disposal of the Waste Lands of the Crown in the Colony of New South Wales.*"
Question put and passed,—
And Bill *presented*; read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.
8. Crown Suits Bill :—The Honorable the Attorney General moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in "*A Bill for the Payment of Costs in proceedings instituted on behalf of the Crown in matters relating to the Revenue; and for the amendment of the procedure and practice in Crown Suits.*"
Question put and passed,—
And Bill *presented*; read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. Bills of Lading Bill :—The Honorable the Attorney General moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading.*"
Question put and passed,—
And Bill *presented*; read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

10. Gold Fields Management Bill :—The Honorable the Attorney General moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Management and Regulation of the Gold Fields.
Question put and passed; *Ordered* that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
11. Masters and Servants' Acts Continuation Bill :—The Honorable the Attorney General moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in "*A Bill further to continue the Masters and Servants' Act 9 Vict. No. 27, and 11 Vict. No. 9.*"
Question put and passed.
And Bill *presented*; read a first time; to be printed; and read a second time on Wednesday next
12. Departmental Arrangements :—The Honorable the Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the expediency of reporting the following Resolutions for adoption by the House :—
(1.) That it is expedient to create a new Department of the Government, to which shall be confided the charge of the Public Lands and Works.
(2.) That this House will make provision for an adequate Establishment for such Department.
And that Henry Watson Parker, Esquire, do take the Chair of such Committee, in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Martin moved the Previous Question.
Debate continued.
Previous Question by leave withdrawn.
Original Question by leave withdrawn.
13. Paper :—The Honorable the Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table a Paper by His Excellency the Governor General, on Public Works.
Ordered to be printed.
14. Parliamentary Draftsmen :—The Honorable the Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the expediency of reporting the following Resolutions for adoption by the House :—
(1.) That it is expedient to appoint two Parliamentary Draftsmen, for the preparation of such Bills as may be introduced into both Houses of Parliament.
(2.) That this House recommends that the sum of £650 per annum be placed on the Estimates for this purpose.
And that Henry Watson Parker, Esquire, do take the Chair of such Committee in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of Committees.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed :—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolutions :—
(1.) That it is expedient to appoint two Parliamentary Draftsmen for the preparation of such Bills as may be introduced into both Houses of Parliament;
(2.) That this Committee recommends that the sum of £700 per annum be placed on the Estimates for this purpose;
The Honorable the Attorney General moved, That this House do now adopt these Resolutions.
Question put and passed.
15. Separation of the Northern from the Middle District of the Colony :—Mr. Buckley moved, pursuant to notice, That all Despatches received by His Excellency the Governor General from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle District of the Colony of New South Wales, together with copies of all Correspondence from His Excellency the Governor General to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
Question put and passed.
16. Public Wharf at Maryborough, Wide Bay :—Mr. Buckley moved, pursuant to notice, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed construction of a Public Wharf at Maryborough; also of all correspondence between the Government and certain residents and others interested in the Town of Maryborough, Wide Bay, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at half-past Nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House :—A Return setting forth—
 - (1.) The number of Insolvencies from 1st January, 1850, to 31st December, 1855, distinguishing the number in each year.
 - (2.) The total amount of liabilities and assets, as stated by Insolvents in schedules.
 - (3.) The total amount of dividends declared.
 - (4.) The average time between the filing of the schedule and declaration of first dividend.
 - (5.) The total amount of charges, distinguishing Law Costs, Assignees' Commissions, and Incidental Charges.
 - (6.) The total number of certificates granted, suspended, and refused respectively.
 - (7.) The total number of prosecutions for fraudulent Insolvency, and the result.
 - (8.) The total amount of unclaimed dividends on 31st December, 1855.
2. MR. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the several Certificates of Works executed by, and of Payments made to, the Contractor for the Sydney Sewerage Works, from 31st March to the present date, being the continuation of those contained in the Appendix to the Evidence annexed to the Final Report from the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department, which was ordered by the Council to be printed on 13 December, 1855.
3. MR. JONES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the gross amount of the Loans contracted by the Colony up to the 30th June, 1856, and at that date unpaid, for all Services and Works, and the annual amount of Interest payable thereon.
 - (2.) A Return specifying the several Services or Works for which these Loans have been incurred; the amount raised for, and expended on each Service or Work; the annual Interest thereon, and from what fund payable; the Revenue or Revenues on which each Loan is secured; and the time for which each Loan has been borrowed.
 - (3.) A Return of any Loans which the Government have been authorised to contract, but which, up to the 30th June, 1856, had not been raised.
4. MR. JONES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the total amount expended in the purchase and construction of the Railway from Sydney to Parramatta, and in the purchase of land on account of the said Railway, up to the 30th June, 1856; the amount payable on account of contracts in course of execution on the 30th June, 1856, and also on account of any which have been entered on since that date; and the estimated cost of all further works, buildings, land, and rolling stock, which will be required to thoroughly complete the said Railway.
 - (2.) A similar Return of the sums which have been expended, and which have yet to be expended, on account of the Railway from Newcastle to Maitland.
 - (3.) A similar Return, except as to the purchase, of the sums which have been expended, and which have yet to be expended, on account of the Railway from Parramatta to Liverpool.
 - (4.) A Return shewing the amounts received from passengers, and for goods and parcels, on the Sydney and Parramatta Railway, from the 26th September, 1855, to the 30th June, 1856; the expenditure incurred on account of working the line during the same period, specifying the items of such expenditure, and including the cost, if any, of renewing permanent way, buildings, or rolling stock; and the balance of receipts from traffic on said Railway, paid to the Colonial Treasurer during the same period.
 - (5.) A copy of the agreement made between the Railway Commissioners and Mr. Randle, for the working of the Sydney and Parramatta Railway, for the period of Twelve months from the 26th September, 1855.
5. MR. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition of Mr. Thomas Alison Scott, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.
6. MR. MARTIN to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to declare and define the privileges of Parliament.
7. THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Sydney Bethel Union to surrender certain Land in Macquarie-street granted as the site for a Mariner's Church, and to accept a Grant of other Land in lieu thereof.
8. THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL TREASURER to move, That the Petition from the Electors of Ipswich, presented by him yesterday, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY to move, That, in the opinion of this House, with a view to the effectual administration of Responsible Government, it is expedient to arrange the Ministerial Departments as follows, that is to say :—
 - (1.) That there shall be a Department of the Principal Secretary of the Government.
 - (2.) That there shall be a Department of the Attorney General and the Solicitor General.
 - (3.) That there shall be a Department of the Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade.
 - (4.) That there shall be a Department of the Secretary for Lands and Public Works.
 - (5.) That the Auditor General shall no longer be a Political Officer.

Questions :—

Questions :—

- (1.) MR. RICHARDSON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Government intend taking steps for the purpose of Deepening the Bar at the mouth of the River Brisbane, and Clearing the Channel of the River itself?
- (2.) MR. MARTIN *to ask* THE HONORABLE MEMBER THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—whether it is the intention of the Government to take criminal proceedings against the perpetrators of the fraud upon the public funds involved in the misrepresentations on nine distinct occasions with reference to junctions in Macquarie-street—that is to say, on four occasions that there had been twelve junctions; on three occasions that there had been ninety-five junctions; once, that there had been four hundred and eighty junctions; and, lastly, that there had been four hundred and sixty-four junctions executed, when in fact there never had at any time been any junctions whatever executed in that street?
- (3.) MR. MARTIN *to ask* THE HONORABLE MEMBER THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—Whether His Excellency the Governor, in receiving and answering certain Addresses presented to him a few days since, in reference to the continuation of the line of Railway to Windsor and Penrith, so acted, after conference with and by the advice of some responsible Minister of the Crown?
- (4.) MR. MARTIN *to ask* THE HONORABLE MEMBER THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Contractor for the erection of the Abattoirs at Glebe Island has been released, and by what authority, from a portion of his Contract; and whether the progress of the Works at Glebe Island has been stopped, and by what authority?
- (5.) MR. MARTIN *to ask* THE HONORABLE MEMBER THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether, since his appointment to office, any steps have been taken against the contractor, or otherwise, in reference to the defective mode in which the Semi-circular Quay has been constructed by Mr. Randle?
- (6.) MR. RICHARDSON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—If any correspondence has taken place between the Governor General and the Government Resident at Brisbane, relative to the separation of Moreton Bay from the Middle District, since the last Despatches from Lord John Russell, late Secretary for the Colonies, on that subject?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FLOOD *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.
2. MR. FORSTER *to move*,—
 - (1.) That the political position occupied by the Judges in the Legislative Council tends to abate the respect due to their office, and to affect unfavorably their judicial independence.
 - (2.) That to impose upon the Judges the functions of Legislators, in addition to their ordinary duties, cannot but impair their efficiency, or lead to unnecessary expenditure of public funds.
3. MR. MARTIN *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the proceedings of the Commissioners for the City of Sydney from the period of their appointment.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Jones, Mr. Flood, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Oakes, and Mr. Martin.
4. MR. HOLROYD *to move*, That a Select Committee, consisting of the Speaker, Mr. Murray, Mr. Martin, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parker, Mr. Garland, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Holroyd, be appointed to consider the necessity of erecting a proper suite of Buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature of the Colony; and that such Committee be instructed to devise a plan for the Buildings aforesaid—as to arrangement and architectural design—befitting the wants, and appropriate to the high functions which the Legislature is called upon to exercise; and that such Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.
5. MR. PARKES *to move*,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to inquire into and report upon the state of that portion of the Semi-Circular Quay constructed by Mr. Randle, and upon the contract made by the Government with that gentleman, and the mode in which such contract has been performed;—with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Manning, Mr. Francis T. Rusden, Mr. Jones, Mr. Irving, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Hay, and Mr. Parkes.

6. Mr. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House—
- (1.) Copies of all Correspondence that may have passed between the Executive and the Crown Lands' Commissioners for the Murrumbidgee and Lower Darling Districts, relative to the Expenditure of the Money voted last year for clearing the channels of the Murray and Murrumbidgee.
 - (2.) A Return of all the Customs' Dues on goods conveyed up the Murray that have been received in the Treasury of New South Wales from the Government of South Australia.
7. Mr. MARTIN to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the various Contracts entered into for the Construction of Railways in this Colony, to which the Government has been a party; into the execution of those Contracts; and into all accounts connected therewith;—with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Scott, Mr. Forster, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Martin.

Question:—

Mr. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY:—

- (1.) Whether the Government intend bringing forward any measure this Session for amending the distribution and arrangement of the Electoral Districts.
- (2.) Whether any measure is contemplated by the Government for removing the Political Disability at present imposed upon the inhabitants of the Leichhardt District and the freeholders of Gladstone, Port Curtis.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. THE HONORABLE THE AUDITOR GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Impounding Act of 1855.*" 19 Vict., No. 36.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; second reading.
3. Crown Suits Bill; second reading.
4. Bills of Lading Bill; second reading.
5. Masters and Servants' Acts Continuation Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed application of the Towns' Police Act to the Town of Gayndah in the aforesaid District; also of all Correspondence between the Government and certain Magistrates of the said District, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. Mr. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Joseph North, Esq., Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, on the subject of a proposed alteration of the Place of Nomination for the aforesaid Electoral District;—also, between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the same subject;—also, between the Government and William Forster, Esq., M.L.A., for the County of Murray, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
3. Mr. FAUCETT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Copy of any Correspondence that has taken place between the Bench of Magistrates at Binalong and the Bench of Magistrates at Yass, and between those Benches and the Government, and between the Government and any of the Residents of Burrowa, relative to appointing Burrowa a place for holding Petty Sessions.
 - (2.) A Copy of any Correspondence that has taken place between the Government and any of the Residents at Burrowa relative to the Building of a Lock-up at Burrowa.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. THE HONORABLE THE AUDITOR GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill for Regulating the Construction of Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire in the City of Sydney, and to repeal certain Acts relating thereto.
2. THE HONORABLE THE AUDITOR GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to make more effectual provision for the construction, by the Government, of Railways, and for the regulation of such Railways.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That all Correspondence from the Inspector General of Police, Sydney, to the Commandant of Native Police in the Northern Districts, also all Correspondence from Commandant of said Native Police to the said Inspector General for the last two years, respecting the Management of the Native Police, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. MR. PLUNKETT to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish certain oaths, and to simplify oaths of qualification for Public Offices and Employments.
3. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the City Commissioners' Department, and to establish a Municipal Corporation for the City of Sydney.
4. MR. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return exhibiting State of the Balances, in the Colonial Treasury, of the Consolidated Revenue and the Loan Funds, respectively, on 31 December, 1855; 31 March, 1856; 31 July, 1856.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the several sums raised by Sale of Debentures, up to 31 July, 1856, for the following Services, viz. :—
 - Immigration (specifying amount sold, Purchaser, Rate of Interest, Amount repaid, Date at which Debenture outstanding can, at option of either Government or Holder, be paid off.)
 - Sewerage of Sydney (same particulars.)
 - Water Works of Sydney (same particulars.)
 - Sydney Railway Works (same particulars.)
 - River Hunter Railway (same particulars.)
 - Public Works, as mentioned in the Acts of Council, 18 Vict., No. 35, and 19 Vict. No. 40 (same particulars.)
 - (3.) A Return shewing the amount of Sums which, (raised by Loan for the specific Services referred to in Return No. 2) have been diverted from such Services, and applied to meet the Ordinary Current Expenditure of the Government, on 30 September, 1855; 31 December, 1855; and 31 March, 1856.
 - (4.) A Return shewing Receipt and Expenditure on 30 June, 1856, on account of each of the Services mentioned in Return No. 2, viz. :—
 - Sum originally appropriated for each separate service.
 - Sum subsequently raised for each separate service.
 - Sum actually expended for each separate service.
 - (5.) A Return of the several Works provided for by Special Acts of Council, as before referred to, the Execution of which Works has been delayed, up to 30 June, 1856, with Explanation of the cause of delay in each case.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Law Proceedings Bill; second reading.
3. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 8 AUGUST, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Member sworn:—The Honorable John Bayley Darvall, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Cumberland.
2. Standing and Select Committees:—The Honorable the Auditor General moved, without previous notice, That in every Standing and Select Committee, three of the Members thereof shall be a Quorum, until Standing Orders shall be adopted by this House.
Question put and passed.
3. Branch Railway to Windsor:—The Honorable the Solicitor General presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the District of Windsor, praying that steps may be taken to extend to that District a Branch of the Sydney and Parramatta Railway.
Petition received.
4. Paper:—The Honorable the Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table, the Return to the Order made by this House, on the 7th instant, for Papers relative to the Separation of the Northern from the Middle District, on motion of Mr. Buckley.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Insolvencies:—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to amended notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House:—A Return setting forth—
 - (1.) The number of Insolvencies from 1st January, 1850, to 31st December, 1855, distinguishing the number in each year.
 - And for the same period—
 - (2.) The total amount of liabilities and assets, as stated by Insolvents in schedules, and total amount of debts proved.
 - (3.) An account of the average dividend paid.
 - (4.) The average time between the filing of the schedule and declaration of first dividend.
 - (5.) The total amount of charges, distinguishing Law Costs, Assignees' Commissions, and Incidental Charges.
 - (6.) The total number of certificates granted, suspended, and refused respectively.
 - (7.) The total number of prosecutions for fraudulent Insolvency, and the result.
 - (8.) The total amount of unclaimed dividends on 31st December, 1855.
 Question put and passed.
6. Sydney Sewerage Works:—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the several Certificates of Works executed by, and of Payments made to, the Contractor for the Sydney Sewerage Works, from 31st March to the present date, being the continuation of those contained in the Appendix to the Evidence annexed to the Final Report from the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department, which was ordered by the Council to be printed on 13 December, 1855.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
7. Paper:—The Honorable the Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table, the Return to the Order made by this House, on the 3rd June last, for Papers relative to the Navigation of the River Hunter, on motion of Mr. Scott.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Loans for Public Services and Works:—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the gross amount of the Loans contracted by the Colony up to the 30th June, 1856, and at that date unpaid, for all Services and Works, and the annual amount of Interest payable thereon.
 - (2.) A Return specifying the several Services or Works for which these Loans have been incurred; the amount raised for, and expended on each Service or Work; the annual Interest thereon, and from what fund payable; the Revenue or Revenues on which each Loan is secured; and the time for which each Loan has been borrowed.
 - (3.) A Return of any Loans which the Government have been authorised to contract, but which, up to the 30th June, 1856, had not been raised.
 Question put and passed.

9. Expenditure upon Railways:—Mr Jones moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return shewing the total amount expended in the purchase and construction of the Railway from Sydney to Parramatta, and in the purchase of land on account of the said Railway, up to the 30th June, 1856; the amount payable on account of contracts in course of execution on the 30th June, 1856, and also on account of any which have been entered on since that date; and the estimated cost of all further works, buildings, land, and rolling stock, which will be required to thoroughly complete the said Railway.
 - (2.) A similar Return of the sums which have been expended, and which have yet to be expended, on account of the Railway from Newcastle to Maitland.
 - (3.) A similar Return, except as to the purchase, of the sums which have been expended, and which have yet to be expended, on account of the Railway from Parramatta to Liverpool.
 - (4.) A Return shewing the amounts received from passengers, and for goods and parcels, on the Sydney and Parramatta Railway, from the 26th September, 1855, to the 30th June, 1856; the expenditure incurred on account of working the line during the same period, specifying the items of such expenditure, and including the cost, if any, of renewing permanent way, buildings, or rolling stock; and the balance of receipts from traffic on said Railway, paid to the Colonial Treasurer during the same period.
 - (5.) A copy of the agreement made between the Railway Commissioners and Mr. Randle, for the working of the Sydney and Parramatta Railway, for the period of Twelve months from the 26th September, 1855.
- Question put and passed.
10. Mr. Henry Harvey Read:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from Mr. Henry Harvey Read, complaining of certain injuries to his property occasioned by the construction of the Railway and Sewerage Works, and praying relief.
Petition received.
11. Mr. John M. Bate:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from Mr. John M. Bate, representing that his late brother, Mr. Richard Ellison Bate, was entitled to compensation, on the abolition of his office of Surveyor of Distilleries, but died without receiving such compensation; and that Petitioner, as heir-at-law, had made application for such compensation, but had been denied on the ground of lapse of time;—and praying relief.
Petition received.
12. Mr. Thomas Alison Scott:—Mr. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Thomas Alison Scott, presented by him on the 6th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
13. Postponement:—Mr. Martin postponed the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
14. The Sydney Bethel Union Bill:—The Honorable the Attorney General moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Sydney Bethel Union to surrender certain Land in Macquarie-street granted as the site for a Mariner's Church, and to accept a Grant of other Land in lieu thereof.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
15. Representation of the Stanley Boroughs:—The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Electors of Ipswich, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
16. Departmental Arrangements:—The Honorable the Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to amended notice, "That," in the opinion of this House, with a view to the effective administration of Responsible Government, it is expedient that the following Ministerial Arrangements be made, that is to say:—
- (1.) There shall be a Department of the Principal Secretary of the Government.
 - (2.) There shall be a Department of the Attorney General and the Solicitor General.
 - (3.) There shall be a Department of the Treasurer and Secretary for Finance and Trade.
 - (4.) There shall be a Department of the Secretary for Lands and Public Works.
 - (5.) And the Auditor General shall no longer be a Political Officer.
- Mr. Martin moved that the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "It is the opinion of this House,—
- "(1.) That the Principal Secretaries charged with administering the Government of this Colony, ought, for the present, to be four in number.
 - "(2.) That each of those Secretaries ought, as in England, to be the absolute Head of his own Department, and the immediate responsible adviser of the Governor General in reference to all matters connected with such Department.
 - "(3.) That one of those Secretaries ought to occupy a position, in reference to his Colleagues, similar to that occupied by the First Lord of the Treasury in England.
 - "(4.) That the Salaries of the four Secretaries should be of equal amount.
 - "(5.) That such Salaries, as well as the Salaries of all other responsible advisers of the Governor ought to be, as in England, subject to Annual Vote."
- Debate ensued.

Motion made by Mr. Parkes, and Question put, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

The House divided—

Ayes 12.
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Flood,
 Mr. Plunkett,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
 Mr. Martin. }

Noes 30.
 The Hon. The Colonial Treasurer.
 The Hon. The Attorney General.
 The Hon. The Auditor General.
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Arnold,
 Mr. Oxley,
 Mr. Holroyd,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. G. Macleay,
 Mr. Pye,
 Mr. Barker,
 Mr. Garland,
 Mr. Irving,
 Mr. Macarthur,
 Mr. Parker,
 Mr. W. Macleay,
 Mr. Hargrave,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. F. T. Rusden,
 Mr. Lang,
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. Thomson,
 Mr. Cox,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Sandeman,
 The Hon. The Colonial Secretary, } Tellers.
 The Hon. The Solicitor General, }

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.
 The Hon. The Attorney General,
 Mr. Macarthur,
 The Hon. The Solicitor General,
 The Hon. The Colonial Treasurer,
 Mr. Barker,
 Mr. Holroyd,
 Mr. Irving,
 Mr. Garland,
 Mr. Osborne,
 Mr. Lang,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. Pye,
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Sandeman,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Cox,
 Mr. Hargrave,
 Mr. Oxley,
 Mr. Plunkett,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Thomson,
 Mr. Parker,
 Mr. W. Macleay,
 Mr. G. Macleay,
 Mr. Suttor,
 The Hon. The Colonial }
 Secretary, } Tellers.
 The Hon. The Auditor }
 General, }

Noes, 14.
 Mr. Arnold,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Jamison,
 Mr. Flood,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
 Mr. Martin, }

Whereupon Original Question put and passed.

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

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FLOOD to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.
2. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That the political position occupied by the Judges in the Legislative Council tends to abate the respect due to their office, and to affect unfavorably their judicial independence.
 - (2.) That to impose upon the Judges the functions of Legislators, in addition to their ordinary duties, cannot but impair their efficiency, or lead to unnecessary expenditure of public funds.
3. MR. MARTIN to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the proceedings of the Commissioners for the City of Sydney from the period of their appointment.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Jones, Mr. Flood, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Oakes, and Mr. Martin.
4. MR. HOLROYD to move, That a Select Committee, consisting of the Speaker, Mr. Murray, Mr. Martin, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parker, Mr. Garland, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Holroyd, be appointed to consider the necessity of erecting a proper suite of Buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature of the Colony; and that such Committee be instructed to devise a plan for the Buildings aforesaid—as to arrangement and architectural design—befitting the wants, and appropriate to the high functions which the Legislature is called upon to exercise; and that such Committee have leave to sit during any adjournment of this House.
5. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee of this House be appointed to inquire into and report upon the state of that portion of the Semi-Circular Quay constructed by Mr. Randle, and upon the contract made by the Government with that gentleman, and the mode in which such contract has been performed;—with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Manning, Mr. Francis T. Rusden, Mr. Jones, Mr. Irving, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Hay, and Mr. Parkes.
6. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That there be laid on the Table of this House—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence that may have passed between the Executive and the Crown Lands' Commissioners for the Murrumbidgee and Lower Darling Districts, relative to the Expenditure of the Money voted last year for clearing the channels of the Murray and Murrumbidgee.
 - (2.) A Return of all the Customs' Dues on goods conveyed up the Murray that have been received in the Treasury of New South Wales from the Government of South Australia.
7. MR. MARTIN to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the various Contracts entered into for the Construction of Railways in this Colony, to which the Government has been a party; into the execution of those Contracts; and into all accounts connected therewith;—with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Scott, Mr. Forster, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Martin.
8. MR. MARTIN to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to declare and define the privileges of Parliament.
9. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of Mr. Henry Harvey Read, and the Petition of Mr. John M. Bate, presented by him on the 8th Instant, be printed.

Question:—

MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY:—

- (1.) Whether the Government intend bringing forward any measure this Session for amending the distribution and arrangement of the Electoral Districts.
- (2.) Whether any measure is contemplated by the Government for removing the Political Disability at present imposed upon the inhabitants of the Leichhardt District and the freeholders of Gladstone, Port Curtis.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE HONORABLE THE AUDITOR GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Impounding Act of 1855.*" 19 *Vict.*, No. 36.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; second reading.
3. Crown Suits Bill; second reading.
4. Bills of Lading Bill; second reading.
5. Masters and Servants' Acts Continuation Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed application of the Towns' Police Act to the Town of Gayndah in the aforesaid District; also of all Correspondence between the Government and certain Magistrates of the said District, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Joseph North, Esq., Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, on the subject of a proposed alteration of the Place of Nomination for the aforesaid Electoral District;—also, between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the same subject;—also, between the Government and William Forster, Esq., M.L.A., for the County of Murray, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
3. MR. FAUCETT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Copy of any Correspondence that has taken place between the Bench of Magistrates at Binalong and the Bench of Magistrates at Yass, and between those Benches and the Government, and between the Government and any of the Residents of Burrowa, relative to appointing Burrowa a place for holding Petty Sessions.
 - (2.) A Copy of any Correspondence that has taken place between the Government and any of the Residents at Burrowa relative to the Building of a Lock-up at Burrowa.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. THE HONORABLE THE AUDITOR GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill for Regulating the Construction of Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire in the City of Sydney, and to repeal certain Acts relating thereto.
2. THE HONORABLE THE AUDITOR GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to make more effectual provision for the construction, by the Government, of Railways, and for the regulation of such Railways.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THOMSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that a sufficient sum of money be placed upon the Estimates, for the purpose of obtaining a Survey of the Crookhaven River, and its connection with the Shoalhaven, with the ulterior object of removing the obstructions to the Navigation of those Rivers.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That all Correspondence from the Inspector General of Police, Sydney, to the Commandant of Native Police in the Northern Districts, also all Correspondence from Commandant of said Native Police to the said Inspector General for the last two years, respecting the Management of the Native Police, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. MR. PLUNKETT to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish certain oaths, and to simplify oaths of qualification for Public Offices and Employments.
3. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the City Commissioners' Department, and to establish a Municipal Corporation for the City of Sydney.

4. Mr. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return exhibiting State of the Balances, in the Colonial Treasury, of the Consolidated Revenue and the Loan Funds, respectively, on 31 December, 1855; 31 March, 1856; 31 July, 1856.
- (2.) A Return shewing the several sums raised by Sale of Debentures, up to 31 July, 1856, for the following Services, viz. :—
- Immigration (specifying amount sold, Purchaser, Rate of Interest, Amount repaid, Date at which Debenture outstanding can, at option of either Government or Holder, be paid off.)
 - Sewerage of Sydney (same particulars.)
 - Water Works of Sydney (same particulars.)
 - Sydney Railway Works (same particulars.)
 - River Hunter Railway (same particulars.)
 - Public Works, as mentioned in the Acts of Council, 18 Viet., No. 35, and 19 Viet. No. 40 (same particulars.)
- (3.) A Return shewing the amount of Sums which, (raised by Loan for the specific Services referred to in Return No. 2) have been diverted from such Services, and applied to meet the Ordinary Current Expenditure of the Government, on 30 September, 1855; 31 December, 1855; and 31 March, 1856.
- (4.) A Return shewing Receipt and Expenditure on 30 June, 1856, on account of each of the Services mentioned in Return No. 2, viz. :—
- Sum originally appropriated for each separate service.
 - Sum subsequently raised for each separate service.
 - Sum actually expended for each separate service.
- (5.) A Return of the several Works provided for by Special Acts of Council, as before referred to, the Execution of which Works has been delayed, up to 30 June, 1856, with Explanation of the cause of delay in each case.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Law Proceedings Bill; second reading.
3. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Postponement:—Mr. Martin, on behalf of Mr. Flood, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Flood first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
2. Position of the Judges in the Legislature:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice:—
 - (1.) That the political position occupied by the Judges in the Legislative Council tends to abate the respect due to their office, and to affect unfavorably their judicial independence.
 - (2.) That to impose upon the Judges the functions of Legislators, in addition to their ordinary duties, cannot but impair their efficiency, or lead to unnecessary expenditure of public funds.
 The Honorable the Colonial Secretary moved, That the Debate of this Question be adjourned until Friday next.
Debate ensued.
Question—on the Motion for Adjournment of the Debate until Friday next—put and negatived;—
Whereupon Original Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Cowper, } Tellers.
Mr. Martin. }

Noes, 22.

The Honorable the Colonial Secretary,
The Honorable the Colonial Treasurer,
The Honorable the Auditor General,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Pyc,
The Honorable the Solicitor General, } Tellers.
The Honorable the Attorney General. }

- The Speaker (stating that as he could find no precedent to guide him, he must exercise his own judgment on this Question,) gave his casting vote with the Ayes, and declared the Question to have passed in the Affirmative.
3. City Commissioners' Department:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the proceedings of the Commissioners for the City of Sydney from the period of their appointment.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Jones, Mr. Flood, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Oakes, and Mr. Martin.
 Debate ensued.
The Honorable the Colonial Secretary having required that the proposed Committee be appointed by ballot,—
Question,—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the proceedings of the Commissioners for the City of Sydney from the period of their appointment,—put and passed;—

Whereupon

Whereupon the House proceeded to the ballot, and the Speaker declared the following Members to be the Committee duly appointed, viz.: Mr. Jones, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hay, Mr. Parker, Mr. Scott, Mr. Lang, Mr. Oxley, Mr. Irving, Mr. Plunkett, and Mr. Wilshire

4. Motions Withdrawn:—
 - (1.) Mr. Holroyd withdrew the Motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, giving fresh notice of a similar Motion for Tuesday next.
 - (2.) Mr. Parkes withdrew the Motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, giving notice of another Motion in relation to the same matter for Friday next.
5. Rivers Murray and Murrumbidgee:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence that may have passed between the Executive and the Crown Lands' Commissioners for the Murrumbidgee and Lower Darling Districts, relative to the Expenditure of the Money voted last year for clearing the channels of the Murray and Murrumbidgee.
 - (2.) A Return of all the Customs' Dues on goods conveyed up the Murray that have been received in the Treasury of New South Wales from the Government of South Australia.
 Question put and passed.
6. Postponement:—Mr. Martin postponed the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
7. Privileges of Parliament Declaration Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to declare and define the Privileges of Parliament. Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
8. Mr. Henry Harvey Read, and Mr. John M. Bate:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Henry Harvey Read, and the Petition of Mr. John M. Bate, presented by him on the 8th instant, be printed. Debate ensued. Question put and passed. *Ordered* to be printed.
9. Privileges of Parliament Declaration Bill:—Mr. Martin having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to declare and define the Privileges of Parliament,*" read a first time; *ordered* to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.
10. The Sydney Bethel Union Bill:—The Honorable the Attorney General having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Sydney Bethel Union to surrender the Land in Macquarie-street, Sydney, some time since granted as a Site for a Mariner's Church, and to accept a Grant of other Land in lieu thereof,*" read a first time. The House adjourned at Ten minutes before Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—MR. ROBERTSON to move (*on motion for the second reading of the Masters and Servants' Acts Continuation Bill being made*), That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words following, "this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with instructions to inquire into the operation of the Laws relating to Masters and Servants, and to frame a measure to consolidate and amend such Laws." That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Jones, Mr. William Macleay, Mr. Marks, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Barker, Mr. Darvall, Mr. Irving and Mr. Robertson."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. THE HONORABLE THE AUDITOR GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Impounding Act of 1855.*" 19 *Vict.*, No. 36.
2. THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to repairs, alterations, and furniture of Government House, and to the Gardens of the Inner Domain.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—The Honorable G. R. Nichols, Mr. Egan, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hely, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Cox, Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Parker.
3. THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL TREASURER to move, That the Honorable S. A. Donaldson, Esquire, the Honorable G. R. Nichols, Esquire, and the Honorable J. Macarthur, Esquire, be Members of the Library Committee.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; second reading.
3. Crown Suits Bill; second reading.
4. Bills of Lading Bill; second reading.
5. Masters and Servants' Act Continuation Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed application of the Towns' Police Act to the Town of Gayndah in the aforesaid District; also of all Correspondence between the Government and certain Magistrates of the said District, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Joseph North, Esq., Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, on the subject of a proposed alteration of the Place of Nomination for the aforesaid Electoral District;—also, between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the same subject;—also, between the Government and William Forster, Esq, M.L.A., for the County of Murray, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
3. MR. FAUCETT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Copy of any Correspondence that has taken place between the Bench of Magistrates at Binalong and the Bench of Magistrates at Yass, and between those Benches and the Government, and between the Government and any of the Residents of Burrowa, relative to appointing Burrowa a place for holding Petty Sessions.
 - (2.) A Copy of any Correspondence that has taken place between the Government and any of the Residents at Burrowa relative to the Building of a Lock-up at Burrowa.
4. THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move:—
 - (1.) That the Sydney Bethel Union Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Garland, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Richardson, and The Honorable The Attorney General.

Questions:—

- (1.) MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—What course the Government intend pursuing, with reference to the expression of opinion by this House on the subject of the nomination of the Judges to Seats in the Legislative Council?
- (2.) MR. FAUCETT to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any, and if any, what steps have been taken by the Government for the purpose of appointing Burrowa a place for holding Petty Sessions?
- (3.) MR. FAUCETT to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether any, and if any, what steps have been taken by the Government for the purpose of building a Lock-up at Burrowa?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. THE HONORABLE THE AUDITOR GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill for Regulating the Construction of Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire in the City of Sydney, and to repeal certain Acts relating thereto.
2. THE HONORABLE THE AUDITOR GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to make more effectual provision for the construction, by the Government, of Railways, and for the regulation of such Railways.
3. THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY to move, That the Resolutions of the House, passed on the 12th instant, relative to the position of the Judges as Members of the Legislative Council be rescinded.

Question:—MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to carry out the provisions of the 19th Vict., No. 25, by enforcing the collection of a tonnage duty of sixpence per ton upon ships entering the River Hunter from the sea, from the 1st January, 1857?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THOMSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that a sufficient sum of money be placed upon the Estimates, for the purpose of obtaining a Survey of the Crookhaven River, and its connection with the Shoalhaven, with the ulterior object of removing the obstructions to the Navigation of those Rivers.

2. MR. PIDDINGTON to move,—
 (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the Number of Depositors, and the Amount of Deposits, in the Savings' Bank of New South Wales, distinguishing the number of all Depositors of sums under £20, between £20 and £50, between £50 and £100, between £100 and £200, between £200 and £300 and upwards, and the rate of Interest payable to Depositors.
 (2.) A Return shewing the Amount of the Funds of the Savings' Bank invested upon Mortgage of real Property, and also upon New South Wales Debentures and otherwise, and the Cash Balance on hand.
3. MR. PIDDINGTON to move,—
 (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Papers and Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Bank of New South Wales, referring to the sale of the Debentures of the Government of New South Wales by the Bank of New South Wales.
 (2.) A Return shewing the entire amount of the Debentures sold by the Bank, distinguishing the price or prices obtained per centum; and also an account of the sums of money advanced by the Bank of New South Wales to the Government, and the amount of commission thereon.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That the accounts of Receipts and Disbursements of the Revenue from the Clergy and School Estates be referred for Audit to the Select Committee appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Revenues of the Colony, under the provisions of the Act 16 Vict., No. 12.
5. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of any Report that may have been made, pursuant to instructions from the Government, on the defective construction of the Circular Quay, together with Copies of all Papers relating thereto, including any Estimates that may have been framed of the probable cost of repairs now considered necessary.
- Question:—MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to introduce a measure for the amalgamation of the Legal Profession?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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 Sewerage of Sydney (same particulars.)
 Water Works of Sydney (same particulars.)
 Sydney Railway Works (same particulars.)
 River Hunter Railway (same particulars.)
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 Sum originally appropriated for each separate service.
 Sum subsequently raised for each separate service.
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 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.

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- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, to consider the necessity of erecting a proper suite of buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature of this Colony, with power to confer and advise with a Select Committee of the Legislative Council; and that such Committee of this House be instructed to devise, in concurrence with the Committee of the Legislative Council, a plan for the buildings, as to arrangement and architectural design, befitting the wants, and appropriate to the high functions which the Legislature is called upon to exercise.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of The Speaker, Mr. Murray, Mr. Martin, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parker, Mr. Garland, Mr. Scott, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Holroyd.
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- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the various Contracts entered into for the Construction of Railways in this Colony, to which the Government has been a party; into the execution of those Contracts; and into all accounts connected therewith;—with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Scott, Mr. Forster, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Martin.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Law Proceedings Bill; second reading.
3. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Privileges of Parliament Declaration Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers :—
(1.) Mr. Donaldson, *by Command*, laid upon the Table the Eighth Report of the Commissioners of National Education in New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Nichols, *by Command*, laid upon the Table a Report from the Colonial Architect on the number and character of the officers necessary to the satisfactory management of his Department.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Nichols withdrew the Motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, giving notice of another Motion on the same subject for Friday next.
3. Governor General's Establishment :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to repairs, alterations, and furniture of Government House, and to the Gardens of the Inner Domain; and also all matters relating to the personal Establishment of the Governor General.
(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Nichols, Mr. Egan, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hely, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Cox, Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Parker.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
4. Library Committee :—Mr. Holt moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Macarthur be Members of the Library Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
5. Postponement :—The second reading of the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until to-morrow.
6. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Wednesday next.
7. Postponement :—The second reading of the Crown Suits' Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until to-morrow.
8. Bills of Lading Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed ;—
And Bill read a second time ;—
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
9. Masters' and Servants' Acts Continuation Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time,
Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to *amended Contingent Notice*, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words following,
"this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with instructions to inquire into the operation of the Laws relating to Masters and Servants, and to frame a measure to consolidate and amend such Laws.
"That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Jones, Mr. William Macleay, Mr. Marks, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Darvall, Mr. Irving and Mr. Robertson."

Debate

Debate ensued.

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

Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted—put and passed;—

Whereupon Question—That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, with instructions to inquire into the operation of the Laws relating to Masters and Servants, and to frame a measure to consolidate and amend such Laws;—and that such Committee consist of The Auditor General, Mr. Jones, Mr. William Macleay, Mr. Marks, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Darvall, Mr. Irving, and Mr. Robertson—put and passed.

10. Postponement:—Mr. Buckley postponed the motions standing in his name first and second on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until this day week.

11. Petty Sessions and Lock-up at Burrowa:—Mr. Faucett moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Copy of any Correspondence that has taken place between the Bench of Magistrates at Binalong and the Bench of Magistrates at Yass, and between those Benches and the Government, and between the Government and any of the Residents of Burrowa, relative to appointing Burrowa a place for holding Petty Sessions.

(2.) A Copy of any Correspondence that has taken place between the Government and any of the Residents at Burrowa relative to the Building of a Lock-up at Burrowa.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

12. Sydney Bethel Union Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to amended notice,—

(1.) That the Sydney Bethel Union Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Garland, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Manning.

Question—(1.) That the Sydney Bethel Union Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee,—put and passed.

Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. Garland, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Manning,—put and passed.

The House adjourned at half-past Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill for Regulating the Construction of Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire in the City of Sydney, and to repeal certain Acts relating thereto.
2. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to make more effectual provision for the construction, by the Government, of Railways, and for the regulation of such Railways.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Resolutions of the House, passed on the 12th instant, relative to the position of the Judges as Members of the Legislative Council be rescinded.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; second reading.
2. Crown Suits Bill; second reading.

Question:—MR. PIDDINGTON to ask MR. DONALDSON—Whether it is the intention of the Government to carry out the provisions of the 19th Vict., No. 25, by enforcing the collection of a tonnage duty of sixpence per ton upon ships entering the River Hunter from the sea, from the 1st January, 1857?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THOMSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that a sufficient sum of money be placed upon the Estimates, for the purpose of obtaining a Survey of the Crookhaven River, and its connection with the Shoalhaven, with the ulterior object of removing the obstructions to the Navigation of those Rivers.

2. MR. PIDDINGTON to move,—
 (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the Number of Depositors, and the Amount of Deposits, in the Savings' Bank of New South Wales, distinguishing the number of all Depositors of sums under £20, between £20 and £50, between £50 and £100, between £100 and £200, between £200 and £300 and upwards, and the rate of Interest payable to Depositors.
 (2.) A Return shewing the Amount of the Funds of the Savings' Bank invested upon Mortgage of real Property, and also upon New South Wales Debentures and otherwise, and the Cash Balance on hand.
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 (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Papers and Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Bank of New South Wales, referring to the sale of the Debentures of the Government of New South Wales by the Bank of New South Wales.
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4. MR. COWPER to move, That the accounts of Receipts and Disbursements of the Revenue from the Clergy and School Estates be referred for Audit to the Select Committee appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Revenues of the Colony, under the provisions of the Act 16 Vict., No. 12.
5. MR. PARKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of any Report that may have been made, pursuant to instructions from the Government, on the defective construction of the Circular Quay, together with Copies of all Papers relating thereto, including any Estimates that may have been framed of the probable cost of repairs now considered necessary.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

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 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the present state of the Impounding Laws, with a view to the preparation of a Bill for altering and amending the same.
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ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Bills of Lading Bill; third reading.

Question :—MR. ROBERTSON to ask MR. DONALDSON,—Whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to introduce a measure for the amalgamation of the Legal Profession?

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill ; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed application of the Towns' Police Act to the Town of Gayndah in the aforesaid District ; also of all Correspondence between the Government and certain Magistrates of the said District, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Joseph North, Esq., Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, on the subject of a proposed alteration of the Place of Nomination for the aforesaid Electoral District ;—also, between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the same subject ;—also, between the Government and William Forster, Esq., M.L.A., for the County of Murray, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Common Law Proceedings Bill ; second reading.
3. Crown Lands' Sales Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Privileges of Parliament Declaration Bill ; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the Return to the *Order* made by this House on the 8th instant, on motion of Mr. Jones, for Papers relative to the Expenditure upon Railways.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Postponement—Mr. Nichols postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day fortnight.
3. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill:—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to amended notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Sole Commissioner of Railways, and to make more effectual provision for the construction, by the Government, of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales, and for the regulation thereof.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed; *Ordered* That the mover and seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
4. Boundary of Police District of Murrurundi:—Mr. Robertson presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the South-eastern portion of the District of Liverpool Plains, praying that arrangements may be forthwith made to define the Boundary of the Police District of Murrurundi in the manner therein set out.
Petition received.
5. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill:—Mr. Nichols having presented this Bill, intitled, "*A Bill to Incorporate the Sole Commissioner of Railways, and to make more effectual provision for the construction, by the Government, of Railways, in the Colony of New South Wales, and for the regulation thereof.*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.
6. Position of the Judges in the Legislature:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Resolutions of the House, passed on the 12th instant, relative to the position of the Judges as Members of the Legislative Council be rescinded.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Robertson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion, in their place, of the words "this House declines to rescind its Resolutions passed on the 12th instant, relative to the position of the Judges in the Legislative Council, but has no wish that such Resolutions shall be considered a Vote of Want of Confidence in the Ministry."
Debate ensued—

And the House having continued to sit till after Midnight.

FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1856.

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

Ayes 23.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Lce,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Parker, } Tellers.
Mr. W. Macleay, }

Noes 22.

Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Cowper, } Tellers.
Mr. Martin, }

Whereupon Original Question put and passed.

7. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a second time; to be considered in Committee on Wednesday next.
8. Postponement:—The second reading of the Crown Suits Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
9. Adjournment:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this House do now adjourn until "Tuesday next, at Three o'clock."
Mr. Murray moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Tuesday next, at Three o'clock," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Three o'clock P.M., this day."
Debate ensued.
Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes 17.

Mr. Holt,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Macarthur,
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- Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted—put and passed;—
Question—That this House do now adjourn until Three o'clock, P.M., this day—put and passed;—
Whereupon the House adjourned at 1 o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THOMSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that a sufficient sum of money be placed upon the Estimates, for the purpose of obtaining a Survey of the Crookhaven River, and its connection with the Shoalhaven, with the ulterior object of removing the obstructions to the Navigation of those Rivers.
2. MR. PIDDINGTON to move,—
 - (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the Number of Depositors, and the Amount of Deposits, in the Savings' Bank of New South Wales, distinguishing the number of all Depositors of sums under £20, between £20 and £50, between £50 and £100, between £100 and £200, between £200 and £300 and upwards, and the rate of Interest payable to Depositors.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the Amount of the Funds of the Savings' Bank invested upon Mortgage of real Property, and also upon New South Wales Debentures and otherwise, and the Cash Balance on hand.
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 - (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Papers and Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Bank of New South Wales, referring to the sale of the Debentures of the Government of New South Wales by the Bank of New South Wales.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the entire amount of the Debentures sold by the Bank, distinguishing the price or prices obtained per centum; and also an account of the sums of money advanced by the Bank of New South Wales to the Government, and the amount of commission thereon.
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6. MR. ARNOLD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return, shewing the Amount of Duties and Custom House Dues of every description collected at Morpeth from the 1st January to the 30th April, and from the 30th April to the 31st July, 1856; together with the expenses for the same period of the Custom House Establishment at that place.
 - (2.) A Return, shewing the Amount of Duties and Custom House Dues of every description collected at Newcastle, with the expenses (during the same periods) of the Custom House Establishment at that place.

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1. MR. NICHOLS to move :—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the present state of the Impounding Laws, with a view to the preparation of a Bill for altering and amending the same.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Arnold, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Cox, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Nichols.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Bills of Lading Bill; third reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to ask MR. DONALDSON,—Whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to introduce a measure for the amalgamation of the Legal Profession?
2. MR. SUTOR to ask MR. DONALDSON :—
 - (1.) What amount of money the Government have now at their disposal for the repair of the Western Road between Penrith and Bathurst, during the remainder of the present year?
 - (2.) And, also, what course the Government intend pursuing with regard to that Road, during the above period?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That all Correspondence from the Inspector General of Police, Sydney, to the Commandant of Native Police in the Northern Districts; also all Correspondence from Commandant of said Native Police to the said Inspector General for the last two years, respecting the Management of the Native Police, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. MR. PLUNKETT to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish certain oaths, and to simplify oaths of qualification for Public Offices and Employments.
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 - (1.) A Return exhibiting State of the Balances, in the Colonial Treasury, of the Consolidated Revenue and the Loan Funds, respectively, on 31 December, 1855; 31 March, 1856; 31 July, 1856.
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 - Immigration (specifying amount sold, Purchaser, Rate of Interest, Amount repaid, Date at which Debenture outstanding can, at option of either Government or Holder, be paid off.)
 - Sewerage of Sydney (same particulars.)
 - Water Works of Sydney (same particulars.)
 - Sydney Railway Works (same particulars.)
 - River Hunter Railway (same particulars.)
 - Public Works, as mentioned in the Acts of Council, 18 Vict., No. 35, and 19 Vict. No. 40 (same particulars.)
 - (3.) A Return shewing the amount of Sums which, (raised by Loan for the specific Services referred to in Return No. 2) have been diverted from such Services, and applied to meet the Ordinary Current Expenditure of the Government, on 30 September, 1855; 31 December, 1855; and 31 March, 1856.
 - (4.) A Return shewing Receipt and Expenditure on 30 June, 1856, on account of each of the Services mentioned in Return No. 2, viz. :—
 - Sum originally appropriated for each separate service.
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 - Sum actually expended for each separate service.
 - (5.) A Return of the several Works provided for by Special Acts of Council, as before referred to, the Execution of which Works has been delayed, up to 30 June, 1856, with Explanation of the cause of delay in each case.
5. MR. FLOOD to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.

6. MR. GORDON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 (1.) A Return of all Sums of Money appropriated for the Construction or Repair of Roads and Bridges in the County of Durham, from the 1st January, 1850, to the 31st December, 1855.
 (2.) The Names of the different Wardens, Road Trusts, or other persons entrusted with the expenditure of the said several Sums of Money, and the Names of the different Districts, and places in each, on which such moneys have been expended.
 (3.) The Balance of any Moneys unappropriated, still in the hands of the Government, and not applied to such purposes.
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 (4.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Immigration Agent and the Immigration Board at Brisbane, and the Immigration Agent in Sydney, relative to forming a Depôt at Ipswich.
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10. MR. HOLROYD to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, to consider the necessity of erecting a proper suite of buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature of this Colony, with power to confer and advise with a Select Committee of the Legislative Council; and that such Committee of this House be instructed to devise, in concurrence with the Committee of the Legislative Council, a plan for the buildings, as to arrangement and architectural design, befitting the wants, and appropriate to the high functions which the Legislature is called upon to exercise.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of The Speaker, Mr. Murray, Mr. Martin, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parker, Mr. Garland, Mr. Scott, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Holroyd.
11. MR. MARTIN to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the various Contracts entered into for the Construction of Railways in this Colony, to which the Government has been a party; into the execution of those Contracts; and into all accounts connected therewith;—with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Scott, Mr. Forster, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Martin.
12. MR. PARKES to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the case of Mr. Edward Smith Hall, who, by his early public services, in obtaining free institutions for the Colony and otherwise, suffered severely in person and estate, and has claims upon the attention of this House.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Nichols, Mr. Robertson, Mr. George Maelcay, Mr. Flood, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Martin, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Egan, and Mr. Parkes.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; third reading.
2. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Crown Suits Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed application of the Towns' Police Act to the Town of Gayndah in the aforesaid District; also of all Correspondence between the Government and certain Magistrates of the said District, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.

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2. Mr. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Joseph North, Esq., Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, on the subject of a proposed alteration of the Place of Nomination for the aforesaid Electoral District;—also, between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the same subject;—also, between the Government and William Forster, Esq., M.L.A., for the County of Murray, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Law Proceedings Bill; second reading.
3. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph; more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Arnold, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Irving, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Parkes.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present state of Agriculture in this Colony, and the best means of promoting the introduction of improved methods of cultivation.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Scott, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Marks, Mr. Jones, Mr. Pye, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Cowper, and Mr. Parkes.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Privileges of Parliament Declaration Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill for Regulating the Construction of Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire in the City of Sydney, and to repeal certain Acts relating thereto.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 13.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Postponement:—Mr. Thomson postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
2. Deposits in Savings' Bank:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice,—
 - (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return shewing the Number of Depositors, and the Amount of Deposits, in the Savings' Bank of New South Wales, distinguishing the number of all Depositors of sums under £20, between £20 and £50, between £50 and £100, between £100 and £200, between £200 and £300 and upwards, and the rate of Interest payable to Depositors.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the Amount of the Funds of the Savings' Bank invested upon Mortgage of real Property, and also upon New South Wales Debentures and otherwise, and the Cash Balance on hand.
 Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
3. Government Debentures sold by the Bank of New South Wales:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice,—
 - (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Papers and Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Bank of New South Wales, referring to the sale of the Debentures of the Government of New South Wales by the Bank of New South Wales.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the entire amount of the Debentures sold by the Bank, distinguishing the price or prices obtained per centum; and also an account of the sums of money advanced by the Bank of New South Wales to the Government, and the amount of commission thereon.
 Question put and passed.
4. Paper:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table a Report of the Examination into the Accounts of the Colonial Treasury, made, under Warrant of His Excellency the Governor General, on the 9th day of June, 1856.
Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Revenues of the Colony.
5. Accounts of the Revenues for 1855:—Mr. Donaldson moved, without previous notice, That the Accounts of the Receipts and Disbursements of the General and Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, for the Year 1855, which were laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on the 27th May last, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Revenues of the Colony.
Question put and passed.
6. Accounts of Church and School Estates' Revenues:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, "That" the Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements of the Revenue from the Clergy and School Estates be referred for Audit to the Select Committee appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Revenues of the Colony, under the provisions of the Act 16 Vict., No. 12.
Mr. Murray moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the whole question of the Church and School Lands be referred to a Select Committee of this House, with instructions to report generally " on the subject."
Debate ensued.
Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn.
Whereupon Original Question put and passed.
7. Construction of Circular Quay:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of any Report that may have been made, pursuant to instructions from the Government, on the defective construction of the Circular Quay, together with Copies of all Papers relating thereto, including any Estimates that may have been framed of the probable cost of repairs now considered necessary.
Question put and passed.

8. Morpeth and Newcastle Customs' Dues:—Mr. Arnold moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A Return, shewing the Amount of Duties and Custom House Dues of every description collected at Morpeth from the 1st January to the 30th April, and from the 30th April to the 30th June, 1856; together with the expenses for the same period of the Custom House Establishment at that place.
 (2.) A Return, shewing the Amount of Duties and Custom House Dues of every description collected at Newcastle, with the expenses (during the same periods) of the Custom House Establishment at that place.
 Question put and passed.
9. Impounding Laws :—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the present state of the Impounding Laws, with a view to the preparation of a Bill for altering and amending the same.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lang, Mr. Arnold, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Cox, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Nichols.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Robertson having required that the proposed Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
 Question—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the present state of the Impounding Laws, with a view to the preparation of a Bill for altering and amending the same—put and passed;—
 And Mr. Robertson having withdrawn his request for the Ballot,—
 Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Lang, Mr. Arnold, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Cox, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Nichols—put and passed.
10. Postponement:—The third reading of the Bills of Lading Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Darvall, on behalf of Mr. Manning, until Thursday week.
 The House adjourned at half-past Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That all Correspondence from the Inspector General of Police, Sydney, to the Commandant of Native Police in the Northern Districts; also all Correspondence from Commandant of said Native Police to the said Inspector General for the last two years, respecting the Management of the Native Police, be laid upon the Table of this House.
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 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Nichols, Mr. Robertson, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Flood, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Martin, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Egan, and Mr. Parkes.
13. MR. HOLROYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the quantity of Gold received into the Royal Mint from its opening to the date of the Return.
 - (2.) A Return of the quantity of coined and uncoined Gold imported into the Colony during the same period.
 - (3.) A Return of the quantity of Sovereigns and Half-sovereigns issued from the Mint during the same period.

- (4.) A Return of the Revenue received at the Mint for Coining and Assaying during the same period.
 (5.) A Return of the expenses incurred at the Mint during the same period.
 (6.) A Return of the quantity of coined and uncoined Gold exported from the Colony during the same period.
14. Mr MURRAY to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the general state of the Church and School Lands of this Colony;—the tenure under which they are held;—their management;—and the appropriation of all moneys derived from them.
15. Mr. F. T. RUSDEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 (1.) A Return of all sums spent on Public Works, in the City of Sydney, and within ten miles of it, from the commencement of the Administration of Sir George Gipps to the present time; shewing the sums appropriated in each year, and distinguishing between the sums advanced from Local Taxation, and those from the General Revenue, particularly stating the expense of the Cuttings near Grose Farm, and excluding all the expenses incurred for Railways.
 (2.) A Return of all sums spent on Public Works during the same period, in the Country Districts, distinguishing the amounts spent in each District.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That the name of Mr. Cowper be added to the Select Committee appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Revenues of the Colony.

Question :—Mr. F. T. RUSDEN to ask Mr. DONALDSON,—If the Government intend to take any steps relative to appointing the Woolshed as a place for holding Petty Sessions, in the District of Liverpool Plains?

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; third reading.
2. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Crown Suits Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed application of the Towns' Police Act to the Town of Gayndah in the aforesaid District; also of all Correspondence between the Government and certain Magistrates of the said District, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. Mr. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Joseph North, Esq., Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, on the subject of a proposed alteration of the Place of Nomination for the aforesaid Electoral District;—also, between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the same subject;—also, between the Government and William Forster, Esq., M.L.A., for the County of Murray, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.

Questions :—

1. Mr. PLUNKETT to ask Mr. DONALDSON,—If any and what steps have been taken by the Government in respect to two Memorials to the Executive Government from certain Inhabitants of Goulburn and its vicinity, praying that a Road leading from Goulburn to the Tuena Gold Fields might be surveyed and laid out, and a Bridge erected over the Wollondilly River?
2. Mr. WEEKES to ask Mr. DONALDSON,—
 (1.) What steps have been taken for the erection of a Court House in West Maitland, for which purpose the sum of £800 has already been voted by the late Council?
 (2.) What steps have been taken for the erection of a Court House in Morpeth, for which purpose the sum of £400 has already been voted by the late Council?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Law Proceedings Bill; second reading.
3. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. PARKES to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph; more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria.

(2.)

- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Arnold, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Irving, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Parkes.
2. MR. THOMSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that a sufficient sum of money be placed upon the Estimates, for the purpose of obtaining a Survey of the Crookhaven River, and its connection with the Shoalhaven, with the ulterior object of removing the obstructions to the Navigation of those Rivers.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present state of Agriculture in this Colony, and the best means of promoting the introduction of improved methods of cultivation.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Scott, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Marks, Mr. Jones, Mr. Pye, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Cowper, and Mr. Parkes.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Privileges of Parliament Declaration Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill for Regulating the Construction of Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire in the City of Sydney, and to repeal certain Acts relating thereto.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill ; second reading.
2. Bills of Lading Bill ; third reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 19 AUGUST, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Management of the Native Police in the Northern Districts:—Mr. Buckley moved, pursuant to notice, That all Correspondence from the Inspector General of Police, Sydney, to the Commandant of Native Police in the Northern Districts; also all Correspondence from Commandant of said Native Police to the said Inspector General for the last two years, respecting the Management of the Native Police, be laid upon the Table of this House.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
2. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill:—Mr. Plunkett moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish certain oaths, and to simplify oaths of qualification for Public Offices and Employments.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the mover and seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
3. Postponement:—Mr. Cowper postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
4. Extension to Singleton of Hunter River Railway:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain Members of the East Maitland Improvement Committee, praying the extension to Singleton of the Hunter River Railway.
Petition received.
5. Consolidated Revenue and Loan Funds:—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return exhibiting State of the Balances, in the Colonial Treasury, of the Consolidated Revenue and the Loan Funds, respectively, on 31 December, 1855; 31 March, 1856; 31 July, 1856.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the several sums raised by Sale of Debentures, up to 31 July, 1856, for the following Services, viz. :—
 - Immigration (specifying amount sold, Purchaser, Rate of Interest, Amount repaid, Date at which Debenture outstanding can, at option of either Government or Holder, be paid off.)
 - Sewerage of Sydney (same particulars.)
 - Water Works of Sydney (same particulars.)
 - Sydney Railway Works (same particulars.)
 - River Hunter Railway (same particulars.)
 - Public Works, as mentioned in the Acts of Council, 18 Vict., No. 35, and 19 Vict. No. 40 (same particulars.)
 - (3.) A Return showing the amount of Sums which, (raised by Loan for the specific Services referred to in Return No. 2) have been diverted from such Services, and applied to meet the Ordinary Current Expenditure of the Government, on 30 September, 1855; 31 December, 1855; and 31 March, 1856.
 - (4.) A Return shewing Receipt and Expenditure on 30 June, 1856, on account of each of the Services mentioned in Return No. 2, viz. :—
 - Sum originally appropriated for each separate service.
 - Sum subsequently raised for each separate service.
 - Sum actually expended for each separate service.
 - (5.) A Return of the several Works provided for by Special Acts of Council, as before referred to, the Execution of which Works has been delayed, up to 30 June, 1856, with Explanation of the cause of delay in each case.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. Postponement:—Mr. Flood postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
7. Appropriations for Construction of Roads and Bridges:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to amended notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House:—
 - (1.) A Return of all Sums of Money appropriated for the Construction or Repair of Roads and Bridges in the "County of Durham," from the 1st January, 1850, to the 1st July, 1856.

(2.)

(2.) The Names of the different Wardens, Road Trusts, or other persons entrusted with the expenditure of the said several Sums of Money, and the Names of the different Districts, and places in each, on which such Moneys have been expended.

(3.) The balance of any Moneys unappropriated, still in the hands of the Government, and not applied to such purposes.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Plunkett moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "County of Durham," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "several Districts of the Colony."

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 so inserted—put and passed;—

Whereupon Question—That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return of all Sums of Money appropriated for the Construction or Repair of Roads and Bridges in the several Districts of the Colony, from the 1st January, 1850, to the 1st July, 1856;

(2.) The Names of the different Wardens, Road Trusts, or other persons entrusted with the expenditure of the said several Sums of Money, and the Names of the different Districts, and places in each, on which such Moneys have been expended;

(3.) The Balance of any Moneys unappropriated, still in the hands of the Government, and not applied to such purposes;—put and passed.

8. Postponements:—

(1.) Mr Sandeman postponed the motions standing in his name seventh and eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.

(2.) Mr. Holroyd postponed the motion standing in his name ninth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.

9. Proposed New Parliament Houses:—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, to consider the necessity of erecting a proper suite of buildings for the accommodation of the Legislature of this Colony, with power to confer and advise with a Select Committee of the Legislative Council; and that such Committee of this House be instructed to devise, in concurrence with the Committee of the Legislative Council, a plan for the buildings, as to arrangement and architectural design, befitting the wants, and appropriate to the high functions which the Legislature is called upon to exercise.

(2.) That such Committee consist of The Speaker, Mr Murray, Mr. Martin, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Parker, Mr. Garland, Mr. Scott, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Nichols, and Mr. Holroyd.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Campbell moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

Previous Question by leave withdrawn.

Original Question by leave withdrawn.

10. Postponement:—Mr. Martin postponed the motion standing in his name eleventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.

11. Case of Mr Edward Smith Hall:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to amended notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the case of Mr. Edward Smith Hall, who, by his early public services, in obtaining free institutions for the Colony and otherwise, suffered severely in person and estate, and has claims upon the attention of this House.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz., Mr. Nichols, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Murray, Mr. Flood, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Martin, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Egan, and Mr. Parkes.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Holroyd moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

Previous Question put,—“Shall this Question be now put?”

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Fiddington,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Jones, } Tellers.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. George Macleay,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. William Macleay,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Weekes. } Tellers.

12. Gold:—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the quantity of Gold received into the Royal Mint from its opening to the 1st of August, 1856.
 - (2.) A Return of the quantity of coined and uncoined Gold imported into the Colony during the same period.
 - (3.) A Return of the quantity of Sovereigns and Half-sovereigns issued from the Mint during the same period.
 - (4.) A Return of the Revenue received at the Mint for Coining and Assaying during the same period.
 - (5.) A Return of the expenses incurred at the Mint during the same period.
 - (6.) A Return of the quantity of coined and uncoined Gold exported from the Colony during the same period.
- Question put and passed.
13. Church and School Lands:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
- (1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the general state of the Church and School Lands of this Colony;—the tenure under which they are held;—their management;—and the appropriation of all moneys derived from them.
 - (2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Holroyd, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Murray.
- Question—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the general state of the Church and School Lands of this Colony;—the tenure under which they are held;—their management;—and the appropriation of all moneys derived from them—put and passed.
- Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Holroyd, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Arnold, and Mr. Murray,—put and passed.
14. Postponement:—Mr. F. T. Rusden postponed the motion standing in his name fifteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
15. Audit of Accounts of the Revenues of the Colony:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the name of Mr. Cowper be added to the Select Committee appointed to Audit the Accounts of the Revenues of the Colony.
- Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned at twenty minutes before ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move:—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the expediency of creating any additional Ministerial Department, and also to consider what Salary should be attached to the Office of each Responsible Minister.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Manning, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Scott, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; third reading.
2. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Crown Suits Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed application of the Towns' Police Act to the Town of Gayndah in the aforesaid District; also of all Correspondence between the Government and certain Magistrates of the said District, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. MR. BUCKLEY to move, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Joseph North, Esq., Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, on the subject of a proposed alteration of the Place of Nomination for the aforesaid Electoral District;—also, between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the same subject;—also, between the Government and William Forster, Esq., M.L.A., for the County of Murray, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.

Questions:—

1. MR. PLUNKETT to ask MR. DONALDSON,—If any and what steps have been taken by the Government in respect to two Memorials to the Executive Government from certain Inhabitants of Goulburn and its vicinity, praying that a Road leading from Goulburn to the Tuena Gold Fields might be surveyed and laid out, and a Bridge erected over the Wollondilly River?

2. Mr. WEEKES to ask Mr. DONALDSON,—
 - (1.) What steps have been taken for the erection of a Court House in West Maitland, for which purpose the sum of £800 has already been voted by the late Council?
 - (2.) What steps have been taken for the erection of a Court House in Morpeth, for which purpose the sum of £400 has already been voted by the late Council?
3. Mr. T. G. RUSDEN to ask Mr. DONALDSON,—If the Returns in reference to the Assessment on Stock, and Land sold in the Unsettled Districts, produced on the 19th December, 1855, are now on the Table of the House?
4. Mr. PARKES to ask Mr. DONALDSON,—
 - (1.) Whether it is intended to continue the Office of Government Resident at Port Curtis?
 - (2.) Whether any steps have been taken to carry out the recommendations contained in the Resolutions passed by the late Legislative Council on the 14th December, 1855, on the motion of Mr. Donaldson, as follows:—“That the event has proved that the creation of the office of Government Resident at Port Curtis was premature, and has involved expenditure with which the beneficial results have not been commensurate: That the appointment of a Police Magistrate to the township of Gladstone would be a sufficient provision for securing the ends of justice and the preservation of order at Port Curtis, under present circumstances, and that, under such a change, the capabilities of the District will have an equal chance of development, and the progress of the port will be in no respect retarded. That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to His Excellency the Governor General.”?

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Law Proceedings Bill; second reading.
3. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph; more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Arnold, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Irving, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Parkes.
 2. Mr. THOMSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that a sufficient sum of money be placed upon the Estimates, for the purpose of obtaining a Survey of the Crookhaven River, and its connection with the Shoalhaven, with the ulterior object of removing the obstructions to the Navigation of those Rivers.
 3. Mr. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the City Commissioners' Department, and to establish a Municipal Corporation for the City of Sydney.
 4. Mr. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition of the Members of the East Maitland Improvement Association, presented by him on the 19th instant, praying for the extension of the Hunter River Railway to Singleton, be printed.
 5. Mr. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and other parties, in reference to the building of a Bridge over the River at Queanbeyan.
 6. Mr. F. T. RUSDEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House:—
 - (1.) A Return of all sums spent on Public Works, in the City of Sydney, and within ten miles of it, from the commencement of the Administration of Sir George Gipps to the present time; shewing the sums appropriated in each year, and distinguishing between the sums advanced from Local Taxation, and those from the General Revenue, particularly stating the expense of the Cuttings near Grose Farm, and excluding all the expenses incurred for Railways.
 - (2.) A Return of all sums spent on Public Works during the same period, in the Country Districts, distinguishing the amounts spent in each District.
- Question:—Mr. HOLROYD to ask Mr. DONALDSON,—If it be the intention of the Government to place Hyde Park, and the unappropriated Lands in Cleveland Paddocks and at Grose Farm, or any or which of them, under Trustees, in conformity with the Act 18th Vic., No. 33?

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present state of Agriculture in this Colony, and the best means of promoting the introduction of improved methods of cultivation.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Scott, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Marks, Mr. Jones, Mr. Pye, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Cowper, and Mr. Parkes.

2. Mr. FLOOD to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.
3. Mr. SANDEMAN, to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government, in Sydney, and the Government Resident of Moreton Bay, relative to building a Gaol for the District of Moreton Bay.
 - (2.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and their Honors the Judges of the Supreme Court, relative to the most suitable site for the erection of a Gaol for the District of Moreton Bay.
 - (3.) A Return of the number of cases tried before each Circuit Court at Moreton Bay, showing the number of persons committed for trial at Brisbane, and the number committed for trial at Ipswich, and the Districts beyond it.
4. Mr. SANDEMAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the number of Immigrants landed at Moreton Bay, and forwarded to the Depôt at Brisbane, during the last two years.
 - (2.) A Return of the number of Immigrants engaged from the Depôt by persons resident in the Police District of Brisbane, and the number engaged for or by persons resident in the Police District of Ipswich, and the Districts beyond it to which Ipswich is the outlet.
 - (3.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government in Sydney and the Government Resident of Moreton Bay, relative to the establishment of an Immigration Depôt at Ipswich.
 - (4.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Immigration Agent and the Immigration Board at Brisbane, and the Immigration Agent in Sydney, relative to forming a Depôt at Ipswich.
5. Mr. HOLROYD to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled, "*An Act for regulating the trade or business of Pawnbrokers in New South Wales.*"
6. Mr. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Petition of A. R. Lawson, presented to the late Legislative Council, on the 4th of December last, be printed.
7. Mr. MARTIN to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the various Contracts entered into for the Construction of Railways in this Colony, to which the Government has been a party; into the execution of those Contracts; and into all accounts connected therewith;—with liberty to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Scott, Mr. Forster, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Martin.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Privileges of Parliament Declaration Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill for Regulating the Construction of Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire in the City of Sydney, and to repeal certain Acts relating thereto.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill; second reading.
2. Bills of Lading Bill; third reading.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. T. G. RUSDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 AUGUST, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr Donaldson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) The Return to the *Order* made by this House on the 8th instant, on motion of Mr. Flood, for Papers relating to the Sydney Sewerage Works.
 - (2.) A further Return to the *Order* made by this House on the 8th instant, on motion of Mr. Jones, for Papers relating to Expenditure upon Railways.
 - (3.) The Return to the *Order* made by this House on the 15th instant, on motion of Mr. Arnold, relating to the Customs Dues at Morpeth and Newcastle.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Mr. Thomas Abbott:—Mr. Jones presented a Petition from Thomas Abbott, of Dungog, praying inquiry into the circumstance of his removal from the office of Chief Constable at Dungog, and relief in event of that inquiry proving such removal to have been undeserved.
Petition received.
3. Additional Ministerial Department:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report “upon,” the expediency of creating any additional Ministerial Department, and also to consider what Salary should be attached to the Office of each Responsible Minister.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Manning, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Plunkett, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Jones moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word “upon,” in section (1.), with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, “the Ministerial arrangements under which the Government of the Country can henceforth best be carried on.”
Debate continued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. G. Macleay. } Tellers.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Martin. } Tellers.

Whereupon

Whereupon Question put—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the expediency of creating any additional Ministerial Department, and also to consider what Salary should be attached to the Office of each Responsible Minister.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Wm. Macleay,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. G. Macleay. } Tellers.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Jones, } Tellers.
Mr. Martin. }

After which, Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Manning, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. George Macleay, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murray, Mr. Parker, Mr. Plunkett, and the Mover—put and passed.

4. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now "read a third time."

Mr. Nichols moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words—"read a third time," in order to the insertion in their place of the words—"re-committed, with a view to add a clause, and amend the enacting part."

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 so inserted—put and passed.

Question—"That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to add a Clause, and amend the enacting part"—put and passed;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with a Clause added, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Wednesday next.

5. Postponement:—The consideration in Committee, of the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes facilitation Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
6. Crown Suits Bill, on motion of Manning, read a second time;—to be considered in Committee on Wednesday next.
7. Extension of Towns Police Act to Gayndah:—Mr. Buckley moved, pursuant to notice, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esquire, Commissioner of Crown Lands in and for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the subject of the proposed application of the Towns' Police Act to the Town of Gayndah in the aforesaid District; also of all Correspondence between the Government and certain Magistrates of the said District, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
Question put and passed.
8. Place of Nomination for Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa:—Mr. Buckley moved, pursuant to amended notice, That Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Joseph North, Esq., Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa, on the subject of a proposed alteration of the Place of Nomination for the aforesaid Electoral District;—also, between the Government and Arthur E. Halloran, Esq., Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Pastoral District of Wide Bay and Burnett River, on the same subject;—also, between the Government and William Forster, Esq., M.P., for the County of Murray, on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of this House.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at five minutes before Eight o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Common Law Proceedings Bill; second reading.
3. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph; more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria.
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ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Privileges of Parliament Declaration Bill; second reading.

 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; third reading.
2. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Crown Suits Bill; to be considered in Committee.

 THURSDAY, AUGUST 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill for Regulating the Construction of Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire in the City of Sydney, and to repeal certain Acts relating thereto.
2. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the Slaughtering of Cattle within the Limits of the City of Sydney, and certain distances therefrom.

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DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 AUGUST, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Postponements:—
 - (1.) The second reading of the Constitution Act amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until this day week.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Common Law Proceedings Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until this day week.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Crown Lands' Sales Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until this day week.
2. Adjournment:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon the House adjourned at five minutes before Four o'clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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1. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; third reading.
2. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
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THURSDAY,

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1. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill for Regulating the Construction of Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire in the City of Sydney, and to repeal certain Acts relating thereto.
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1. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill ; second reading.
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 29.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the distribution and arrangement of the Electoral Constituencies, and, if necessary, to prepare a measure for amendment of the same.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Nichols, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Martin, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Sandeman, Mr. Cowper, and the Mover.

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1. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Member Sworn:—John Ryan Brennan, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Cumberland.
2. Election Petition:—The Speaker laid before the Assembly a Petition which had been addressed to him by Augustus Morris, Esquire, one of the Candidates at the late election of a Member to serve in this House for the South Riding of the County of Cumberland, complaining that no Poll was taken at Canterbury, one of the Polling Places for such Electoral District, and praying that the said Election may therefore be set aside, and a new Writ issued.
3. Vacant Seats:—Mr. Jones, having informed the House, by request of the New Administration, that Charles Cowper, Esquire, James Martin, Esquire, Robert Campbell, Esquire, and Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquire, had made their several acknowledgments on acceptance of Office under the Crown in this Colony,—moved,—
 - (1.) That the Seat of Charles Cowper, 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 the City of Sydney.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) That the Seat of James Martin, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Attorney General since his election and return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of the United Counties of Cook and Westmoreland.
Question put and passed.
 - (3.) That the Seat of Robert Campbell, 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 a Member for the Electoral District of the City of Sydney.
Question put and passed.
 - (4.) That the Seat of Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Secretary for Lands and Public Works since his election and return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of the Southern Boroughs.
Question put and passed.
4. Adjournment:—Mr. Jones then moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, the 16th day of September next, at Three o'clock.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon the House adjourned at a quarter before Four o'clock, until *Tuesday, the 16th day of September next*, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That Arthur Todd Holroyd, Esquire, be appointed Chairman of Committees, in room of T. A. Murray, Esquire, who vacated that appointment by acceptance of Office under the Crown.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move,—
 - (1.) That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to offer to Her Majesty the sincere congratulations of this House, and of the Country, upon the General Treaty concluded at Paris, on the 30th March, between Her Majesty, the Emperor of Austria, the Emperor of the French, the King of Prussia, the Emperor of Russia, the King of Sardinia, and the Sultan, by which Peace has been established between Her Majesty, the Emperor of the French, the King of Sardinia, and the Sultan, on the one hand, and the Emperor of Russia on the other.
 To assure Her Majesty, that we have learned with joy and satisfaction that Her Majesty has been enabled to re-establish Peace on conditions honorable to Her Majesty's Crown, and which fully accomplish the great objects for which the war was undertaken.
 To express our hope that the Peace which has now been concluded may, under the favor of Divine Providence, long continue to shed its blessings on the world, and that harmony among Governments, and friendly intercourse among Nations, may steadily promote the progress of civilization, and secure the welfare and happiness of mankind.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased, at the earliest opportunity, to transmit the foregoing Address to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty.
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DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1856.

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

Members Sworn :—

(1.) Charles Cowper, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the City of Sydney.

(2.) Robert Campbell, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the City of Sydney.

(3.) James Martin, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the United Counties of Cook and Westmoreland.

(4.) Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of the Southern Boroughs.

2. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill :—Mr. Plunkett having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to Simplify the Oaths of Qualification for Office,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.

3. Messages from the Governor General :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General received and read :—

(1.) Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1857 :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 1.

Governor General.

In accordance with the provision contained in the 54th Clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor General herewith submits for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 1857.

Government House,

Sydney, 16th September, 1856.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates.

(2.) Completion of Railway Works already sanctioned :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 2.

Governor General.

The Governor General invites the Legislative Assembly to make provision for the sum of Two hundred thousand pounds to be expended during the current year in completing the Railway Works already sanctioned.

2. Full particulars of the nature of the Works yet to be completed will be furnished by the proper Officer. But as the Railway Commissioners are in need of funds to meet current expenditure, the Governor General deems it desirable to bring the subject under notice at the earliest possible moment.

Government House,

Sydney, 16th September, 1856.

Ordered to be printed.

4. Australian Trust Company :—Mr. Barker presented a Petition from the Chairman and Directors of the Local Board of the Australian Trust Company, praying leave to introduce a Bill to enlarge the Powers of the said Company.

Petition received.

5. Papers :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—

(1.) Return to an Order made on the 15th ultimo, on motion of Mr. Parkes, for Papers respecting the Construction of the Circular Quay.

(2.) Part Return to the Address adopted on the 5th December, 1855, on motion of Mr. Rusden, in reference to the Assessment on Stock, and Lands sold, in the Unsettled Districts.

(3.) Return to an Order made on the 12th ultimo, on motion of Mr. George Macleay, for Papers relating to the Navigation of the Murray and Murrumbidgee.

(4.) The Report of Mr. Commissioner King on the Southern Gold Fields, dated 11th August, 1856.

(5.) Report from the Registrar General on the state of Vaccination throughout the Colony.

(6.) Return to an Order made on the 15th ultimo, on motion of Mr. Piddington, in reference to the Savings' Bank of New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

(7.)

- (7.) The Blue Book for the year 1855.
- (8.) The Return to an Order made on the 7th ultimo, on motion of Mr. Buckley, for Papers respecting the construction of a Public Wharf at Maryborough.
- (9.) The Return to an Order made on the 20th ultimo, on motion of Mr. Buckley, for Papers respecting the proposed alteration of the place of Nomination for the Electoral District of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett, and Maranoa.
- (10.) The Return to an Order made on the 13th ultimo, on motion of Mr. Faucett, for Papers respecting the establishment of Petty Sessions, and the erection of a Lock-up at Burrowa.
6. Election Petition:—Mr. Jamison moved, without previous notice, That the Petition of Augustus Morris, Esquire, one of the Candidates at the late Election of a Member to serve in this House for the South Riding of the County of Cumberland, complaining that no Poll was taken at Canterbury, one of the Polling places for such Electoral District, and praying that the said Election may therefore be set aside and a new Writ issued, be forthwith referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, pursuant to the requirement of the 65th section of the Electoral Act of 1851.
Question put and passed
7. Chairman of Committees:—Mr. Plunkett moved, pursuant to notice, That Arthur Todd Holroyd, Esquire, be appointed Chairman of Committees, in room of T. A. Murray, Esquire, who vacated that appointment by acceptance of Office under the Crown.
Question put and passed.
8. General Treaty of Peace:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to offer to Her Majesty the sincere congratulations of this House, and of the Country, upon the General Treaty concluded at Paris, on the 30th March, between Her Majesty, the Emperor of Austria, the Emperor of the French, the King of Prussia, the Emperor of Russia, the King of Sardinia, and the Sultan, by which Peace has been established between Her Majesty, the Emperor of the French, the King of Sardinia, and the Sultan, on the one hand, and the Emperor of Russia on the other.
To assure Her Majesty, that we have learned with joy and satisfaction that Her Majesty has been enabled to re-establish Peace on conditions honorable to Her Majesty's Crown, and which fully accomplish the great objects for which the war was undertaken.
To express our hope that the Peace which has now been concluded may, under the favor of Divine Providence, long continue to shed its blessings on the world, and that harmony among Governments, and friendly intercourse among Nations, may steadily promote the progress of civilization, and secure the welfare and happiness of mankind.
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased, at the earliest opportunity, to transmit the foregoing Address to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty.
Mr. Robertson moved,—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words in the second and third paragraphs of section (1.)
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Whereupon Original Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Pyc,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Nichols, } Tellers.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Robertson, } Tellers.
Mr. Forster,

9. Postponements:—

(1.) Mr. Parkes postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.

(2.) Mr. Flood postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day fortnight.

10. Lapsed motion:—The motion standing in the name of Mr. Sandeman fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, lapsed, in absence of Mr. Sandeman.

11. Postponement:—Mr. Richardson, on behalf of Mr. Sandeman, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Sandeman sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.

12. Lapsed motion:—The motion standing in the name of Mr. Holroyd seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, lapsed, in absence of Mr. Holroyd.

13. Postponement:—Mr. T. G. Rusden postponed the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.

14. Mr. Thomas Abbott:—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Thomas Abbott, presented by him on the 20th August last, praying inquiry into the circumstance of his removal from the office of Chief Constable at Dungog, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

15. Case of Mr. Edward Smith Hall:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the case of Mr. Edward Smith Hall, as to whether he has claims upon the consideration of this House, and to report thereon.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Flood, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Egan, and Mr. Parkes.

Mr. Donaldson moved the Previous Question.

Debate ensued.

Previous Question put,—“ Shall this Question be now put ? ”

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Holt, } Tellers.
Mr. Nichols, }

16. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—The Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1851, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, 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 1851, I do hereby appoint

“ William Munnings Arnold, 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.

“ Given under my hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber,

“ Macquarie-street, Sydney, this sixteenth day of September,

“ in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and

“ fifty-six.

“ DANIEL COOPER,

“ Speaker.”

17. Postponements:—

(1.) Mr. Parkes postponed the motion standing in his name eleventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.

(2.) Mr. Thomson postponed the motion standing in his name twelfth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow week.

18. Extension of the Hunter River Railway to Singleton:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Members of the East Maitland Improvement Association, presented by him on the 19th August last, praying for the extension of the Hunter River Railway to Singleton, be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

19. Postponement :—Mr. F. T. Rusden postponed the motion standing in his name fourteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
20. Motions withdrawn :—
 (1.) Mr. Robertson withdrew the motion standing in his name fifteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
 (2.) Mr. Nichols withdrew the motions standing in his name sixteenth and seventeenth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
21. Postponements :—
 (1.) Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name eighteenth on the Notice Paper for to day, until Friday, the 26th instant.
 (2.) Mr. T. G. Rusden postponed the motion standing in his name nineteenth on the Notice Paper for to day, until Tuesday next.
22. Privileges of Parliament Declaration Bill :—The Order for the second reading of this Bill dropped.
23. Postponements :—
 (1.) The third reading of the Infants' Marriage Settlement Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Nichols, until this day week.
 (2.) The consideration in Committee of the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Nichols, until this day week.
 (3.) The consideration in Committee of the Crown Suits Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Nichols, until this day week.
24. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill :—The Order for the second reading of this Bill discharged, on motion of Mr. Nichols.
25. Postponements :—
 (1.) The third reading of the Bills of Lading Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Nichols, until this day week.
 (2.) The second reading of the Constitution Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Friday next.
 (3.) The second reading of the Common Law Proceedings Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Nichols, until Tuesday next.
 (4.) The second reading of the Crown Lands Sales Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Nichols, until Tuesday next.
26. Paper :—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the Report of the Board of Inquiry into Public Offices, suggesting certain alterations in the Treasury and Audit Offices.
 Ordered to be printed.
 The House adjourned at Nine o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the following Resolution :—
 Upon consideration of the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, No. 2, of the 16th instant, resolved, That the sum of Two hundred thousand pounds be raised by the sale of Debentures, to be expended, during the current year, in the completion of Railway Works already authorised.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That Mr. Cowper and Mr. Martin be Members of the Standing Orders Committee.
2. MR. PARKER to move, That Mr. Cowper and Mr. Martin be Members of the Library Committee.
3. MR. HAY to move, That in the opinion of this House, the formation of the present Ministry, under circumstances which precluded the prospect of its obtaining the confidence of the Representatives of the People, was calculated to obstruct the public business, and is most reprehensible.
4. MR. BARKER to move for leave to introduce a Bill to enlarge the powers of the Australian Trust Company.

Questions :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER, whether it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government to reduce the minimum price of land from £1 to 5s. per acre, as stated in the speech of the Honorable Colonial Treasurer at the late election; and whether that statement was made by authority?
2. MR. NICHOLS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, whether the Government has received any Despatches from the Home Government, relative to the separation of the District of Moreton Bay from New South Wales proper?

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Salaries of the Judges.
2. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Destitute Children, and the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency.
3. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish District Courts.
4. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish the office of Public Prosecutor.
5. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish Municipalities.
6. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the investment of Trust Funds in Government Securities.
7. Mr. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Promote Public Education.
8. Mr. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Establish a Trinity Board.
9. Mr. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Citizens of Sydney.
10. Mr. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate Railways.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the number of persons received into Gaols, Watchhouses, and Lock-ups, respectively, under sentences of imprisonment for breaches of the Masters' and Servants' Act, during the years 1853, 1854, and 1855; setting forth the periods of such Sentences, and distinguishing, as far as practicable, the cases of domestic servants, from those of farm servants and other laborers.
 - (2.) Also, a Return of the number of persons received into Gaols, Watchhouses, and Lock-ups, pending trial under the above Act, and the respective periods of such detention.
2. Mr. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1857, a sufficient sum for the establishment of a Police Magistrate in the town of Queanbeyan.
3. Mr. NICHOLS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that Branch of the Public Service.
 - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Lord, Mr. Barker, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Irving, and the Mover.
4. Mr. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved.
5. Mr. SANDEMAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of the number of Immigrants landed at Moreton Bay, and forwarded to the Depôt at Brisbane, during the last two years.
 - (2.) A Return of the number of Immigrants engaged from the Depôt by persons resident in the Police District of Brisbane, and the number engaged for or by persons resident in the Police District of Ipswich, and the Districts beyond it to which Ipswich is the outlet.
 - (3.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government in Sydney and the Government Resident of Moreton Bay, relative to the establishment of an Immigration Depôt at Ipswich.
 - (4.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Immigration Agent and the Immigration Board at Brisbane, and the Immigration Agent in Sydney, relative to forming a Depôt at Ipswich.
6. Mr. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph; more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Arnold, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Irving, Mr. Parker, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Parkes.
7. Mr. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution,—That, in the opinion of this House, measures should be immediately taken for Surveying a Line for a Railroad from a suitable Locality in Maitland to the Public Wharf at Morpeth.
8. Mr. F. T. RUSDEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 - (1.) A Return of all sums spent on Public Works, in the City of Sydney, and within ten miles of it, from the commencement of the Administration of Sir George Gipps to the present time; shewing the sums appropriated in each year, and distinguishing between the sums advanced from Local Taxation, and those from the General Revenue, particularly stating the expense of the Cuttings near Grose Farm, and excluding all the expenses incurred for Railways.
 - (2.) A Return of all sums spent on Public Works during the same period, in the Country Districts, distinguishing the amounts spent in each District.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, from March 1, 1854, to September 1, 1855, between the Executive Government and the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol on the subject of the introduction into this Colony of an improved system of Prison Discipline; also, of all Correspondence, during the same period, between the Executive Government and the High Sheriff of New South Wales on the same subject; also, a Copy of the Report of the Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor General in March, 1855, to inquire into and report upon the same subject; also, Copies of all subsequent Correspondence between the Executive Government and the said Board in reference to their Report; also, a Copy of the Report of the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol upon the management of said Institution during the year 1855.
2. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present state of Agriculture in this Colony, and the best means of promoting the introduction of improved methods of cultivation.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Scott, Mr. Marks, Mr. Jones, Mr. Pye, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Parkes.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Petition of A. R. Lawson, presented to the late Legislative Council, on the 4th of December last, be printed.
4. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.
5. MR. F. T. RUSDEN to move,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence which has taken place relative to the opening for sale to the public of the Government paddocks and other paddocks in the township of Tamworth, which obstruct the streets and thoroughfares.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; third reading.
2. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Crown Suits Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Bills of Lading Bill; third reading.
5. Common Law Proceedings Bill; second reading.
6. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.

Question—MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY if it is the intention of the Government to carry on the works on the Northern Railway Line to an equal extent to that promised in the case of the Southern Railway Line, and if not, why not?

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move:—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Supply and the Ways and Means for 1857.
2. MR. COWPER to move, (in Committee, after the first Vote of Supply shall have been taken) the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be levied upon and paid by every wholesale dealer in Spirits carrying on business in the City of Sydney, an annual License Fee of Fifty Pounds; and by every such dealer carrying on business elsewhere, an annual License Fee of Twenty-five Pounds; such Fees to be paid on or before the 31st day of January in each year.

(2.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be charged, levied, collected, and paid, Duties upon the following Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony, or cleared for home consumption, at the rates hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

1. Wood of all kinds not manufactured into Furniture, the cubic foot	£ s. d.
...	0 0 3
2. Unwrought iron, either in rod, bar, or pig, the ton weight	0 5 0
3. Manufactured iron, not in packages, the ton weight	0 10 0
4. Slates, the thousand, as follows:—	
Ladies	1 0 0
All other slates	1 10 0
5. All oils, other than Sperm, Black, or Coconut, the gallon	0 0 3
6. Flour, the hundredweight	0 0 9
7. Grain, in bag or bulk, the bushel	0 0 4½
8. Salt, Whiting, Hay, and Straw	Free
9. All other goods, wares, and merchandize, not already charged with the payment of Customs Duties, (measuring the outside of each package), the cubic foot	0 0 6

(3.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be levied upon and paid by the holder of every bonded store, an annual License fee of one hundred pounds, such fee to be paid on or before the 31st day of January in each year.

(4.) That towards raising the supply granted to Her Majesty, there should, in each half-year, be charged, levied, and collected, from each miner digging for gold, as a license fee, the sum of one pound for a license, to be in force until the 30th day of June or the 31st day of December, whichever may next follow the payment of the fee.

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THOMSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that a sufficient sum of money be placed upon the Estimates, for the purpose of obtaining a Survey of the Crookhaven River, and its connection with the Shoalhaven, with the ulterior object of removing the obstructions to the Navigation of those Rivers.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, in all cases where there are suitable unalienated Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of any proclaimed Town, a liberal portion of the same should be granted to such Town as a Common.
 - (2.) That provision should be made for vesting such and all other Towns' Commons in Trustees, to be elected in each case by the Inhabitants of every such Town.
 - (3.) That wherever a Towns' Common may be held by Trustees, all Waste Lands adjacent to the same, and within three miles thereof, shall cease to be subject to the provisions of that part of the Crown Lands Regulations relating to pre-emptive lease, or to be leased through any other process than by public auction.
 - (4.) That provision should be made, to authorize parties holding licenses to cut or remove Timber from Crown Lands, to do so, notwithstanding that such lands may be held by other persons on lease for Pastoral purposes.
2. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the distribution and arrangement of the Electoral Constituencies, and, if necessary, to prepare a measure for amendment of the same.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Nichols, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Sandeman, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FLOOD to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate the Waste Lands of the Crown.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1856.

- 1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Completion of Railway Works already authorized:—The Governor General's Message No. 2 having been read on motion of Mr. Cowper,—
Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
(1) That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the following Resolution:—
“ Upon consideration of the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, No. 2, of the 16th instant, Resolved, That the sum of Two hundred thousand pounds be raised by the sale of Debentures, to be expended, during the current year, in the completion of Railway Works already authorized.”
(2.) That Henry Watson Parker, Esquire, be Chairman of such Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed;
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the following Resolution,—
“ Upon consideration of the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, No. 2, of the 16th instant, Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred thousand pounds be raised by the sale of Debentures, to be expended, during the current year, in the completion of Railway Works already authorized.”
Mr. Cowper moved, That this Resolution be now adopted.
Question put and passed.
- 2. Standing Orders Committee:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Cowper and Mr. Martin be Members of the Standing Orders Committee.
Question put and passed.
- 3. Library Committee:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Cowper and Mr. Martin be Members of the Library Committee.
Question put and passed.
- 4. Proposed Vote of Censure on the present Ministry:—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House, the formation of the present Ministry, under circumstances which precluded the prospect of its obtaining the confidence of the Representatives of the People, was calculated to obstruct the public business, and is most reprehensible.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.
Debate continued.
Question put, on the motion for Adjournment of the Debate until to-morrow.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Manning,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Brennan,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. James Macarthur,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.

Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Jamison, } Tellers.
Mr. Flood, }

- 5. Australian Trust Company's Bill:—Mr. Barker moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to enlarge the powers of the Australian Trust Company.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned at a quarter before Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Salaries of the Judges.
2. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Destitute Children, and the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency.
3. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish District Courts.
4. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish the office of Public Prosecutor.
5. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish Municipalities.
6. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the investment of Trust Funds in Government Securities.
7. Mr. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Promote Public Education.
8. Mr. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Establish a Trinity Board.
9. Mr. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Citizens of Sydney.
10. Mr. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate Railways.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Hay, "That in the opinion of this House, the formation of the present Ministry, under circumstances which precluded the prospect of its obtaining the confidence of the Representatives of the People, was calculated to obstruct the public business, and is most reprehensible."

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the number of persons received into Gaols, Watchhouses, and Lock-ups, respectively, under sentences of imprisonment for breaches of the Masters' and Servants' Act, during the years 1853, 1854, and 1855; setting forth the periods of such Sentences, and distinguishing, as far as practicable, the cases of domestic servants, from those of farm servants and other laborers.
 - (2.) A Return of the number of persons received into Gaols, Watchhouses, and Lock-ups, pending trial under the above Act, and the respective periods of such detention.
 2. Mr. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1857, a sufficient sum for the establishment of a Police Magistrate in the town of Queanbeyan.
 3. Mr. NICHOLS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that Branch of the Public Service.
 - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Lord, Mr. Barker, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Irving, and the Mover.
 4. Mr. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved.
 5. Mr. SANDEMAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of the number of Immigrants landed at Moreton Bay, and forwarded to the Depôt at Brisbane, during the last two years.
 - (2.) A Return of the number of Immigrants engaged from the Depôt by persons resident in the Police District of Brisbane, and the number engaged for or by persons resident in the Police District of Ipswich, and the Districts beyond it to which Ipswich is the outlet.
 - (3.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government in Sydney and the Government Resident of Moreton Bay, relative to the establishment of an Immigration Depôt at Ipswich.
 - (4.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Immigration Agent and the Immigration Board at Brisbane, and the Immigration Agent in Sydney, relative to forming a Depôt at Ipswich.
 6. Mr. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph; more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Arnold, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Irving, Mr. Parker, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Parkes.
 7. Mr. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution,—That, in the opinion of this House, measures should be immediately taken for Surveying a Line for a Railroad from a suitable Locality in Maitland to the Public Wharf at Morpeth.
 8. Mr. F. T. RUSDEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 - (1.) A Return of all sums spent on Public Works, in the City of Sydney, and within ten miles of it, from the commencement of the Administration of Sir George Gipps to the present time; shewing the sums appropriated in each year, and distinguishing between the sums advanced from Local Taxation, and those from the General Revenue, particularly stating the expense of the Cuttings near Grose Farm, and excluding all the expenses incurred for Railways.
 - (2.) A Return of all sums spent on Public Works during the same period, in the Country Districts, distinguishing the amounts spent in each District.
- ORDER OF THE DAY :—
1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, from March 1, 1854, to September 1, 1856, between the Executive Government and the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol on the subject of the introduction into this Colony of an improved system of Prison Discipline; also, of all Correspondence, during the same period, between the Executive Government and the High Sheriff of New South Wales on the same subject; also, a Copy of the Report of the Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor General in March, 1855, to inquire into and report upon the same subject; also, Copies of all subsequent Correspondence between the Executive Government and the said Board in reference to their Report; also, a Copy of the Report of the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol upon the management of said Institution during the year 1855.
2. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present state of Agriculture in this Colony, and the best means of promoting the introduction of improved methods of cultivation.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Scott, Mr. Marks, Mr. Jones, Mr. Pye, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Parkes.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Petition of A. R. Lawson, presented to the late Legislative Council, on the 4th of December last, be printed.
4. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.
5. MR. F. T. RUSDEN to move,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence which has taken place relative to the opening for sale to the public of the Government paddocks and other paddocks in the township of Tamworth, which obstruct the streets and thoroughfares.
6. MR. RICHARDSON to move,—That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1856 the sum of £150 as a gratuity to Maria Feeney, being in consideration of the long and valuable services of her late husband, Martin Feeney, late Gaoler at Brisbane.
7. MR. ARNOLD to move, That J. G. N. Gibbes, Esq., Collector of Customs, be ordered to attend at the Bar of this House, in order to explain an alleged false statement made in a Return to an Order of this House, dated 15 August, 1856, respecting Customs' Dues at Morpeth and Newcastle.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; third reading.
 2. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
 3. Crown Suits Bill; to be considered in Committee.
 4. Bills of Lading Bill; third reading.
 5. Common Law Proceedings Bill; second reading.
 6. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.
- Question—MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY if it is the intention of the Government to carry on the works on the Northern Railway Line to an equal extent to that promised in the case of the Southern Railway Line, and if not, why not?

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move :—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Supply and the Ways and Means for 1857.
2. MR. COWPER to move, (in Committee, after the first Vote of Supply shall have been taken) the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be levied upon and paid by every wholesale dealer in Spirits carrying on business in the City of Sydney, an annual License Fee of Fifty Pounds; and by every such dealer carrying on business elsewhere, an annual License Fee of Twenty-five Pounds; such Fees to be paid on or before the 31st day of January in each year.

(2.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be charged, levied, collected, and paid, Duties upon the following Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony, or cleared for home consumption, at the rates hereinafter mentioned, that is to say :—

1. Wood of all kinds not manufactured into Furniture, the cubic foot	£	s.	d.
	0	0	3
2. Unwrought iron, either in rod, bar, or pig, the ton weight ...	0	5	0
3. Manufactured iron, not in packages, the ton weight ...	0	10	0
4. Slates, the thousand, as follows :—			
Ladies	1	0	0
All other slates	1	10	0
5. All oils, other than Sperm, Black, or Cocoonut, the gallon ...	0	0	3
6. Flour, the hundredweight	0	0	9
7. Grain, in bag or bulk, the bushel	0	0	4½
8. Salt, Whiting, Hay, and Straw			Free
9. All other goods, wares, and merchandize, not already charged with the payment of Customs Duties, (measuring the outside of each package), the cubic foot	0	0	6

(3.)

(3.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be levied upon and paid by the holder of every bonded store, an annual license fee of one hundred pounds, such fee to be paid on or before the 31st day of January in each year.

(4.) That towards raising the supply granted to Her Majesty, there should, in each half-year, be charged, levied, and collected, from each miner digging for gold, as a license fee, the sum of one pound for a license, to be in force until the 30th day of June or the 31st day of December, whichever may next follow the payment of the fee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THOMSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that a sufficient sum of money be placed upon the Estimates, for the purpose of obtaining a Survey of the Crookhaven River, and its connection with the Shoalhaven, with the ulterior object of removing the obstructions to the Navigation of those Rivers.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, in all cases where there are suitable unalienated Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of any proclaimed Town, a liberal portion of the same should be granted to such Town as a Common.
 - (2.) That provision should be made for vesting such and all other Towns' Commons in Trustees, to be elected in each case by the Inhabitants of every such Town.
 - (3.) That wherever a Towns' Common may be held by Trustees, all Waste Lands adjacent to the same, and within three miles thereof, shall cease to be subject to the provisions of that part of the Crown Lands Regulations relating to pre-emptive lease, or to be leased through any other process than by public auction.
 - (4.) That provision should be made, to authorize parties holding licenses to cut or remove Timber from Crown Lands, to do so, notwithstanding that such lands may be held by other persons on lease for Pastoral purposes.
2. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the distribution and arrangement of the Electoral Constituencies, and, if necessary, to prepare a measure for amendment of the same.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Nichols, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Sandeman, and the Mover.
3. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable, on account of its vast importance, to encourage by every legitimate means, the cultivation of the Cotton Plant in the Colony of New South Wales (for which it is believed that the Northern Districts of the Colony are peculiarly adapted);—and this House therefore resolves, that the Government be authorized to offer the following grants of land, as premiums, to the largest growers of cotton wool during the year 1858 :—
 - (1.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 100 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 2,560 acres of land.
 - (2.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 50 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 1,280 acres of land.
 - (3.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 25 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 640 acres.
 - (2.) That the Government be requested to cause the said portions of 2,560, 1,280, and 640 acres of good average land, in the Moreton Bay District, to be surveyed and set apart as special grants for the purpose aforesaid, with the least possible delay; and to take such other measures as they may consider expedient to carry this Resolution into effect, and to make it generally known for the information of all persons who may wish to compete for the said prizes.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FLOOD to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate the Waste Lands of the Crown.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Completion of Railway Works already authorized:—Mr. Cowper moved, without previous notice, That the Resolution adopted by this House on the 17th instant, upon consideration of the Governor General's Message, No. 2, be communicated to His Excellency by Address.
Question put and passed.
2. Australian Trust Company's Bill:—Mr. Barker moved, without previous notice, That the Mover and Seconder of the motion for leave to introduce this Bill, prepare and bring it in.
Question put and passed.
3. Postponements:—
 - (1.) Mr. Martin postponed the motions standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
 - (2.) Mr. Cowper postponed the motions standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
 - (3.) Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Murray, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Murray on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
4. Proposed Vote of Censure on the present Ministry:—The Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Hay, "That in the opinion of this House, the formation of the present Ministry, under circumstances which precluded the prospect of its obtaining the confidence of the Representatives of the People, was calculated to obstruct the public business, and is most reprehensible"—resumed.
Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, That this Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, with the understanding that it then take precedence of all other business.
Question—on the Motion for adjournment of the Debate until to-morrow, with the understanding that it then take precedence of all other business,—put and passed.
5. Australian Trust Company's Bill:—Mr. Barker having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate that the sum of Twenty-five pounds had been paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue, for the public uses of the Colony, and in support of the Government thereof, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to enlarge the powers of the Australian Trust Company*," read a first time.
The House adjourned at a quarter after Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Hay, "That in the opinion of this House, the formation of the present Ministry, under circumstances which precluded the prospect of its obtaining the confidence of the Representatives of the People, was calculated to obstruct the public business, and is most reprehensible."

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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 - (1.) A Return shewing the number of persons received into Gaols, Watchhouses, and Lock-ups, respectively, under sentences of imprisonment for breaches of the Masters' and Servants' Act, during the years 1853, 1854, and 1855; setting forth the periods of such Sentences, and distinguishing, as far as practicable, the cases of domestic servants, from those of farm servants and other laborers.
 - (2.) Also, a Return of the number of persons received into Gaols, Watchhouses, and Lock-ups, pending trial under the above Act, and the respective periods of such detention.

2. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1857, a sufficient sum for the establishment of a Police Magistrate in the town of Queanbeyan.
 3. MR. NICHOLS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that Branch of the Public Service.
 - (2.) That the Committee consist of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Lord, Mr. Barker, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Irving, and the Mover.
 4. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved.
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 - (2.) A Return of all sums spent on Public Works during the same period, in the Country Districts, distinguishing the amounts spent in each District.
 9. MR. BARKER to move,—
 - (1.) That the Australian Trust Company's Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Jones, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Hay, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover.
- ORDER OF THE DAY :—
1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, from March 1, 1854, to September 1, 1856, between the Executive Government and the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol on the subject of the introduction into this Colony of an improved system of Prison Discipline; also, of all Correspondence, during the same period, between the Executive Government and the High Sheriff of New South Wales on the same subject; also, a Copy of the Report of the Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor General in March, 1855, to inquire into and report upon the same subject; also, Copies of all subsequent Correspondence between the Executive Government and the said Board in reference to their Report; also, a Copy of the Report of the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol upon the management of said Institution during the year 1855.
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8. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present plan proposed, and recently commenced, for deepening the River Hunter, at those parts commonly known as the Flats, and into all matters connected therewith, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Faucett, Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; third reading.
2. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Crown Suits Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Bills of Lading Bill; third reading.
5. Common Law Proceedings Bill; second reading.
6. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY if it is the intention of the Government to carry on the works on the Northern Railway Line to an equal extent to that promised in the case of the Southern Railway Line, and if not, why not?
2. MR. OXLEY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Why certain farms in the district of Berrima, measured in the month of March last, have not yet been offered for sale?

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move :—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Supply and the Ways and Means for 1857.
2. MR. COWPER to move, (in Committee, after the first Vote of Supply shall have been taken) the following Resolutions :—
 - (1.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be levied upon and paid by every wholesale dealer in Spirits carrying on business in the City of Sydney, an annual License Fee of Fifty Pounds; and by every such dealer carrying on business elsewhere, an annual License Fee of Twenty-five Pounds; such Fees to be paid on or before the 31st day of January in each year.
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1. Wood of all kinds not manufactured into Furniture, the	£	s.	d.
cubic foot	0	0	8
2. Unwrought iron, either in rod, bar, or pig, the ton weight ...	0	5	0
3. Manufactured iron, not in packages, the ton weight ...	0	10	0
4. Slates, the thousand, as follows :—			
Ladies	1	0	0
All other slates	1	10	0
5. All oils, other than Sperm, Black, or Cocconut, the gallon ...	0	0	3
6. Flour, the hundredweight	0	0	9
7. Grain, in bag or bulk, the bushel	0	0	4½
8. Salt, Whiting, Hay, and Straw			Free
9. All other goods, wares, and merchandize, not already charged with the payment of Customs Duties, (measuring the outside of each package), the cubic foot	0	0	6
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Salaries of the Judges.
2. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Destitute Children, and the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency.
3. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish District Courts.
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9. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Citizens of Sydney.
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, in all cases where there are suitable unalienated Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of any proclaimed Town, a liberal portion of the same should be granted to such Town as a Common.
 - (2.) That provision should be made for vesting such and all other Towns' Commons in Trustees, to be elected in each case by the Inhabitants of every such Town.
 - (3.) That wherever a Towns' Common may be held by Trustees, all Waste Lands adjacent to the same, and within three miles thereof, shall cease to be subject to the provisions of that part of the Crown Lands Regulations relating to pre-emptive lease, or to be leased through any other process than by public auction.
 - (4.) That provision should be made, to authorize parties holding licenses to cut or remove Timber from Crown Lands; to do so, notwithstanding that such lands may be held by other persons on lease for Pastoral purposes.
2. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the distribution and arrangement of the Electoral Constituencies, and, if necessary, to prepare a measure for amendment of the same.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Nichols, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Sandeman, and the Mover.
3. MR. HOLZ to move,—
 - (1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable, on account of its vast importance, to encourage by every legitimate means, the cultivation of the Cotton Plant in the Colony of New South Wales (for which it is believed that the Northern Districts of the Colony are peculiarly adapted);—and this House therefore resolves, that the Government be authorized to offer the following grants of land, as premiums, to the largest growers of cotton wool during the year 1858 :—
 - (1.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 100 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 2,560 acres of land.
 - (2.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 50 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 1,280 acres of land.
 - (3.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 25 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 640 acres.
 - (2.) That the Government be requested to cause the said portions of 2,560, 1,280, and 640 acres of good average land, in the Moreton Bay District, to be surveyed and set apart as special grants for the purpose aforesaid, with the least possible delay; and to take such other measures as they may consider expedient to carry this Resolution into effect, and to make it generally known for the information of all persons who may wish to compete for the said prizes.
4. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle, into the expense consequent thereon,—and into the amounts of the claims now made or likely to be made by the Australian Agricultural Company and others for compensation; with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Flood, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FLOOD to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate the Waste Lands of the Crown.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Nichols withdrew the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, giving an amended Notice of Motion on the same subject for Tuesday next.
2. General Treaty of Peace:—The Speaker reported that he had been to Government House, and had there presented to His Excellency the Governor General, for transmission to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to the Queen, the Address to Her Majesty on the recent General Treaty of Peace, which was adopted by this House on the 16th instant; and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following answer:—
“MR. SPEAKER,
“ I will take the earliest opportunity of forwarding to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the congratulatory Address which you have just placed in my hands, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne without delay.
“ I feel certain that the expressions of joy and satisfaction at the restoration of Peace, which are recorded in this Address, are but the echo of the sentiments of the Inhabitants of New South Wales.
“ W. DENISON.”
“ Government House,
“ 19 Sept., 1856.”
3. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) A Letter from the Collector of Customs, dated yesterday, in explanation of his Return to the Order of this House for Papers respecting the Customs Dues at Morpeth and Newcastle.
(2.) Minutes and Correspondence respecting the Abattoir at Glebe Island.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Proposed Vote of Censure on the present Ministry:—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Hay, “That in the opinion of this House, the formation of the present Ministry, under circumstances which precluded the prospect of its obtaining the confidence of the Representatives of the People, was calculated to obstruct the public business, and is most reprehensible”—resumed.

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight.

SATURDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 1856.

Mr. William Macleay moved, That this Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next, with the understanding that it then take precedence of all other business.
Debate continued.

Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until Tuesday next, with the understanding that it then take precedence of all other business.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.	Noes, 23.
Mr. Donaldson,	Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. G. Macleay,	Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Hargrave,	Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Holt,	Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Macarthur,	Mr. Murray,
Mr. Bowman,	Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hely,	Mr. Flood,
Mr. Garland,	Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Lec,	Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Sandeman,	Mr. Jones,
Mr. Plunkett,	Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Lang,	Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Buckley,	Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Darvall,	Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Parker,	Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Suttor,	Mr. Marks,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Pyc,	Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Barker,	Mr. Martin,
Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Onkes,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Brennan,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. W. Macleay,	} Tellers.
Mr. Nichols,	

5. Leave of Absence granted to Mr. Lord for a fortnight, on motion of Mr. Nichols.
6. Postponements :—
 - (1.) Mr. Weekes postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (2.) Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
 - (3.) Mr. Nichols postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Wednesday next.
 - (4.) Mr. T. G. Rusden postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
 - (5.) Mr. Sandeman postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (6.) Mr. Parkes postponed the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
7. Lapsed Motion :—The motion standing in the name of Mr. F. T. Rusden eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, lapsed in absence of Mr. Rusden.
8. Australian Trust Company's Bill :—Mr. Barker moved, pursuant to notice,—
 - (1.) That the Australian Trust Company's Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Jones, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Hay, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover.
 Question—(1.) That the Australian Trust Company's Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee—put and passed.
 Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Jones, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Hay, Mr. Osborne, and the Mover—put and passed.
9. Postponement :—The second reading of the Constitution Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Nichols, on behalf of Mr. Manning, until Tuesday next. The House adjourned at ten minutes before One o'clock a. m., until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock p. m.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Hay, "That in the opinion of this House, the formation of the present Ministry, under circumstances which precluded the prospect of its obtaining the confidence of the Representatives of the People, was calculated to obstruct the public business, and is most reprehensible.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present state of Agriculture in this Colony, and the best means of promoting the introduction of improved methods of cultivation.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Scott, Mr. Marks, Mr. Jones, Mr. Pye, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Parkes.
2. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Petition of A. R. Lawson, presented to the late Legislative Council, on the 4th of December last, be printed.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.
4. MR. F. T. RUSDEN to move,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondences which has taken place relative to the opening for sale to the public of the Government paddocks and other paddocks in the township of Tamworth, which obstruct the streets and thoroughfares.
5. MR. RICHARDSON to move,—That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1856 the sum of £150 as a gratuity to Maria Feeney, being in consideration of the long and valuable services of her late husband, Martin Feeney, late Gaoler at Brisbane.
6. MR. ARNOLD to move, That J. G. N. Gibbes, Esq., Collector of Customs, be ordered to attend at the Bar of this House, in order to explain an alleged false statement made in a Return to an Order of this House, dated 15 August, 1856, respecting Customs' Dues at Morpeth and Newcastle.
7. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present plan proposed, and recently commenced, for deepening the River Hunter, at those parts commonly known as the Flats, and into all matters connected therewith, with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Faucett, Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
8. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution :—That in the opinion of this House, measures should be immediately taken for surveying a line for a Railroad from a suitable locality, in Maitland, to the Town of Morpeth; and that a plan and estimate of the probable expense of such a line of Railway, should be forthwith prepared.

9. MR. DONALDSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the amounts of weight and measurement (omitting fractions), in tons of 20 cwt. in weight, and 40 cubic feet in measurement, of the following articles imported into New South Wales, from 1st January, 1855, to 31st December, 1855;—that is to say, of Tea, Sugar, Tobacco, Coffee, Chicory, Snuff, Spirits, Wine, Ale and Porter, Treacle and Molasses, Cigars, Whiting, Hay, Straw, and Salt.
10. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, from March 1, 1854, to September 1, 1856, between the Executive Government and the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol, on the subject of the introduction into this Colony of an improved system of Prison Discipline; also, of all Correspondence during the same period, between the Executive Government and the High Sheriff of New South Wales on the same subject; also a copy of the Report of the Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor General in March, 1855, to inquire into and report upon the same subject; also, copies of all subsequent Correspondence between the Executive Government and the said Board in reference to their Report; also, a copy of the Report of the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol upon the management of said Institution during the year 1855; also, a copy of the Report of the High Sheriff of New South Wales upon the work done in the Sydney Gaol during the year 1855, and for the present year.
11. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1857, a sufficient sum for the establishment of a Police Magistrate in the town of Queanbeyan.
12. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; third reading.
2. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Crown Suits Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Bills of Lading Bill; third reading.
5. Common Law Proceedings Bill; second reading.
6. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.
7. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

Questions:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY if it is the intention of the Government to carry on the works on the Northern Railway Line to an equal extent to that promised in the case of the Southern Railway Line, and if not, why not?
2. MR. OXLEY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Why certain farms in the district of Berrima, measured in the month of March last, have not yet been offered for sale?

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move:—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Supply and the Ways and Means for 1857.
2. MR. COWPER to move, (in Committee, after the first Vote of Supply shall have been taken) the following Resolutions:—

- (1.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be levied upon and paid by every wholesale dealer in Spirits carrying on business in the City of Sydney, an annual License Fee of Fifty Pounds; and by every such dealer carrying on business elsewhere, an annual License Fee of Twenty-five Pounds; such Fees to be paid on or before the 31st day of January in each year.
- (2.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be charged, levied, collected, and paid, Duties upon the following Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony, or cleared for home consumption, at the rates hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

1. Wood of all kinds not manufactured into Furniture, the cubic foot	£	s.	d.
2. Unwrought iron, either in rod, bar, or pig, the ton weight	0	0	3
3. Manufactured iron, not in packages, the ton weight	0	5	0
4. Slates, the thousand, as follows:—			
Ladies	1	0	0
All other slates	1	10	0
5. All oils, other than Sperm, Black, or Coconut, the gallon	0	0	3
6. Flour, the hundredweight	0	0	9
7. Grain, in bag or bulk, the bushel	0	0	4½
8. Salt, Whiting, Hay, and Straw			Free
9. All other goods, wares, and merchandize, not already charged with the payment of Customs Duties, (measuring the outside of each package), the cubic foot	0	0	6

- (3.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be levied upon and paid by the holder of every bonded store, an annual license fee of one hundred pounds, such fee to be paid on or before the 31st day of January in each year.

- (4.) That towards raising the supply granted to Her Majesty, there should, in each half-year, be charged, levied, and collected, from each miner digging for gold, as a license fee, the sum of one pound for a license, to be in force until the 30th day of June or the 31st day of December, whichever may next follow the payment of the fee.

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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. THOMSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that a sufficient sum of money be placed upon the Estimates, for the purpose of obtaining a Survey of the Crookhaven River, and its connection with the Shoalhaven, with the ulterior object of removing the obstructions to the Navigation of those Rivers.
2. MR. NICHOLS to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that Branch of the Public Service.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Lord, Mr. Barker, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Irving, and the Mover.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Salaries of the Judges.
2. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Destitute Children, and the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency.
3. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish District Courts.
4. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish the office of Public Prosecutor.
5. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish Municipalities.
6. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the investment of Trust Funds in Government Securities.
7. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Promote Public Education.
8. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Establish a Trinity Board.
9. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Citizens of Sydney.
10. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate Railways.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, in all cases where there are suitable unalienated Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of any proclaimed Town, a liberal portion of the same should be granted to such Town as a Common.
 - (2.) That provision should be made for vesting such and all other Towns' Commons in Trustees, to be elected in each case by the Inhabitants of every such Town.
 - (3.) That wherever a Towns' Common may be held by Trustees, all Waste Lands adjacent to the same, and within three miles thereof, shall cease to be subject to the provisions of that part of the Crown Lands Regulations relating to pre-emptive lease, or to be leased through any other process than by public auction.
 - (4.) That provision should be made, to authorize parties holding licenses to cut or remove Timber from Crown Lands, to do so, notwithstanding that such lands may be held by other persons on lease for Pastoral purposes.
2. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the distribution and arrangement of the Electoral Constituencies, and, if necessary, to prepare a measure for amendment of the same.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Nichols, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Sandeman, and the Mover.
3. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable, on account of its vast importance, to encourage by every legitimate means, the cultivation of the Cotton Plant in the Colony of New South Wales (for which it is believed that, the Northern Districts of the Colony are peculiarly adapted);—and this House therefore resolves, that the Government be authorized to offer the following grants of land, as premiums, to the largest growers of cotton wool during the year 1858 :—
 - (1.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 100 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 2,560 acres of land.
 - (2.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 50 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 1,280 acres of land.
 - (3.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 25 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 640 acres.
 - (2.) That the Government be requested to cause the said portions of 2,560, 1,280, and 640 acres of good average land, in the Moreton Bay District, to be surveyed and set apart as special grants for the purpose aforesaid, with the least possible delay; and to take such other measures as they may consider expedient to carry this Resolution into effect, and to make it generally known for the information of all persons who may wish to compete for the said prizes.

4. MR. SCOTT to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle,—into the expense consequent thereon,—and into the amounts of the claims now made or likely to be made by the Australian Agricultural Company and others for compensation; with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Flood, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
5. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return shewing the number of persons received into Gaols, Watchhouses, and Lock-ups, respectively, under sentences of imprisonment for breaches of the Masters' and Servants' Act, during the years 1853, 1854, and 1855; setting forth the periods of such Sentences, and distinguishing, as far as practicable, the cases of domestic servants, from those of farm servants and other laborers.
 - (2.) Also, a Return of the number of persons received into Gaols, Watchhouses, and Lock-ups, pending trial under the above Act, and the respective periods of such detention.
6. MR. SANDEMAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the number of Immigrants landed at Moreton Bay, and forwarded to the Dépôt at Brisbane, during the last two years.
 - (2.) A Return of the number of Immigrants engaged from the Dépôt by persons resident in the Police District of Brisbane, and the number engaged for or by persons resident in the Police District of Ipswich, and the Districts beyond it to which Ipswich is the outlet.
 - (3.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government in Sydney and the Government Resident of Moreton Bay, relative to the establishment of an Immigration Dépôt at Ipswich.
 - (4.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Immigration Agent and the Immigration Board at Brisbane, and the Immigration Agent in Sydney, relative to forming a Dépôt at Ipswich.
7. MR. PARKES to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph; more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz:—Mr. Arnold, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Irving, Mr. Parker, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Parkes.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FLOOD to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate the Waste Lands of the Crown.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—William Munnings Arnold, Esquire, sworn at the Table, by the Clerk, as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, pursuant to the requirement of the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1851.
2. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) The Copy of a Circular Despatch, dated 5th July last, with a Memorandum from the Treasury, on the subject of the Mail Contract agreed upon for the service of the Postal Communication between Great Britain and Australia.
 - (2.) The Copy of a Letter from the Registrar General, dated the 18th instant, with Tables shewing the progress of Registration in the Sydney District, within the first six months of its introduction.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. Proposed Vote of Censure on the Present Ministry:—The adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Hay, "That in the opinion of this House, the formation of the present Ministry, under circumstances which precluded the prospect of its obtaining the confidence of the Representatives of the People, was calculated to obstruct the public business, and is most reprehensible"—resumed.
Mr. Scott moved, That this Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, with the understanding that it then take precedence of all other business.
Debate continued.
Question—on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until to-morrow, with the understanding that it then take precedence of all other business—put and passed.
4. Postponements:—
 - (1.) Mr. Parkes postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
 - (2.) Mr. T. G. Rusden postponed the motions standing in his name second and third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (3.) Mr. F. T. Rusden postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
 - (4.) Mr. Richardson postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
5. Lapsed Motion:—The motion standing in the name of Mr. Arnold sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, lapsed in absence of Mr. Arnold.
6. Postponements:—
 - (1.) Mr. Scott postponed the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (2.) Mr. Manning, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Nichols eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
7. Tariff:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the amounts of weight and measurement (omitting fractions), in tons of 20 cwt. in weight, and 40 cubic feet in measurement, of the following articles imported into New South Wales, from 1st January, 1855, to 31st December, 1855;—that is to say, of Tea, Sugar, Tobacco, Coffee, Chicory, Snuff, Spirits, Wine, Ale and Porter, Treacle and Molasses, Cigars, Whiting, Hay, Straw, and Salt.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. Postponements:—
 - (1.) Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name tenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
 - (2.) Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name eleventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (3.) Mr. T. G. Rusden postponed the motion standing in his name twelfth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (4.) The third reading of the Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until this day week.

(5.)

- (5.) The consideration in Committee of the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until this day week.
- (6.) The consideration in Committee of the Crown Suits Bill ordered, on motion of Mr. Manning, with consent of Mr. Cowper, to stand an Order of the Day on the Paper of Government Business for to-morrow week.
- (7.) The third reading of the Bills of Lading Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until this day week.
9. Common Law Proceedings Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a second time; to be considered in Committee on Tuesday next.
10. Postponements:—
- (1.) The second reading of the Crown Lands Sales Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until next Friday week.
- (3.) The second reading of the Constitution Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until next Friday week.
- The House adjourned at a Quarter after Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Hay, "That in the opinion of this House, the formation of the present Ministry, under circumstances which precluded the prospect of its obtaining the confidence of the Representatives of the People, was calculated to obstruct the public business, and is most reprehensible.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move:—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Supply and the Ways and Means for 1857.
2. MR. COWPER to move, (*in Committee, after the first Vote of Supply shall have been taken*) the following Resolutions:—

(1.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be levied upon and paid by every wholesale dealer in Spirits carrying on business in the City of Sydney, an annual License Fee of Fifty Pounds; and by every such dealer carrying on business elsewhere, an annual License Fee of Twenty-five Pounds; such Fees to be paid on or before the 31st day of January in each year.

(2.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be charged, levied, collected, and paid, Duties upon the following Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony, or cleared for home consumption, at the rates hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:—

1. Wood of all kinds not manufactured into Furniture, the cubic foot	£	s.	d.
2. Unwrought iron, either in rod, bar, or pig, the ton weight	0	5	0
3. Manufactured iron, not in packages, the ton weight	0	10	0
4. Slates, the thousand, as follows:—			
Ladies	1	0	0
All other slates	1	10	0
5. All oils, other than Sperm, Black, or Cocoonut, the gallon	0	0	3
6. Flour, the hundredweight	0	0	9
7. Grain, in bag or bulk, the bushel	0	0	4½
8. Salt, Whiting, Hay, and Straw			Free
9. All other goods, wares, and merchandize, not already charged with the payment of Customs Duties, (measuring the outside of each package), the cubic foot	0	0	6

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OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. THOMSON to move: That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that a sufficient sum of money be placed upon the Estimates, for the purpose of obtaining a Survey of the Crookhaven River, and its connection with the Shoalhaven, with the ulterior object of removing the obstructions to the Navigation of those Rivers.

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- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that Branch of the Public Service.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Lord, Mr. Barker, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Irving, and the Mover.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Salaries of the Judges.
2. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Destitute Children, and the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency.
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. ROBERTSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, in all cases where there are suitable unalienated Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of any proclaimed Town, a liberal portion of the same should be granted to such Town as a Common.
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 - (2.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 50 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 1,280 acres of land.
 - (3.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 25 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 640 acres.
 - (2.) That the Government be requested to cause the said portions of 2,560, 1,280, and 640 acres of good average land, in the Moreton Bay District, to be surveyed and set apart as special grants for the purpose aforesaid, with the least possible delay; and to take such other measures as they may consider expedient to carry this Resolution into effect, and to make it generally known for the information of all persons who may wish to compete for the said prizes.
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 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle,—into the expense consequent thereon;—and into the amounts of the claims now made or likely to be made by the Australian Agricultural Company and others for compensation; with power to send for persons and papers.
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 - (2.) A Return of the number of Immigrants engaged from the Depôt by persons resident in the Police District of Brisbane, and the number engaged for or by persons resident in the Police District of Ipswich, and the Districts beyond it to which Ipswich is the outlet.
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13. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1857, a sufficient sum for the establishment of a Police Magistrate in the town of Queanbeyan.
14. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FLOOD to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.
2. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present state of Agriculture in this Colony, and the best means of promoting the introduction of improved methods of cultivation.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Scott, Mr. Marks, Mr. Jones, Mr. Pye, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Parkes.
3. MR. F. T. RUSDEN to move,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence which has taken place relative to the opening for sale to the public of the Government paddocks and other paddocks in the township of Tamworth, which obstruct the streets and thoroughfares.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, from March 1, 1854, to September 1, 1856, between the Executive Government and the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol, on the subject of the introduction into this Colony of an improved system of Prison Discipline; also, of all Correspondence during the same period, between the Executive Government and the

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High Sheriff of New South Wales on the same subject; also a copy of the Report of the Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor General in March, 1855, to inquire into and report upon the same subject; also copies of all subsequent Correspondence between the Executive Government and the said Board in reference to their Report; also a copy of the Report of the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol upon the management of said Institution during the year 1855; also a copy of the Report of the High Sheriff of New South Wales upon the work done in the Sydney Gaol during the year 1855, and for the present year.

- ORDERS OF THE DAY:—
1. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.
 2. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; third reading.
 3. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
 4. Bills of Lading Bill; third reading.
 5. Common Law Proceedings Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Suits Bill; to be considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate the Waste Lands of the Crown.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.
2. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

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No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Queanbeyan Bridge:—Mr. Murray presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Queanbeyan, praying that no time may be lost in the application of the funds voted for the erection of a substantial Bridge over the River at Queanbeyan.
Petition received.
2. Proposed Vote of Censure on the present Ministry:—The Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Hay, "That, in the opinion of this House, the formation of the present Ministry, under circumstances which precluded the prospect of its obtaining the confidence of the Representatives of the People, was calculated to obstruct the public business, and is most reprehensible"—resumed.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Davvall,
Mr. W. Bowman,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Brennan,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. W. Macleay, } Tellers.

Nocs, 23.

Mr. Scott,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Jamison, } Tellers.
Mr. Robertson, }

3. Postponement:—Mr. Cowper postponed the motions standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until to-morrow.
4. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Thomson withdrew the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
5. Postponement:—Mr. Nichols postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Friday next.
The House adjourned at half-past Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Salaries of the Judges.
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10. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate Railways.
11. MR. COWPER to move:—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Supply and the Ways and Means for 1857.
12. MR. COWPER to move, (in Committee, after the first Vote of Supply shall have been taken) the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be levied upon and paid by every wholesale dealer in Spirits carrying on business in the City of Sydney, an annual License Fee of Fifty Pounds; and by every such dealer carrying on business elsewhere, an annual License Fee of Twenty-five Pounds; such Fees to be paid on or before the 31st day of January in each year.
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4. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, from March 1, 1854, to September 1, 1856, between the Executive Government and the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol, on the subject of the introduction into this Colony of an improved system of Prison Discipline; also, of all Correspondence during the same period, between the Executive Government and the High Sheriff of New South Wales on the same subject; also a copy of the Report of the Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor General in March, 1855, to inquire into and report upon the same subject; also, copies of all subsequent Correspondence between the Executive Government and the said Board in reference to their Report; also, a copy of the Report of the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol upon the management of said Institution during the year 1855; also, a copy of the Report of the High Sheriff of New South Wales upon the work done in the Sydney Gaol during the year 1855, and for the present year.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.
2. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; third reading.
3. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Bills of Lading Bill; third reading.
5. Common Law Proceedings Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Suits Bill; to be considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate the Waste Lands of the Crown.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.
2. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Railways:—Mr. George Macleay presented a Petition from Mr. Stephen Hale Marsh, of Sydney, setting forth a proposal, in reference to the establishment of Railways in this Colony, which he had recently made to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and praying this House to adopt such measures in reference thereto as shall seem meet.
Petition received.
 2. Tariff:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain Merchants and Traders of Sydney, representing that frequent alterations in the Tariff, even as temporary expedients to meet the exigencies of the Public Service, are prejudicial to the public interests, and praying the House to take the premises into consideration.
Petition received.
 3. Mr. David Bowen Jones:—Mr. George Macleay presented a Petition from Mr. David Bowen Jones, of Albury, representing that his interest in a certain Run has become forfeited, by default in pre-payment of rent, and praying the House to take the case into consideration.
Petition received.
 4. Papers:—Mr. Cowper laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) Further Return to the Address in reference to the Assessment on Stock, and Lands sold, in the Unsettled Districts, adopted on motion of Mr. T. G. Rusden, on the 5th December, 1855.
(2.) Return to an Order made by this House, on the 15th ultimo, on motion of Mr. Piddington, for Papers in reference to Government Debentures sold by the Bank of New South Wales.
Ordered to be printed.
 5. Road through the Valley of the M'Donald:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain Landowners and Residents on the M'Donald River, Lower Hawkesbury, representing the bad state of the Road through the Valley of the M'Donald River, and praying the adoption of such measures for its repair as may seem meet.
Petition received.
 6. Sydney Bethel Union Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Manning, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table, the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on the 13th ultimo.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Manning then moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
- Assize Court at Tamworth:—Mr. F. T. Rusden presented a Petition from certain Magistrates and other Residents in the Town of Tamworth, representing the necessity for the establishment of an Assize Court at Tamworth, and praying the House to take the same into consideration.
Petition received.
8. Proposed Adjournment:—Mr. Hay moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Brennan,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. W. Macleay, } Tellers.
Mr. Lang, }

Noes, 23.

Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Onkes,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Scott, } Tellers.
Mr. Piddington, }

Whereupon the House adjourned at five minutes before Seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, in all cases where there are suitable unalienated Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of any proclaimed Town, a liberal portion of the same should be granted to such Town as a Common.
 - (2.) That provision should be made for vesting such and all other Towns' Commons in Trustees, to be elected in each case by the Inhabitants of every such Town.
 - (3.) That wherever a Towns' Common may be held by Trustees, all Waste Lands adjacent to the same, and within three miles thereof, shall cease to be subject to the provisions of that part of the Crown Lands Regulations relating to pre-emptive lease, or to be leased through any other process than by public auction.
 - (4.) That provision should be made, to authorize parties holding licenses to cut or remove Timber from Crown Lands, to do so, notwithstanding that such lands may be held by other persons on lease for Pastoral purposes.
2. MR. FORSTER to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the distribution and arrangement of the Electoral Constituencies, and, if necessary, to prepare a measure for amendment of the same.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Nichols, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Sandeman, and the Mover.
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 - (1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable, on account of its vast importance, to encourage by every legitimate means, the cultivation of the Cotton Plant in the Colony of New South Wales (for which it is believed that the Northern Districts of the Colony are peculiarly adapted);—and this House therefore resolves, that the Government be authorized to offer the following grants of land, as premiums, to the largest growers of cotton wool during the year 1858:—
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 - (2.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 50 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 1,280 acres of land.
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 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Flood, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
5. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the number of persons received into Gaols, Watchhouses, and Lock-ups, respectively, under sentences of imprisonment for breaches of the Masters' and Servants' Act, during the years 1853, 1854, and 1855; setting forth the periods of such Sentences, and distinguishing, as far as practicable, the cases of domestic servants, from those of farm servants and other laborers.
 - (2.) Also, a Return of the number of persons received into Gaols, Watchhouses, and Lock-ups, pending trial under the above Act, and the respective periods of such detention.
6. MR. SANDEMAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of the number of Immigrants landed at Moreton Bay, and forwarded to the Depôt at Brisbane, during the last two years.
 - (2.) A Return of the number of Immigrants engaged from the Depôt by persons resident in the Police District of Brisbane, and the number engaged for or by persons resident in the Police District of Ipswich, and the Districts beyond it to which Ipswich is the outlet.
 - (3.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government in Sydney and the Government Resident of Moreton Bay, relative to the establishment of an Immigration Depôt at Ipswich.
 - (4.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Immigration Agent and the Immigration Board at Brisbane, and the Immigration Agent in Sydney, relative to forming a Depôt at Ipswich.

7. MR. PARKES to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph; more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Arnold, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Irving, Mr. Parker, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Parkes.
8. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Petition of A. R. Lawson, presented to the late Legislative Council, on the 4th of December last, be printed.
9. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.
10. MR. RICHARDSON to move,—That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1856, the sum of £150 as a gratuity to Maria Feeney, being in consideration of the long and valuable services of her late husband, Martin Feeney, late Gaoler at Brisbane.
11. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present plan proposed, and recently commenced, for deepening the River Hunter, at those parts commonly known as the Flats, and into all matters connected therewith, with power to send for persons and papers.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Faucett, Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
12. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution:—That in the opinion of this House, measures should be immediately taken for surveying a line for a Railroad from a suitable locality, in Maitland, to the Town of Morpeth; and that a plan and estimate of the probable expense of such a line of Railway, should be forthwith prepared.
13. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1857, a sufficient sum for the establishment of a Police Magistrate in the town of Queanbeyan.
14. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved.
15. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Queanbeyan, praying the speedy application of the Funds voted for the erection of a substantial Bridge over the River at Queanbeyan, be printed.
16. MR. NICHOLS to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that Branch of the Public Service.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Lord, Mr. Barker, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Irving, and the Mover.
17. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him yesterday, from Mr. Stephen Hale Marsh, in reference to the establishment of Railways in this Colony, be printed.
18. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him yesterday, from Mr. D. B. Jones, of Albury, in reference to the forfeiture of his Run, be printed.
19. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from certain Merchants and Traders of Sydney, presented by him yesterday, in reference to the proposed alterations in the Tariff, be printed.
20. MR. F. T. RUSDEN to move, That the Petition for the establishment of a Court of Assize at Tamworth, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
21. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition in reference to the bad state of the Road through the valley of the Macdonald River, presented by him yesterday, be printed.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize an additional Loan, for 1856.

Questions:—

1. MR. OXLEY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, Whether it is the intention of the Railway Commissioners to make any alteration, and if any, of what kind, in the present rates of Fares and Freights on the Sydney and Parramatta, Parramatta and Liverpool, and Sydney and Liverpool Lines.
2. MR. EGAN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, What is the intention of the Government in respect to carrying out the Vote of the Legislative Council, in 1853, for the sum of £600, for erecting a Court House and Watch House at Eden; also, £600, in 1855, for Court House and Watch House at Bombala, neither of which Works having as yet been commenced?
3. MR. HAY,—on the Meeting of this House to-day,—to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government to take any and what action in consequence of the Resolution adopted by this House, on Wednesday, the 24th instant?

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FLOOD to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.
2. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present state of Agriculture in this Colony, and the best means of promoting the introduction of improved methods of cultivation.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Scott, Mr. Marks, Mr. Jones, Mr. Pye, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Parkes.
3. MR. F. T. RUSDEN to move,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence which has taken place relative to the opening for sale to the public of the Government paddocks and other paddocks in the township of Tamworth, which obstruct the streets and thoroughfares.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, from March 1, 1854, to September 1, 1856, between the Executive Government and the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol, on the subject of the introduction into this Colony of an improved system of Prison Discipline; also, of all Correspondence during the same period, between the Executive Government and the High Sheriff of New South Wales on the same subject; also a copy of the Report of the Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor General in March, 1855, to inquire into and report upon the same subject; also, copies of all subsequent Correspondence between the Executive Government and the said Board in reference to their Report; also, a copy of the Report of the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol upon the management of said Institution during the year 1855; also, a copy of the Report of the High Sheriff of New South Wales upon the work done in the Sydney Gaol during the year 1855, and for the present year.
5. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 - (1.) A nominal Return of all Causes tried, and of all Motions or Applications made before the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855, specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges in each case, and the number of days occupied in such adjudications or decisions.
 - (2.) A nominal Return of all new Trials granted by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855, specifying the name or names of the Judge or Judges who tried the original case, the reasons why, in each case, the new Trial was granted, and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
 - (3.) A nominal Return of all Judgments reserved by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855, specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges, the reasons why Judgment, in each case, was reserved, and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.
2. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; third reading.
3. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Bills of Lading Bill; third reading.
5. Common Law Proceedings Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Sydney Bethel Union Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Salaries of the Judges.
2. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Destitute Children, and the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency.
3. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish District Courts.
4. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish the office of Public Prosecutor.
5. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish Municipalities.
6. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the investment of Trust Funds in Government Securities.
7. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Promote Public Education.
8. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Establish a Trinity Board.

9. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Citizens of Sydney.
10. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate Railways.
11. MR. COWPER to move :—That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Supply and the Ways and Means for 1857.
12. MR. COWPER to move, (in Committee, after the first Vote of Supply shall have been taken) the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be levied upon and paid by every wholesale dealer in Spirits carrying on business in the City of Sydney, an annual License Fee of Fifty Pounds; and by every such dealer carrying on business elsewhere, an annual License Fee of Twenty-five Pounds; such Fees to be paid on or before the 31st day of January in each year.

(2.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be charged, levied, collected, and paid, Duties upon the following Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this Colony, or cleared for home consumption, at the rates hereinafter mentioned, that is to say :—

1. Wood of all kinds not manufactured into Furniture, the cubic foot	£	s.	d.
	0	0	3
2. Unwrought iron, either in rod, bar, or pig, the ton weight ...	0	5	0
3. Manufactured iron, not in packages, the ton weight ...	0	10	0
4. Slates, the thousand, as follows :—			
Ladies	1	0	0
All other slates	1	10	0
5. All oils, other than Sperm, Black, or Cocoanut, the gallon...	0	0	3
6. Flour, the hundredweight	0	0	9
7. Grain, in bag or bulk, the bushel	0	0	4½
8. Salt, Whiting, Hay, and Straw			Free
9. All other goods, wares, and merchandize, not already charged with the payment of Customs Duties, (measuring the outside of each package), the cubic foot	0	0	6

(3.) That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, there should be levied upon and paid by the holder of every bonded store, an annual license fee of one hundred pounds, such fee to be paid on or before the 31st day of January in each year.

(4.) That towards raising the supply granted to Her Majesty, there should, in each half-year, be charged, levied, and collected, from each miner digging for gold, as a license fee, the sum of one pound for a license, to be in force until the 30th day of June or the 31st day of December, whichever may next follow the payment of the fee.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Suits Bill; to be considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate the Waste Lands of the Crown.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.
2. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Proposed Adjournment:—Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adjourn until Thursday next, at Three o'clock.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon the House adjourned at twenty minutes before Four o'clock, until Thursday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 31.

NOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Postponement:—Mr. Murray postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until the day to which this House shall be adjourned to-morrow.
2. Government Loans Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize an additional Loan for 1856.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed;—
And Mr. Cowper having presented the Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Government to raise certain Loans for 1856,*" read a first time, on motion of Mr. Cowper;—
Mr. Cowper then moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed;—
And Bill read a second time;—
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, and the House having adopted the same on motion of Mr. Cowper,—
Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put and passed;—
And Bill read a third time.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That this Bill do now pass.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Government to raise certain Loans for 1856.*"
Question put and passed.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That Mr. Martin and Mr. Cowper do now carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein;—
Message from the Legislative Assembly to the Legislative Council:—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed through all its stages a Bill intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Government to raise certain Loans for 1856*" beg now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd October, 1856.*

Speaker.

- Question put and passed.
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6. Government Loans Bill:—A Message from the Legislative Council having been announced by the Sergeant-at-Arms,—
The Speaker put the Question,—That the Messengers be now admitted,
Which being agreed to—
The Messengers, Mr. Lutwyche and Mr. Allen, were admitted by the Sergeant-at-Arms and conducted to the Chair—the Speaker standing on the first step, and all the Members and the Clerks at the Table standing in their respective places,
Mr. Lutwyche then read the Message as follows:—
“MR. SPEAKER,
“The Legislative Council have this day concurred in and assented to a Bill
“intituled “*A Bill to enable the Government to raise certain Loans for 1856*,” and beg
“to return the same to the Legislative Assembly.
“ALFRED STEPHEN,
“*Legislative Council Chamber,*
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And having concluded, delivered the Message and Bill to the Speaker, and then, with Mr. Allen, withdrew.
The Speaker then read the Message to the House;—
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned at half-past Five o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

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 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House, in all cases where there are suitable unalienated Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of any proclaimed Town, a liberal portion of the same should be granted to such Town as a Common.
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 - (1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable, on account of its vast importance, to encourage by every legitimate means, the cultivation of the Cotton Plant in the Colony of New South Wales (for which it is believed that the Northern Districts of the Colony are peculiarly adapted);—and this House therefore resolves, that the Government be authorized to offer the following grants of land, as premiums, to the largest growers of cotton wool during the year 1858:—
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17.

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 (2.) Because it is manifestly unjust to a very large number of the Colonists, who would be glad to invest £5, and the multiples of that sum, in Government Securities, but who are unable to make any investment therein, in consequence of the Government not issuing their Debentures in less amounts than that of £100 each, and who are thus deprived of the opportunity of investing their savings, at interest, in Government securities, to their loss, and that of the country, and to the benefit alone of the English capitalists.

(3.)

(3.) Because, by allowing the small as well as the large capitalists, to compete for Government Securities, the number of competitors would probably be increased more than one hundred fold, and the Public would thus reap considerable benefit by the Government Securities, (so soon as they become generally known) being negotiated on much more favorable terms than at present.

(4.) Because of the serious loss to which the Public is subjected, in having to buy Bills on England, to provide for the principal and interest of the Debentures, which at the present rate of exchange, of 2 per cent. premium, amounts, with interest on the usance till the bills become due, to about $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., exclusive of the London banker's commission of 10s. per £100.

(5.) And it is the opinion of this House, that in order to meet the convenience of the holders, and to effect a gradual reduction of the debt of the Colony, it is expedient for the future to receive, as cash, with the accrued interest thereto added, any Debentures that may hereafter be negotiated in payment for the purchase of public lands.

(6.) Further, that in order to give an increased currency to the Government Debentures, and to induce all persons throughout the Colony to receive them as Cash, so that they may, to a certain extent, supply the place of money, and obviate the necessity of negotiating any loans out of the Colony, it is desirable that the Government should make arrangements with one or more of the Banks, to purchase and sell the Debentures which may hereafter be negotiated, at fixed rates, (making a small margin between the buying and selling rates), and to fix the prices for the same, from time to time, according to the supply and demand.

(7.) That the above Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented, by the Honorable the Speaker, to His Excellency the Governor General.

CONTINGENT NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDER OF THE DAY.

(For the day to which this House shall stand adjourned for the Ministerial Elections.)

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9. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Establish a Trinity Board.
10. MR. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Citizens of Sydney.
11. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate Railways.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Suits Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
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No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Assent to Bill:—The Speaker reported that he had, pursuant to an Order of the House, presented to the Governor, for the Royal Assent, "*An Act to enable the Government to raise certain Loans for 1856;*" and that His Excellency had, in the presence of himself and the Honorable the President of the Legislative Council, been pleased, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, to give, declare, and subscribe his Assent thereto.
2. Vacant Seats:—Mr. Nichols informed the House, by request of the new Administration, that Henry Watson Parker, Esquire, William Montagu Manning, Esquire, John Bayley Darvall, Esquire, Stuart Alexander Donaldson, Esquire, and John Hay, Esquire, had made their several acknowledgments on acceptance of Office under the Crown in this Colony, and had thereby vacated their Seats in this House.
Mr. Nichols then moved:—
 - (1.) That the Seat of Henry Watson Parker, 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 the Town of Parramatta.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) That the Seat of William Montagu Manning, Esquire, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Attorney General since his election and return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Cumberland.
Question put and passed.
 - (3.) That the Seat of John Bayley Darvall, Esquire, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Solicitor General since his election and return to serve in this House, as a Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Cumberland.
Question put and passed.
 - (4.) That the Seat of Stuart Alexander Donaldson, 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 a Member for the Electoral District of the Sydney Hamlets.
Question put and passed.
 - (5.) That the Seat of John Hay, Esquire, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of his acceptance of the Office of Secretary for Lands and Public Works since his election and return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of the Pastoral District of Murrumbidgee.
Question put and passed.
3. Proposed Adjournment:—Mr. Nichols moved, That this House do now adjourn until Tuesday, the "*twenty-eighth*" day of October instant, at Three o'clock, and that the Standing and Select Committees of this House have leave to sit during such adjournment.
Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "*twenty-eighth*," with a view to the insertion of the word "*seventh*" in lieu thereof.
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and passed;—
Whereupon Original Question put and passed.
The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter after Four o'clock, until Tuesday, the 28th day of October instant, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate the Waste Lands of the Crown.
2. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Salaries of the Judges.
3. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Destitute Children, and the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency.
4. MR. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish District Courts.

5. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish the office of Public Prosecutor.
6. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish Municipalities.
7. Mr. MARTIN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the investment of Trust Funds in Government Securities.
8. Mr. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Promote Public Education.
9. Mr. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Establish a Trinity Board.
10. Mr. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Citizens of Sydney.
11. Mr. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Regulate Railways.
12. Mr. HOLT to move,—

(1.) That the negotiation by the Government of Loans by the issue of Debentures, in sums of not less than £100 each, and making the principal and interest payable in Sydney, or London, at the option of the holder, without reference to the rates of exchange ruling between this Colony and England, is a bad financial measure, and ought not to be adopted by the Government.

(2.) Because it is manifestly unjust to a very large number of the Colonists, who would be glad to invest £5, and the multiples of that sum, in Government Securities, but who are unable to make any investment therein, in consequence of the Government not issuing their Debentures in less amounts than that of £100 each, and who are thus deprived of the opportunity of investing their savings, at interest, in Government securities, to their loss, and that of the country, and to the benefit alone of the English capitalists.

(3.) Because, by allowing the small as well as the large capitalists, to compete for Government Securities, the number of competitors would probably be increased more than one hundred fold, and the Public would thus reap considerable benefit by the Government Securities, (so soon as they become generally known) being negotiated on much more favorable terms than at present.

(4.) Because of the serious loss to which the Public is subjected, in having to buy Bills on England, to provide for the principal and interest of the Debentures, which at the present rate of exchange, of 2 per cent. premium, amounts, with interest on the usance till the bills become due, to about 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., exclusive of the London banker's commission of 10s. per £100.

(5.) And it is the opinion of this House, that in order to meet the convenience of the holders, and to effect a gradual reduction of the debt of the Colony, it is expedient for the future to receive, as cash, with the accrued interest thereto added, any Debentures that may hereafter be negotiated in payment for the purchase of public lands.

(6.) Further, that in order to give an increased currency to the Government Debentures, and to induce all persons throughout the Colony to receive them as Cash, so that they may, to a certain extent, supply the place of money, and obviate the necessity of negotiating any loans out of the Colony, it is desirable that the Government should make arrangements with one or more of the Banks, to purchase and sell the Debentures which may hereafter be negotiated, at fixed rates, (making a small margin between the buying and selling rates), and to fix the prices for the same, from time to time, according to the supply and demand.

(7.) That the above Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented, by the Honorable the Speaker, to His Excellency the Governor General.

13. Mr. ROBERTSON to move,—

(1.) That in the opinion of this House, in all cases where there are suitable unalienated Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of any proclaimed Town, a liberal portion of the same should be granted to such Town as a Common.

(2.) That provision should be made for vesting such and all other Towns' Commons in Trustees, to be elected in each case by the Inhabitants of every such Town.

(3.) That wherever a Towns' Common may be held by Trustees, all Waste Lands adjacent to the same, and within three miles thereof, shall cease to be subject to the provisions of that part of the Crown Lands Regulations relating to pre-emptive lease, or to be leased through any other process than by public auction.

(4.) That provision should be made, to authorize parties holding licenses to cut or remove Timber from Crown Lands, to do so, notwithstanding that such lands may be held by other persons on lease for Pastoral purposes.

14. Mr. FORSTER to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the distribution and arrangement of the Electoral Constituencies, and, if necessary, to prepare a measure for amendment of the same.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members:—Mr. Nichols, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Sandeman, and the Mover.

15. Mr. HOLT to move,—

(1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable, on account of its vast importance, to encourage by every legitimate means, the cultivation of the Cotton Plant in the Colony of New South Wales (for which it is believed that the Northern Districts of the Colony are peculiarly adapted);—and this House therefore resolves, that the Government be authorized to offer the following grants of land, as premiums, to the largest growers of cotton wool during the year 1858:—

(1.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 100 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 2,560 acres of land.

(2.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 50 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 1,280 acres of land.

(3.) To the largest grower of the best and cleanest cotton wool, being not less than 25 bales of 250 lbs. weight each bale, a grant of 640 acres.

(2.)

- (2.) That the Government be requested to cause the said portions of 2,560, 1,280, and 640 acres of good average land, in the Moreton Bay District, to be surveyed and set apart as special grants for the purpose aforesaid, with the least possible delay; and to take such other measures as they may consider expedient to carry this Resolution into effect, and to make it generally known for the information of all persons who may wish to compete for the said prizes.
16. MR. SCOTT to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle,—into the expense consequent thereon,—and into the amounts of the claims now made or likely to be made by the Australian Agricultural Company and others for compensation; with power to send for persons and papers.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Flood, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
17. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return shewing the number of persons received into Gaols, Watchhouses, and Lock-ups, respectively, under sentences of imprisonment for breaches of the Masters' and Servants' Act, during the years 1853, 1854, and 1855; setting forth the periods of such Sentences, and distinguishing, as far as practicable, the cases of domestic servants, from those of farm servants and other laborers.
- (2.) Also, a Return of the number of persons received into Gaols, Watchhouses, and Lock-ups, pending trial under the above Act, and the respective periods of such detention.
18. MR. SANDEMAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the number of Immigrants landed at Moreton Bay, and forwarded to the Depôt at Brisbane, during the last two years.
- (2.) A Return of the number of Immigrants engaged from the Depôt by persons resident in the Police District of Brisbane, and the number engaged for or by persons resident in the Police District of Ipswich, and the Districts beyond it to which Ipswich is the outlet.
- (3.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government in Sydney and the Government Resident of Moreton Bay, relative to the establishment of an Immigration Depôt at Ipswich.
- (4.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Immigration Agent and the Immigration Board at Brisbane, and the Immigration Agent in Sydney, relative to forming a Depôt at Ipswich
19. MR. PARKES to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Arnold, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Irving, Mr. Parker, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Parkes.
20. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Petition of A. R. Lawson, presented to the late Legislative Council, on the 4th of December last, be printed.
21. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.
22. MR. RICHARDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1856, the sum of £150 as a gratuity to Maria Feeney, being in consideration of the long and valuable services of her late husband, Martin Feeney, late Gaoler at Brisbane.
23. MR. SCOTT to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present plan proposed, and recently commenced, for deepening the River Hunter, at those parts commonly known as the Flats, and into all matters connected therewith, with power to send for persons and papers.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Faucett, Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
24. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution:—That, in the opinion of this House, measures should be immediately taken for surveying a line for a Railroad from a suitable locality, in Maitland, to the Town of Morpeth; and that a plan and estimate of the probable expense of such a line of Railway, should be forthwith prepared.
25. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1857, a sufficient sum for the establishment of a Police Magistrate in the town of Queanbeyan.
26. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved.
27. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th ultimo, from certain Inhabitants of the Town and District of Queanbeyan, praying the speedy application of the Funds voted for the erection of a substantial Bridge over the River at Queanbeyan, be printed.
28. MR. NICHOLS to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that Branch of the Public Service.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Lord, Mr. Barker, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Irving, and the Mover.

29. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th ultimo, from Mr. Stephen Hale Marsh, in reference to the establishment of Railways in this Colony, be printed.
30. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th ultimo, from Mr. D. B. Jones, of Albury, in reference to the forfeiture of his Run, be printed.
31. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from certain Merchants and Traders of Sydney, presented by him on the 25th ultimo, in reference to the proposed alterations in the Tariff, be printed.
32. MR. F. T. RUSDEN to move, That the Petition for the establishment of a Court of Assize at Tamworth, presented by him on the 25th ultimo, be printed.
33. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition in reference to the bad state of the Road through the valley of the Macdonald River, presented by him on the 25th ultimo, be printed.
34. MR. FLOOD to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.
35. MR. PARKES to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon the present state of Agriculture in this Colony, and the best means of promoting the introduction of improved methods of cultivation.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Scott, Mr. Marks, Mr. Jones, Mr. Pye, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Suttor, Mr. Robertson, and Mr. Parkes.
36. MR. F. T. RUSDEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all correspondence which has taken place relative to the opening for sale to the public of the Government paddocks and other paddocks in the township of Tamworth, which obstruct the streets and thoroughfares.
37. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, from March 1, 1854, to September 1, 1856, between the Executive Government and the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol, on the subject of the introduction into this Colony of an improved system of Prison Discipline; also, of all Correspondence during the same period, between the Executive Government and the High Sheriff of New South Wales on the same subject; also a copy of the Report of the Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor General in March, 1855, to inquire into and report upon the same subject; also, copies of all subsequent Correspondence between the Executive Government and the said Board in reference to their Report; also, a copy of the Report of the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol upon the management of said Institution during the year 1855; also, a copy of the Report of the High Sheriff of New South Wales upon the work done in the Sydney Gaol during the year 1855, and for the present year.
38. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
 (1.) A nominal Return of all Causes tried, and of all Motions or Applications made before the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855, specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges in each case, and the number of days occupied in such adjudications or decisions.
 (2.) A nominal Return of all new Trials granted by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855, specifying the name or names of the Judge or Judges who tried the original case, the reasons why, in each case, the new Trial was granted, and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
 (3.) A nominal Return of all Judgments reserved by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855, specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges, the reasons why Judgment, in each case, was reserved, and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Suits Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.
3. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.
5. Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill; third reading.
6. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Bills of Lading Bill; third reading.
8. Common Law Proceedings Bill; to be considered in Committee.
9. Sydney Bethel Union Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Members sworn:—
 - (1.) Henry Watson Parker, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the Town of Parramatta.
 - (2.) William Montagu Manning, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Cumberland.
 - (3.) John Campbell, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the Sydney Hamlets.
 - (4.) John Hay, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the Pastoral District of Murrumbidgee.
2. Papers:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) The Report of the Immigration Agent, for the year 1855.
 - (2.) The Sydney Road Trust Account, for the half-year ended 30 June, 1856.
 - (3.) The Campbelltown Road Trust Account, for the half-year ended 30 June, 1856.
 - (4.) The Parramatta Road Trust Account, for the half-year ended 30 June, 1856.
 - (5.) The Narellan Road Trust Account, for the half-year ended 30 June, 1856.
 - (6.) The Windsor Road Trust Account, for the half-year ended 30 June, 1856.
 - (7.) The Richmond Road Trust Account, for the half-year ended 30 June, 1856.
 - (8.) The Penrith Road Trust Accounts (2), for the half-years ended respectively, 31 December, 1855, and 30 June, 1856.
 - (9.) The Return to the Order made by this House on the 8th August last, on motion of Mr. Jones, for Papers relating to Loans for Public Services and Works.
 - (10.) The Return to the Order made by this House on the 19th August last, on motion of Mr. Holroyd, for Papers relating to Gold and the Mint.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (11.) The Return to the Order made by this House on the 19th August last, on motion of Mr. Buckley, for Papers relating to the Management of the Native Police in the Northern Districts.
3. Election Petition:—Mr. Holroyd, as Chairman, brought up the Report from the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, declaring the Election lately had of a Member to serve in this House for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Cumberland, in room of Elias Carpenter Weekes, Esquire, to have been and to be wholly void.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Vacant Seat:—Mr. Holt moved, without previous notice, That this House now resolves that one of the Seats for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Cumberland hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications having reported the Election lately had of a Member to serve in this House for the said Electoral District, in room of Elias Carpenter Weekes, Esquire, to have been and to be wholly void.
Question put and passed.
5. Messages:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—
 - (1.) Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1857:—
W. DENISON, *Message No. 3.*
Governor General.
A change having taken place in the Administration since the transmission of the Estimate which accompanied the Governor General's Message No. 1 of 16th September last, His Excellency requests that the same may be returned to him, with a view to the substitution of other Estimates which have been prepared under the advice of the present Administration.
Government House,
Sydney, 28 October, 1856.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.

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(2.) Separation of the Northern Districts :—
W. DENISON,

Message No. 4.

Governor General.

The Governor General lays before the Legislative Assembly a Despatch with which he has been honored by the Secretary of State, in which the views of Her Majesty's Government with reference to the establishment of a separate Colony, to be formed out of the Northern Districts of New South Wales, are explained.

Government House,

Sydney, 28 October, 1856.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch, which was read by the Clerk by direction of the Speaker.

6. Port of Shipment at Moreton Bay :—Mr. Holroyd presented a Petition from certain freeholders of land in the Town of Cleveland, and others interested in Moreton Bay and the Districts adjoining, praying a full and accurate Survey of the Waters of Moreton Bay, with a view to the immediate establishment of a Port of direct Shipment there.
Petition received.
7. Court of Assize at Armidale :—Mr. Hargrave presented a Petition from certain Magistrates, Lessees of Crown Lands, and Residents in the Pastoral Districts of New England, McLeay, Gwydir, and Clarence, and the various Towns therein, praying the establishment of a Court of Assize at Armidale.
Petition received.
8. Education :—Mr. Holt presented a Petition from Mr. Richard Sadlier, of Raymond Terrace, Hunter River, praying the establishment of Industrial Institutions for Children, and of a Reformatory Institution for Juvenile Offenders.
Petition received.
9. Wellingrove Petty Sessions :—Mr. T. G. Rusden presented a Petition from certain Justices, Landholders, Squatters, and others, resident in the Police District of Wellingrove, praying the removal of the Court of Petty Sessions for that District to the Township of Glen Innes.
Petition received.
10. Export Duty on Gold :—Mr. Lang presented a Petition from certain persons residing at the Hanging Rock and Peel River Gold Fields, praying the adoption of some means by which the proposed Export Duty on Gold shall fall equally, in proportion to weight and value, upon the produce of the several Gold Fields of the Colony.
Petition received.
11. Desecration of the Sabbath :—Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from the Rev. James Cameron, Moderator of the Synod of Eastern Australia, praying that measures may be taken to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath, by the running of Railway Trains.
Petition received.
12. Office of Colonial Treasurer :—Mr. Parker having stated, in reply to a Question put to him by Mr. Piddington, That Mr. Donaldson is now the Colonial Treasurer,—
Mr. Piddington moved, That the Resolution in reference to the office of Colonial Treasurer, adopted by this House on the 4th June last, be now read by the Clerk.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon the Clerk read the said Resolution as follows :—
“ That as the Constitution Act provides that all Taxation and Appropriation Bills shall originate in the Legislative Assembly, this House is of opinion that, to secure the due administration of the Financial affairs of the Colony, and the direct Parliamentary responsibility of the Officer administering them, the Office of Colonial Treasurer, or of Finance Minister, by whatever title hereafter designated, should be filled by a Member of this Assembly.”
13. Member Sworn :—John Bayley Darvall, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Cumberland.
14. Motions Dropped :—The motions standing on the Notice Paper for to-day, from first to eleventh, in the names of Mr. Murray, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Cowper, were not moved, and therefore dropped.
15. Postponements :—
(1.) Mr. Holt postponed the motion standing in his name twelfth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday the 11th November next.
(2.) Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name thirteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
16. Motions withdrawn :—
(1.) Mr. Forster withdrew the motion standing in his name fourteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
(2.) Mr. Holt withdrew the motion standing in his name fifteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
17. Motion Dropped :—The motion standing in the name of Mr. Scott sixteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, was not moved, and therefore dropped.
18. Breaches of the Masters and Servants Act :—Mr. Weckes moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return shewing the number of persons received into Gaols, Watchhouses, and Lock-ups, respectively, under sentences of imprisonment for breaches of the Masters' and Servants' Act, during the years 1853, 1854, and 1855 ; setting forth the periods of such Sentences, and distinguishing, as far as practicable, the cases of domestic servants, from those of farm servants and other laborers.

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(2.) Also, a Return of the number of persons received into Gaols, Watchhouses, and Lock-ups, pending trial under the above Act, and the respective periods of such detention.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

19. Immigration, Moreton Bay :—Mr. Sandeman moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House :—
- (1.) A Return of the number of Immigrants landed at Moreton Bay, and forwarded to the Depôt at Brisbane, during the last two years.
 - (2.) A Return of the number of Immigrants engaged from the Depôt by persons resident in the Police District of Brisbane, and the number engaged for or by persons resident in the Police District of Ipswich, and the Districts beyond it to which Ipswich is the outlet, during the same period.
 - (3.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government in Sydney and the Government Resident of Moreton Bay, relative to the establishment of an Immigration Depôt at Ipswich.
 - (4.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Immigration Agent and the Immigration Board at Brisbane, and the Immigration Agent in Sydney, relative to forming a Depôt at Ipswich.
- Question put and passed.
20. Postponement :—Mr. Parkes postponed the motion standing in his name nineteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
21. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. T. G. Rusden withdrew the motion standing in his name twentieth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
22. Postponements :—
- (1.) Mr. T. G. Rusden postponed the motion standing in his name twenty-first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (2.) Mr. Richardson postponed the motion standing in his name twenty-second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
23. Motions dropped :—
- (1.) The motion standing in the name of Mr. Scott twenty-third on the Notice Paper for to-day, was not moved, and therefore dropped.
 - (2.) The motion standing in the name of Mr. Nichols twenty-fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, was not moved, and therefore dropped.
24. Postponements :—
- (1.) Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name twenty-fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
 - (2.) Mr. T. G. Rusden postponed the motion standing in his name twenty-sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
25. Motion Dropped :—The motion standing in the name of Mr. Murray twenty-seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, was not moved, and therefore dropped.
26. Postponement :—Mr. Nichols postponed the motion standing in his name twenty-eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
27. Railways :—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th ultimo, from Mr. Stephen Hale Marsh, in reference to the establishment of Railways in this Colony, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
28. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. George Macleay withdrew the motion standing in his name thirtieth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
29. Tariff :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from certain Merchants and Traders of Sydney, presented by him on the 25th ultimo, in reference to the proposed alterations in the Tariff, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
30. Assize Court at Tamworth ;—Mr. F. T. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition for the establishment of a Court of Assize at Tamworth, presented by him on the 25th ultimo, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
31. Road through the Valley of the McDonald ;—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition in reference to the bad state of the Road through the valley of the Macdonald River, presented by him on the 25th ultimo, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
32. Postponement ;—Mr. Flood postponed the motion standing in his name thirty-fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day fortnight.
33. Motions withdrawn ;—
- (1.) Mr. Parkes withdrew the motion standing in his name thirty-fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
 - (2.) Mr. F. T. Rusden withdrew the motion standing in his name thirty-sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
34. Postponements ;—
- (1.) Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name thirty-seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
 - (2.) Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name thirty-eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until next Friday week.
35. Crown Suits Bill :—On motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill. The Chairman having reported the Bill with an Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Thursday next.

36. Postponements :—

- (1.) The second reading of the Crown Lands Sales' Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Hay, until to-morrow week.
- (2.) The second reading of the Constitution Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until Thursday next.
- (3.) The second reading of the Oaths of Office simplifying Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Plunkett, until this day week.

37. Infants Marriage Settlements Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable Infants, with the approbation of the Supreme Court in its Equitable Jurisdiction, to make binding Settlements of their Real and Personal Estate on Marriage.*"

Question put and passed;

Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Darvall and Mr. Manning do carry this Bill to-morrow to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

Message from the Legislative Assembly to the Legislative Council.

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to enable Infants, with the approbation of the Supreme Court in its Equitable Jurisdiction, to make binding Settlements of their Real and Personal Estate on Marriage,*" beg now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28 October, 1856.*

Question put and passed.

38. Postponement :—The consideration in Committee of the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Thursday next.

39. Bills of Lading Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading.*"

Question put and passed;

Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Darvall and Mr. Manning do carry this Bill to-morrow to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

Message from the Legislative Assembly to the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to Amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading,*" beg now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
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Question put and passed.

40. Postponement :—The consideration in Committee of the Common Law Proceedings Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until to-morrow.

41. Sydney Bethel Union Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill, with an amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Thursday next. The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes after seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29.

*Contingent Notice of Motion :—*Mr. PARKER to move the following Resolution, (*upon the Order of the Day for the consideration of the Governor General's Message No. 3 being read*)—Resolved, That the request contained in His Excellency the Governor General's Message No. 3 be complied with, and that an Address be accordingly presented to His Excellency, returning the Estimates which accompanied his Message No. 1 of 16 September.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MANNING to move for leave to introduce a Bill, to grant a Duty upon Gold.
2. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill, further to amend the Customs' Regulation Act.
3. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill, to establish a separate Court for the District of Moreton Bay.
4. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill, to authorise the appointment of a Public Prosecutor.
5. MR. PARKER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to re-establish a Municipal Council for the City of Sydney.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Consideration of Governor General's Message No. 3, requesting the return of the Estimates accompanying His Excellency's Message No. 1, on 16 September last.
2. Common Law Proceedings Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Question:—

MR. WEEKES *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS—

(1.) Whether any plans and estimates for constructing a dam or causeway across the Falls at West Maitland have been prepared by the Government, pursuant to the intention expressed by His Excellency the Governor General, in a reply to an Address presented to him at Maitland, in March, 1855?

(2.) Whether the Government purpose to place any sum of money on the Estimates for 1857 towards carrying out this undertaking, which is one of the highest importance to the inhabitants of that district?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Suits Bill; third reading.
2. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Bethel Union Bill; third reading.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER *to move* for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for increasing the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly;—to alter and amend the Electoral System;—and otherwise to regulate matters relating to elections in the Colony of New South Wales.
2. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House—
 - (1.) A full description of the Land recently granted by the Crown to Mr. Francis O'Brien, at South Sydney, in exchange for certain other Land situated near Bondi Bay, together with a full description of such last mentioned Land.
 - (2.) Copies of all Official Correspondence and other Documents relating to such Exchange; copies of all Minutes or Resolutions of Council, with the names of the Members who were present at and forming the Executive Council when such exchange was authorised.
3. MR. HARGRAVE *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th instant, praying the establishment of a Court of Assize at Armidale, be printed.
4. MR. JONES *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Colonial Government and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with reference to a Petition of William Nowland, grazier, of Fulbrook, to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on the subject of his claim to the station on Liverpool Plains called Wolalla.
5. MR. JONES *to move*, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of electors in the several Electoral Districts of the Colony on the 1st day of September, 1856; and showing, also, the number of electors entitled to vote in each such District, as freeholders, as householders, as leaseholders, as pastoral licensees, as recipients of salaries, and as lodgers.
6. MR. T. G. RUSDEN *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th instant, praying the removal of the Court of Petty Sessions from Wellingrove to the Township of Glen Innes, be printed.
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8. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY *to move*, That it is the opinion of this House that a Bridge should be forthwith erected over the River Murray, at the Township of Albury; that communication should be opened by the Government of this Colony with that of Victoria, for the purpose of facilitating such measures as may be necessary for the carrying out this desirable object, which is essentially important to the interests of both Colonies.
9. MR. GORDON *to move*, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th instant, against the Desecration of the Sabbath by the running of Railway Trains, be printed.

10. **MR. ROBERTSON** to move,—
- (1.) That in the opinion of this House, in all cases where there are suitable unalienated Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of any proclaimed Town, a liberal portion of the same should be granted to such Town as a Common.
 - (2.) That provision should be made for vesting such and all other Towns' Commons in Trustees, to be elected in each case by the Inhabitants of every such Town.
 - (3.) That wherever a Towns' Common may be held by Trustees, all Waste Lands adjacent to the same, and within three miles thereof, shall cease to be subject to the provisions of that part of the Crown Lands Regulations relating to pre-emptive lease, or to be leased through any other process than by public auction.
 - (4.) That provision should be made, to authorize parties holding licenses to cut or remove Timber from Crown Lands, to do so, notwithstanding that such lands may be held by other persons on lease for Pastoral purposes.
11. **MR. PARKES** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph; more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Arnold, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Irving, Mr. Parker, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Parkes.
12. **MR. T. G. RUSDEN** to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.
13. **MR. NICHOLS** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that Branch of the Public Service.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Lord, Mr. Barker, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Irving, and the Mover.
14. **MR. NICHOLS** to move the following Resolution:—That, in the opinion of this House, measures should be immediately taken for surveying a line for a Railroad from a suitable locality, in Maitland, to the Town of Morpeth; and that a plan and estimate of the probable expense of such a line of Railway, should be forthwith prepared.

Questions:—

1. **MR. HOLROYD** to ask **MR. HAY**—If any steps have been taken by the Government to cause a Survey of the waters of Moreton Bay to be made with a view to ascertain the best site as a Port of Shipment there; and, if not, if it be the intention of the Government to institute such a Survey?
2. **MR. HOLROYD** to ask **MR. HAY**—If it be the intention of the Government to carry on the Railway from Parramatta to Penrith and to Windsor, and from Maitland to Singleton, simultaneously with the extension of the Railway from Liverpool to Campbelltown or the Menangle?
3. **MR. ROBERTSON** to ask **THE HON. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY**, Whether it is the intention of the present Administration to alter the position of the Attorney General and the Solicitor General; and whether the present Solicitor General holds a seat in the Executive Council?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. **MR. RICHARDSON** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1856, the sum of £150 as a gratuity to Maria Feeney, being in consideration of the long and valuable services of her late husband, Martin Feeney, late Gaoler at Brisbane.
2. **MR. FORSTER** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1857, a sufficient sum for the establishment of a Police Magistrate in the town of Queanbeyan.
3. **MR. T. G. RUSDEN** to move, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved.
4. **MR. FORSTER** to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, from March 1, 1854, to September 1, 1856, between the Executive Government and the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol, on the subject of the introduction into this Colony of an improved system of Prison Discipline; also, of all Correspondence during the same period, between the Executive Government and the High Sheriff of New South Wales on the same subject; also a copy of the Report of the Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor General in March, 1855, to inquire into and report upon the same subject; also, copies of all subsequent Correspondence between the Executive Government and the said Board in reference to their Report; also, a copy of the Report of the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol upon the management of said Institution during the year 1855; also, a copy of the Report of the High Sheriff of New South Wales upon the work done in the Sydney Gaol during the year 1855, and for the present year.

5. Mr. HOLT to move,—

(1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable, on account of its vast importance, to encourage by every legitimate means, the cultivation of the Cotton Plant in the Colony of New South Wales (for which it is believed that the Northern Districts of the Colony are peculiarly adapted);—and this House therefore resolves, that the Government be authorized to offer remission orders to the extent of £5,000, as premiums to the growers of the first 1,000 bales of not less than 240 lbs. each, of clean merchantable cotton wool.

(2.) That every grower of one bale of not less than 240 lbs., shall be entitled to a remission order to the extent of £5; and for every additional bale of not less than 240 lbs. a remission order for a further sum of £5; and that prizes in the same proportion continue to be awarded to as many competitors as may be entitled thereto until the whole of the said sum of £5,000 be exhausted.

(3.) That the said remission orders be receivable as cash in payment for country lands at the Government land sales in those districts where the cotton wool was grown for which the prizes were awarded.

(4.) That no premium will be awarded for any cotton wool which is not clean and in good merchantable condition.

(5.) That the said premiums will be open for competition from the date of the passing of these resolutions, until the said amount appropriated for prizes has been awarded.

(6.) That the Government be requested to take such measures as they may consider expedient, to carry these resolutions into effect, and to make them generally known for the information of all parties who may wish to compete for the said prizes.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.

 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.

 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
 - (1.) A nominal Return of all Causes tried, and of all Motions or Applications made before the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855, specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges in each case, and the number of days occupied in such adjudications or decisions.
 - (2.) A nominal Return of all new Trials granted by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855, specifying the name or names of the Judge or Judges who tried the original case, the reasons why, in each case, the new Trial was granted, and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
 - (3.) A nominal Return of all Judgments reserved by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855, specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges, the reasons why Judgment, in each case, was reserved, and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.

 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. HOLT to move,—

(1.) That the negotiation by the Government of Loans by the issue of Debentures, in sums of not less than £100 each, and making the principal and interest payable in Sydney, or London, at the option of the holder, without reference to the rates of exchange ruling between this Colony and England, is a bad financial measure, and ought not to be adopted by the Government.

(2.) Because it is manifestly unjust to a very large number of the Colonists, who would be glad to invest £5, and the multiples of that sum, in Government Securities, but who are unable to make any investment therein, in consequence of the Government not issuing their Debentures in less amounts than that of £100 each, and who are thus deprived of the opportunity of investing their savings, at interest, in Government securities, to their loss, and that of the country, and to the benefit alone of the English capitalists.

(3.) Because, by allowing the small as well as the large capitalists, to compete for Government Securities, the number of competitors would probably be increased more than one hundred fold, and the Public would thus reap considerable benefit by the Government Securities, (so soon as they become generally known) being negotiated on much more favorable terms than at present.

(4.) Because of the serious loss to which the Public is subjected, in having to buy Bills on England, to provide for the principal and interest of the Debentures, which at the present rate of exchange, of 2 per cent. premium, amounts, with interest on the usance till the bills become due, to about $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., exclusive of the London banker's commission of 10s. per £100.

(5.)

(5.) And it is the opinion of this House, that in order to meet the convenience of the holders, and to effect a gradual reduction of the debt of the Colony, it is expedient for the future to receive, as cash, with the accrued interest thereto added, any Debentures that may hereafter be negotiated in payment for the purchase of public lands.

(6.) Further, that in order to give an increased currency to the Government Debentures, and to induce all persons throughout the Colony to receive them as Cash, so that they may, to a certain extent, supply the place of money, and obviate the necessity of negotiating any loans out of the Colony, it is desirable that the Government should make arrangements with one or more of the Banks, to purchase and sell the Debentures which may hereafter be negotiated, at fixed rates, (making a small margin between the buying and selling rates), and to fix the prices for the same, from time to time, according to the supply and demand.

(7.) That the above Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented, by the Honorable the Speaker, to His Excellency the Governor General.

2. MR. FLOOD to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—

(1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.

(2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.

(3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.

(4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.

(5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.

(6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

(7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating, and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.

8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may

may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is expedient to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto.
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter		} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

Scholars of the 2nd Class are to be deemed those who can read easy books, and who are learning to write.

Scholars of the 1st Class are to be deemed those who are able to read freely, and to write a fair hand. If boys, they must also be learning grammar, arithmetic, geography and history; if girls, grammar, arithmetic, and needlework.

The respective Classes of the scholars to be decided by the Inspector, after examination.

(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill to carry out the intent and meaning of the above Resolutions, and that the same be submitted for the consideration of this House.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from Edward Knox, Chairman, and Joseph S. Willis, and Daniel Cooper, Directors of the Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company, praying leave to introduce a Bill to vest the Trust Moneys, Securities, and Property of the said Company, in this Colony, in the local Trustees of the said Company.
Petition received.
2. Depredations by the Aborigines at Maranoa:—Mr. Sandeman presented a Petition from certain Residents in the District of Maranoa, praying that provision be made for protecting the District from depredations by the Aborigines.
Petition received.
3. Postponements:—
(1.) Mr. Darvall, on behalf of Mr. Manning, postponed the motions standing in the name of Mr. Manning on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
(2.) Mr. Parker postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
4. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1857:—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Governor General's Message No. 3, requesting the return of the Estimates which accompanied His Excellency's Message No. 1, on 16 September last, being read,—
Mr. Parker moved, That the Governor General's Message No. 3, be now read.
Question put and passed,—
And Message accordingly read by the Clerk;—
Whereupon Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice, That the request contained in His Excellency the Governor General's Message No. 3, be complied with; and that an Address be accordingly presented to His Excellency, returning the Estimates which accompanied his Message No. 1, of 16 September.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Parker then moved, That the Address be presented to His Excellency by the Speaker.
Question put and passed.
5. Common Law Proceedings Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MANNING to move for leave to introduce a Bill, to grant a Duty upon Gold.
2. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill, further to amend the Customs' Regulation Act.
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 - (2.) That provision should be made for vesting such and all other Towns' Commons in Trustees, to be elected in each case by the Inhabitants of every such Town.
 - (3.) That wherever a Towns' Common may be held by Trustees, all Waste Lands adjacent to the same, and within three miles thereof, shall cease to be subject to the provisions of that part of the Crown Lands Regulations relating to pre-emptive lease, or to be leased through any other process than by public auction.
 - (4.) That provision should be made, to authorize parties holding licenses to cut or remove Timber from Crown Lands, to do so, notwithstanding that such lands may be held by other persons on lease for Pastoral purposes.

11. MR. PARKES to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph; more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Arnold, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Irving, Mr. Parker, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Parkes.
12. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.
13. MR. NICHOLS to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that Branch of the Public Service.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Lord, Mr. Barker, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Irving, and the Mover.
14. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution:—That, in the opinion of this House, measures should be immediately taken for surveying a line for a Railroad from a suitable locality, in Maitland, to the Town of Morpeth; and that a plan and estimate of the probable expense of such a line of Railway, should be forthwith prepared.
15. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to give relief to persons having claims against the Government of New South Wales.
16. MR. NICHOLS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the several Scales of Charges for conveyance of Passengers and Goods by the Railway from Sydney, as authorised by the Commissioners of Railways; and also a Copy of any Rules, Regulations, or By-laws, made by the Commissioners, relating to the conduct of the traffic on the said Railway.

Questions:—

1. MR. HOLROYD to ask MR. HAY—If any steps have been taken by the Government to cause a Survey of the waters of Moreton Bay to be made with a view to ascertain the best site as a Port of Shipment there; and, if not, if it be the intention of the Government to institute such a Survey?
2. MR. HOLROYD to ask MR. HAY,—If it be the intention of the Government to carry on the Railway from Parramatta to Penrith and to Windsor, and from Maitland to Singleton, simultaneously with the extension of the Railway from Liverpool to Campbelltown or the Menangle?
3. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE HON. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether it is the intention of the present Administration to alter the position of the Attorney General and the Solicitor General; and whether the present Solicitor General holds a seat in the Executive Council?
4. MR. SCOTT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) Whether the Government has fixed upon a Station for the Railway at East Maitland?
 (2.) Whether the Government has taken any decided step for extending the Railroad from East to West Maitland?
 (3.) Whether a site has been fixed upon for a Station at West Maitland?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RICHARDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1856, the sum of £150 as a gratuity to Maria Feeney, being in consideration of the long and valuable services of her late husband, Martin Feeney, late Gaoler at Brisbane.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1857, a sufficient sum for the establishment of a Police Magistrate in the town of Queanbeyan.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, from March 1, 1854, to September 1, 1856, between the Executive Government and the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol, on the subject of the introduction into this Colony of an improved system of Prison Discipline; also, of all Correspondence during the same period, between the Executive Government and the High Sheriff of New South Wales on the same subject; also a copy of the Report of the Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor General in March, 1855, to inquire into and report upon the same subject; also, copies of all subsequent Correspondence, between the Executive Government and the said Board in reference to their Report; also, a copy of the Report of the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol upon the management of said Institution during the year 1855; also, a copy of the Report of the High Sheriff of New South Wales upon the work done in the Sydney Gaol during the year 1855, and for the present year.

5. Mr. HOLT to move,—
- (1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable, on account of its vast importance, to encourage by every legitimate means, the cultivation of the Cotton Plant in the Colony of New South Wales (for which it is believed that the Northern Districts of the Colony are peculiarly adapted);—and this House therefore resolves, that the Government be authorized to offer remission orders to the extent of £5,000, as premiums to the growers of the first 1,000 bales of not less than 240 lbs. each, of clean merchantable cotton wool.
 - (2.) That every grower of one bale of not less than 240 lbs., shall be entitled to a remission order to the extent of £5; and for every additional bale of not less than 240 lbs. a remission order for a further sum of £5; and that prizes in the same proportion continue to be awarded to as many competitors as may be entitled thereto until the whole of the said sum of £5,000 be exhausted.
 - (3.) That the said remission orders be receivable as cash in payment for country lands at the Government land sales in those districts where the cotton wool was grown for which the prizes were awarded.
 - (4.) That no premium will be awarded for any cotton wool which is not clean and in good merchantable condition.
 - (5.) That the said premiums will be open for competition from the date of the passing of these resolutions, until the said amount appropriated for prizes has been awarded.
 - (6.) That the Government be requested to take such measures as they may consider expedient, to carry these resolutions into effect, and to make them generally known for the information of all parties who may wish to compete for the said prizes.
6. Mr. SCOTT to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present plan proposed, and recently commenced, for deepening the River Hunter, at those parts commonly known as the Flats;—and into all matters connected therewith;—with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Faucett, Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
7. Mr. SCOTT to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle;—into the expense consequent thereon;—and into the amounts of the claims now made or likely to be made by the Australian Agricultural Company, and others, for compensation— with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Flood, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.

 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.

 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
 - (1.) A nominal Return of all Causes tried, and of all Motions or Applications made before the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855, specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges in each case, and the number of days occupied in such adjudications or decisions.
 - (2.) A nominal Return of all new Trials granted by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855, specifying the name or names of the Judge or Judges who tried the original case, the reasons why, in each case, the new Trial was granted, and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
 - (3.) A nominal Return of all Judgments reserved by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855, specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges, the reasons why Judgment, in each case, was reserved, and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.

 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That the negotiation by the Government of Loans by the issue of Debentures, in sums of not less than £100 each, and making the principal and interest payable in Sydney, or London, at the option of the holder, without reference to the rates of exchange ruling between this Colony and England, is a bad financial measure, and ought not to be adopted by the Government.

(2.)

- (2.) Because it is manifestly unjust to a very large number of the Colonists, who would be glad to invest £5, and the multiples of that sum, in Government Securities, but who are unable to make any investment therein, in consequence of the Government not issuing their Debentures in less amounts than that of £100 each, and who are thus deprived of the opportunity of investing their savings, at interest, in Government securities, to their loss, and that of the country, and to the benefit alone of the English capitalists.
- (3.) Because, by allowing the small as well as the large capitalists, to compete for Government Securities, the number of competitors would probably be increased more than one hundred fold, and the Public would thus reap considerable benefit by the Government Securities, (so soon as they become generally known) being negotiated on much more favorable terms than at present.
- (4.) Because of the serious loss to which the Public is subjected, in having to buy Bills on England, to provide for the principal and interest of the Debentures, which at the present rate of exchange, of 2 per cent. premium, amounts, with interest on the usance till the bills become due, to about 3½ per cent., exclusive of the London banker's commission of 10s. per £100.
- (5.) And it is the opinion of this House, that in order to meet the convenience of the holders, and to effect a gradual reduction of the debt of the Colony, it is expedient for the future to receive, as cash, with the accrued interest thereto added, any Debentures that may hereafter be negotiated in payment for the purchase of public lands,
- (6.) Further, that in order to give an increased currency to the Government Debentures, and to induce all persons throughout the Colony to receive them as Cash, so that they may, to a certain extent, supply the place of money, and obviate the necessity of negotiating any loans out of the Colony, it is desirable that the Government should make arrangements with one or more of the Banks, to purchase and sell the Debentures which may hereafter be negotiated, at fixed rates, (making a small margin between the buying and selling rates), and to fix the prices for the same, from time to time, according to the supply and demand.
- (7.) That the above Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented, by the Honorable the Speaker, to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. Mr. FLOOD to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.
3. Mr. WEEKES to move,—That in the opinion of this House, the construction of a Causeway across the Falls at West Maitland, which may answer the double purpose of a Dam for retaining the Water for the Town of West Maitland, and of a Roadway across the River, is a work of great necessity for the Inhabitants of that district;—and that Plans and Estimates for the undertaking should be prepared without delay.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. HOLT to move,—
- (1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.
- (2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.
- (3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.
- (4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.
- (5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.
- (6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their

their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

(7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating, and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.

(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is expedient to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto.
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter .....			} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

Scholars of the 2nd Class are to be deemed those who can read easy books, and who are learning to write.

Scholars of the 1st Class are to be deemed those who are able to read freely, and to write a fair hand. If boys, they must also be learning grammar, arithmetic, geography and history; if girls, grammar, arithmetic, and needlework. The respective Classes of the scholars to be decided by the Inspector, after examination.

(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill to carry out the intent and meaning of the above Resolutions, and that the same be submitted for the consideration of this House.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Question of Privilege—Office of Colonial Treasurer:—Mr. Cowper moved, *without previous notice*, That the continued absence of the Colonial Treasurer from this House, and the withholding of all information upon the subject by the Government, is at variance with the Constitutional principle of Responsible Government.
Debate ensued.
2. Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1856-7:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—

W. DENISON.

Message No. 5.

Governor General.

In accordance with the provision contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor General herewith submits for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1857, in substitution for those submitted with His Excellency's Message of the 16th September last, No. 1.

The Governor General also submits for consideration a Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure for the present year.

Government House,

Sydney, 30 October, 1856.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and taken into consideration this day week.

3. Question of Privilege—Office of Colonial Treasurer:—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper,—“That the continued absence of the Colonial Treasurer from this House, and the withholding of all information upon the subject by the Government, “is at variance with the Constitutional Principle of Responsible Government,”—interrupted by the foregoing Message,—resumed.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.
Mr. Robertson, }

Noes, 27.

Mr. Manning,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. George Macleay,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. William Macleay,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Holt, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd. }

4. Paper:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table a Letter addressed to His Excellency the Governor General by Edward Deas Thomson, Esquire, on the 2nd of July last, on the subject of Administrative Arrangements.
Ordered to be printed.

5. Mr. Frederick Dunbar :—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from Mr. Frederick Dunbar, late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove, complaining of his removal from that office, and praying redress.
Petition received.
6. Motions withdrawn :—
(1.) Mr. Forster withdrew the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for Friday, November 7,—giving an *amended* notice of motion in lieu thereof.
(2.) Mr. Jones withdrew the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-morrow,—giving an *amended* notice in lieu thereof.
7. Gold Duty Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to grant a Duty upon Gold.
Question put and passed ;— *Ordered*, that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
8. Gold Fields' Management Bill :—Mr. Manning having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Gold Fields*," read a first time ; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. Gold Duty Bill :—Mr. Manning having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill for granting a Duty upon Gold*," read a first time ; Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. Customs Further Regulation Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill further to amend the Customs Regulation Act.
Question put and passed ;— *Ordered*, that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
11. Moreton Bay District Court Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to establish a separate Court for the District of Moreton Bay.
Question put and passed ;— *Ordered*, that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
12. Customs Further Regulation Bill :—Mr. Manning having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill further to amend the Act for the General Regulation of Customs in New South Wales*," read a first time ; Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
13. Moreton Bay District Court Bill :—Mr. Manning having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to provide for the better Administration of Justice in the District of Moreton Bay*," read a first time ; Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
14. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the appointment of a Public Prosecutor.
Question put and passed ;— *Ordered*, that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
15. Sydney Municipal Council Bill :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to re-establish a Municipal Council for the City of Sydney.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed ;— *Ordered*, that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill ;—
And Mr. Parker having presented the Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to re-establish a Municipal Council in the City of Sydney*," read a first time ; Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
16. Crown Suits Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for the Payment of Costs in Proceedings instituted on behalf of the Crown in matters relating to the Revenue, and for the Amendment of the Procedure and Practice in Crown Suits*."
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Hay and Mr. Manning do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein.

Message from the Legislative Assembly to the Legislative Council :—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for the payment of costs in proceedings instituted on behalf of the Crown in matters relating to the Revenue, and for the Amendment of the Procedure and Practice in Crown Suits*," beg now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th. October, 1856.
Question put and passed.
17. Constitution Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed,—
And Bill read a second time :—
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parker, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, the House ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

18. Postponements:—

- (1.) The consideration in Committee of the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
- (2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Common Law Proceedings Bill postponed, on motion of Mr Manning, until Wednesday next.
19. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill;—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to vest the Trust Moneys, Securities, and Property, of the Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company, in this Colony, in the Local Trustees of the said Company for the time being.
Question put and passed.
20. Depredations by the Aborigines at Maranoa; Mr. Sandeman moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him yesterday, praying provision for the protection of the District of Maranoa from Depredations by the Aborigines, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
21. Sydney Bethel Union Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Sydney Bethel Union to surrender the Land in Macquarie-street, Sydney, some time since granted as a site for a Mariners' Church, and to accept a grant of other land in lieu thereof.*"
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Hay and Mr. Manning do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein.

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Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th October, 1856.*

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at five minutes before Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for increasing the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly;—to alter and amend the Electoral System;—and otherwise to regulate matters relating to elections in the Colony of New South Wales.
2. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL, to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House—
 - (1.) A full description of the Land recently granted by the Crown to Mr. Francis O'Brien, at South Sydney, in exchange for certain other Land situated near Bondi Bay, together with a full description of such last mentioned Land.
 - (2.) Copies of all Official Correspondence and other Documents relating to such Exchange; copies of all Minutes or Resolutions of Council, with the names of the Members who were present at and forming the Executive Council when such exchange was authorised.
3. MR. HARGRAVE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th instant, praying the establishment of a Court of Assize at Armidale, be printed.
4. MR. JONES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Colonial Government and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with reference to a Petition of William Nowland, grazier, of Falbrook, to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on the subject of his claim to the station on Liverpool Plains called Wolalla.
5. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th instant, praying the removal of the Court of Petty Sessions from Wellingrove to the Township of Glen Innes, be printed.
6. MR. LANG to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th instant, praying the equalization of the proposed Export Duty on Gold, be printed.
7. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That it is the opinion of this House that a Bridge should be forthwith erected over the River Murray, at the Township of Albury; that communication should be opened by the Government of this Colony with that of Victoria, for the purpose of facilitating such measures as may be necessary for the carrying out this desirable object, which is essentially important to the interests of both Colonies.

8. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th instant, against the Desecration of the Sabbath by the running of Railway Trains, be printed.
9. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—
- (1.) That in the opinion of this House, in all cases where there are suitable unalienated Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of any proclaimed Town, a liberal portion of the same should be granted to such Town as a Common.
 - (2.) That provision should be made for vesting such and all other Towns' Commons in Trustees, to be elected in each case by the Inhabitants of every such Town.
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- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph; more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Arnold, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Irving, Mr. Parker, Mr. Weckes, and Mr. Parkes.
11. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.
12. MR. NICHOLS to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that Branch of the Public Service.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Campbell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Lord, Mr. Barker, Mr. Weckes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Irving, and the Mover.
13. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution:—That, in the opinion of this House, measures should be immediately taken for surveying a line for a Railroad from a suitable locality, in Maitland, to the Town of Morpeth; and that a plan and estimate of the probable expense of such a line of Railway, should be forthwith prepared.
14. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to introduce a Bill to give relief to persons having claims against the Government of New South Wales
15. MR. NICHOLS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the several Scales of Charges for conveyance of Passengers and Goods by the Railway from Sydney, as authorised by the Commissioners of Railways; and also a Copy of any Rules, Regulations, or By-laws, made by the Commissioners, relating to the conduct of the traffic on the said Railway.
16. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of Mr. Frederick Dunbar, late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
17. MR. JONES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of Electors in the several Electoral Districts of the Colony on the 1st day of September, 1856, distinguishing the number of Electors in the respective Wards, Hamlets, Boroughs, or Police Districts, comprised in each Electoral District; and showing, also, the number of Electors entitled to vote in the above-mentioned sub-divisions of each such Electoral District, as freholders, as householders, as leaseholders, as pastoral licensees, as recipients of salaries, and as lodgers.
18. MR. JONES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of the latest Proclamations which have been issued defining the Boundaries of the various Police Districts throughout the Colony,—accompanied by a Map of the Colony, showing, with such substantial accuracy as is obtainable without delay, the boundaries of these various Police Districts, and also of the existing Electoral Districts of the Colony—the directions of the Mail Roads, if any, running through the several Police Districts—and the positions of the chief town or towns in each of these Districts.
19. MR. NICHOLS to move, That Mr. Parker and Mr. Manning be Members of the Standing Orders Committee.
20. MR. NICHOLS to move, That Mr. Parker be a Member of the Library Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court.
2. MR. MANNING to move for leave to introduce a Bill to renew the Party Processions Act.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

Questions:—

1. MR. HOLROYD to ask MR. HAY—If any steps have been taken by the Government to cause a Survey of the waters of Moreton Bay to be made with a view to ascertain the best site as a Port of Shipment there; and, if not, if it be the intention of the Government to institute such a Survey?

2. MR. HOLROYD *to ask* MR. HAY,—If it be the intention of the Government to carry on the Railway from Parramatta to Penrith and to Windsor, and from Maitland to Singleton, simultaneously with the extension of the Railway from Liverpool to Campbelltown or the Menangle?
3. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE HON. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether it is the intention of the present Administration to alter the position of the Attorney General and the Solicitor General; and whether the present Solicitor General holds a seat in the Executive Council?
4. MR. SCOTT *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1) Whether the Government has fixed upon a Station for the Railway at East Maitland?
 - (2) Whether the Government has taken any decided step for extending the Railroad from East to West Maitland?
 - (3) Whether a site has been fixed upon for a Station at West Maitland?
5. MR. T. G. RUSDEN *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, in the absence of the COLONIAL TREASURER—Why the Pilot supposed to have been appointed for the Macleay River, has not proceeded to commence his duties?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. RICHARDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1856, the sum of £150 as a gratuity to Maria Feeney, being in consideration of the long and valuable services of her late husband, Martin Feeney, late Gaoler at Brisbane.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1857, a sufficient sum for the establishment of a Police Magistrate in the town of Queanbeyan.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, from March 1, 1854, to September 1, 1856, between the Executive Government and the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol, on the subject of the introduction into this Colony of an improved system of Prison Discipline; also, of all Correspondence during the same period, between the Executive Government and the High Sheriff of New South Wales on the same subject; also a copy of the Report of the Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor General in March, 1855, to inquire into and report upon the same subject; also, copies of all subsequent Correspondence between the Executive Government and the said Board in reference to their Report; also, a copy of the Report of the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol upon the management of said Institution during the year 1855; also, a copy of the Report of the High Sheriff of New South Wales upon the work done in the Sydney Gaol during the year 1855, and for the present year.
5. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable, on account of its vast importance, to encourage by every legitimate means, the cultivation of the Cotton Plant in the Colony of New South Wales (for which it is believed that the Northern Districts of the Colony are peculiarly adapted);—and this House therefore resolves, that the Government be authorized to offer remission orders to the extent of £5,000, as premiums to the growers of the first 1,000 bales of not less than 240 lbs. each, of clean merchantable cotton wool.
 - (2.) That every grower of one bale of not less than 240 lbs., shall be entitled to a remission order to the extent of £5; and for every additional bale of not less than 240 lbs. a remission order for a further sum of £5; and that prizes in the same proportion continue to be awarded to as many competitors as may be entitled thereto until the whole of the said sum of £5,000 be exhausted.
 - (3.) That the said remission orders be receivable as cash in payment for country lands at the Government land sales in those districts where the cotton wool was grown for which the prizes were awarded.
 - (4.) That no premium will be awarded for any cotton wool which is not clean and in good merchantable condition.
 - (5.) That the said premiums will be open for competition from the date of the passing of these resolutions, until the said amount appropriated for prizes has been awarded.
 - (6.) That the Government be requested to take such measures as they may consider expedient, to carry these resolutions into effect, and to make them generally known for the information of all parties who may wish to compete for the said prizes.
6. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present plan proposed, and recently commenced, for deepening the River Hunter, at those parts commonly known as the Flats;—and into all matters connected therewith;—with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Faucett, Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.

7. MR. SCOTT to move,—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle;—into the expense consequent thereon;—and into the amounts of the claims now made or likely to be made by the Australian Agricultural Company, and others, for compensation— with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Flood, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weckes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.

8. MR. HARGRAVE to move,—

(1.) That this House has learnt with regret, that it is the intention of the Imperial Government to fix the southern boundary of the proposed new Colony of Moreton Bay at a line "south of the 30th parallel of south latitude."

(2.) That as the interests of the various Districts proposed to be included in the new Colony are not identical, this House is of opinion that, in defining the future boundary line of the Colony of Moreton Bay, it is the duty of the Imperial Government to consult the wishes of the several Districts proposed to be included in that Colony.

(3.) That while this House fully recognizes the propriety of the Imperial Government, in accordance with the presumed wish of the majority of the inhabitants of Moreton Bay and Darling Downs, erecting those Districts into a separate Colony, it submits that, on the same principle, it will be unjust to the inhabitants of New England and the Clarence River to include those Districts in such Colony, if they are averse to being so included.

(4.) That in the opinion of this House the interests and commercial connexion of New England and the Clarence River are now, and will continue to be, so completely identified with the Colony of New South Wales, and distinct from those of the Districts of Moreton Bay and Darling Downs, that, if the question whether the first-mentioned Districts shall be included in the new Colony be referred to the inhabitants of those Districts, a very large majority will be found to be opposed to their being so included; and, in support of such opinion, this House refers to the Petition, signed by 1551 Inhabitants of New England and Clarence River, praying for the establishment of an Assize Court at Armidale, in which Petition they assert that "they do not desire to be included in any section of the Northern Districts which may be separated from the present Colony of New South Wales."

(5.) That this House requests that the Imperial Government will defer the final settlement of the southern boundary line of the new Colony, until the opinion of the Inhabitants of the Districts of New England and the Clarence River, is ascertained upon the subject.

(6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies at the earliest opportunity.

9. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Honorable the Attorney General and Mr. Donald Macpherson, with reference to a case of alleged Bigamy on the part of John Gerrie.

10. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House in amendment of the Return to the Address from the Legislative Council, dated 5th December, 1855, relative to Crown Lands, the following Returns:—

(1.) A Return, shewing the quantity of Lands, formerly belonging to Runs or Squattages, that have been advertised in the *Government Gazette* at any time, and in any manner, as Reserves or otherwise.

(2.) A Return of Lands, belonging formerly to any Squattages, that have been sold to any other parties as well as to the owners of these Runs; together with the names of the Runs, and of the lessees or holders of the Runs from which the land has been taken.

11. MR. SANDEMAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government, in Sydney, and the Government Resident of Moreton Bay, relative to building a Gaol for the District of Moreton Bay.

(2.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and their Honors the Judges of the Supreme Court, relative to the most suitable site for the erection of a Gaol for the District of Moreton Bay.

(3.) A Return of the number of cases tried before each Circuit Court at Moreton Bay, shewing the number of persons committed for trial at Brisbane, and the number committed for trial at Ipswich, and the Districts beyond it.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.

Questions:—MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—

(1.) Whether all claims advanced by private individuals against the Government, on account of provisions and other necessaries furnished to the Native Police, while that body was under the supervision of Mr. Frederick Walker, have been yet finally disposed of?

(2.) Whether the former system, of allowing the Officers of the Native Police to supply themselves with provisions and other necessaries, on account of the public service, otherwise than by public contract, has been, or whether the same is to be, discontinued?

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands' Sales Bill ; second reading.
2. Gold Fields Management Bill ; second reading.
3. Gold Duty Bill ; second reading.
4. Customs' Further Regulation Bill ; second reading.
5. Moreton Bay District Court Bill ; second reading.
6. Sydney Municipal Council Bill ; second reading.
7. Remedies on Bills, of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
8. Common Law Proceedings Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Consideration of Governor General's Message No. 5, with Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1856-7.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
 - (1.) A Nominal Return of all Causes tried, and of all Motions or Applications made before the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges in each case, and the number of days occupied in such adjudications or decisions.
 - (2.) A Nominal Return of all new Trials granted by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the Judge or Judges who tried the original case, the reasons—if on record—succinctly stated, why, in each case, the new Trial was granted,—and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
 - (3.) A Nominal Return of all Judgments reserved by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges, the reasons—if on record—succinctly stated, why, in each case, Judgment was reserved—and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.

Questions:—MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—

- (1.) Whether the Government propose continuing upon their present footing for any length of time, and if so, how long, the appointments and staff of Commissioners of Crown Lands beyond the boundaries?
- (2.) What are the actual duties intended to be performed by the aforesaid Commissioners' Orderlies, and whether it is in accordance with Government regulations that such Orderlies should, as is frequently the case beyond the boundaries, be employed by the Commissioners in the capacity of domestic or of farm servants?
- (3.) Whether in cases of an allowance for forage having been granted to Commissioners of Crown Lands beyond the boundaries, it has been intended that such forage should be actually provided, or that such allowance should be a perquisite of the Commissioners, at their own option to expend or to appropriate.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That the negotiation by the Government of Loans by the issue of Debentures, in sums of not less than £100 each, and making the principal and interest payable in Sydney, or London, at the option of the holder, without reference to the rates of exchange ruling between this Colony and England, is a bad financial measure, and ought not to be adopted by the Government.
 - (2.) Because it is manifestly unjust to a very large number of the Colonists, who would be glad to invest £5, and the multiples of that sum, in Government Securities, but who are unable to make any investment therein, in consequence of the Government not issuing their Debentures in less amounts than that of £100 each, and who are thus deprived of the opportunity of investing their savings, at interest, in Government securities, to their loss, and that of the country, and to the benefit alone of the English capitalists.

(3.)

- (3.) Because, by allowing the small as well as the large capitalists, to compete for Government Securities, the number of competitors would probably be increased more than one hundred fold, and the Public would thus reap considerable benefit by the Government Securities, (so soon as they become generally known) being negotiated on much more favorable terms than at present.
- (4.) Because of the serious loss to which the Public is subjected, in having to buy Bills on England, to provide for the principal and interest of the Debentures, which at the present rate of exchange, of 2 per cent. premium, amounts, with interest on the usance till the bills become due, to about $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., exclusive of the London banker's commission of 10s. per £100.
- (5.) And it is the opinion of this House, that in order to meet the convenience of the holders, and to effect a gradual reduction of the debt of the Colony, it is expedient for the future to receive, as cash, with the accrued interest thereto added, any Debentures that may hereafter be negotiated in payment for the purchase of public lands.
- (6.) Further, that in order to give an increased currency to the Government Debentures, and to induce all persons throughout the Colony to receive them as Cash, so that they may, to a certain extent, supply the place of money, and obviate the necessity of negotiating any loans out of the Colony, it is desirable that the Government should make arrangements with one or more of the Banks, to purchase and sell the Debentures which may hereafter be negotiated, at fixed rates, (making a small margin between the buying and selling rates), and to fix the prices for the same, from time to time, according to the supply and demand.
- (7.) That the above Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented, by the Honorable the Speaker, to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. FLOOD to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.
3. MR. WEEKES to move,—That in the opinion of this House, the construction of a Causeway across the Falls at West Maitland, which may answer the double purpose of a Dam for retaining the Water for the Town of West Maitland, and of a Roadway across the River, is a work of great necessity for the Inhabitants of that district;—and that Plans and Estimates for the undertaking should be prepared without delay.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—
- (1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.
- (2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.
- (3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.
- (4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.
- (5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.
- (6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the

the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

(7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating, and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.

(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is expedient to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto.
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter .....			} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

Scholars of the 2nd Class are to be deemed those who can read easy books, and who are learning to write.

Scholars of the 1st Class are to be deemed those who are able to read freely, and to write a fair hand. If boys, they must also be learning grammar, arithmetic, geography and history; if girls, grammar, arithmetic, and needlework.

The respective Classes of the scholars to be decided by the Inspector, after examination.

(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill to carry out the intent and meaning of the above Resolutions, and that the same be submitted for the consideration of this House.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Mr. Parker,—referring to a reflection upon him in a paragraph in the *Empire News*-paper of to-day,—explained;—
And a Debate arising;
Mr. Martin moved, That, in the opinion of this House, the explanation given by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary is not satisfactory.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Ayes, 3.</p> <p>Mr. Cowper,
Mr. J. Campbell, } Tellers.
Mr. Martin.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Nocs, 29.</p> <p>Mr. Hay,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. George Macleay,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. James Macarthur,
Mr. W. Macleay, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd.</p> |
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2. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for increasing the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly;—to alter and amend the Electoral System;—and otherwise to regulate matters relating to elections in the Colony of New South Wales.
Mr. Parker moved the Previous Question.
Debate ensued.
Previous Question by leave withdrawn;—
Whereupon Original Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the mover and seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
3. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill:—Mr. Manning having presented this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill for the Appointment of a Public Prosecutor*," read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
4. Land in Compensation granted to Mr. Francis O'Brien:—Mr. John Campbell moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House—
- (1.) A full description of the Land recently granted by the Crown to Mr. Francis O'Brien, at South Sydney, in exchange for certain other Land situated near Boudi Bay, together with a full description of such last mentioned Land.
- (2.) Copies of all Official Correspondence and other Documents relating to such Exchange; Copies of all Minutes or Resolutions of Council, with the names of the Members who were present at and forming the Executive Council when such exchange was authorised.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

5. Court of Assize at Armidale:—Mr. Hargrave moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th instant, praying the establishment of a Court of Assize at Armidale, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed
6. Claim of Mr. William Nowland to Wolalla Station:—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Colonial Government and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with reference to a Petition of William Nowland, Grazier, of Falbrook, to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, on the subject of his claim to the station on Liverpool Plains called Wolalla.
Question put and passed.
7. Wellingrove Petty Sessions:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th instant, praying the removal of the Court of Petty Sessions from Wellingrove to the Township of Glen Innes, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Export Duty on Gold:—Mr. Lang moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th instant, praying the equalization of the proposed Export Duty on Gold, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
9. Postponement:—Mr. George Macleay postponed the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
10. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Gordon withdrew the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
11. Towns' Commons:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
- (1.) That in the opinion of this House, in all cases where there are suitable unalienated Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of any proclaimed Town, a liberal portion of the same should be "*granted*" to such Town as a "*Common*"
 - (2.) That provision should be made for vesting such and all other Towns' Commons in "*Trustees*," to be elected in each case by the Inhabitants of every such Town.
 - (3.) That wherever a Towns' Common may be held by "*Trustees*," all Waste Lands adjacent to the same, and within ——— miles thereof, shall cease to be subject to the provisions of that part of the Crown Lands Regulations relating to pre-emptive lease, or to be leased through any other process than by public auction.
 - (4.) That "*provision*" should be made, to authorize parties holding licenses to cut or remove Timber from Crown Lands, to do so, notwithstanding that such lands may be held by other persons on lease for Pastoral purposes.
- Debate ensued.
Mr. George Macleay moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "*granted*" in the first Resolution, with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "*reserved*;" and by the addition after the word "*Common*," at the end of the same Resolution, of the words "for such term of years as the Government may deem proper;"—by the insertion of the words "Municipal bodies or" before the word "*Trustees*" in the second Resolution;—by the insertion of the words "a Municipal body or" before the word "*Trustees*" in the third Resolution;—and by the insertion, after the word "*provision*," in the fourth Resolution, of the "under proper restrictions."
Debate continued.
Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn;
Original Question by leave withdrawn;
Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, *by consent*,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in all cases where there are suitable unalienated Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of any proclaimed town, a liberal portion of the same should be reserved for the use, health, and enjoyment of the inhabitants.
 - (2.) That, under fair and judicious regulations, provision should be made to authorize parties holding Licenses to cut or remove Timber from Crown Lands, to do so, notwithstanding that such Lands may be held by other persons on Lease for Pastoral purposes.
- Question put and passed.
12. Electric Telegraph:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph; more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Arnold, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Irving, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Parkes.
- Question—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph; more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria,—put and passed.
Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Arnold, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Irving, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Parkes,—put and passed.

13. Postponement :—Mr. T. G. Rusden postponed the motion standing in his name eleventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
14. Customs' Department :—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that Branch of the Public Service.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robert Campbell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Lord, Mr. Barker, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Irving, and the Mover.
 Question—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the Management of the Customs Department of the Colony, and the future arrangement for carrying on the business of that branch of the Public Service,—put and passed.
 Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Robert Campbell, Mr. Egan, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Lord, Mr. Barker, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Holt, Mr. Irving, and the Mover,—put and passed.
15. Postponement :—Mr. Nichols postponed the motion standing in his name thirteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
16. Claims against Government Bill :—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to give relief to persons having claims against the Government of New South Wales.
 Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
17. Regulation of the Railway Traffic :—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of any Rules, Regulations, Orders, or By-laws, made by the Commissioners of Railways, relating to the conduct of the traffic to or on the Railway between Sydney and Liverpool.
 Question put and passed.
18. Claims against Government Bill : Mr. Nichols having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to give relief to persons having claims against the Government of New South Wales,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
19. Mr. Frederick Dunbar :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Frederick Dunbar, late Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
20. Electors in New South Wales :—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Electors in the several Electoral Districts of the Colony on the 1st day of September, 1856;—distinguishing the number of Electors in the respective Wards, Hamlets, Boroughs, or Police Districts comprised in each Electoral District; and showing, also, the number of Electors entitled to vote in the above-mentioned sub-divisions of each such Electoral District, as freeholders, as householders, as leaseholders, as pastoral licensees, as recipients of salaries, and as lodgers.
 Question put and passed.
21. Police and Electoral Districts :—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of the latest Proclamations which have been issued defining the Boundaries of the various Police Districts throughout the Colony,—accompanied by a Map of the Colony, showing, with such substantial accuracy as is attainable without delay, the boundaries of these various Police Districts, and also of the existing Electoral Districts of the Colony—the directions of the Mail Roads, if any, running through the several Police Districts—and the positions of the chief town or towns in each of these Districts.
 Question put and passed.
22. Standing Orders Committee :—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Parker and Mr. Manning be Members of the Standing Orders Committee.
 Question put and passed.
23. Library Committee :—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Parker be a Member of the Library Committee.
 Question put and passed.
24. Judges' Salaries Increase Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, for Leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court.
 Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
25. Party Processions Prevention Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to renew the Party Processions Act.
 Question put and passed; *Ordered*, that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
26. Judges' Salaries Increase Bill :—Mr. Manning having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to Increase the Salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
27. Constitution Act Amendment Bill Reported :—The Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House having been adopted, on motion of Mr. Parker, the House *Ordered* the Bill, as so Reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.
28. Party Processions Prevention Bill :—Mr. Manning having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill further to continue the 'Act to prevent, for a limited time, Party Processions, and certain other Public Exhibitions in the Colony of New South Wales,'*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned at half-past Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RICHARDSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1856, the sum of £150 as a gratuity to Maria Feeney, being in consideration of the long and valuable services of her late husband, Martin Feeney, late Gaoler at Brisbane.
2. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1857, a sufficient sum for the establishment of a Police Magistrate in the town of Queanbeyan.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, from March 1, 1854, to September 1, 1856, between the Executive Government and the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol, on the subject of the introduction into this Colony of an improved system of Prison Discipline; also, of all Correspondence during the same period, between the Executive Government and the High Sheriff of New South Wales on the same subject; also a copy of the Report of the Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor General in March, 1855, to inquire into and report upon the same subject; also, copies of all subsequent Correspondence between the Executive Government and the said Board in reference to their Report; also, a copy of the Report of the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol upon the management of said Institution during the year 1855; also, a copy of the Report of the High Sheriff of New South Wales upon the work done in the Sydney Gaol during the year 1855, and for the present year.
5. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable, on account of its vast importance, to encourage by every legitimate means, the cultivation of the Cotton Plant in the Colony of New South Wales (for which it is believed that the Northern Districts of the Colony are peculiarly adapted);—and this House therefore resolves, that the Government be authorized to offer remission orders to the extent of £5,000, as premiums to the growers of the first 1,000 bales of not less than 240 lbs. each, of clean merchantable cotton wool.
 - (2.) That every grower of one bale of not less than 240 lbs., shall be entitled to a remission order to the extent of £5; and for every additional bale of not less than 240 lbs. a remission order for a further sum of £5; and that prizes in the same proportion continue to be awarded to as many competitors as may be entitled thereto until the whole of the said sum of £5,000 be exhausted.
 - (3.) That the said remission orders be receivable as cash in payment for country lands at the Government land sales in those districts where the cotton wool was grown for which the prizes were awarded.
 - (4.) That no premium will be awarded for any cotton wool which is not clean and in good merchantable condition.
 - (5.) That the said premiums will be open for competition from the date of the passing of these resolutions, until the said amount appropriated for prizes has been awarded.
 - (6.) That the Government be requested to take such measures as they may consider expedient, to carry these resolutions into effect, and to make them generally known for the information of all parties who may wish to compete for the said prizes.
6. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present plan proposed, and recently commenced, for deepening the River Hunter, at those parts commonly known as the Flats;—and into all matters connected therewith;—with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Faucett, Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
7. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select-Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle;—into the expense consequent thereon;—and into the amounts of the claims now made or likely to be made by the Australian Agricultural Company, and others, for compensation— with power to send for persons and papers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Flood, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
8. MR. HARGRAVE to move,—
 - (1.) That this House has learnt with regret, that it is the intention of the Imperial Government to fix the southern boundary of the proposed new Colony of Moreton Bay at a line "south of the 30th parallel of south latitude."
 - (2.) That as the interests of the various Districts proposed to be included in the new Colony are not identical, this House is of opinion that, in defining the future boundary line of the Colony of Moreton Bay, it is the duty of the Imperial Government to consult the wishes of the several Districts proposed to be included in that Colony.

(3.)

(3.) That while this House fully recognizes the propriety of the Imperial Government, in accordance with the presumed wish of the majority of the inhabitants of Moreton Bay and Darling Downs, erecting those Districts into a separate Colony, it submits that, on the same principle, it will be unjust to the inhabitants of New England and the Clarence River to include those Districts in such Colony, if they are averse to being so included.

(4.) That in the opinion of this House the interests and commercial connexion of New England and the Clarence River are now, and will continue to be, so completely identified with the Colony of New South Wales, and distinct from those of the Districts of Moreton Bay and Darling Downs, that, if the question whether the first-mentioned Districts shall be included in the new Colony be referred to the inhabitants of those Districts, a very large majority will be found to be opposed to their being so included; and, in support of such opinion, this House refers to the Petition, signed by 1551 Inhabitants of New England and Clarence River, praying for the establishment of an Assize Court at Armidale, in which Petition they assert that "they do not desire to be included in any section of the Northern Districts which may be separated from the present Colony of New South Wales."

(5.) That this House requests that the Imperial Government will defer the final settlement of the southern boundary line of the new Colony, until the opinion of the Inhabitants of the Districts of New England and the Clarence River, is ascertained upon the subject.

(6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies at the earliest opportunity.

9. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Honorable the Attorney General and Mr. Donald Macpherson, with reference to a case of alleged Bigamy on the part of John Gerrie.
10. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House in amendment of the Return to the Address from the Legislative Council, dated 5th December, 1855, relative to Crown Lands, the following Returns:—
 - (1.) A Return, shewing the quantity of Lands, formerly belonging to Runs or Squattages, that have been advertised in the *Government Gazette* at any time, and in any manner, as Reserves or otherwise.
 - (2.) A Return of Lands, belonging formerly to any Squattages, that have been sold to any other parties as well as to the owners of these Runs; together with the names of the Runs, and of the lessees or holders of the Runs from which the land has been taken.
11. MR. SANDEMAN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government, in Sydney, and the Government Resident of Moreton Bay, relative to building a Gaol for the District of Moreton Bay.
 - (2.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and their Honors the Judges of the Supreme Court, relative to the most suitable site for the erection of a Gaol for the District of Moreton Bay.
 - (3.) A Return of the number of cases tried before each Circuit Court at Moreton Bay, shewing the number of persons committed for trial at Brisbane, and the number committed for trial at Ipswich, and the Districts beyond it.
12. MR. HOLROYD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th of October, from certain Owners of Land at Cleveland, praying for a Survey of Moreton Bay, to ascertain the best Port of Shipment, be printed.
13. MR. F. T. RUSDEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all sums spent on Public Works, in the City of Sydney and within ten miles of it, from the commencement of the year 1850 to the present time, shewing the sums appropriated in each year, and distinguishing between the sums advanced from Local Taxation and those from the General Revenue, and excluding all the expenses incurred for Railways.
 - (2.) A Return of all sums spent on Public Works, during the same period, in the Country Districts—distinguishing the amount spent in each District.
14. MR. SANDEMAN to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the management of the Native Police employed in the Colony, and to consider the propriety of appointing a Local Head of the Force in the Northern Districts, either as Commandant or Inspector, or both, and to take into consideration the future arrangements for the proper organization and management of the Force.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Holt, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hely, Mr. Francis T. Rusden, Mr. Lang, Mr. Wm. Macleay, and the Mover.
15. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the different District Registrars that have been appointed in the various Districts, with the several removals and re-appointments that have taken place in those Districts, shewing, as nearly as possible, the station in life to which the parties so appointed belong.

16. MR. JONES to move, That Mr. Flood and Mr. Nichols be members of the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MANNING to move, That the Crown Lands' Sales Bill be discharged from the Paper, with a view to the introduction of a Bill for the same purposes by the Secretary for Lands and Public Works.
2. MR. PARKER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the City Commissioners to levy a City Rate for the current and next succeeding half years.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; third reading.

Questions:—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 (1.) Whether all claims advanced by private individuals against the Government, on account of provisions and other necessaries furnished to the Native Police, while that body was under the supervision of Mr. Frederick Walker, have been yet finally disposed of?
 (2.) Whether the former system, of allowing the Officers of the Native Police to supply themselves with provisions and other necessaries, on account of the public service, otherwise than by public contract, has been, or whether the same is to be, discontinued?
2. MR. HARGRAVE to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, if the Secretary of State for the Colonies has transmitted to His Excellency the Governor General the Memorandum, or any copy thereof, drawn up by Mr. Deas Thomson, when in England, in reference to the proposed southern boundary of the new Colony of Moreton Bay, to which Memorandum allusion has been made in the Despatch of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated July 21st, 1856, and if so, whether there is any objection to its being now laid on the Table of this House.
3. MR. SCOTT to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) Whether the Government has fixed upon a Station for the Railway at East Maitland?
 (2.) Whether the Government has taken any decided step for extending the Railroad from East to West Maitland?
 (3.) Whether a site has been fixed upon for a Station at West Maitland?

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—MR. NICHOLS to move, (*On the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill being read*) That this House do resolve that the voting under such Bill shall be by Ballot.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Construction of Buildings and Party-walls, and for preventing mischiefs by Fire, in the City of Sydney and portions of the Suburbs thereof.
2. MR. HAY to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill "for the Incorporation of the Sole Commissioner of Railways, and to make more effectual provision for the construction, by the Government, of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales, and for the regulation thereof," be restored to the paper for Thursday next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands' Sales Bill; second reading.
 2. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
 3. Gold Duty Bill; second reading.
 4. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; second reading.
 5. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; second reading.
 6. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; second reading.
 7. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
 8. Common Law Proceedings Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 9. Party Processions Prevention Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Consideration of Governor General's Message No. 5, with Estimates of Expenditure for 1856-7.
 2. Judges Salaries Increase Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 - (1.) A Nominal Return of all Causes tried, and of all Motions or Applications made before the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions; since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges in each case, and the number of days occupied in such adjudications or decisions.
 - (2.) A Nominal Return of all new Trials granted by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the Judge or Judges who tried the original case, the reasons—if on record—succinctly stated, why, in each case, the new Trial was granted,—and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
 - (3.) A Nominal Return of all Judgments reserved by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges, the reasons—if on record—succinctly stated, why, in each case, Judgment was reserved—and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
2. Mr. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That it is the opinion of this House that a Bridge should be forthwith erected over the River Murray, at the Township of Albury; that communication should be opened by the Government of this Colony with that of Victoria, for the purpose of facilitating such measures as may be necessary for the carrying out this desirable object, which is essentially important to the interests of both Colonies.
3. Mr. T. G. RUSDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.
4. Mr. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution:—That, in the opinion of this House, measures should be immediately taken for surveying a line for a Railroad from a suitable locality, in Maitland, to the Town of Morpeth; and that a plan and estimate of the probable expense of such a line of Railway, should be forthwith prepared.
5. Mr. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Act to provide for the Maintenance of deserted Wives and Children*," 4 Vict., No. 5.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill; second reading.

Questions :—

1. Mr. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government propose continuing upon their present footing for any length of time, and if so, how long, the appointments and staff of Commissioners of Crown Lands beyond the boundaries?
 - (2.) What are the actual duties intended to be performed by the aforesaid Commissioners' Orderlies, and whether it is in accordance with Government regulations that such Orderlies should, as is frequently the case beyond the boundaries, be employed by the Commissioners in the capacity of domestic or of farm servants?
 - (3.) Whether in cases of an allowance for forage having been granted to Commissioners of Crown Lands beyond the boundaries, it has been intended that such forage should be actually provided, or that such allowance should be a prerequisite of the Commissioners, at their own option to expend or to appropriate.
2. Mr. HOLROYD to ask Mr. HAY—If any steps have been taken by the Government to cause a Survey of the waters of Moreton Bay to be made, with a view to ascertain the best site as a Port of Shipment there; and, if not, if it be the intention of the Government to institute such a Survey?
3. Mr. HOLROYD to ask Mr. HAY,—If it be the intention of the Government to carry on the Railway from Parramatta to Penrith and to Windsor, and from Maitland to Singleton, simultaneously with the extension of the Railway from Liverpool to Campbelltown or the Menangle?
4. Mr. HOLROYD to ask Mr. HAY—If it be the intention of the Government to place Hyde Park, and the unappropriated Lands in the Cleveland Paddock and at Grose Farm, or any or which of them, under Trustees, in conformity with the Act 18 Victoria, No. 33.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That the negotiation by the Government of Loans by the issue of Debentures, in sums of not less than £100 each, and making the principal and interest payable in Sydney, or London, at the option of the holder, without reference to the rates of exchange ruling between this Colony and England, is a bad financial measure, and ought not to be adopted by the Government.

(2.)

- (2.) Because it is manifestly unjust to a very large number of the Colonists, who would be glad to invest £5, and the multiples of that sum, in Government Securities, but who are unable to make any investment therein, in consequence of the Government not issuing their Debentures in less amounts than that of £100 each, and who are thus deprived of the opportunity of investing their savings, at interest, in Government securities, to their loss, and that of the country, and to the benefit alone of the English capitalists.
- (3.) Because, by allowing the small as well as the large capitalists, to compete for Government Securities, the number of competitors would probably be increased more than one hundred fold, and the Public would thus reap considerable benefit by the Government Securities, (so soon as they become generally known) being negotiated on much more favorable terms than at present.
- (4.) Because of the serious loss to which the Public is subjected, in having to buy Bills on England, to provide for the principal and interest of the Debentures, which at the present rate of exchange, of 2 per cent. premium, amounts, with interest on the usance till the bills become due, to about 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., exclusive of the London banker's commission of 10s. per £100.
- (5.) And it is the opinion of this House, that in order to meet the convenience of the holders, and to effect a gradual reduction of the debt of the Colony, it is expedient for the future to receive, as cash, with the accrued interest thereto added, any Debentures that may hereafter be negotiated in payment for the purchase of public lands.
- (6.) Further, that in order to give an increased currency to the Government Debentures, and to induce all persons throughout the Colony to receive them as Cash, so that they may, to a certain extent, supply the place of money, and obviate the necessity of negotiating any loans out of the Colony, it is desirable that the Government should make arrangements with one or more of the Banks, to purchase and sell the Debentures which may hereafter be negotiated, at fixed rates, (making a small margin between the buying and selling rates), and to fix the prices for the same, from time to time, according to the supply and demand.
- (7.) That the above Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented, by the Honorable the Speaker, to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. FLOOD to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.
3. MR. WEEKES to move,—That in the opinion of this House, the construction of a Causeway across the Falls at West Maitland, which may answer the double purpose of a Dam for retaining the Water for the Town of West Maitland, and of a Roadway across the River, is a work of great necessity for the Inhabitants of that district;—and that Plans and Estimates for the undertaking should be prepared without delay.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—
- (1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.
- (2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.
- (3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.
- (4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.
- (5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.
- (6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their

their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

(7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating, and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.

(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is expedient to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto.
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter		} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

Scholars of the 2nd Class are to be deemed those who can read easy books, and who are learning to write.

Scholars of the 1st Class are to be deemed those who are able to read freely, and to write a fair hand. If boys, they must also be learning grammar, arithmetic, geography and history; if girls, grammar, arithmetic, and needlework. The respective Classes of the scholars to be decided by the Inspector, after examination.

(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill to carry out the intent and meaning of the above Resolutions, and that the same be submitted for the consideration of this House.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 37.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Richmond Bridge Company;—Mr. Martin presented a Petition from Mr. William Bowman, Chairman of the Provisional Committee of the proposed Richmond Bridge Company, praying leave to introduce a Bill to Incorporate the said Company.
Petition received.
2. Mr. James Ralfe:—Mr. Barker presented a Petition from Mr. James Ralfe, Licensed Surveyor of Port Macquarie, praying an acknowledgment of his services.
Petition received.
3. Mrs. Maria Feeney:—Mr. Richardson moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimate for 1856, the sum of £150 as a gratuity to Maria Feeney, being in consideration of the long and valuable services of her late husband, Martin Feeney, late Gaoler at Brisbane.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Holt, } Tellers.
Mr. Garland. }

Noes, 22.

Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Weekes, } Tellers.
Mr. Forster. }

4. Police Magistrate at Queanbeyan:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Estimates for the year 1857, a sufficient sum for the establishment of a Police Magistrate in the town of Queanbeyan.
Mr. Parker moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that a Police Magistrate be appointed for the District of Queanbeyan, who should be also charged with the duties of Clerk of Petty Sessions."
Debate ensued.
Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn.
Original Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
Mr. Forster. }

Noes, 34.

Mr. Scott,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd. }

5. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved.
Debate ensued.
Question put;—
And a Division being demanded, and the doors being locked, the Question was again put,—
And it being discovered that there were not two Members on the right of the Chair, to act as Tellers for the Ayes, the Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *Negative*.
6. Prison Discipline:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, from March 1, 1854, to September 1, 1856, between the Executive Government and the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol, on the subject of the introduction into this Colony of an improved system of Prison Discipline; also, of all Correspondence during the same period, between the Executive Government and the High Sheriff of New South Wales on the same subject; also a copy of the Report of the Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor General in March, 1855, to inquire into and report upon the same subject; also, copies of all subsequent Correspondence between the Executive Government and the said Board in reference to their Report; also, a copy of the Report of the Visiting Justice of Parramatta Gaol upon the management of said Institution during the year 1855; also, a copy of the Report of the High Sheriff of New South Wales upon the work done in the Sydney Gaol during the year 1855, and for the present year; and also a Petition from the Inhabitants of Parramatta to the Governor General, and His Excellency's reply thereto.
Question put and passed.
7. Premium on the Cultivation of the Cotton Plant:—Mr. Holt moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
- (1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable, on account of its vast importance, to encourage by every legitimate means, the cultivation of the Cotton Plant in the Colony of New South Wales (for which it is believed that the Northern Districts of the Colony are peculiarly adapted);—and this House therefore resolves, that the Government be authorized to offer remission orders to the extent of £5,000, as premiums to the growers of the first 1,000 bales of not less than 240 lbs. each, of clean merchantable cotton wool.
 - (2.) That every grower of one bale of not less than 240 lbs., shall be entitled to a remission order to the extent of £5; and for every additional bale of not less than 240 lbs. a remission order for a further sum of £5; and that prizes in the same proportion continue to be awarded to as many competitors as may be entitled thereto until the whole of the said sum of £5,000 be exhausted.
 - (3.) That the said remission orders be receivable as cash in payment for country lands at the Government land sales in those districts where the cotton wool was grown for which the prizes were awarded.
 - (4.) That no premium will be awarded for any cotton wool which is not clean and in good merchantable condition.
 - (5.) That the said premiums will be open for competition from the date of the passing of these Resolutions, until the said amount appropriated for prizes has been awarded.
- (6.)

(6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by the Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

8. Deepening the River Hunter:—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present plan proposed, and recently commenced, for deepening the River Hunter, at those parts commonly known as the Flats;—and into all matters connected therewith;—with power to send for persons and papers.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Faucett, Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
- Debate ensued.
- Question,—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present plan proposed, and recently commenced, for deepening the River Hunter, at those parts commonly known as the Flats;—and into all matters connected therewith;—with power to send for persons and papers,—put and passed.
- Question,—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Faucett, Mr. Flood, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Jones, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover,—put and passed.
9. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Scott withdrew the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, giving an *amended* Notice of Motion on the same subject for this day week.
10. Postponement:—Mr. Hargrave postponed the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
11. John Gerrie;—Bigamy:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Honorable the Attorney General and Mr. Donald Macpherson, with reference to a case of alleged Bigamy on the part of John Gerrie.
- Question put and passed;—
- Whereupon Mr. Manning laid upon the Table the Return to the Address.
12. Reserves and Sales of portions of Squattages:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, in amendment of the Return to the Address from the Legislative Council, dated 5th December, 1855, relative to Crown Lands, the following Returns:—
- (1.) A Return, shewing the quantity of Lands, formerly belonging to Runs or Squattages, that have been advertised in the *Government Gazette* at any time, and in any manner, as Reserves or otherwise.
- (2.) A Return of Lands, belonging formerly to any Squattages, that have been sold to any other parties as well as to the owners of these Runs; together with the names of the Runs, and of the lessees or holders of the Runs from which the land has been taken.
- Question put and passed.
13. Moreton Bay Gaol and Circuit Court:—Mr. Sandeman moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government, in Sydney, and the Government Resident of Moreton Bay, relative to building a Gaol for the District of Moreton Bay.
- (2.) A Return of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and their Honors the Judges of the Supreme Court, relative to the most suitable site for the erection of a Gaol for the District of Moreton Bay.
- (3.) A Return of the number of cases tried before each Circuit Court at Moreton Bay, shewing the number of persons committed for trial at Brisbane, and the number committed for trial at Ipswich, and the Districts beyond it.
- Question put and passed.
14. Port of Shipment at Moreton Bay:—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 28th of October, from certain Owners of Land at Cleveland, praying for a Survey of Moreton Bay, to ascertain the best Port of Shipment, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
15. Expenditure upon Public Works in Sydney and in the Country Districts:—Mr. F. T. Rusden moved pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of all sums spent on Public Works, in the City of Sydney and within ten miles of it, from the commencement of the year 1850 to the present time, shewing the sums appropriated in each year, from the General Revenue, and excluding all the expenses incurred for Railways.
- (2.) A Return of all sums spent on Public Works, during the same period, in the Country Districts—distinguishing the amount spent in each District.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight—

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1856.

16. Postponements:—

(1.) Mr. Sandeman postponed the motion standing in his name fourteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.

(2.) Mr. T. G. Rusden postponed the motion standing in his name fifteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.

17. **City Commissioners Department** :—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That Mr. Egan, and Mr. Robertson, be Members of the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department.
Question put and passed.
18. **Postponement** :—The second reading of the Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Plunkett, until Friday next.
19. **Crown Lands' Sales Bill** :—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, That the Crown Lands' Sales Bill be discharged from the Paper, with a view to the introduction of a Bill for the same purposes by the Secretary for Lands and Public Works.
Question put and passed.
20. **City Rates Bill** :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the City Commissioners to levy a City Rate for the current and next succeeding half years.
Question put and passed ;—*Ordered* that the mover and seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
21. **Postponement** :—The third reading of the Constitution Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until to-morrow.
22. **City Rates Bill** ;—Mr. Parker having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to enable the City Commissioners to levy City Rates for the current and next succeeding half years,*" read a first time ; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
The House adjourned at half-past Twelve o'clock A. M., until Three o'clock P. M. this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. **MR. NICHOLS** to move, (*On the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill being read*) That this House do resolve that the voting under such Bill shall be by Ballot.
2. **MR. FORSTER** to move (*On Motion being made for the third reading of the Constitution Act Amendment Bill*), That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to his proposing in Committee the following Amendment in Clause II, viz. :—That between the word "respectively" and the words "shall be," in the eighth line, the following words be inserted, viz. :—"And so much of the same Act as provides, in the same section, that "every Bill which shall be so passed for any such purposes, shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and a copy of such Bill shall be laid before both Houses of the Imperial Parliament for the period of thirty days at the least, before Her Majesty's pleasure thereon shall be signified."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. HAY** to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Construction of Buildings and Party-walls, and for preventing mischiefs by Fire, in the City of Sydney and portions of the Suburbs thereof.
2. **MR. HAY** to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill "for the Incorporation of the Sole Commissioner of Railways, and to make more effectual provision for the construction, by the Government, of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales, and for the regulation thereof," be restored to the paper for Thursday next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Fields Management Bill ; second reading.
2. Gold Duty Bill ; second reading.
3. Customs' Further Regulation Bill ; second reading.
4. Moreton Bay District Court Bill ; second reading.
5. Sydney Municipal Council Bill ; second reading.
6. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
7. Common Law Proceedings Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Party Processions Prevention Bill ; second reading.
9. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. **MR. MARTIN** to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Richmond Bridge Company.
2. **MR. BARKER** to move, That the Petition of Mr. James Ralfe, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
3. **MR. HARGRAVE** to move,—
 - (1.) That this House has learnt with regret, that it is the intention of the Imperial Government to fix the southern boundary of the proposed new Colony of Moreton Bay at a line "south of the 30th parallel of south latitude."
 - (2.) That as the interests of the various Districts proposed to be included in the new Colony are not identical, this House is of opinion that, in defining the future boundary

line

line of the Colony of Moreton Bay, it is the duty of the Imperial Government to consult the wishes of the several Districts proposed to be included in that Colony.

(3.) That while this House fully recognizes the propriety of the Imperial Government, in accordance with the presumed wish of the majority of the inhabitants of Moreton Bay and Darling Downs, erecting those Districts into a separate Colony, it submits that, on the same principle, it will be unjust to the inhabitants of New England and the Clarence River to include those Districts in such Colony, if they are averse to being so included.

(4.) That in the opinion of this House the interests and commercial connexion of New England and the Clarence River are now, and will continue to be, so completely identified with the Colony of New South Wales, and distinct from those of the Districts of Moreton Bay and Darling Downs, that, if the question whether the first-mentioned Districts shall be included in the new Colony be referred to the inhabitants of those Districts, a very large majority will be found to be opposed to their being so included; and, in support of such opinion, this House refers to the Petition, signed by 1551 Inhabitants of New England and Clarence River, praying for the establishment of an Assize Court at Armidale, in which Petition they assert that "they do not desire to be included in any section of the Northern Districts which may be separated from the present Colony of New South Wales"

(5.) That this House requests that the Imperial Government will defer the final settlement of the southern boundary line of the new Colony, until the opinion of the Inhabitants of the Districts of New England and the Clarence River, is ascertained upon the subject.

(6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies at the earliest opportunity.

Questions:—

1. MR. MARTIN to ask MR. MANNING—Whether any steps have been taken against the Contractor, or otherwise, in reference to the breach of contract reported on by the Gentlemen recently appointed by the Governor to inquire into the state of the Semi-Circular Quay?
2. MR. MARTIN to ask MR. PARKER—
 - (1.) Whether any authority has been given to the City Commissioners to depasture horses or cattle upon the enclosed grounds set apart for the Water Reserve, and if so, how long such authority has been in force?
 - (2.) Whether any, and (if any), what number of horses and cattle have been ordinarily depastured upon such reserve, since the appointment to office of the City Commissioners?
3. MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Whether any communication by Despatch from the Colonial Office, or otherwise, has been made to the Government of this Colony, with reference to the revival of Transportation to the Australian Colonies; and if any Despatch or letter on the subject has been received from the Home Government, whether there is any objection to explain to this House the nature of such communication?
 - (2.) Whether any communication, by memorial or otherwise, has recently been made to the Government by persons resident in the Colony, in favor of the re-introduction of British convicts to any part of New South Wales?
4. MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government have received a Memorial from certain Electors of the Pastoral District of Murrumbidgee, resident at Albury, addressed to the Governor General, representing that the arrangements made for the recent election for that District, more particularly with respect to insufficiency of time, rendered it impossible for the Memorialists to record their votes, and praying, on account of this circumstance, which the Memorialists regard as a violation of the Constitution, that a new election may take place?
 - (2.) If such Memorial has been received, whether it has been considered by Her Majesty's Ministers, with a view to any action in the matter?
5. MR. JONES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS—Whether the notice issued by the Commissioners of Railways, on the 29th October last, of their intention to make a Railway from Liverpool to Campbelltown, at the expiration of forty days from that date, has been so issued to enable them to commence that work immediately on this House authorizing its construction; or whether the Government conceive that they have already received sufficient authority to proceed with such extension of the Southern Railway?
6. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Census of the Colony, taken on the 1st of March, 1856, will be laid upon the Table of this House?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Consideration of Governor General's Message No. 5, with Estimates of Expenditure for 1856-7.
2. Judges Salaries Increase Bill; second reading.
3. City Rates Bill; second reading.

Question:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend this Session to introduce any Bill to apply the mode of Voting by Ballot to the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 - (1.) A Nominal Return of all Causes tried, and of all Motions or Applications made before the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges in each case, and the number of days occupied in such adjudications or decisions.
 - (2.) A Nominal Return of all new Trials granted by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the Judge or Judges who tried the original case, the reasons—if on record—succinctly stated, why, in each case, the new Trial was granted,—and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
 - (3.) A Nominal Return of all Judgments reserved by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges, the reasons—if on record—succinctly stated, why, in each case, Judgment was reserved—and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
2. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That it is the opinion of this House that a Bridge should be forthwith erected over the River Murray, at the Township of Albury; that communication should be opened by the Government of this Colony with that of Victoria, for the purpose of facilitating such measures as may be necessary for the carrying out this desirable object, which is essentially important to the interests of both Colonies.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.
4. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution:—That, in the opinion of this House, measures should be immediately taken for surveying a line for a Railroad from a suitable locality, in Maitland, to the Town of Morpeth; and that a plan and estimate of the probable expense of such a line of Railway, should be forthwith prepared.
5. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Act to provide for the Maintenance of deserted Wives and Children*," 4 Vict., No. 5.
6. MR. MARTIN to move, That there be laid upon the table of this House, a Return setting forth—
 - (1.) The cost of removing cast iron water pipes from Sydney to various places between Sydney and Botany Bay.
 - (2.) The cost incurred, or to be incurred, in again removing such pipes, or some of them, to other localities, in consequence of the places in which they were first laid down having been appointed for that purpose by mistake.
7. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the arrangements for the purposes of Police, and the Administration of Justice in Courts of Petty Sessions in the Country Districts; and that it be an Instruction to such Committee to consider and report upon the best and most economical means of carrying on the general official business of such Districts.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hely, Mr. Weckes, Mr. Manning, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lang, and the Mover.
8. MR. SANDÉMAN to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the management of the Native Police employed in the Colony, and to consider the propriety of appointing a Local Head of the Force in the Northern Districts, either as Commandant or Inspector, or both, and to take into consideration the future arrangements for the proper organization and management of the Force.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Holt, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hely, Mr. Francis T. Rusden, Mr. Lang, Mr. Wm. Macleay, and the Mover.
9. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the different District Registrars that have been appointed in the various Districts, with the several removals and re-appointments that have taken place in those Districts, shewing, as nearly as possible, the station in life to which the parties so appointed belong.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill; second reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government propose continuing upon their present footing for any length of time, and if so, how long, the appointments and staff of Commissioners of Crown Lands beyond the boundaries?
 - (2.) What are the actual duties intended to be performed by the aforesaid Commissioners?

sioners' Orderlies, and whether it is in accordance with Government regulations that such Orderlies should, as is frequently the case beyond the boundaries, be employed by the Commissioners in the capacity of domestic or of farm servants?

(3.) Whether in cases of an allowance for forage having been granted to Commissioners of Crown Lands beyond the boundaries, it has been intended that such forage should be actually provided, or that such allowance should be a perquisite of the Commissioners, at their own option to expend or to appropriate.

2. MR. HOLROYD to ask MR. HAY.—If any steps have been taken by the Government to cause a Survey of the waters of Moreton Bay to be made, with a view to ascertain the best site as a Port of Shipment there; and, if not, if it be the intention of the Government to institute such a Survey?
3. MR. HOLROYD to ask MR. HAY.—If it be the intention of the Government to carry on the Railway from Parramatta to Penrith and to Windsor, and from Maitland to Singleton, simultaneously with the extension of the Railway from Liverpool to Campbelltown or the Menangle?
4. MR. HOLROYD to ask MR. HAY.—If it be the intention of the Government to place Hyde Park, and the unappropriated Lands in the Cleveland Paddock and at Grose Farm, or any or which of them, under Trustees, in conformity with the Act 18 Victoria, No. 33.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That the negotiation by the Government of Loans by the issue of Debentures, in sums of not less than £100 each, and making the principal and interest payable in Sydney, or London, at the option of the holder, without reference to the rates of exchange ruling between this Colony and England, is a bad financial measure, and ought not to be adopted by the Government.
 - (2.) Because it is manifestly unjust to a very large number of the Colonists, who would be glad to invest £5, and the multiples of that sum, in Government Securities, but who are unable to make any investment therein, in consequence of the Government not issuing their Debentures in less amounts than that of £100 each, and who are thus deprived of the opportunity of investing their savings, at interest, in Government securities, to their loss, and that of the country, and to the benefit alone of the English capitalists.
 - (3.) Because, by allowing the small as well as the large capitalists, to compete for Government Securities, the number of competitors would probably be increased more than one hundred fold, and the Public would thus reap considerable benefit by the Government Securities, (so soon as they become generally known) being negotiated on much more favorable terms than at present.
 - (4.) Because of the serious loss to which the Public is subjected, in having to buy Bills on England, to provide for the principal and interest of the Debentures, which at the present rate of exchange, of 2 per cent. premium, amounts, with interest on the usance till the bills become due, to about 3½ per cent., exclusive of the London banker's commission of 10s. per £100.
 - (5.) And it is the opinion of this House, that in order to meet the convenience of the holders, and to effect a gradual reduction of the debt of the Colony, it is expedient for the future to receive, as cash, with the accrued interest thereto added, any Debentures that may hereafter be negotiated in payment for the purchase of public lands.
 - (6.) Further, that in order to give an increased currency to the Government Debentures, and to induce all persons throughout the Colony to receive them as Cash, so that they may, to a certain extent, supply the place of money, and obviate the necessity of negotiating any loans out of the Colony, it is desirable that the Government should make arrangements with one or more of the Banks, to purchase and sell the Debentures which may hereafter be negotiated, at fixed rates, (making a small margin between the buying and selling rates), and to fix the prices for the same, from time to time, according to the supply and demand.
 - (7.) That the above Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented, by the Honorable the Speaker, to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. FLOOD to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.
3. MR. WEEKES to move,—That in the opinion of this House, the construction of a Causeway across the Falls at West Maitland, which may answer the double purpose of a Dam for retaining the Water for the Town of West Maitland, and of a Roadway across the River, is a work of great necessity for the Inhabitants of that district;—and that Plans and Estimates for the undertaking should be prepared without delay.

4. MR. SCOTT to move:—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle; into the expense consequent thereon; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeysuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of Wharves, and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Flood, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—
- (1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.
 - (2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.
 - (3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.
 - (4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.
 - (5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.
 - (6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.
 - 7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating, and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.
 - (8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.)

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is expedient to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto.
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter		} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

Scholars of the 2nd Class are to be deemed those who can read easy books, and who are learning to write.

Scholars of the 1st Class are to be deemed those who are able to read freely, and to write a fair hand. If boys, they must also be learning grammar, arithmetic, geography and history; if girls, grammar, arithmetic, and needlework. The respective Classes of the scholars to be decided by the Inspector, after examination.

(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill to carry out the intent and meaning of the above Resolutions, and that the same be submitted for the consideration of this House.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Sydney Municipal Council Bill :—
(1.) Mr. Wilshire presented a Petition from Mr. Joseph Wiley, praying the postponement of the second reading of this Bill for one week.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from Mr. Edward John Hawkesley and Mr. Martin Guest, praying the postponement of the second reading of this Bill for one week.
Petition received.
2. Sydney Building Bill :—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Construction of Buildings and Party-walls, and for preventing mischiefs by Fire, in the City of Sydney and portions of the Suburbs thereof.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill
3. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill :—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to amended notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill “for the Incorporation of the Sole Commissioner of Railways, and to make more effectual provision for the construction, by the Government, of Railways in the Colony of New South Wales, and for the regulation thereof,” be restored to the paper for Wednesday next.
Question put and passed.
4. Postponements :—
(1.) The second reading of the Gold Fields' Management Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Hay, until Wednesday next.
(2.) The second reading of the Gold Duty Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Hay, until Wednesday next.
(3.) The second reading of the Customs' Further Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Hay, until Wednesday next.
(4.) The second reading of the Moreton Bay District Court Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
(5.) The second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until to-morrow week.
5. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, the House ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
6. Member Sworn :—Stuart Alexander Donaldson, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Cumberland.
7. Common Law Proceedings Bill :—The Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour.
8. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill :—The following Message from the Legislative Council received and read :—
The Legislative Council having this day passed “*A Bill* intituled, ‘*An Act to restore Writs of Inquiry and Writs of Trial, and to authorise the establishment of separate scales of Costs,*’ beg now to present the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th November, 1856.

On motion of Mr. Martin, Bill read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

9. Common Law Proceedings Bill:—The Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
10. Postponements:—
(1.) The second reading of the Party Processions Prevention Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until this day week.
(2.) The third reading of the Constitution Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until to-morrow, and to have precedence next after the Financial Statement.
11. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Richmond Bridge Company.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
12. Postponement:—Mr. George Macleay, on behalf of Mr. Barker, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Barker second on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until the next following motion shall be disposed of.
13. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill:—Mr. Martin having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate, that the sum of twenty-five pounds had been paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenues, for the public uses of the Colony, and in support of the Government thereof, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to Incorporate a Company to be called the Richmond Bridge Company, and to erect and maintain a Bridge over the River Hawkesbury, at the Richmond Ferry, in direct continuation of the Public Road, and to take Tolls thereat for a term of years, and for other purposes therein mentioned,*" read a first time.
14. Separation of the Northern Districts:—Mr. Hargrave moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
(1.) That this House has learnt with regret, that it is the intention of the Imperial Government to fix the southern boundary of the proposed new Colony of Moreton Bay at a line "south of the 30th parallel of south latitude."
(2.) That as the interests of the various Districts proposed to be included in the new Colony are not identical, this House is of opinion that, in defining the future boundary line of the Colony of Moreton Bay, it is the duty of the Imperial Government to consult the wishes of the several Districts proposed to be included in that Colony.
(3.) That while this House fully recognizes the propriety of the Imperial Government, in accordance with the presumed wish of the majority of the inhabitants of Moreton Bay and Darling Downs, erecting those Districts into a separate Colony, it submits that, on the same principle, it will be unjust to the inhabitants of New England and the Clarence River to include those Districts in such Colony, if they are averse to being so included.
(4.) That in the opinion of this House the interests and commercial connexion of New England and the Clarence River are now, and will continue to be, so completely identified with the Colony of New South Wales, and distinct from those of the Districts of Moreton Bay and Darling Downs, that, if the question whether the first-mentioned Districts shall be included in the new Colony be referred to the inhabitants of those Districts, a very large majority will be found to be opposed to their being so included; and, in support of such opinion, this House refers to the Petition, signed by 1551 Inhabitants of New England and Clarence River, praying for the establishment of an Assize Court at Armidale, in which Petition they assert that "they do not desire to be included in any section of the Northern Districts which may be separated from the present Colony of New South Wales"
(5.) That this House requests that the Imperial Government will defer the final settlement of the southern boundary line of the new Colony, until the opinion of the Inhabitants of the Districts of New England and the Clarence River, is ascertained upon the subject.
(6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies at the earliest opportunity.
Debate ensued.

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight,—

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Debate continued.

And the Question being, *by consent*, amended in the third section,—

Question, as so amended, put,—

- (1.) That this House has learnt with regret, that it is the intention of the Imperial Government to fix the southern boundary of the proposed new Colony of Moreton Bay at a line "south of the 30th parallel of south latitude."
(2.) That as the interests of the various Districts proposed to be included in the new Colony are not identical, this House is of opinion that, in defining the future boundary line of the Colony of Moreton Bay, it is the duty of the Imperial Government to consult the wishes of the several Districts proposed to be included in that Colony.
(3.) That while this House does not feel called upon to dispute the propriety of the Imperial Government erecting the Districts of Moreton Bay and Darling Downs into a separate Colony,—if in accordance with the expressed wish of the majority of the Inhabitants

Inhabitants thereof,—it submits that, on the same principle, it will be unjust to the Inhabitants of New England and the Clarence River to include those Districts in such Colony, if averse to their being so included.

(4.) That in the opinion of this House the interests and commercial connexion of New England and the Clarence River are now, and will continue to be, so completely identified with the Colony of New South Wales, and distinct from those of the Districts of Moreton Bay and Darling Downs, that, if the question whether the first-mentioned Districts shall be included in the new Colony be referred to the Inhabitants of those Districts, a very large majority will be found to be opposed to their being so included; and, in support of such opinion, this House refers to the Petition, signed by 1551 Inhabitants of New England and Clarence River, praying for the establishment of an Assize Court at Armidale, in which Petition they assert that “they do not desire to be included in any section of the Northern Districts which “may be separated from the present Colony of New South Wales.”

(5.) That this House requests that the Imperial Government will defer the final settlement of the southern boundary line of the new Colony, until the opinion of the Inhabitants of the Districts of New England and the Clarence River is ascertained upon the subject.

(6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies at the earliest opportunity.

The House divided.

Ayes, 35.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Irwing,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Rye,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Sattor,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Lang, } Tellers.
Mr. W. Macleay. }

Noes, 4.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
Mr. Richardson. }

15. Mr. James Ralfe:—Mr. Barker moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. James Ralfe, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
The House adjourned at ten minutes before One o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move (*On the Order of the Day being read for the Consideration of the Governor General's Message No. 5, with the Estimates of Expenditure for 1856-7*), That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of receiving his Financial Statement, and of considering the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1856-7.
2. MR. FORSTER to move (*On Motion being made for the third reading of the Constitution Act Amendment Bill*), That the Bill be re-committed, with a view to his proposing in Committee the following Amendment in Clause II, viz.:—That between the word “respectively” and the words “shall be,” in the eighth line, the following words be inserted, viz.:—“And so much of the same Act as provides, in the same section, that “every

“ every Bill which shall be so passed for any such purposes, shall be reserved for the signification of Her Majesty’s pleasure thereon, and a copy of such Bill shall be laid before both Houses of the Imperial Parliament for the period of thirty days at the least, before Her Majesty’s pleasure thereon shall be signified.”

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Consideration of Governor General’s Message No. 5, with Estimates of Expenditure for 1856-7.
2. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; third reading
3. Judges Salaries Increase Bill ; second reading.
4. City Rates Bill ; second reading.
5. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.

Questions :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government intend this Session to introduce any Bill to apply the mode of Voting by Ballot to the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales ?
2. MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether any correspondence has taken place between the Government of this Colony and of Victoria, with reference to the Coins of the Sydney Mint being received as a legal tender in the last-named Colony ; more particularly, whether any communication has been made to the Government of Victoria, on this subject, as preliminary to the introduction of the present Bills for the regulation of our gold-producing interest?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 - (1.) A Nominal Return of all Causes tried, and of all Motions or Applications made before the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges in each case, and the number of days occupied in such adjudications or decisions.
 - (2.) A Nominal Return of all new Trials granted by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the Judge or Judges who tried the original case, the reasons—if on record—succinctly stated, why, in each case, the new Trial was granted,—and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
 - (3.) A Nominal Return of all Judgments reserved by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges, the reasons—if on record—succinctly stated, why, in each case, Judgment was reserved—and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
2. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That it is the opinion of this House that a Bridge should be forthwith erected over the River Murray, at the Township of Albury ; that communication should be opened by the Government of this Colony with that of Victoria, for the purpose of facilitating such measures as may be necessary for the carrying out this desirable object, which is essentially important to the interests of both Colonies.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.
4. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution :—That, in the opinion of this House, measures should be immediately taken for surveying a line for a Railroad from a suitable locality, in Maitland, to the Town of Morpeth ; and that a plan and estimate of the probable expense of such a line of Railway, should be forthwith prepared.
5. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend “ *The Act to provide for the Maintenance of deserted Wives and Children,*” 4 Vict., No. 5.
6. MR. MARTIN to move, That there be laid upon the table of this House, a Return setting forth—
 - (1.) The cost of removing cast iron water pipes from Sydney to various places between Sydney and Botany Bay.
 - (2.) The cost incurred, or to be incurred, in again removing such pipes, or some of them, to other localities, in consequence of the places in which they were first laid down having been appointed for that purpose by mistake.
7. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the arrangements for the purposes of Police, and the Administration of Justice in Courts of Petty Sessions in the Country Districts ; and that it be an Instruction to such Committee to consider and report upon the best and most economical means of carrying on the general official business of such Districts.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hely, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Manning, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lang, and the Mover.
8. MR. SANDEMAN to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the management of the Native Police employed in the Colony, and to consider the propriety of appointing a
Local

Local Head of the Force in the Northern Districts, either as Commandant or Inspector, or both, and to take into consideration the future arrangements for the proper organization and management of the Force.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Holt, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hely, Mr. Francis T. Rusden, Mr. Lang, Mr. Wm. Macleay, and the Mover.

9. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the different District Registrars that have been appointed in the various Districts, with the several removals and re-appointments that have taken place in those Districts, shewing, as nearly as possible, the station in life to which the parties so appointed belong.
10. MR. FLOOD to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the circumstances under which Mr. Henry C. Mais ceased to fill the office of Assistant City Engineer in the Department of the City Commissioners; the date when he ceased to fill that office; and the correspondence (if any) between him and the City Commissioners in reference to his so ceasing to hold said office.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the date of the appointment of the said Mr. Mais to office in the Department of the Railway Commissioners, the nature of such office, and the salary attached thereto.
 - (3.) Copies of the recommendations, certificates, or testimonials (if any) which were submitted by Mr. Mais, on his behalf, to the Railway Commissioners before his appointment to office under them; and if there are no written recommendations, then the nature of any verbal ones which may have been given in favor of Mr. Mais to the Railway Commissioners, together with the names of the person or persons giving the same.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill; second reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government propose continuing upon their present footing for any length of time, and if so, how long, the appointments and staff of Commissioners of Crown Lands beyond the boundaries?
 - (2.) What are the actual duties intended to be performed by the aforesaid Commissioners' Orderlies, and whether it is in accordance with Government regulations that such Orderlies should, as is frequently the case beyond the boundaries, be employed by the Commissioners in the capacity of domestic or of farm servants?
 - (3.) Whether in cases of an allowance for forage having been granted to Commissioners of Crown Lands beyond the boundaries, it has been intended that such forage should be actually provided, or that such allowance should be a perquisite of the Commissioners, at their own option to expend or to appropriate?
2. MR. HOLROYD to ask MR. HAY—If any steps have been taken by the Government to cause a Survey of the waters of Moreton Bay to be made, with a view to ascertain the best site as a Port of Shipment there; and, if not, if it be the intention of the Government to institute such a Survey?
3. MR. HOLROYD to ask MR. HAY,—If it be the intention of the Government to carry on the Railway from Parramatta to Penrith and to Windsor, and from Maitland to Singleton, simultaneously with the extension of the Railway from Liverpool to Campbelltown or the Menangle?
4. MR. HOLROYD to ask MR. HAY—If it be the intention of the Government to place Hyde Park, and the unappropriated Lands in the Cleveland Paddock and at Grose Farm, or any or which of them, under Trustees, in conformity with the Act 18 Victoria, No. 33?
5. MR. SCOTT to ask THE HON. THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government has ordered a survey, accompanied by plans and specifications, of the River Hunter, above the Flats, with the view of removing all obstructions to the free navigation up to Morpeth?
 - (2.) And if not, when it is the intention of the Government to carry out these highly necessary, and frequently promised improvements, the sum of £40,000 being put on the Estimates for these especial purposes, on or about the 3rd October, 1855?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That the negotiation by the Government of Loans by the issue of Debentures, in sums of not less than £100 each, and making the principal and interest payable in Sydney, or London, at the option of the holder, without reference to the rates of exchange ruling between this Colony and England, is a bad financial measure, and ought not to be adopted by the Government.

(2.)

(2.) Because it is manifestly unjust to a very large number of the Colonists, who would be glad to invest £5, and the multiples of that sum, in Government Securities, but who are unable to make any investment therein, in consequence of the Government not issuing their Debentures in less amounts than that of £100 each, and who are thus deprived of the opportunity of investing their savings, at interest, in Government securities, to their loss, and that of the country, and to the benefit alone of the English capitalists.

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 - (9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child,

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(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill to carry out the intent and meaning of the above Resolutions, and that the same be submitted for the consideration of this House.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper :—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the Return to the Order made by this House, on the 20th August last, on motion of Mr. Buckley, for Papers relating to the extension of the Towns Police Act to Gayndah.
2. Supply :—The Order of the Day for the consideration of the Governor General's Message No. 5, with the Estimates of Expenditure for 1856-7, being read,—
Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended Contingent Notice*,—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, for the purpose of considering the Supplementary Estimate for the Year 1856, and the Estimates of Expenditure for the Year 1857.
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply accordingly.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
3. Constitution Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill be " now " read a third time :—
Whereupon Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to *Amended Contingent Notice*, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word " now," in order to the insertion in their place of the words " re-committed, with a view to " the amendment of Clause II."
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Pyc,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Lang, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Robertson, } Tellers.
Mr. Forster.

Whereupon Original Question put and passed,—
And Bill read a third time.
Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill do now *pass*.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Parker then moved, That the Title of this Bill be " *An Act to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as requires the concurrence of unusual majorities of Members in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, in the passing of Bills to alter the Constitution conferred by the said Act, or the number and apportionment of Representatives in the said Legislative Assembly.*"
Question put and passed ;

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Parker moved, That Mr. Manning and Mr. Parker do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein.

The Legislative Assembly having this day "passed" a Bill intituled, "*An Act to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as requires the concurrence of unusual majorities of Members in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, in the passing of Bills to alter the Constitution conferred by the said Act, or the number and apportionment of Representatives in the said Legislative Assembly,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6 November, 1856.*

Mr. Plunkett moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion of the word "unanimously," immediately after the word "passed."

Debate ensued.

Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn.

Original Question put and passed.

4. Judges' Salaries Increase Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Forster moved, That the Debate of this Question be adjourned until Wednesday next.
Question—on the motion for adjournment of the Debate of this Question until Wednesday next,—put and passed.
 5. Postponement :—The second reading of the City Rates Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until Wednesday next.
 6. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill Reported :—The Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole having been adopted, on motion of Mr. Manning, the House ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
- The House adjourned at half-past ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 - (1.) A Nominal Return of all Causes tried, and of all Motions or Applications made before the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges in each case, and the number of days occupied in such adjudications or decisions.
 - (2.) A Nominal Return of all new Trials granted by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the Judge or Judges who tried the original case, the reasons—if on record—succinctly stated, why, in each case, the new Trial was granted,—and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
 - (3.) A Nominal Return of all Judgments reserved by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges, the reasons—if on record—succinctly stated, why, in each case, Judgment was reserved—and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
2. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That it is the opinion of this House that a Bridge should be forthwith erected over the River Murray, at the Township of Albury; that communication should be opened by the Government of this Colony with that of Victoria, for the purpose of facilitating such measures as may be necessary for the carrying out this desirable object, which is essentially important to the interests of both Colonies.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.
4. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution :—That, in the opinion of this House, measures should be immediately taken for surveying a line for a Railroad from a suitable locality, in Maitland, to the Town of Morpeth; and that a plan and estimate of the probable expense of such a line of Railway, should be forthwith prepared.
5. MR. NICHOLS to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Act to provide for the Maintenance of deserted Wives and Children,*" 4 Vict., No. 5.
6. MR. MARTIN to move, That there be laid upon the table of this House, a Return setting forth—
 - (1.) The cost of removing cast iron water pipes from Sydney to various places between Sydney and Botany Bay.
 - (2.) The cost incurred, or to be incurred, in again removing such pipes, or some of them, to other localities, in consequence of the places in which they were first laid down having been appointed for that purpose by mistake.

7. **MR. ROBERTSON** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the arrangements for the purposes of Police, and the Administration of Justice in Courts of Petty Sessions in the Country Districts; and that it be an Instruction to such Committee to consider and report upon the best and most economical means of carrying on the general official business of such Districts.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hely, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Manning, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lang, and the Mover.
8. **MR. SANDEMAN** to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the management of the Native Police employed in the Colony, and to consider the propriety of appointing a Local Head of the Force in the Northern Districts, either as Commandant or Inspector, or both, and to take into consideration the future arrangements for the proper organization and management of the Force.
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11. **MR. MARTIN** to move,—
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; Further consideration in Committee of the Estimates for 1856-7.
3. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; third reading.

Questions :—

1. **MR. FORSTER** to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) Whether the Government propose continuing upon their present footing for any length of time, and if so, how long, the appointments and staff of Commissioners of Crown Lands beyond the boundaries?
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5. MR. SCOTT to ask THE HON. THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—

(1.) Whether the Government has ordered a survey, accompanied by plans and specifications, of the River Hunter, above the Flats, with the view of removing all obstructions to the free navigation up to Morpeth?

(2.) And if not, when it is the intention of the Government to carry out these highly necessary, and frequently promised improvements, the sum of £40,000 being put on the Estimates for these special purposes, on or about the 3rd October, 1855?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

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 - (7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating,

and

and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.

(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is expedient to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto.
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter .....			} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

Scholars of the 2nd Class are to be deemed those who can read easy books, and who are learning to write.

Scholars of the 1st Class are to be deemed those who are able to read freely, and to write a fair hand. If boys, they must also be learning grammar, arithmetic, geography and history; if girls, grammar, arithmetic, and needlework. The respective Classes of the scholars to be decided by the Inspector, after examination.

(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert them selves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill to carry out the intent and meaning of the above Resolutions, and that the same be submitted for the consideration of this House.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Mr. David Cross:—Mr. Hely presented a Petition from Mr. David Cross, of the Macdonald River, farmer, praying to be heard at the Bar of the House, in person, or by Counsel, in reference to a house built by him, whilst lessee of Wiseman's Ferry, of which house the Government have taken possession, without remunerating Petitioner.
Petition received.
2. Papers:—
(1.) Mr. Parker laid upon the Table a Return of the Debentures issued on account of the City Sewerage and Water Works, shewing the periods they have to run, and the annual interest payable on them.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the Estimates of Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales, for the year 1857.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Appin and East Bargo:—Mr. Garland presented a Petition from certain owners and occupiers of land in the District of Appin and East Bargo, praying provision for making the present bridle-track from Appin to Lupton's Inn available for the passage of drays and carriages.
Petition received.
4. Business of the Supreme Court:—Mr. Förster moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
(1.) A Numerical Return of all Causes tried, and of all Motions or Applications made before the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges in each case, and the number of days occupied in such adjudications or decisions.
(2.) A Numerical Return of all new Trials granted by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the Judge or Judges who tried the original case, the reasons—if on record—succinctly stated, why, in each case, the new Trial was granted,—and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
(3.) A Numerical Return of all Judgments reserved by the Supreme Court of this Colony, in its several Jurisdictions, since the beginning of the year 1855,—specifying the name or names of the officiating Judge or Judges, the reasons—if on record—succinctly stated, why, in each case, Judgment was reserved—and the number of days occupied in each of such adjudications or decisions.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
5. Bridge at Albany:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That it is the opinion of this House, that a Bridge should be forthwith erected over the River Murray, at the Township of Albany; that communication should be opened by the Government of this Colony with that of Victoria, for the purpose of facilitating such measures as may be necessary for the carrying out this desirable object, which is essentially important to the interests of both Colonies.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Jones moved the Previous Question.
Debate continued.
Previous Question put—" Shall this Question be now put?"

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. G. Macleay, } Tellers.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. F. T. Rusden, } Tellers.

6. Mr. Alexander John Evelyn^(ab)—Mr. Martin presented a Petition from Mr. Alexander John Evelyn, complaining of a departure from the ordinary course of Justice, in removing the trial of a charge of assault preferred against him, from the Court of Quarter Sessions to the Supreme Court, and praying relief.
Petition received.
7. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force relative to the diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep.
Mr. George Macleay moved the Previous Question.
Debate ensued;—
And the Honorable Member for Durham,—Mr. Arnold,—being interrupted; whilst addressing the House, by the Honorable Member for Lachlan and Lower Darling,—Mr. William Macleay,—
And exception being taken to certain words used by the Honorable Member for Lachlan and Lower Darling, in course of such interruption,—
And it being moved and seconded that those words be taken down by the Clerk,—
And the Speaker directing the Clerk to take down the said words,—
The Clerk accordingly took them down as follows:—
“It is a charge which that honorable gentleman would not venture to make anywhere else;—it is false”;—
And the House, in absence of Standing Orders, requesting the opinion of the Speaker as to the most desirable course to be pursued in this matter, the Speaker gave it as his opinion, that the Honorable Member for Durham ought to withdraw certain words used by him in the course of his address to the House, which were, he considered, calculated to give offence to the Honorable Member for Lachlan and Lower Darling, and that the Honorable Member for Lachlan and Lower Darling ought then to withdraw the words used by him and taken down by the Clerk.
And the Honorable Member for Durham having expressed his regret for having used any words calculated to give offence to the Speaker or to the House—the Honorable Member for Lachlan and Lower Darling withdrew the words excepted to and taken down by the Clerk, and expressed his regret to the Speaker and the House for having used them, and then withdrew,—
Whereupon it was resolved that the Honorable Member for Lachlan and Lower Darling be called in and informed, that the House were satisfied with the withdrawal of the words excepted to, and the expression of his regret for having used them;—
And the Honorable Member being called in, was informed accordingly by the Speaker,—
And the Speaker having then obtained from both Honorable Members an assurance that they would carry this matter no farther either within or without the House;—
Previous Question by leave withdrawn;—
Whereupon Original Question put and passed; *Ordered* that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
8. Survey of a Line of Railway from Maitland to Morpeth:—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House measures should be immediately taken for surveying a line for a Railroad from a suitable locality, in Maitland, to the Town of Morpeth; and that a plan and estimate of the probable expense of such a line of Railway, should be forthwith prepared.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Jones,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Nichols, } Tellers.
Mr. Robertson. }

Noes, 23.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. George Macleay,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. William Macleay,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Flood, } Tellers.
Mr. Buckley, }

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight,—

SATURDAY, 8 NOVEMBER, 1856.

9. Deserted Wives and Children's Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend "*The Act to provide for the Maintenance of deserted Wives and Children*," 4 Vict., No. 5.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
10. Removal of Water Pipes:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the table of this House, a Return setting forth—
(1.) The cost of removing cast iron water pipes from Sydney to various places between Sydney and Botany Bay.
(2.) The cost incurred, or to be incurred, in again removing such pipes, or some of them, to other localities, in consequence of the places in which they were first laid down having been appointed for that purpose by mistake.
Question put and passed.
11. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill:—Mr. Rusden having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to consolidate and amend any Act or Acts now in force, relative to the Diseases called Scab, Influenza, or Catarrh in Sheep*," read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, November 21.
12. Postponement:—Mr. Robertson postponed the Motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
13. Native Police Force:—Mr. Sandeman moved, pursuant to amended Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present state of the Native Police Force employed in the Colony, with a view to the improvement of its organization and management.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Holt, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hely, Mr. Francis T. Rusden, Mr. Lang, Mr. Wm. Macleay, and the Mover.
Question (1)—That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the present state of the Native Police Force employed in the Colony, with a view to the improvement of its organization and management,—put and passed.
Question (2)—That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Holt, Mr. Jones, Mr. Forster, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hely, Mr. Francis T. Rusden, Mr. Lang, Mr. W. Macleay, and the Mover,—put and passed.
14. Postponement:—Mr. T. G. Rusden postponed the Motion standing in his name ninth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
15. Late Assistant City Engineer:—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
(1.) A Return shewing the circumstances under which Mr. Henry C. Mais ceased to fill the office of Assistant City Engineer in the Department of the City Commissioners; the date when he ceased to fill that office; and the correspondence (if any) between him and the City Commissioners in reference to his so ceasing to hold said office.
(2.) A Return shewing the date of the appointment of the said Mr. Mais to office in the Department of the Railway Commissioners, the nature of such office, and the salary attached thereto.
(3.) Copies of the recommendations, certificates, or testimonials (if any) which were submitted by Mr. Mais, on his behalf, to the Railway Commissioners before his appointment to office under them; and if there are no written recommendations, then the nature of any verbal ones which may have been given in favor of Mr. Mais to the Railway Commissioners, together with the names of the person or persons giving the same.
Question put and passed.

16. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice,—
- (1.) That the Bill to Incorporate the Richmond Bridge Company be referred to a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :—Mr. Arnold, Mr. Flood, Mr. Forster, Mr. Marks, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Thomas G. Rusden, Mr. Parkes, and the Mover.
- Question—(1.) That the Bill to Incorporate the Richmond Bridge Company be referred to a Select Committee,—put and passed.
- Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members :— Mr. Arnold, Mr. Flood, Mr. Forster, Mr. Marks, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Thomas G. Rusden, Mr. Parkes, and the Mover,—put and passed.
17. Postponements :—
- (1.) The second reading of the Claims against Government Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Nichols, until Friday next.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Plunkett, until Tuesday next.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
18. Supply :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply, for the purpose of further considering the Supplementary Estimate for the year 1856, and the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1857.
- The Chairman reported the following Resolutions :—
- (1.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,300 to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Legislative Council Establishment, for the year 1856.
 - (2.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £989 2s. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1856.
 - (3.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £1737s. 2d. to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Establishments of the Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1856.
 - (4.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £100 as a Supplementary Charge for the year 1856, to meet Contingent Expenses incurred by Select Committees of the Legislative Council, in 1855.
- Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That these Resolutions be now adopted.
- Question put and passed.
19. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and *passed*.
- Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to facilitate the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, by the prevention of frivolous or fictitious Defences to Actions thereon.*"
- Question put and passed.
- Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Holroyd and Mr. Manning do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to facilitate the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes by the prevention of frivolous or fictitious Defences to Actions thereon,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Speaker.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 8th November, 1856.*
- Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned at ten minutes before One o'clock, A.M., until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock, P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. HOLT to move,—
- (1.) That the negotiation by the Government of Loans by the issue of Debentures, in sums of not less than £100 each, and making the principal and interest payable in Sydney, or London, at the option of the holder, without reference to the rates of exchange ruling between this Colony and England, is a bad financial measure, and ought not to be adopted by the Government.
 - (2.) Because it is manifestly unjust to a very large number of the Colonists, who would be glad to invest £5, and the multiples of that sum, in Government Securities, but who are unable to make any investment therein, in consequence of the Government not issuing their Debentures in less amounts than that of £100 each, and who are thus deprived of the opportunity of investing their savings, at interest, in Government securities, to their loss, and that of the country, and to the benefit alone of the English capitalists.

(3.)

- (3.) Because, by allowing the small as well as the large capitalists, to compete for Government Securities, the number of competitors would probably be increased more than one hundred fold, and the Public would thus reap considerable benefit by the Government Securities, (so soon as they become generally known) being negotiated on much more favorable terms than at present.
- (4.) Because of the serious loss to which the Public is subjected, in having to buy Bills on England, to provide for the principal and interest of the Debentures, which at the present rate of exchange, of 2 per cent. premium, amounts, with interest on the usance till the bills become due, to about $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., exclusive of the London banker's commission of 10s. per £100.
- (5.) And it is the opinion of this House, that in order to meet the convenience of the holders, and to effect a gradual reduction of the debt of the Colony, it is expedient for the future to receive, as cash, with the accrued interest thereto added, any Debentures that may hereafter be negotiated in payment for the purchase of public lands.
- (6.) Further, that in order to give an increased currency to the Government Debentures, and to induce all persons throughout the Colony to receive them as Cash, so that they may, to a certain extent, supply the place of money, and obviate the necessity of negotiating any loans out of the Colony, it is desirable that the Government should make arrangements with one or more of the Banks, to purchase and sell the Debentures which may hereafter be negotiated, at fixed rates, (making a small margin between the buying and selling rates), and to fix the prices for the same, from time to time, according to the supply and demand.
- (7.) That the above Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented, by the Honorable the Speaker, to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. FLOOD to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the best means of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz.:—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Parker, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Flood.
3. MR. WEEKES to move, That in the opinion of this House, the construction of a Causeway across the Falls at West Maitland, which may answer the double purpose of a Dam for retaining the Water for the Town of West Maitland, and of a Roadway across the River, is a work of great necessity for the Inhabitants of that district;—and that Plans and Estimates for the undertaking should be prepared without delay.
4. MR. SCOTT to move:—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle; into the expense consequent thereon; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeysuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of Wharves, and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Flood, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
5. MR. HELY to move, That the Petition of Mr. David Cross, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
6. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to examine the 67th, 72nd, and 73rd sections, and also the 59th and 61st sections of the Electoral Act of 1851, with a view to ascertain—first, whether these sections would enable any Committee of Elections and Qualifications to award costs to be paid by any Petitioner against the return of any writ of election; and, secondly, whether these sections would enable such Committee to award costs to be paid to any such Petitioner in any such case.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Manning, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Marks, Mr. G. Maeleay, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.
7. MR. GARLAND to move, That the Petition from the Owners and Occupiers of Land in the District of Appin and East Bargo, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
8. MR. MARTIN to move, That the Petition of Mr. Alexander John Evelyn, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
9. MR. DARVALL to move, That Mr. Donaldson be a Member of the Standing Orders Committee.
10. MR. DARVALL to move, That Mr. Donaldson be a Member of the Library Committee.
11. MR. ROBERTSON to move,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the arrangements for the purposes of Police, and the Administration of Justice in Courts of Petty Sessions in the Country Districts; and that it be an Instruction to such Committee to consider and report upon the best and most economical means of carrying on the general official business of such Districts.
- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hely, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Manning, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lang, and the Mover.
12. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,

House, a Return shewing the different District Registrars that have been appointed in the various Districts, with the several removals and re-appointments that have taken place in those Districts, shewing, as nearly as possible, the station in life to which the parties so appointed belong.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of the Ways and Means to meet the supply granted to Her Majesty.
2. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the payment of Pensions granted to the Widows of certain deceased Judges of the Supreme Court.
3. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the deposit in the Colonial Treasury of Moneys in charge of Officers of the Supreme Court.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill ; second reading.
2. Gold Fields Management Bill ; second reading.
3. Gold Duty Bill ; second reading.
4. Customs' Further Regulation Bill ; second reading.
5. Moreton Bay District Court Bill ; second reading.
6. Common Law Proceedings Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Party Processions Prevention Bill ; second reading.
8. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Manning, " That the Judges' Salaries Increase Bill be now read a second time."
9. City Rates Bill ; second reading.
10. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, (*On the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill being read*) That this House do resolve that the voting under such Bill shall be by Ballot.
disposed of),—
2. MR. PARKES to move, (*on motion being made for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill*),—
That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words—"the Sydney Municipal Council Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee."
" (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Hay, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Martin, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Flood, and the Mover."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and define the tenure and constitution of the office of Auditor General, and to render more effectual the examination of the Public Accounts of the Colony.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
(1.) That this House, with feelings of sincere and unmingled gratitude, recognises in the act of Her Most Gracious Majesty by which the transportation of British criminals to these Australian Colonies was made to cease and determine, the concession of a great and complete measure of justice which was sought by the unanimous prayers of the Colonists, and has been productive of general and permanent satisfaction.
(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the compliance of Her Most Gracious Majesty with the prayers of the Colonists in the settlement of a question so long agitated, has greatly strengthened the feelings of loyalty and attachment to the Mother Country which happily exist in these communities, while the more material benefits which have resulted are visible in their vastly improved social condition, and in their rapid progress in political character and commercial prosperity.
(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, any steps on the part of Her Majesty's Government to revive the transportation of convicts to the northern portion of New South Wales, now about to be erected into a separate Colony, or to any of the Australian Colonies,

Colonies, would create universal discontent, and lead to consequences greatly to be deplored.

(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—

(1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.

(2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.

(3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating ; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.

(4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes ; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.

(5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.

(6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

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(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child,

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(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill to carry out the intent and meaning of the above Resolutions, and that the same be submitted for the consideration of this House.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the chair.
Separation of the Northern Districts:—The Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor General the Address respecting the Separation of the Northern Districts, passed by this House on the 6th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following answer:—
The Governor General will, in accordance with the request contained in the Address of the Legislative Assembly of the 6th instant, transmit by the earliest opportunity to the Secretary of State, the Resolutions expressive of the opinion of the Assembly with relation to the Boundary Line separating New South Wales from a Colony which it is proposed to form out of the Districts surrounding Moreton Bay, and to the principle by which Her Majesty's Government should be guided in establishing this line of separation.
Government House, W. DENISON,
Sydney, 7 November, 1856. *Governor General.*
2. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—The Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1851, laid upon the Table his Warrant appointing Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquire, 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 1851, I do hereby appoint
“ Terence Aubrey Murray, 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.*
*“ Given under my Hand, at the Legislative Assembly Chamber,
“ Macquarie-street, Sydney, this eleventh day of November, in
“ the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.*
“ DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.”
3. Causeway over the Falls at West Maitland:—Mr. Weekes presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Maitland and the adjoining Districts, praying the immediate commencement and speedy completion of a Causeway over the Falls at West Maitland. Petition received.
4. Dam across Wallis' Creek at East Maitland:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of East Maitland, praying the construction of a Dam across Wallis' Creek, at East Maitland. Petition received.
5. Encroachments on Back Runs:—Mr. Lord presented a Petition from certain Tenants of the Crown, complaining of certain encroachments upon the back boundaries of their Runs, and praying the passing of some Law for the redress of this grievance. Petition received.
6. Denis Guerin:—Mr. Plunkett presented a Petition from Denis Guerin, complaining of a Return to an Address passed by the late Legislative Council in reference to persons dismissed from the employment of the late Corporation, and praying redress. Petition received.
7. Government Debentures:—Mr. Holt moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That the negotiation by the Government of Loans by the issue of Debentures, in sums of not less than £100 each, and making the principal and interest payable in Sydney, or London, at the option of the holder, without reference to the rates of exchange ruling between this Colony and England, is a bad financial measure, and ought not to be adopted by the Government.
(2.) Because it is manifestly unjust to a very large number of the Colonists, who would be glad to invest £5, and the multiples of that sum, in Government Securities, but who are unable to make any investment therein, in consequence of the Government not issuing

issuing their Debentures in less amounts than that of £100 each, and who are thus deprived of the opportunity of investing their savings, at interest, in Government securities, to their loss, and that of the country, and to the benefit alone of the English capitalists.

(3.) Because, by allowing the small as well as the large capitalists, to compete for Government Securities, the number of competitors would probably be increased more than one hundred fold, and the Public would thus reap considerable benefit by the Government Securities, (so soon as they become generally known) being negotiated on much more favorable terms than at present.

(4.) Because of the serious loss to which the Public is subjected, in having to buy Bills on England, to provide for the principal and interest of the Debentures, which at the present rate of exchange, of 2 per cent. premium, amounts, with interest on the usance till the bills become due, to about $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., exclusive of the London banker's commission of 10s. per £100.

(5.) And it is the opinion of this House, that in order to meet the convenience of the holders, and to effect a gradual reduction of the debt of the Colony, it is expedient for the future to receive, as cash, with the accrued interest thereto added, any Debentures that may hereafter be negotiated, in payment for the purchase of public lands.

(6.) Further, that in order to give an increased currency to the Government Debentures, and to induce all persons throughout the Colony to receive them as Cash, so that they may, to a certain extent, supply the place of money, and obviate the necessity of negotiating any loans out of the Colony, it is desirable that the Government should make arrangements with one or more of the Banks, to purchase and sell the Debentures which may hereafter be negotiated, at fixed rates, (making a small margin between the buying and selling rates), and to fix the prices for the same, from time to time, according to the supply and demand.

(7.) That the above Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented, by the Honorable the Speaker, to His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. Barker moved the Previous Question.

Debate ensued.

Previous Question by leave withdrawn.

Original Question by leave withdrawn.

8. Leave of Absence for one week granted to Mr. Nichols, on motion of Mr. Manning.
9. Civil Service Superannuation Fund :—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Flood.

Debate ensued.

Question—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of creating a Superannuation Fund for such Officers of the Civil Service of New South Wales as may be compelled to retire from their duties, through bodily or mental infirmity; and also, a Pension Fund, or other provision, for the Widows and Orphans of such Officers,—put and passed.

Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of the following Members, viz. :—Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Marks, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Cowper, Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Flood,—put and passed.
10. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Weekes withdrew the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day, giving an *amended* notice of motion on the same subject for Tuesday next.
11. Postponement :—Mr. Scott postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
12. Mr. David Cross :—Mr. Hely moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. David Cross, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed
Ordered to be printed
13. Motion dropped :—Mr. T. G. Rusden not moving the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
14. Appin and East Bargo :—Mr. Garland moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Owners and Occupiers of Land in the District of Appin and East Bargo, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
15. Mr. Alexander John Evelyn :—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Alexander John Evelyn, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
16. Standing Orders Committee :—Mr. Darvall moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Donaldson be a Member of the Standing Orders Committee.
Question put and passed.
17. Library Committee :—Mr. Darvall moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Donaldson be a Member of the Library Committee.
Question put and passed.

18. Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in the Country Districts:—
 Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the arrangements for the purposes of Police, and the Administration of Justice in Courts of Petty Sessions, and for carrying on the general Official business in the Country Districts.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hely, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Manning, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lang, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Question—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the arrangements for the purposes of Police, and the Administration of Justice in Courts of Petty Sessions, and for carrying on the general Official business in the Country Districts,—put and passed.
 Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hay, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hely, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Manning, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lang, and the Mover,—put and passed.
19. District Registrars:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the different District Registrars that have been appointed in the various Districts, with the several removals and re-appointments that have taken place in those Districts.
 Question put and passed.
20. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill:—Mr. Plunkett moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed,—
 And Bill read a second time;
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Plunkett, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration thereof.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House adopted the same, and Ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
 The House adjourned at half-past Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of the Ways and Means to meet the supply granted to Her Majesty.
2. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the payment of Pensions granted to the Widows of certain deceased Judges of the Supreme Court.
3. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the deposit in the Colonial Treasury of Moneys in charge of Officers of the Supreme Court.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill; second reading.
2. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
3. Gold Duty Bill; second reading.
4. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. Morceton Bay District Court Bill; second reading.
6. Common Law Proceedings Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Party Processions Prevention Bill; second reading.
8. Resumption of the adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Manning, "That the Judges' Salaries Increase Bill be now read a second time."
9. City Rates Bill; second reading.
10. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLROYD to move, That Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, and Mr. Martin, be added to the Select Committee appointed to consider the Petition of Peter Rawlings, and to Report thereon.
2. MR. SCOTT to move, That all the Correspondence that has passed between the Executive Government and Mr. Moriarty, respecting the deepening of the River Hunter, together with the Plans and Specifications connected therewith, and which Correspondence, Plans, and Specifications were laid upon the Table of this House on the 8th of August last, and ordered to be printed, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the proposed plan for deepening the River Hunter.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill; second reading.

Question

Question:—

Mr. ARNOLD to ask The Honorable and Learned THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—

(1.) Whether, on the occasion of his re-election, in returning thanks, he made use of the following language, or language to the same effect:—"Another report to which my opponent alluded, in a similar manner, was the duty on tea and sugar. Now, he told you a good deal about that, but he did not tell you all; and I mean this morning to let you into a little secret concerning it; it is, that when the matter was before the Council, an Honorable Gentleman—a Member of the Cowper Administration, and who was, at the time in question, in opposition—came round to the Government, and said,—'If you will promise to give way on another point, we will even give you sixpence upon tea'?"

(2.) What was the *other point* on which it was proposed that the Government should give way, in consideration of the required support being given to the proposed new duties on tea and sugar?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

1. Mr. NICHOLS to move, (*On the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill being read*) That this House do resolve that the voting under such Bill shall be by Ballot.
2. Mr. PARKES to move, (*on motion being made for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill*),—
That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words—"the Sydney Municipal Council Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee."
" (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Hay, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Martin, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Flood, and the Mover."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and define the tenure and constitution of the office of Auditor General, and to render more effectual the examination of the Public Accounts of the Colony.
2. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1856-7.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. PARKES to move,—
(1.) That this House, with feelings of sincere and unmingled gratitude, recognises in the act of Her Most Gracious Majesty by which the transportation of British criminals to these Australian Colonies was made to cease and determine, the concession of a great and complete measure of justice which was sought by the unanimous prayers of the Colonists, and has been productive of general and permanent satisfaction.
(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the compliance of Her Most Gracious Majesty with the prayers of the Colonists in the settlement of a question so long agitated, has greatly strengthened the feelings of loyalty and attachment to the Mother Country which happily exist in these communities, while the more material benefits which have resulted are visible in their vastly improved social condition, and in their rapid progress in political character and commercial prosperity.
(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, any steps on the part of Her Majesty's Government to revive the transportation of convicts to the northern portion of New South Wales, now about to be erected into a separate Colony, or to any of the Australian Colonies, would create universal discontent, and lead to consequences greatly to be deplored.
(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.
2. Mr. WEEKES to move, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of Maitland, praying the immediate commencement of a Causeway over the Falls at West Maitland, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
3. Mr. LOED to move, That the Petition of certain Crown Tenants, complaining of encroachments upon their back Runs, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
4. Mr. PIDDINGTON to move, That the petition (presented by him on the 11th instant) of 268 Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Government township of East Maitland, praying for the construction of a Dam across Wallis' Creek, be printed.
5. Mr. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to give further effect and validity to an Act intituled "An Act to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as requires the concurrence of unusual majorities in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, in the passing of Bills to alter the Constitution conferred by the said Act, or the number and apportionment of Representatives in the Legislative Assembly."

6. Mr. SCOTT to move:—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle; into the expense consequent thereon; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeyuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of Wharves; and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Flood, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.

7. Mr. T. G. RUSDEN to move:—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to examine the 67th, 72nd, and 73rd sections, and also the 59th and 61st sections of the Electoral Act of 1851, with a view to ascertain—first, whether these sections would enable any Committee of Elections and Qualifications to award costs to be paid to any Petitioner against the return of any writ of election; and, secondly, whether these sections would enable such Committee to award costs to be paid to any such Petitioner in any such case.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Manning, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Marks, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; third reading.

Question.—MR. JOHN CAMPBELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, Whether, and when, it is the intention of the Government to submit an application to the Legislature for Funds for opening a Road from Sydney to Wollongong, as intimated by the Surveyor General, in a Letter from that Officer, dated 11th August last?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. HOLT to move:—

(1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.

(2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.

(3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.

(4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.

(5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.

(6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

(7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating,

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and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon: but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.

(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is expedient to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto.
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Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

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(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill to carry out the intent and meaning of the above Resolutions, and that the same be submitted for the consideration of this House.

2. MR. WEEKES to move, That in the opinion of this House, the construction of a Causeway across the Falls at West Maitland, which may answer the double purpose of providing a supply of fresh Water for that Town, and of a Roadway across the River, and the erection of a Dam across the mouth of Wallis' Creek, for the purpose of securing a supply of fresh Water to East Maitland, are works of indispensable necessity to the health and comfort of the Inhabitants of those Towns; and that plans and estimates of these undertakings should be prepared without delay.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Ways and Means:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of the Ways and Means to meet the supply granted to Her Majesty.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
2. Judges' Widows' Pensions' Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the payment of Pensions granted to the Widows of certain deceased Judges of the Supreme Court.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
3. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the deposit in the Colonial Treasury of Moneys in charge of Officers of the Supreme Court.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
4. Judges' Widows' Pensions' Bill:—Mr. Manning having *presented* this Bill, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to authorize the payment of Pensions granted to certain Judges' Widows,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
5. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill;—Mr. Manning having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to provide for the deposit in the Colonial Treasury of Moneys in charge of officers of the Supreme Court,*"—read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
6. Postponements:—
 - (1.) The second reading of the Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Hay, until this day week.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Gold Fields' Management Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until this day week.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Gold Duty Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until this day week.
 - (4.) The second reading of the Customs further Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until this day week.
7. Moreton Bay District Court Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be "*now*" read a second time.
Mr. Martin moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "*now,*" with a view to add at the end the words "*this day six months.*"
Debate ensued.

Question

Question—That the word “now” stand part of the Question—put and passed.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Wm. Macleay,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.

Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Martin, } Tellers.

Whereupon Bill read a second time;—and ordered to be considered in Committee on Friday next.

8. Common Law Proceedings Bill :—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee being read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, Mr. Manning moved, “That” the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.

Mr. Darvall moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word “That” at the commencement, in order to the insertion in their place of the words, “this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clauses I., VI., VII., and IX.”

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 so inserted—put and passed.

Question—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clauses I, VI, VII, and IX—put and passed ;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight,—

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The Chairman having reported that there was not a quorum of Members present in the Committee, the House was counted, and there being a quorum of Members then present, the Speaker left the Chair and the Committee resumed.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further Amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-day.

9. Postponements :—

(1.) The second reading of the Party Processions Prevention Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.

(2.) The Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Manning, “That the Judges Salaries Increase Bill be now read a second time” postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until to-day.

(3.) The second reading of the City Rates Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until Wednesday next.

(4.) The second reading of the Public Prosecutor’s Appointment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.

10. Peter Rawlings :—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Garland, Mr. Hay, and Mr. Martin, be added to the Select Committee appointed to consider the Petition of Peter Rawlings, and to Report thereon.

Question put and passed.

11. Deepening the River Hunter:—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to notice, That all the Correspondence that has passed between the Executive Government and Mr. Moriarty, respecting the deepening of the River Hunter, together with the Plans and Specifications connected therewith, and which Correspondence, Plans, and Specifications were laid upon the Table of this House on the 8th of August last, and ordered to be printed, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the proposed plan for deepening the River Hunter.
Question put and passed.
12. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill, on motion of Mr. Martin, read a second time;—and ordered to be considered in Committee on Friday next.
The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before One o'clock A.M., until Three o'clock P.M., this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, (*On the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill being read*) That this House do resolve that the voting under such Bill shall be by Ballot.
2. MR. PARKES to move, (*on motion being made for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill*),—
That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words—"the Sydney Municipal Council Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee."
" (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Hay, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Martin, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Flood, and the Mover."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and define the tenure and constitution of the office of Auditor General, and to render more effectual the examination of the Public Accounts of the Colony.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1856-7.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; second reading.
2. Common Law Proceedings Bill; third reading.
3. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Manning, "That the Judges' Salaries Increase Bill be now read a second time."

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
(1.) That this House, with feelings of sincere and unmingled gratitude, recognises in the act of Her Most Gracious Majesty by which the transportation of British criminals to these Australian Colonies was made to cease and determine, the concession of a great and complete measure of justice which was sought by the unanimous prayers of the Colonists, and has been productive of general and permanent satisfaction.
(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the compliance of Her Most Gracious Majesty with the prayers of the Colonists in the settlement of a question so long agitated, has greatly strengthened the feelings of loyalty and attachment to the Mother Country which happily exist in these communities, while the more material benefits which have resulted are visible in their vastly improved social condition, and in their rapid progress in political character and commercial prosperity.
(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, any steps on the part of Her Majesty's Government to revive the transportation of convicts to the northern portion of New South Wales, now about to be erected into a separate Colony, or to any of the Australian Colonies, would create universal discontent, and lead to consequences greatly to be deplored.
(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.
2. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of Maitland, praying the immediate commencement of a Causeway over the Falls at West Maitland, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.

3. MR. LORD to move, That the Petition of certain Crown Tenants, complaining of encroachments upon their back Runs, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
4. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the petition (presented by him on the 11th instant) of 268 Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Government township of East Maitland, praying for the construction of a Dam across Wallis' Creek, be printed.
5. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to give further effect and validity to an Act intituled "An Act to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as requires the concurrence of unusual majorities in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, in the passing of Bills to alter the Constitution conferred by the said Act, or the number and apportionment of Representatives in the Legislative Assembly."
6. MR. SCOTT to move:—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle; into the expense consequent thereon; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeysuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of Wharves; and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Flood, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
7. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to examine the 67th, 72nd, and 73rd sections, and also the 59th and 61st sections of the Electoral Act of 1851, with a view to ascertain—first, whether these sections would enable any Committee of Elections and Qualifications to award costs to be paid to any Petitioner against the return of any writ of election; and, secondly, whether these sections would enable such Committee to award costs to be paid to any such Petitioner in any such case.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Manning, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Marks, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; third reading.
3. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; to be considered in Committee.
- Question.*—MR. JOHN CAMPBELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, Whether, and when, it is the intention of the Government to submit an application to the Legislature for Funds for opening a Road from Sydney to Wollongong, as intimated by the Surveyor General, in a Letter from that Officer, dated 11th August last?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, (*upon Mr. Holt moving his Resolutions regarding Education*) as an Amendment,—for leave to bring in a Bill to promote Public Education.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.
 - (2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.
 - (3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.
 - (4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.
 - (5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable

enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.

(6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

(7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating, and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.

(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is expedient to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto.
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter .....			} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

Scholars of the 2nd Class are to be deemed those who can read easy books, and who are learning to write.

Scholars of the 1st Class are to be deemed those who are able to read freely, and to write a fair hand. If boys, they must also be learning grammar, arithmetic, geography and history; if girls, grammar, arithmetic, and needlework. The respective Classes of the scholars to be decided by the Inspector, after examination.

(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill to carry out the intent and meaning of the above Resolutions, and that the same be submitted for the consideration of this House.

2. MR. WEEKES to move, That in the opinion of this House, the construction of a Causeway across the Falls at West Maitland, which may answer the double purpose of providing a supply of fresh Water for that Town, and of a Roadway across the River, and the erection of a Dam across the mouth of Wallis' Creek, for the purpose of securing a supply of fresh Water to East Maitland, are works of indispensable necessity to the health and comfort of the Inhabitants of those Towns; and that plans and estimates of these undertakings should be prepared without delay.
3. MR. HELY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place upon the Estimates for the ensuing year, a sum of money as a pension to Lady Mitchell, widow of the late Sir T. L. Mitchell, Surveyor General of New South Wales.

4. Mr. HOLT to move:—

(1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable, on account of its vast importance, to encourage by every legitimate means the cultivation of the Cotton plant in New South Wales.

(2.) That this House considers that a desirable and effectual mode of giving such encouragement would be the offer of Land Remission Orders of £5 each for the first 1000 bales of 240lbs. each of clean merchantable cotton,—such Remission Orders to be respectively receivable for Lands in the Districts in which the cotton shall have been grown, for which the prizes are awarded.

(3.) That the above Resolutions be embodied in an Address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by the Honorable the Speaker.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

*Contingent Notice of Motion:—*1. Mr. COWPER to move, (when the order for the second reading of the *Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill* is called,)—

(1.) That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee; and that such Committee be also instructed to inquire into and report upon the present state of the Railway Department, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barker, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hay, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murray, Mr. Oxley, Mr. Scott, Mr. Suttor, and the Mover.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Judges Widows' Pensions' Bill; second reading.
3. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill; second reading.
4. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill; second reading.
5. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
6. Gold Duty Bill; second reading.
7. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; second reading.
8. Party Processions Prevention Bill; second reading.
9. City Rates Bill; second reading.
10. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Parkes withdrew the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-morrow, substituting an *amended* notice of motion on the same subject, for the same day.
2. Police Magistrate at Queanbeyan:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from certain Magistrates, Landholders, and other Inhabitants of the District of Queanbeyan, praying the House to adopt such measures as may be necessary to secure the appointment of a Police Magistrate at Queanbeyan.
Petition received.
3. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend and define the tenure and constitution of the office of Auditor General, and to render more effectual the examination of the Public Accounts of the Colony.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
4. Supply:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1856-7.
Question put and passed;
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.
The Chairman reported that the Honorable Member for the North Riding of the County of Cumberland,—Mr. Darvall,—had, in interruption of the Honorable Member for Murray,—Mr. Forster,—used the words "What does the Honorable Member mean " by this insolence?"—
And obtained leave to sit again so soon as this Question of Order shall be decided by the House,—
And Mr. Darvall having been heard in explanation, and withdrawn,—
And Mr. Forster having been also heard,—
Mr. Martin moved, "That" in the opinion of this House the words used in the Committee by the Honorable Member for the North Riding of the County of Cumberland are disorderly.
Mr. Parker moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the offensive words used in the Committee by both "Honorable Members ought to be withdrawn."
And a Debate arising, and it appearing to be the desire of the House that the Speaker should decide in this case,—
Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn;—
Original motion by leave withdrawn;—
Whereupon the Speaker said that the words used in the Committee by the Honorable Member, Mr. Darvall, were disorderly, and ought to be withdrawn; and that the Honorable Member for Murray, Mr. Forster, ought, in Mr. Darvall's presence, to repeat to the House his explanation of the inoffensive sense in which he had used the words which had given offence to Mr. Darvall, upon which, he felt sure, Mr. Darvall could have no difficulty in withdrawing the disorderly words used by him.
And Mr. Darvall being called in, and Mr. Forster repeating that he did not use the words complained of by Mr. Darvall in an offensive sense, or with any intention that they should be construed as in the least reflecting upon the veracity of Mr. Darvall, and having expressed his regret for having used them, so far as they might have been considered to have been offensive to Mr. Darvall,—
Mr. Darvall withdrew the disorderly words used by him in the Committee, and expressed his regret to the House, and to the Honorable Member, Mr. Forster, for having used them;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair and the Committee resumed.

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The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to some Resolutions, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

5. Postponement:—The second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until this day week.
6. Common Law Proceeding's Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and passed. Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for the further amendment of the Process, Practice, and mode of Pleading at Law in the Supreme Court, and enlarging its Jurisdiction in Common Law Proceedings.*"
Question put and passed;
Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Holroyd and Mr. Manning do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for the further Amendment of the Process, Practice, and Mode of Pleading at Law in the Supreme Court, and enlarging its Jurisdiction in Common Law Proceedings,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th November, 1856.*

Question put and passed.

7. Postponement:—The Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Manning, "That the Judges' Salaries Increase Bill be now read a second time," postponed, on the motion of Mr. Forster, until Thursday next.
The House adjourned at a quarter after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That this House, with feelings of sincere and unmingled gratitude, recognises in the act of Her Most Gracious Majesty by which the transportation of British criminals to these Australian Colonies was made to cease and determine, the concession of a great and complete measure of justice which was sought by the unanimous prayers of the Colonists, and has been productive of general and permanent satisfaction.
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the compliance of Her Most Gracious Majesty with the prayers of the Colonists, in the settlement of a question so long agitated, while it has confirmed the feelings of loyalty and attachment to the Mother Country which happily exist in these communities, has led to the most beneficial results, in their vastly improved social condition, and their rapid progress in political character and commercial prosperity.
 - (3.) That, in the opinion of this House, any steps on the part of Her Majesty's Government to revive the transportation of convicts to the northern portion of New South Wales, or to any part of Eastern Australia or the islands adjacent, would be regarded as a breach of faith by the Colonists,—would create universal discontent,—and lead to consequences greatly to be deplored.
 - (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.
2. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of Maitland, praying the immediate commencement of a Causeway over the Falls at West Maitland, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
3. MR. LORD to move, That the Petition of certain Crown Tenants, complaining of encroachments upon their back Runs, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
4. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the petition (presented by him on the 11th instant) of 268 Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Government township of East Maitland, praying for the construction of a Dam across Wallis' Creek, be printed.
5. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to give further effect and validity to an Act intituled "*An Act to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as requires the concurrence of unusual majorities in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, in the passing of Bills to alter the Constitution conferred by the said Act, or the number and apportionment of Representatives in the Legislative Assembly.*"
6. MR. SCOTT to move:—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle; into the expense consequent thereon; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeysuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of Wharves; and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners:

(2.)

- (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Flood, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
7. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to examine the 67th, 72nd, and 73rd sections, and also the 59th and 61st sections of the Electoral Act of 1851, with a view to ascertain—first, whether these sections would enable any Committee of Elections and Qualifications to award costs to be paid to any Petitioner against the return of any writ of election; and, secondly, whether these sections would enable such Committee to award costs to be paid to any such Petitioner in any such case.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Manning, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Marks, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.
8. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a Letter from J. R. Hardy, Esq., formerly Chief Gold Commissioner, to E. Deas Thomson, Esq., on the subject of the proposed management of the Gold Fields, written at or about the time when the discovery of Gold in New South Wales was first made public.
9. MR. FORSTER to move, That the Petition of the Magistrates and other Inhabitants of Queanbeyan, presented by him yesterday, praying the appointment of a Police Magistrate at Queanbeyan, be printed.
10. MR. ARNOLD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A Return of the amount of Customs' Duties paid from Taylor's or any other Bonded stores at Morpeth, since the creation of such Bonded stores to the present time, distinguishing the amounts paid during each month.
 (2.) A Return of the amount of Customs' Duties paid from Bingle's or any other Bonded stores at Newcastle during the same period, distinguishing the amounts paid during each month in the same manner.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; third reading.
3. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; to be considered in Committee.
- Question.*—MR. JOHN CAMPBELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, Whether, and when, it is the intention of the Government to submit an application to the Legislature for Funds for opening a Road from Sydney to Wollongong, as intimated by the Surveyor General, in a Letter from that Officer, dated 11th August last?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, (*upon Mr. Holt moving his Resolutions regarding Education*) as an Amendment,—for leave to bring in a Bill to promote Public Education.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—
 (1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.
 (2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.
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 (4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.
 (5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.
 (6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their

their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

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(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

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For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
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(1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable, on account of its vast importance, to encourage by every legitimate means the cultivation of the Cotton plant in New South Wales.

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(2.) That this House considers that a desirable and effectual mode of giving such encouragement would be the offer of Land Remission Orders of £5 each for the first 1000 bales of 240lbs. each of clean merchantable cotton,—such Remission Orders to be respectively receivable for Lands in the Districts in which the cotton shall have been grown, for which the prizes are awarded

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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. Mr. COWPER to move, (*when the order for the second reading of the Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill is called*),—

(1.) That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee; and that such Committee be also instructed to inquire into and report upon the present state of the Railway Department, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barker, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hay, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murray, Mr. Oxley, Mr. Scott, Mr. Suttor, and the Mover.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Judges Widows' Pensions' Bill; second reading.
3. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill; second reading.
4. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill; second reading.
5. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
6. Gold Duty Bill; second reading.
7. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; second reading.
8. Party Processions Prevention Bill; second reading.
9. City Rates Bill; second reading.
10. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Contingent Notices of Motion:—

1. Mr. NICHOLS to move, (*On the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill being read*) That this House do resolve that the voting under such Bill shall be by Ballot.

2. Mr. PARKES to move, (*on motion being made for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill*),—

That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words—"the Sydney Municipal Council Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee."

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Hay, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Martin, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Flood, and the Mover."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; second reading.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Manning, "That the Judges' Salaries Increase Bill be now read a second time."

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
The Clerk Summoned:—The Speaker having informed the House that the Clerk had been summoned to attend the Police Office, at Parramatta, at ten o'clock, on Monday, the 17th instant, there and then to produce certain Voting Papers duly transmitted to him, under the 46th section of the Electoral Act of 1851, in a case of personation, and in two cases of false answer; and having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such Summons without leave of this House; and having added that it would impede the business of the House if the Clerk were to attend personally, in compliance with this Summons,—
Put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said Summons, personally, or by one of his Assistants, as may be most convenient to the business of this House, which Question passed in the *Affirmative*.
2. Paper:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table an Abstract of the Average Assets and Liabilities of the several Banks of the Colony, for the Quarter ended 30 September, 1856.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Australian Gas Light Company:—Mr. Plunkett presented a Petition from certain Shareholders of the Australian Gas Light Company, praying that the Proviso to the 116th Clause of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill, relating to the price of Gas for the Lamps to be lighted at the expense of the Council, may not pass into Law.
Petition received.
4. Transportation:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to *amended notice*,—
(1.) That this House, with feelings of sincere and unmingled gratitude, recognises in the act of Her Most Gracious Majesty, by which the transportation of British criminals to these Australian Colonies was made to cease and determine, the concession of a great and complete measure of justice which was sought by the unanimous prayers of the Colonists, and has been productive of general and permanent satisfaction.
(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, the compliance of Her Most Gracious Majesty with the prayers of the Colonists, in the settlement of a question so long agitated, while it has confirmed the feelings of loyalty and attachment to the Mother Country which happily exist in these communities, has led to the most beneficial results, in their vastly improved social condition, and their rapid progress in political character and commercial prosperity.
(3.) That, in the opinion of this House, any steps on the part of Her Majesty's Government to revive the transportation of convicts to the northern portion of New South Wales, or to any part of Eastern Australia or the islands adjacent, would be regarded as a breach of faith by the Colonists,—would create universal discontent,—and lead to consequences greatly to be deplored.
(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit them to the Principal Secretary of State, for presentation to Her Majesty.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
5. Causeway over the Falls at West Maitland:—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice; That the Petition of the Inhabitants of Maitland, praying the immediate commencement of a Causeway over the Falls at West Maitland, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed;
Ordered to be printed.
6. Encroachments on Back Runs:—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Crown Tenants, complaining of encroachments upon their back Runs, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed;
Ordered to be printed.

7. Dam across Wallis' Creek at East Maitland:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That the petition (presented by him on the 11th instant) of 268 Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Government township of East Maitland, praying for the construction of a Dam across Wallis' Creek, be printed.
Question put and passed;
Ordered to be printed.
8. Motions withdrawn:—
(1.) Mr. Forster withdrew the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, giving fresh Notice of Motion for Tuesday, November 25.
(2.) Mr. Scott withdrew the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
9. Costs under Electoral Act of 1851:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to examine the 67th, 72nd, and 73rd sections, and also the 59th and 61st sections of the Electoral Act of 1851, with a view to ascertain—first, whether these sections would enable any Committee of Elections and Qualifications to award costs to be paid to any Petitioner against the return of any writ of election; and, secondly, whether these sections would enable such Committee to award costs to be paid to any such Petitioner in any such case.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Manning, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Marks, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Forster, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to examine the 67th, 72nd, and 73rd sections, and also the 59th and 61st sections of the Electoral Act of 1851, with a view to ascertain—first, whether these sections would enable any Committee of Elections and Qualifications to award costs to be paid to any Petitioner against the return of any writ of election; and, secondly, whether these sections would enable such Committee to award costs to be paid to any such Petitioner in any such case.
The House divided.
Ayes, 9.
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. T. G. Rusden, } Tellers.
- Nocs, 16.
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. W. Macleay, } Tellers.
Mr. Suttor,
10. Mr. Hardy's Letter on Management of Gold Fields:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of a Letter from J. R. Hardy, Esq., formerly Chief Gold Commissioner, to E. Deas Thomson, Esq., on the subject of the proposed management of the Gold Fields, written at or about the time when the discovery of Gold in New South Wales was first made public.
Question put and passed.
11. Police Magistrate at Queanbeyan:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Magistrates and other Inhabitants of Queanbeyan, presented by him yesterday, praying the appointment of a Police Magistrate at Queanbeyan, be printed.
Question put and passed;—
Ordered to be printed.
12. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill:—Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate that the sum of twenty-five pounds had been paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, for the public uses of the Colony, and in support of the Government thereof, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to vest the Trust Moneys, Securities, and Property of the Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company in this Colony, in the Local Trustees of the said Company for the time being,*"—read a first time.
13. Customs' Duties at Morpeth and Newcastle:—Mr. Arnold moved, pursuant to amended notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return of the amount of Customs' Duties paid from Taylor's and any other Bonded stores at Morpeth (if any), since the creation of such Bonded stores to the present time, distinguishing the amounts paid during each month.
(2.) A Return of the amount of Customs' Duties paid from Bingle's and any other Bonded stores at Newcastle (if any), during the same period, distinguishing the amounts paid during each month in the same manner.
Question put and passed.
14. Australian General Assurance Company:—Mr. Manning presented a Petition from certain Directors of the Australian General Assurance Company, praying leave to introduce a Bill to Incorporate the said Company;—
And Mr. Manning having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Empire* Newspapers, containing notice, for four consecutive weeks in the month of April last, of the intention to apply for such Bill,—
Petition received.

15. Postponement:—The second reading of the Claims against Government Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, until Tuesday next.
16. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill, on motion of Mr. Plunkett, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Plunkett then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to simplify the Oaths of Qualification for Office.*"
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Plunkett moved, That Mr. Manning and Mr. Holroyd do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein.

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to Simplify the Oaths of Qualification for Office,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 14th November, 1856.*

- Question put and passed.
17. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill:—On motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an Amendment, the House ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next
18. Moreton Bay District Court Bill:—On motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
The House adjourned at half-past Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, (*upon Mr. Holt moving his Resolutions regarding Education*) as an Amendment,—for leave to bring in a Bill to promote Public Education.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—
- (1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.
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6. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That the Petition of the Shareholders of the Gas Light Company, presented by him on the 14th instant, be printed.
7. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Official Correspondence that has taken place in reference to the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry, upon matters relating to Police, appointed in June last, and of all proceedings of such Commission.
8. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition presented by him on 28th October last, from the Rev. James Cameron, Moderator of the Synod of Eastern Australia, against Sabbath desecration by the Running of Railway Trains, be printed.
9. MR. COWPER to move,—
 - (1.) That the Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Arnold, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Gordon, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Scott, Mr. Weekes, and the Mover.
10. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Wellingrove, having reference to the removal of Mr. Frederick Dunbar from the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove.
11. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Australian General Assurance Company.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Claims against Government Bill; second reading.
2. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

Question.—MR. JOHN CAMPBELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, Whether, and when, it is the intention of the Government to submit an application to the Legislature for Funds for opening a Road from Sydney to Wollongong, as intimated by the Surveyor General, in a Letter from that Officer, dated 11th August last?

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1. MR. COWPER to move, (*when the order for the second reading of the Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill is called,*)—
 - (1.) That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee; and that such Committee be also instructed to inquire into and report upon the present state of the Railway Department, with power to send for persons and papers.
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1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Judges Widows' Pensions' Bill; second reading.
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2. MR. PARKES to move, (*on motion being made for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill*),—

That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words—"the Sydney Municipal Council Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee."

"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Hay, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Martin, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Flood, and the Mover."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; second reading.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Manning, "That the Judges' Salaries Increase Bill be now read a second time."

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FLOOD to move:—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle; into the expense consequent thereon; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeysuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of wharves; and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hely, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to declare in what cases Bills may be reserved by the Governor, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and to define the period within which Bills may be disallowed by Her Majesty, after having been assented to by the Governor, in Her Majesty's name.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 45.

NOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Transportation:—The Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor General the Address respecting the Transportation of Convicts to the Northern Districts, passed by this House on the 14th instant, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following answer:—
W. DENISON,
Governor General.
In reply to the Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 14th November, in which a wish was expressed that certain Resolutions with reference to the introduction of Convicts into the Northern portion of New South Wales, or into any portion of Eastern Australia or the Islands adjacent, should be transmitted to the Secretary of State for presentation to Her Majesty;—the Governor General begs to assure the Assembly that the views embodied in the Resolutions meet with his full and entire concurrence, and that he will forward them to the Secretary of State by the earliest opportunity.
Government House,
18 November, 1856.
2. Standing Orders:—Mr. Parker, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up from the Standing Orders Committee, a Report with the Draft Standing Orders prepared by that Committee pursuant to an Instruction referred to them on the 6th August last.
Ordered to be printed, and considered in Committee on Friday next.
3. Australian Mutual Provident Society:—Mr. Plunkett presented a Petition from the Chairman of the Australian Mutual Provident Society, praying leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate the said Society.
Petition received.
4. Mr. Laurence Barry:—Mr. Garland presented a Petition from Mr. Laurence Barry, of Binalong, Squatter, complaining of his House, Stock-yards, Cultivation, and other Improvements being included in a Village Reserve recently laid out over about 2,000 acres of his Run, and praying redress.
Petition received.
5. Shipwrecks at Newcastle:—Mr. Flood presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the City of Newcastle, praying inquiry into the recent Shipwrecks,—with considerable loss of life and property,—in and near the Port of Newcastle.
Petition received.
6. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Holt withdrew the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, giving an *amended* notice of motion on the same subject for this day week.
7. Causeway and Dam at West and East Maitland:—Mr. Weckes moved, pursuant to notice, That in the opinion of this House, the construction of a Causeway across the Falls at West Maitland, which may answer the double purpose of providing a supply of fresh Water for that Town, and of a Roadway across the River, and the erection of a Dam across the mouth of Wallis' Creek, for the purpose of securing a supply of fresh Water to East Maitland, are works of indispensable necessity to the health and comfort of the Inhabitants of those Towns; and that plans and estimates of these undertakings should be prepared without delay.
Mr. Hay moved the Previous Question.
Debate ensued.

Previous

Previous Question put—" Shall this Question be now put ?"
The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Gordon,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. George Macleay,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Scott, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Noes, 12.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Marks, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd, }

Whereupon Original Question put and passed.

8. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Hely withdrew the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day.
9. Premium on the Cultivation of the Cotton Plant:—Mr. Holt moved, pursuant to notice,—
- (1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, desirable, on account of its vast importance, to encourage by every legitimate means the cultivation of the Cotton plant in New South Wales.
- (2.) That this House considers that a desirable and effectual mode of giving such encouragement would be the offer of Land Remission Orders of £5 each for the first 1000 bales of 240lbs. each of clean merchantable cotton,—such Remission Orders to be respectively receivable for Lands in the Districts in which the cotton shall have been grown for which the prizes are awarded.
- (3.) That the above Resolutions be embodied in an Address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by the Honorable the Speaker.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Manning,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Richardson, } Tellers.
Mr. Holt, }

Noes, 28.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Robertson, } Tellers.
Mr. Cowper, }

10. Police Magistrate at Queanbeyan :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to amended notice, That a Petition, signed by 193 Inhabitants of the District of Queanbeyan, praying for the appointment of a Police Magistrate for that Town, be referred for consideration to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Police, and Administration of Justice, in the Country Districts.

Question put and passed.

11. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Plunkett not moving the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

12. Australian Trust Company's Bill :—
 (1.) Mr. Barker, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred, on the 20th September last.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (2.) Mr. Barker then moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
 Question put and passed.
13. Commission of Inquiry into Police Matters :—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Official Correspondence that has taken place in reference to the appointment of a Commission of Inquiry, upon matters relating to Police, appointed in June last, and the Report of such Commission.
 Question put and passed.
14. Desecration of the Sabbath :—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on 28th October last, from the Rev. James Cameron, Moderator of the Synod of Eastern Australia, against Sabbath desecration by the Running of Railway Trains, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
15. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice,—
 (1.) That the Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Arnold, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Gordon, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Scott, Mr. Weekes; and the Mover.
 Question—(1.) That the Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee—put and passed.
 Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Arnold, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Gordon, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Scott, Mr. Weekes, and the Mover—put and passed.
16. Postponement :—Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Parkes, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Parkes tenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
17. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Australian General Assurance Company.
 Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill;
 And Mr. Manning having *presented* the Bill, and produced a Certificate that the sum of Twenty-five pounds had been paid to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the public uses of the Colony, and in support of the Government thereof, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to Incorporate the Australian General Assurance Company*," read a first time.
18. Claims against Government Bill :—Mr. Nichols moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed ;—
 And Bill read a second time ;—
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Nichols, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
19. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill Reported :—The Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House, with an Amendment made in the Committee, having been adopted, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Martin, the House Ordered the Bill as so reported, with the Amendment, to be read a third time on Friday next.
20. Supply :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the year 1856-7.
 The Chairman obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next ;—and then reported the following Resolutions :—
 (5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,272 9s. 9d., to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1856.
 (6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray the Supplementary Charge of the General Post Office Establishment, for the year 1856.
 (7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30 6s. 11d., to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Postage Stamp Printing Office Establishment, for the year 1856.
 (8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,750, to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Government Printing Office Establishment, for the year 1856.
 (9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £465, to defray the Supplementary Charge for Charitable Allowances, for the year 1856,—being a further sum of £365 for the Support of Free Paupers in Colonial Hospitals, and £100 in aid of Parramatta Hospital on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription.

- (10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £895 10s. 6d., to defray the Supplementary Charge for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1856,—being £338 6s. 6d., to indemnify Mr. Francis Flanagan for certain damages and expenses incurred by him in his Magisterial Capacity in the case of *Charman v. Flanagan*; and £557 4s., to provide for the expense incurred for an Illumination, and a Display of Fireworks, on 7th July last, in celebration of the Restoration of Peace.
- (11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, as a Supplementary Charge for the year 1856, to defray the Temporary Increase to the Salary of the fourth Judge, from 1st January.
- (12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, as a Supplementary Charge, for the year 1856, to defray the Salaries of Parliamentary Draftsmen.
- (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,241 2s. 2d., to defray the Supplementary Charge of Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1856.
- (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £110, to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Sheriff's Establishment, for the year 1856.
- (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75, to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Insolvent Court, for the year 1856.
- (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8 6s. 8d., to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Court of Requests, for the year 1856.
- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £483 6s. 8d., to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Establishment of the Treasury, for the year 1856.
- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £578, to defray the Supplementary Charge for Gold Establishments, for the year 1856,—being £6 5s. for Gold Receiver at Orange, from 1 October, at £25 per annum; and £571 15s. to meet deficiency in the amount voted for Gold Establishment beyond the Settled Districts.
- (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £133 6s. 8d., to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Establishment of the Shipping Master, at Sydney, for the year 1856.
- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £336 10s., as a Supplementary Charge for the year 1856, to defray the rent of the brig "Lady Mary," employed as a temporary floating Gunpowder Magazine, and allowance to Night Watchman for the same.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a further sum not exceeding £500, during the year 1856, for the purpose of supplementing the incomes of the Pilots at Port Jackson.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £45 8s., as a Supplementary Charge for the year 1856, for the purpose of retiring dishonored cheques paid into the Revenue Branch of the Treasury, viz,—H. Fisher, drawn on Commercial Bank, dated 15 September, 1851, £30 8s.; C. Layard, drawn on Joint Stock Bank, dated 31 December, 1854, £15.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, as a Supplementary Charge, for the year 1856, to meet the expenses of the Establishment of Lands and Public Works, to 31st December.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,880, to defray the Supplementary Charge for Public Works and Buildings, for the year 1856,—being £200 to provide an additional Press for the Sydney Mint, for striking off large Coins; £2,000 for completing the Interior Fittings of the Australian Museum; £150 for laying down Pipes and providing the necessary Fittings for lighting with Gas the Interior of the Gaol at Darlinghurst; £200 for the erection of a Court and Watch House at Rocky River; £1,165 for repairing and replacing Furniture in the Public Rooms at Government House; £500 for Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices; £620 for repairs and alterations for converting a portion of the Old Government Printing Office into a Court of Requests and Offices for the Inspector of Stamps; £50 for the repair of the old Mittagong Road (on condition of an equal sum being raised by subscription); £1,164 for Balances required for the completion of Public Works and Buildings authorized by previous Votes, as follows, that is to say,—£90 for Wash House, Laundry, and Servants' Hall, Government House; £60 for Lodge, Inner Domain; £300 for Watch House, Morpeth; £64 for Bridge, Jordan Creek, Bathurst; £400 for Watch House, West Maitland; £250 for Watch House, Eden; £500 towards completing Road between Armidale and Grafton; £50 for Hand-lights and frames for Botanical Gardens; £100 to provide Seats for the accommodation of the Public; a further sum of £406 for the construction of a Bridge over the Nepean River at Menangle; a further sum of £535 for the construction of a Bridge over the Belubula Rivulet, Carcoar; and a further sum of £240 for the completion of the New Government Printing Office.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray the Supplementary Charge of the Surveyor General's Establishment, for the year 1856.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,901 12s. 10d., as a Supplementary Charge for the year 1856, to meet the deficiency in the amount voted for the Departments for which provision was made in Schedule A. parts 1 and 2 to the Act of the Imperial Parliament 13 and 14 Vict.,
Cap.

Cap. 59, caused by the deduction, in error, of the amounts provided for certain salaries by the Schedule A. of Schedule (1) of the Act of the said Parliament, (18 and 19 Vict., Cap. 54,) instead of the lesser sums provided for the same salaries under the first mentioned Act; that is to say, Part I, £3,500, and Part II, £1,401 12s. 10d.

Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That these Resolutions be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

21. Moreton Bay District Court Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee being read,

The Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments,—

Mr. Manning moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole be now adopted.

Mr. Plunkett moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, in order to insert in their place the words—"this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further amendment " of Clause 18."

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 so inserted,—put and passed.

Question,—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further amendment of Clause 18, put and passed;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Thursday next.

The House adjourned at five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. Mr. COWPER to move, (when the order for the second reading of the *Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill* is called,)—

(1.) That the Bill be referred to a Select Committee; and that such Committee be also instructed to inquire into and report upon the present state of the Railway Department, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barker, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Flood, Mr. Hay, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murray, Mr. Oxley, Mr. Scott, Mr. Suttor, and the Mover.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Licensing and Regulation of Boatmen plying for hire within the Harbour of Port Jackson.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Judges Widows' Pensions' Bill; second reading.
3. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill; second reading.
4. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill; second reading.
5. Gold Fields Management Bill; second reading.
6. Gold Duty Bill; second reading.
7. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; second reading.
8. Party Processions Prevention Bill; second reading.
9. City Rates Bill; second reading.
10. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. FLOOD to move, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of Newcastle, presented by him yesterday, praying inquiry into the recent wrecks in and near the Port of Newcastle, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Deepening the River Hunter.
2. Mr. MANNING to move,—
 - (1.) That the Australian General Assurance Company's Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barker, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Irving, Mr. Jones, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Sandeman, and the Mover.

Question:—

1. Mr. MARTIN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY whether the Government recognises the propriety, and intends to act upon the principle, of superseding from the Commission of the Peace all Justices who may become insolvent.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, (*On the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill being read*) That this House do resolve that the voting under such Bill shall be by Ballot.
2. MR. PARKES to move, (*on motion being made for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill*),—
That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words—"the Sydney Municipal Council Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee."
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Hay, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Martin, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Flood, and "the Mover."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; second reading.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Manning, "That the Judges' Salaries Increase Bill be now read a second time."
3. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
4. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; third reading.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Standing Orders; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FLOOD to move :—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle; into the expense consequent thereon; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeysuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of wharves; and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hely, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
2. MR. PLUNKETT to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Australian Mutual Provident Society.
3. MR. SANDEMAN to move, That the Papers relating to the Management of the Native Police in the Northern Districts, which were laid upon the Table of this House on the 28th. of October last, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Native Police Force.
4. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Wellingrove, having reference to the removal of Mr. Frederick Dunbar from the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill; third reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, If it is the intention of the Government to station any Constables at Clerkness, on the Bundarra River?
2. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government have as yet taken any steps to secure the services of the Pilot at the Macleay River?
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any and what steps, in the matter of the petition in reference to the conduct of the Returning Officer for the Northumberland Boroughs, in the late Election?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, (*upon Mr. Holt moving his Resolutions regarding Education*) as an Amendment,—for leave to bring in a Bill to promote Public Education.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to declare in what cases Bills may be reserved by the Governor, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and to define the period within which Bills may be disallowed by Her Majesty, after having been assented to by the Governor, in Her Majesty's name.

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2. MR. HOLT to move,—

(1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.

(2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.

(3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.

(4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.

(5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.

(6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

(7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating, and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.

(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools,* or any of the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is desirable to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter .....			} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

Scholars of the 2nd Class are to be deemed those who can read easy books, and who are learning to write.

Scholars of the 1st Class are to be deemed those who are able to read freely, and to write a fair hand. If boys, they must also be learning grammar, arithmetic, geography and history; if girls, grammar, arithmetic, and needlework. The respective Classes of the scholars to be decided by the Inspector, after examination.

(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill embodying the above Resolutions.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Australian Trust Company's Bill : second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) The Return to the Order made by this House on the 28th October last, on motion of Mr. Sandeman, for Papers relating to Immigration;—Moreton Bay.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) The Return to the Address in reference to the appointment and removal of District Registrars, adopted, on motion of Mr. T. G. Rusden, on the 11th instant.
2. Coffee House Keepers:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain Restaurant and Coffee House Keepers of the City of Sydney, praying the repeal of the 20th section of the Country Towns Further Police Regulation Act.
•Petition received.
3. Mr. David Reid:—Mr. Flood presented a Petition from Mr. David Reid, of Goulburn, one of the Executors of the late Isabella Barber, praying inquiry into the circumstances connected with the reversal of the Disputed Boundary Commissioner's report in favor of the Boundaries claimed by the said Mrs. Barber in applying, under the Orders in Council, for a License for the Run called Nimbe, in the Lachlan District.
Petition received.
4. Nightmen:—Mr. Robert Campbell presented a Petition from certain Nightmen, complaining of the 98th section of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill, as being calculated seriously to damage their business, which they have conducted for many years at considerable expense, and praying relief.
Petition received.
5. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Licensing and Regulation of Boatmen plying for hire within the Harbour of Port Jackson.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
6. Deserted Wives' and Childrens' Bill:—Mr. Nichols having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to amend an Act to provide for the Maintenance of Deserted Wives and Children,*" 4 Vict., No. 5," read a first time; Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on next Friday week.
7. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill:—Mr. Donaldson having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill for the Licensing and Regulation of Boatmen plying for hire within the Harbour of Port Jackson,*" read a first time; Ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
8. Ways and Means:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole further to consider of the Ways and Means to meet the Supply granted to Her Majesty.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as a point of Order which had arisen in the Committee should be decided by the House;—
The Chairman then reported that he had been directed to submit, for the decision of the House, the following Question of Order which had arisen in the Committee, viz.:—
Whether it be competent for the Committee of Ways and Means to Vote a Sum mentioned in a Resolution at the time before the Committee, until the Committee of Supply of this House shall have granted an Amount, at least, equal to that Sum.
9. Drafts on Bankers Bill:—The following Message from the Legislative Council received and read:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having passed the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to Drafts on Bankers,*" requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly therein.

ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13 November, 1856.*

On motion of Mr. Manning, Bill read a first time; Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

10. Ways and Means :—It appearing to be the desire of the House that the Speaker should decide the Question of Order which had arisen in the Committee of Ways and Means, the Speaker gave it as his opinion that it was not competent to the Committee to vote any sum in excess of the sums granted by the Committee of Supply ;— Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
11. Judges' Widows' Pensions Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
12. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, Mr. Manning moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.
Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, in order to insert in their place the words "this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the amendment of " Clause 1."
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 so inserted—put and passed.
Question—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the amendment of Clause 1—put and passed ;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
13. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now read a second time ;—
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to amended contingent notice,—That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "this Bill be referred to a Select Committee; and that such Committee be also instructed " to inquire into and Report upon the present state of the Railway Department, with " power to send for persons and papers."
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barker, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Flood, " Mr. Hay, Mr. Martin, Mr. Murray, Mr. Oxley, Mr. Scott, Mr. Suttor, and the " Mover."
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and negatived ;—
And Mr. Hay having required that the proposed Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
Question—That the words, "this Bill be referred to a Select Committee; and that " such Committee be also instructed to inquire into and Report upon the present " state of the Railway Department, with power to send for persons and papers," be inserted in place of the words omitted—put and passed.
Question—That this Bill be referred to a Select Committee; and that such Committee be also instructed to inquire into and Report upon the present state of the Railway Department, with power to send for persons and papers—put and passed ;—
Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following Members, being inclusive of the Mover of the Committee and of the Member in charge of the Bill, to be the Committee duly appointed, viz.—Mr. Cowper, Mr. Hay, Mr. Flood, Mr. Murray, Mr. Oxley, Mr. Jones, Mr. Barker, Mr. Martin, Mr. Macarthur, and Mr. Suttor.
14. Gold Fields' Management Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Parkes moved, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
Question—on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until Tuesday next—put and passed.
15. Postponements :—
(1.) The second reading of the Gold Duty Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Tuesday next.
(2.) The second reading of the Customs Further Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Tuesday next.
16. Party Processions Prevention Bill having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, including an Amendment in the Title by the substitution of the words "to revive and make perpetual" for the words "further to continue," the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.

17. **City Rates Bill** :—Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed,—
 And Bill read a second time ;
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parker, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, involving an amendment in the Title, so as to authorize the levy of a rate for the current half-year only, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
18. **Postponement** :—The second reading of the Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
19. **Shipwrecks at Newcastle** :—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of Newcastle, presented by him yesterday, praying inquiry into the recent wrecks in and near the Port of Newcastle, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Deepening the River Hunter.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed, and referred accordingly.
20. **Australian General Assurance Company's Bill** :—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to amended notice,—
 (1.) That the Australian General Assurance Company's Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Barker, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Irving, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Sandeman, and the Mover.
 Question (1)—That the Australian General Assurance Company's Bill be referred to the consideration and report of a Select Committee—put and passed.
 Question (2)—That such Committee consist of Mr. Barker, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Irving, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Sandeman, and the Mover—put and passed.
 The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Contingent Notices of Motion :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, (*On the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill being read*) That this House do resolve that the voting under such Bill shall be by Ballot.
2. MR. PARKES to move, (*on motion being made for the second reading of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill*),—
 That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words—"the Sydney Municipal Council Bill be referred for the consideration and report of a Select Committee."
 " (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. R. Campbell, Mr. Wilshire, Mr. Hay, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Martin, Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Flood, and the Mover."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill ; second reading.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Manning, " That the Judges' Salaries Increase Bill be now read a second time."
3. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
4. Moreton Bay District Court Bill ; third reading.
5. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill ; third reading.
6. Party Processions Prevention Bill ; third reading.
7. City Rates Bill ; third reading.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Standing Orders ; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FLOOD to move :—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle ; into the expense consequent thereon ; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeysuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of wharves ; and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hely, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.

2. MR. PLUNKETT to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Australian Mutual Provident Society.
3. MR. SANDEMAN to move, That the Papers relating to the Management of the Native Police in the Northern Districts, which were laid upon the Table of this House on the 28th of October last, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Native Police Force.
4. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Wellingrove, having reference to the removal of Mr. Frederick Dunbar from the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove.
5. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That the Petition of the Shareholders of the Gas Light Company, presented by him on the 14th instant, be printed.
6. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of the Coffee-house Keepers, presented by him on the 19th instant, praying the repeal of the 20th Section of the Country Towns Further Police Regulation Act, be printed.
7. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to place on the Estimates for 1857, a sum of £1000 for the building of a Mechanics' School of Arts in the Town of Goulburn, on condition of an equal sum being subscribed for that purpose.
8. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Returns relative to District Registrars, laid upon the Table of this House, on the 19th instant, be printed.
9. MR. NICHOLS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence between the Colonial Secretary, the Surveyor General, and Mr. Joseph Cope, on the subject of the Forfeiture of the Right to certain Runs, for non-payment of Rent.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, If it is the intention of the Government to station any Constables at Clerkness, on the Bundarra River?
2. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government have as yet taken any steps to secure the services of the Pilot at the Macleay River?
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any and what steps, in the matter of the petition in reference to the conduct of the Returning Officer for the Northumberland Boroughs, in the late Election?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, (upon Mr. Holt moving his Resolutions regarding Education) as an Amendment,—for leave to bring in a Bill to promote Public Education.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to declare in what cases Bills may be reserved by the Governor, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and to define the period within which Bills may be disallowed by Her Majesty, after having been assented to by the Governor, in Her Majesty's name.
2. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.
 - (2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.
 - (3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.
 - (4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.

(5.)

(5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.

(6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

(7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating, and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.

(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors' or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is desirable to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter .....			} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

Scholars of the 2nd Class are to be deemed those who can read easy books, and who are learning to write.

Scholars of the 1st Class are to be deemed those who are able to read freely, and to write a fair hand. If boys, they must also be learning grammar, arithmetic, geography and history; if girls, grammar, arithmetic, and needlework. The respective Classes of the scholars to be decided by the Inspector, after examination.

(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill embodying the above Resolutions.

3. Mr. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of all Correspondence that has passed between the Government and the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Murrumbidgee District, and between that Officer and Mr. Abraham Watson, on the subject of a Road cut by the latter gentleman over the Windmoe Range to the Adelong Diggings.
4. Mr. FLOOD to move, That the Petition of Mr. David Reid, presented by him on the 19th instant, praying inquiry into the reversal of Mr. Commissioner Brougham's decision, in favor of Mrs. Barber's Boundary Claims, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Australian Trust Company's Bill: second reading.
2. Drafts on Bankers Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Manning "That the Gold Fields' Management Bill be now read a second time."
2. Gold Duty Bill; second reading.
3. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill: second reading.
2. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Deserted Wives' and Childrens' Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the Return made by this House on 23 September last, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, for certain particulars relating to the Tariff.
2. Robert Adams:—Mr. Robert Campbell presented a Petition from Robert Adams, late Messenger in the Colonial Architect's Department, complaining of dismissal from his office, after twenty-one years service, and praying relief.
Petition received.
3. Trinity Board and Steam Tug at Newcastle:—Mr. Donaldson presented a Petition from the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Newcastle, praying the establishment of a Trinity Board, and provision for a first class Steam Tug at Newcastle.
Petition received.
4. Sydney Municipal Council Bill:—Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
5. Actual and Estimated Deficit of Revenue at close of 1856:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General, received and read:—

W. DENISON.

Message No. 6.

Governor General.

The Governor General transmits to the Legislative Assembly a "Balance Sheet shewing the actual deficit of Revenue on 31st December, 1855, with the Estimated deficit on the 31st December, 1856." From this Statement of Accounts it appears that the deficiency on the Ways and Means to meet the authorised expenditure for the years 1854, 1855, and 1856, will amount, at the close of the present year, to £122,254 15s. 1d.; and His Excellency accordingly invites the Legislative Assembly to make the necessary provision for meeting the deficiency.

Government House,

Sydney, 20 November, 1856.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Balance Sheet, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply to-day.

6. Sydney Municipal Council Bill:—Mr. Nichols having withdrawn his *contingent* notice of motion,—
And Mr. Parkes having also withdrawn his *contingent* notice of motion,—
Debate ensued on Mr. Parker's motion,—“That this Bill be now read a second time.”
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee on Wednesday next.
7. Judges' Salaries Increase Bill:—The Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Manning,—
“That this Bill be now read a second time,”—resumed.
Mr. Parkes moved the Previous Question.
Debate continued.

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight,—

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Debate continued,—

And Mr. Cowper being interrupted, whilst addressing the Chair, by cries of—
“Question,” “Question,”—

And Mr. Manning having put it to the Speaker to say whether Mr. Cowper was speaking to the Question,

And Mr. Forster rising and using certain words,

Mr. Manning moved, That those words be taken down,

And the Speaker directing the Clerk to take the words down;

The Clerk accordingly took down the words as follows: “to impede the freedom of
“Debate by impertinent interruptions,”

And

And Mr. Forster having been heard in explanation, and withdrawn,
Mr. Manning moved, That the words taken down are disorderly.

And a Debate arising,—

And the Speaker giving it as his opinion that, as the Honorable Member for Murray,
Mr. Forster, had said in explanation that he did not use the words in a sense personal
to any Honorable Member, the House ought to receive that explanation as satisfactory.

Question of Order by leave withdrawn;—

Previous Question by leave withdrawn.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Irving, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd, }

Noes 15.

Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Scott, } Tellers.
Mr. Robertson, }

Whereupon Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee on
Wednesday next.

8. Supply:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the
House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply
to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1856-7.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. George Macleay,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. William Macleay,
Mr. Irving, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd, }

Noes, 14.

Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Robertson, } Tellers.
Mr. Cowper, }

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a
Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, and obtained
leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

9. Moreton Bay District Court Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to provide for the
"better Administration of Justice in the District of Moreton Bay."*
Question put and passed.

Whereupon

Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Holroyd and Mr. Cox carry up this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein ;—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to provide for the better administration of Justice in the District of Moreton Bay,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st November, 1856.*

Question put and passed.

10. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and *passed*. Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to provide for the deposit in the Colonial Treasury of Moneys in charge of Officers of the Supreme Court.*"

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Cox, do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein ;—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to provide for the Deposit, in the Colonial Treasury, of Moneys in charge of Officers of the Supreme Court,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st November, 1856.*

Question put and passed.

11. Party Processions Prevention Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now read a third time ;—
And notice being taken that there was not a Quorum of Members present, the House was counted, and there not being a Quorum present, the Speaker adjourned the House at a quarter before Three o'clock, A. M., until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock, P. M.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, (*upon Mr. Holt moving his Resolutions regarding Education*) as an Amendment,—for leave to bring in a Bill to promote Public Education.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Standing Orders ; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to declare in what cases Bills may be reserved by the Governor for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and to define the period within which Bills may be disallowed by Her Majesty, after having been assented to by the Governor, in Her Majesty's name.
2. MR. HOLT to move,—
(1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.
(2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.
(3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating ; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.
(4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes ; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.

(5.)

(5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.

(6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

(7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating, and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.

(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors' or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is desirable to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance. •	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter .....			} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

Scholars of the 2nd Class are to be deemed those who can read easy books, and who are learning to write.

Scholars of the 1st Class are to be deemed those who are able to read freely, and to write a fair hand. If boys, they must also be learning grammar, arithmetic, geography and history; if girls, grammar, arithmetic, and needlework. The respective Classes of the scholars to be decided by the Inspector, after examination.

(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill embodying the above Resolutions.

3. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House Copies of all Correspondence that has passed between the Government and the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Murrumbidgee District, and between that Officer and Mr. Abraham Watson, on the subject of a Road cut by the latter gentleman over the Windmace Range to the Adelong Diggings.
4. MR. FLOOD to move, That the Petition of Mr. David Reid, presented by him on the 19th instant, praying inquiry into the reversal of Mr. Commissioner Brougham's decision, in favor of Mrs. Barber's Boundary Claims, be printed.

5. MR. FLOOD to move :—

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle; into the expense consequent thereon; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeysuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of wharves; and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hely, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.

6. MR. PLUNKETT to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Australian Mutual Provident Society.

7. MR. SANDEMAN to move, That the Papers relating to the Management of the Native Police in the Northern Districts, which were laid upon the Table of this House on the 28th of October last, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Native Police Force.

8. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Wellingrove, having reference to the removal of Mr. Frederick Dunbar from the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove.

9. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That the Petition of the Shareholders of the Gas Light Company, presented by him on the 14th instant, be printed.

10. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of the Coffee-house Keepers, presented by him on the 19th instant, praying the repeal of the 20th Section of the Country Towns Further Police Regulation Act, be printed.

11. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to place on the Estimates for 1857, a sum of £1000 for the building of a Mechanics' School of Arts in the Town of Goulburn, on condition of an equal sum being subscribed for that purpose.

12. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Returns relative to District Registrars, laid upon the Table of this House, on the 19th instant, be printed.

13. MR. NICHOLS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence between the Colonial Secretary, the Surveyor General, and Mr. Joseph Cope, on the subject of the Forfeiture of the Right to certain Runs, for non-payment of Rent.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Australian Trust Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Drafts on Bankers Bill; second reading.
3. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.
4. Claims against Government Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DARVALL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Manning "That the Gold "Fields' Management Bill be now read a second time."
2. Gold Duty Bill; second reading.
3. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; second reading.
4. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

Questions :—

1. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, If it is the intention of the Government to station any Constables at Clerkness, on the Bundarra River?
2. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,— Whether the Government have as yet taken any steps to secure the services of the Pilot at the Macleay River?
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any and what steps, in the matter of the petition in reference to the conduct of the Returning Officer for the Northumberland Boroughs, in the late Election?

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Establish and Incorporate a Pilot, Harbour, and Navigation Board, for New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill: second reading.
2. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill; second reading.
3. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Judges Salaries Increase Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. City Rates Bill; third reading.
6. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—
 1. Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) The Randwick and Coogee Road Trust Account for the Half-year ended 30th June, 1856.
 - (2.) The Liverpool Road Trust Account for the Half-year ended 30th June, 1856.
 - (3.) The Return to the Order made by this House on the 19th August last, on motion of Mr. Gordon, for Papers relating to the Expenditure in the Construction of Roads and Bridges.
 - (4.) The First Annual Report of the Postmaster General, on the New South Wales Post Office.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Paper:—
 - (5.) The Report from the Commission appointed to confer on the subject of Light Houses in the several Australian Colonies.
Ordered to be printed, without the accompanying charts.
 3. Mr. Hay laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (6.) A Report from the Senior Assistant Gold Commissioner for the Western Districts, dated 11th October, 1856.
 - (7.) The Return to the Order made by this House on the 31st October last, on motion of Mr. Nichols, for Papers relating to the regulation of the Railway Traffic.
 - (8.) Correspondence respecting the proposed construction of a Line of Electric Telegraph.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Bonded Stores at Moreton Bay:—Mr. Richardson presented a Petition from certain Proprietors of Bonded Warehouses in the Town of Brisbane, praying that no law may be passed for the imposition of a tax on the owners of Bonded Warehouses at the Port of Moreton Bay.
Petition received.
3. Paper:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the Return to the Order made by this House, on motion of Mr. Arnold, on the 14th instant, for a Return of Customs Duties paid from Taylor's Stores at Morpeth, and from Bingle's Stores at Newcastle.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Repeal of Church Act of 1836:—Mr. Wilshire presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney and its environs, praying the repeal of the General Church Act of 1836, and the discontinuance of the system of supporting religion by grants from the public Treasury, under such reservations of the claims of present incumbents as may seem just and expedient.
Petition received.
5. Lieutenant Caswell, R.N.:—Mr. Weekes presented a Petition from Lieutenant Caswell, R.N., complaining of having had awarded to him, by the Government, a Grant of Land considerably short of what he conceived himself entitled to under a Report from the Commissioners of the Court of Claims, dated 18th April, 1838, and praying relief.
Petition received.
6. Standing Orders:—On motion of Mr. Parker the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the proposed Standing Rules and Orders.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Standing Rules and Orders, the House ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
7. Postponements:—
 - (1.) Mr. Forster postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
 - (2.) Mr. Holt postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
8. Road over the Windowce Range to the Adelong Diggings:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence that has passed between the Government and the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Murrumbidgee District, and between that
Officer

Officer and Mr. Abraham Watson, on the subject of a Road cut by the latter gentleman over the Windowee Range to the Adelong Diggings.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. Mr. David Reid:—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. David Reid, presented by him on the 19th instant, praying inquiry into the reversal of Mr. Commissioner Brougham's decision, in favor of Mrs. Barber's Boundary Claims, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
10. Postponement:—Mr. Flood postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
11. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill:—Mr. Plunkett moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to Incorporate the Australian Mutual Provident Society. Question put and passed; *Ordered*, that the Mover and Secondor prepare and bring in the Bill.
12. Management of the Native Police Force in the Northern Districts:—Mr. Sandeman moved, pursuant to notice, That the Papers relating to the Management of the Native Police Force, in the Northern Districts, which were laid upon the Table of this House on the 28th of October last, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Native Police Force.
Question put and passed.
13. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Parkes not moving the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
14. Australian Gas Light Company:—Mr. Plunkett moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Shareholders of the Gas Light Company, presented by him on the 14th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
15. Coffee-house Keepers:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Coffee-house Keepers, presented by him on the 19th instant, praying the repeal of the 20th Section of the Country Towns Further Police Regulation Act, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
16. Goulburn School of Arts:—Mr. Plunkett moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates for 1857, a sum of £1000 for the building of a Mechanics' School of Arts in the Town of Goulburn, on condition of an equal sum being subscribed for that purpose.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 36.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Holroyd, } Tellers.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Wilshire, } Tellers.
Mr. Lang,

17. District Registrars:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That the Returns relative to District Registrars, laid upon the Table of this House on the 19th instant, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

18. Forfeiture of Mr. Joseph Cope's Right to Runs:—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to amended notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House copies of all Correspondence between the Colonial Secretary, the Surveyor General, or Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands, and Mr. Joseph Cope, on the subject of the Forfeiture of the Right to certain Runs, in the occupation of Mr. Joseph Cope, for non-payment of Rent. Question put and passed.
19. Australian Trust Company's Bill:—Mr. Barker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Nichols moved, That the Debate be adjourned until this day week.
Question—on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until this day week—put and passed.
20. Drafts on Bankers Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
21. Postponement:—The second reading of the Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. T. G. Rusden, until next Friday week.
22. Claims against Government Bill:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee having been read, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
23. Postponement:—The Third Reading of the Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, on behalf of Mr. Martin, until Friday next.
24. Law of Evidence Bill:—Mr. Darvall moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Evidence.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
25. Postponement:—The Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Manning, "That the Gold Fields Management Bill be now read a second time," adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Friday next.
26. Law of Evidence Bill:—Mr. Darvall having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence*," read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
27. Postponements:—
(1.) The second reading of the Gold Duty Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Friday next.
(2.) The second reading of the Customs further Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Friday next.
28. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the Year 1856-7.
The Chairman obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next, and reported the following Resolution:—
(27.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £122,254 15s. 1d., to cover the deficiency on the Ways and Means to meet the authorized Expenditure for the years 1854, 1855, and 1856.
Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the House do now adopt this Resolution.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned at five minutes after Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

GENERAL BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Standing Orders Reported; Adoption of the Report.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Establish and Incorporate a Pilot, Harbour, and Navigation Board, for New South Wales.
2. MR. HAY to move, That the Correspondence respecting the proposed construction of a Line of Electric Telegraph, laid upon the Table by him yesterday, be referred to the Select Committee on the proposed Establishment of a Line of Electric Telegraph.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill: second reading.
2. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill; second reading.
3. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Judges Salaries Increase Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. City Rates Bill; third reading.
6. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. RICHARDSON to move, That the Petition presented by him yesterday, from the Bonded Warehouse Owners of Moreton Bay, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Drafts on Bankers Bill ; third reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill ; third reading.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HOLROYD to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the Names, Salaries, and Localities of the Stipendiary Magistrates in this Colony, with the number of cases brought before each Stipendiary Magistrate in the years 1853, 1854, and 1855.
2. MR. HOLROYD to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to the letting of the Government Residence and Domain at Parramatta ; also, copies of the conditions under which the same were to be let, and a copy of the lease under which the present lessee holds the same, and copies of all other documents and papers in anywise relating thereto.
3. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the numerical strength of each Department of the Public Service—including the Judges and other Officers of the Supreme Court, Gold Commissioners, and Police, with the names of the persons employed, shewing the date of each appointment, and whether conferred in England, or by the Governor General ; also distinguishing those persons from the United Kingdom, and those born or educated within the limits of the Colony of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land ; also the pay and emoluments, of whatever kind, of each individual.
4. MR. SANDEMAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Numerical Return of Tenders for New Runs applied for under the Orders in Council, shewing the relative periods of their receipt and disposal, from the 1st February, 1848, to the 30th September, 1856, and distinguishing those received from each of the Pastoral Districts throughout the Colony.
5. MR. WILSHIRE to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Sydney and its environs, presented by him on the 25th instant, praying the Repeal of the Church Act of 1836, be printed.
6. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition of Lieutenant Caswell, R. N., presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.
7. MR. FLOOD to move :—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle ; into the expense consequent thereon ; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeysuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of wharves ; and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill ; second reading.
2. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill ; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Manning "That the Gold Fields' Management Bill be now read a second time."
2. Gold Duty Bill ; second reading.
3. Customs' Further Regulation Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, (upon Mr. Holt moving his Resolutions regarding Education) as an Amendment,—for leave to bring in a Bill to promote Public Education.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to declare in what cases Bills may be reserved by the Governor, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and to define the period within which Bills may be disallowed by Her Majesty, after having been assented to by the Governor, in Her Majesty's name.
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(4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorised as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.

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(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any question that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations, either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is desirable to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

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of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every Religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill embodying the above Resolutions.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on Mr. Barker's motion, "That the Australian "Trust Company's Bill be now read a second time."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Law of Evidence Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill ; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) The Return to the Address, adopted on the 18th instant, on motion of Mr. Robertson, for Papers connected with the Commission of Inquiry into Police Matters, appointed in June last.
(2.) The Return to the Address, adopted on the 8th instant, on motion of Mr. Flood, in reference to the circumstances under which the late Assistant City Engineer ceased to fill that office.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Defences of Port Jackson:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 7.

The accompanying Papers bearing upon the question of the Defences of the Harbour and City of Sydney, are submitted for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly. They consist—

- 1st. Of the correspondence with Her Majesty's Government upon the subject of the constitution of a force which would be required for the defence of the Works in progress.
- 2nd. Of an Estimate for the completion of these works, by the addition of Guns to the Battery on Pinchgut Island, to that on the point of the Domain, and to that at Fort Macquarie, which amount altogether to £12,113 8s. 10d.
- 3rd. Of a Memorandum submitted for the consideration of the Executive Council, in which the constitution of the force required for the defence of the City, and the mode in which the cost of the maintenance of this force should be apportioned between the Colony and the Mother Country, was discussed.
- 4th. The Minute of the Proceedings of the Executive Council with reference to the matters alluded to in the Memorandum.
- 5th. Copy of a Despatch addressed to the Secretary of State, forwarding the Minute of the Executive Council above alluded to.

In bringing the subject of the defence of the City of Sydney under the notice of the Legislature, the Governor General wishes to refer to the papers laid upon the Table during the last Session, as expressing views which further consideration has not in any way modified or altered, and which, when taken in connection with those now submitted, will put the Assembly in possession of all the facts and opinions bearing upon a subject of no ordinary importance to the Colony.

In recommending the appropriation of the further sum of £12,113 8s. 10d. to cover the construction of some additions to the present Works, the Governor General is guided by a conviction that the outlay of this sum will add very much to the efficiency of the Works, by enabling the defenders to concentrate a much heavier fire upon the approaches to the Harbour, thereby rendering it very improbable that a vessel could make its way to a point near enough to the Town to allow its fire to do any injury of importance.

The Governor General wishes to call the particular attention of the Assembly to the principle upon which it is proposed to divide the expense of maintaining the Force, both Naval and Military, which will be required for the efficient defence of the Works, between the Colony and the Mother Country.

*Government House,
Sydney, 26 November, 1856.*

Ordered to be printed with the accompanying Papers, and considered in Committee of Supply.

3. **Miners' Right**:—Mr. Cox presented a Petition from certain Miners of Stoney Creek, praying the substitution of a Miners' Right of Two Pounds for the proposed Export Duty on Gold.
Petition received.
4. **Richmond Bridge Company's Bill**:—Mr. Wilshire presented a Petition from Mr. George Matcham Pitt, of Richmond, praying that this Bill may not pass.
Petition received.
5. **Gold Duty Bill**:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain Goldsmiths and Jewelers carrying on business in the City of Sydney, praying that Gold Jewellery exported from this Colony may be exempted from payment of the Export Duty on Gold in contemplation of this Bill.
Petition received.
6. **Joseph Wilkes**:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from Joseph Wilkes, late of Sandilands, Richmond River, shepherd, but now of Garryowen, Balmain, gardener, setting out various circumstances connected with the murder of his wife and children, in the month of April, 1855,—his own imprisonment on suspicion—the waste of his property in consequence of such imprisonment,—and praying inquiry into the conduct of the Magistrate and Constables implicated in the matter.
Petition received.
7. **Standing Orders Reported**:—Mr. Parker moved, That the Standing Rules and Orders reported as agreed to in Committee of the whole House, be now adopted as the Standing Rules and Orders of this House.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Parker moved, That the Standing Rules and Orders adopted by this House be, by the Speaker, presented for approval to His Excellency the Governor General.
Question put and passed.
8. **Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill**:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to amended notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to Establish and Incorporate a Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board, for New South Wales.
Debate ensued.
9. **Messages from the Legislative Council**:—The following Messages from the Legislative Council, received and read:—
(1.) **Crown Suits Bill**:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act for the payment of Costs, in Proceedings instituted on behalf of the Crown in matters relating to the Revenue, and for the Amendment of the Procedure and Practice in Crown Suits,*" without any amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, ALFRED STEPHEN,
Sydney, 19th November, 1856. President.
- (2.) **Infants' Marriage Settlements Bill**:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable Infants, with the approbation of the Supreme Court, in its Equitable Jurisdiction, to make binding Settlements of their Real and Personal Estate on Marriage,*" without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, ALFRED STEPHEN,
Sydney, 19 November, 1856. President.
- (3.) **Sydney Bethel Union Bill**:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Sydney Bethel Union to surrender the Land in Macquarie-street, Sydney, some time since granted as a Site for a Mariners' Church, and to accept a Grant of other Land in lieu thereof,*" without any amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber, ALFRED STEPHEN,
Sydney, 19 November, 1856. President.
10. **Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill**:—The Debate on Mr. Donaldson's motion for leave to introduce this Bill,—interrupted by the foregoing Messages,—resumed.
Question put and passed; *Ordered* that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
11. **Proposed Establishment of a Line of Electric Telegraph**:—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Correspondence respecting the proposed construction of a Line of Electric Telegraph, laid upon the Table by him yesterday, be referred to the Select Committee on the proposed Establishment of a Line of Electric Telegraph.
Question put and passed.
12. **Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill**:—Mr. Donaldson having presented this Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to Establish and Incorporate a Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board for New South Wales,*" read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
13. **Postponement**:—The second reading of the Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Wednesday next.

14. Public Prosecutor's Appointment Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.
Mr. Foster moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to add at the end the words "this day six months."
Debate ensued.
Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn.
Original Question by leave withdrawn.
Whereupon Bill, on the motion of Mr. Manning, discharged from the Paper.
15. Sydney Municipal Council Bill :—On motion of Mr. Parker the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow week.
16. Judges' Salaries Increase Bill :—On motion of Mr. Manning the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
17. City Rates Bill, on motion of Mr. Parker, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Parker then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the City Commissioners to levy City Rates for the current half-year.*"
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. Parker moved, That Mr. Holroyd and Mr. Cox do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein ;
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable the City Commissioners to levy City Rates for the current half-year;*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th November, 1856.*

Question put and passed.

18. Ways and Means :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Ways and Means to meet the supply granted to Her Majesty.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after midnight,
THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1856.

The Chairman obtained leave to sit again on this day fortnight, and reported the following Resolution :—

(1.) Resolved,—That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000 be raised by the sale of Terminable Annuities having not more than ten years to run, or of Debentures falling due in sums of not less than £15,000 in each of the next ten years, to meet the authorised Expenditure for Public Works and other services, not otherwise provided for in the years 1854, 1855, and 1856.

Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the adoption of this Resolution stand an Order of the Day for this day week.

Question put and passed.

19. Postponement :—Mr. Gordon, on behalf of Mr. Richardson, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Richardson on the Notice Paper of Other Business for yesterday, until to-morrow.
20. Drafts on Bankers Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to Drafts on Bankers.*"
Question put and passed ;
Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Holroyd and Mr. Cox do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to Drafts on Bankers,*" begs now to return the same to the Legislative Council, without amendment.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th November, 1856.*

Question put and passed.

21. Claims against Government Bill, on motion of Mr. Nichols, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Nichols then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to give relief to persons having Claims against the Government of New South Wales.*"
Question put and passed ;
Whereupon Mr. Nichols moved, That Mr. Holroyd and Mr. Cox do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein ;—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to give relief to persons having claims against the Government of New South Wales;*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th November, 1856.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Two o'clock a. m., until Three o'clock, p. m., this day.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. JONES to move, (on the Order of the Day being read for going into Committee of Supply) That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Supply, to defer voting any sums as supplement to the salaries provided for in Schedule A of the Constitution Act, until the Government shall have obtained leave to bring in a Bill, either to submit the whole amount of such salaries to the annual appropriation of this House, or to provide for the full amount of these salaries by permanent appropriation.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That the Return to the Address in reference to the Commission of Inquiry into Police Matters, laid upon the Table yesterday by him, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on Police and Official Business in the Country Districts.
2. MR. MANNING to move, That the third reading of the Party Processions Prevention Bill, the motion for which was interrupted by the House being counted out on the 21st instant, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Judges Salaries Increase Bill ; third reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. COWPER to ask MR. HAY,—When the Government will be prepared to bring forward the Bill for regulating the Sale and Occupation of the Crown Lands?
2. MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Government have it in contemplation to remove the lunatics at present confined in the Asylum at Tarhan Creek to any other place of confinement ; and, if it is intended to remove these lunatic persons to any other place of custody, whether any, and, if any, what alterations are contemplated in the arrangements for their proper management and protection ?
3. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1) Whether any Pensions, or any instalments thereof, have been paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, under the provisions of the fifty-first clause of the Constitution Act, to any former Officers of Government, claiming to have retired upon political grounds ?
 - (2.) If so paid, to what person or persons, in what proportions, at what time or times, and who held the office of Colonial Treasurer when such payments have been made ?

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HOLROYD to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the Names, Salaries, and Localities of the Stipendiary Magistrates in this Colony, with the number of cases brought before each Stipendiary Magistrate in the years 1853, 1854, and 1855.
2. MR. HOLROYD to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to the letting of the Government Residence and Domain at Parramatta ; also, copies of the conditions under which the same were to be let, and a copy of the lease under which the present lessee holds the same, and copies of all other documents and papers in anywise relating thereto.
3. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the numerical strength of each Department of the Public Service—including the Judges and other Officers of the Supreme Court, Gold Commissioners, and Police, with the names of the persons employed, shewing the date of each appointment, and whether conferred in England, or by the Governor General ; also distinguishing those persons from the United Kingdom, and those born or educated within the limits of the Colony of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land ; also the pay and emoluments, of whatever kind, of each individual.
4. MR. SANDEMAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Numerical Return of Tenders for New Runs applied for under the Orders in Council, shewing the relative periods of their receipt and disposal, from the 1st February, 1848, to the 30th September, 1856, and distinguishing those received from each of the Pastoral Districts throughout the Colony.
5. MR. WILSHIRE to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Sydney and its environs, presented by him on the 25th instant, praying the Repeal of the Church Act of 1836, be printed.
6. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition of Lieutenant Caswell, R. N., presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.
7. MR. FLOOD to move :—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle ; into the expense

expense consequent thereon; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeysuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of wharves; and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hely, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.

8. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, (if any), which has passed between the Government and the owners of land with water frontages at Woolloomooloo Bay, in reference to the proposal for filling up the head of the Bay and reclaiming the land in that locality.
9. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from the Goldsmiths and Jewellers of Sydney, and the Petition of Joseph Wilkes, presented by him on the 26th instant, be printed.
10. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of a certain Memorial from Henry Challinor, and two hundred and one others, residents at Moreton Bay, setting forth various alleged abuses in the operation of the Land Regulations.
11. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Wellingrove, having reference to the removal of Mr. Frederick Dunbar from the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove, in the year 1853.
12. MR. WILSHIRE to move, That the Petition of G. M. Pitt, presented by him on the 26th instant, praying for inquiry into, and relief for, the loss he will sustain by the Establishment and Incorporation of a Company to be called "The Richmond Bridge Company," be referred to the Richmond Bridge Company's Bill Committee, with instructions to Report thereon.
13. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition of Robert Adams, presented to this House on the 20th instant, be printed.
14. MR. HOLROYD to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all pieces of land through which the Railway passes from Pymont and Sydney to Parramatta and Liverpool; specifying the names of each proprietor from whom the land was taken, the quantity of land so taken, the amount paid to each proprietor for the land so taken, and the amount assessed by the Valuers, in each case, in reduction of compensation, by considering the enhancement in value of the adjoining land belonging to the party to whom compensation has been made, by the increased facilities of access to the different Stations and Termini of the said Railway. Also, a Return of all Moneys expended upon the lands of any such proprietor, specifying whether expended on Bridges, Dams, or other works, with a view to benefiting the adjoining land of such proprietor.
15. MR. RICHARDSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th instant, from the Bonded Warehouse Owners of Moreton Bay, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; second reading.
2. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Manning: "That the Gold Fields' Management Bill be now read a second time."
2. Gold Duty Bill; second reading.
3. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; second reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. R. CAMPBELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government intend, or not, proceeding with the formation of certain proposed new streets at the head of Woolloomooloo Bay, and of a public Quay in that locality; and, if so, when the Government intend to commence operations?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the rents or other proceeds, whatever they may be, derived or understood to be derived from the house and premises at Parramatta, commonly known as Government House, and from the grounds thereto adjacent, are paid into the General Revenue Fund; or, if otherwise, how appropriated?

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, (upon Mr. Holt moving his Resolutions regarding Education) as an Amendment,—for leave to bring in a Bill to promote Public Education.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to declare in what cases Bills may be reserved by the Governor, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and to define the period within which Bills may be disallowed by Her Majesty, after having been assented to by the Governor, in Her Majesty's name.

2. Mr. HOLT to move,—

(1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.

(2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.

(3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.

(4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.

(5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.

(6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

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For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
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• Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

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(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill embodying the above Resolutions.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on Mr. Barker's motion, "That the Australian "Trust Company's Bill be now read a second time."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill: second reading.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Ways and Means:—Adoption of the following Reported Resolution:—
 " (1.) Resolved,—That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, a sum
 " not exceeding £150,000 be raised by the sale of Terminable Annuities having not
 " more than ten years to run, or of Debentures falling due in sums of not less than
 " £15,000 in each of the next ten years, to meet the authorised Expenditure for
 " Public Works and other services, not otherwise provided for in the years 1854, 1855,
 " and 1856."

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

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No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Approval of Standing Rules and Orders :—The Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor General the Standing Rules and Orders adopted by this House, and that His Excellency had been pleased to approve the same.
2. State Support to Religion :—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain Unitarian Christians of Sydney and its Suburbs, praying that the House will not Vote the whole or any part of the sum placed on the Estimates in Supplement to the sum set apart for Public Worship in Schedule C to the Constitution Act.
Petition received.
3. Police Matters :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That the Return to the Address in reference to the Commission of Inquiry into Police Matters, laid upon the Table yesterday by him, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on Police and Official Business in the Country Districts.
Question put and passed.
4. Party Processions Prevention Bill :—Mr. Parker, on behalf of Mr. Manning, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Manning, That the third reading of the Party Processions Prevention Bill, the motion for which was interrupted by the House being counted out on the 21st instant, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
Question put and passed.
5. Supply :—The Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the Committee of Supply,—
Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to *Contingent* notice, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Supply, to defer voting any sums as supplement to the salaries provided for in Schedule A of the Constitution Act, until the Government shall have obtained leave to bring in a Bill, either to submit the whole amount of such salaries to the annual appropriation of this House, or to provide for the full amount of these salaries by permanent appropriation.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1856-7.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1856.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-day.

6. Judges Salaries Increase Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. W. Macleay, } Tellers.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Forster, } Tellers.
Mr. Jones, . }

Whereupon

Whereupon Bill read a third time.

Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to increase the Salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court.*"

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Holroyd and Mr. Cox do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein;—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to increase the Salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th November, 1856.*

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at Twenty-five minutes before Two o'clock A. M., until Three o'clock P. M. this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLROYD to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the Names, Salaries, and Localities of the Stipendiary Magistrates in this Colony, with the number of cases brought before each Stipendiary Magistrate in the years 1853, 1854, and 1855.
2. MR. HOLROYD to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to the letting of the Government Residence and Domain at Parramatta; also, copies of the conditions under which the same were to be let, and a copy of the lease under which the present lessee holds the same, and copies of all other documents and papers in anywise relating thereto.
3. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the numerical strength of each Department of the Public Service—including the Judges and other Officers of the Supreme Court, Gold Commissioners, and Police, with the names of the persons employed, shewing the date of each appointment, and whether conferred in England, or by the Governor General; also distinguishing those persons from the United Kingdom, and those born or educated within the limits of the Colony of New South Wales and Van Diemen's Land; also the pay and emoluments, of whatever kind, of each individual.
4. MR. SANDEMAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Numerical Return of Tenders for New Runs applied for under the Orders in Council, shewing the relative periods of their receipt and disposal, from the 1st February, 1848, to the 30th September, 1856, and distinguishing those received from each of the Pastoral Districts throughout the Colony.
5. MR. WILSHIRE to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Sydney and its environs, presented by him on the 25th instant, praying the Repeal of the Church Act of 1836, be printed.
6. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition of Lieutenant Caswell, R. N., presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.
7. MR. FLOOD to move:—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle; into the expense consequent thereon; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeysuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of wharves; and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hely, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
8. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, (if any), which has passed between the Government and the owners of land with water frontages at Woolloomooloo Bay, in reference to the proposal for filling up the head of the Bay and reclaiming the land in that locality.
9. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition from the Goldsmiths and Jewellers of Sydney, and the Petition of Joseph Wilkes, presented by him on the 26th instant, be printed.

10. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of a certain Memorial from Henry Challinor, and two hundred and one others, residents at Moreton Bay, setting forth various alleged abuses in the operation of the Land Regulations.
11. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Wellingrove, having reference to the removal of Mr. Frederick Dunbar from the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove, in the year 1853.
12. MR. WILSHIRE to move, That the Petition of G. M. Pitt, presented by him on the 26th instant, praying for inquiry into, and relief for, the loss he will sustain by the Establishment and Incorporation of a Company to be called "The Richmond Bridge Company," be referred to the Richmond Bridge Company's Bill Committee, with instructions to Report thereon.
13. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition of Robert Adams, presented to this House on the 20th instant, be printed.
14. MR. HOLROYD to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all pieces of land through which the Railway passes from Pymont and Sydney to Parramatta and Liverpool; specifying the names of each proprietor from whom the land was taken, the quantity of land so taken, the amount paid to each proprietor for the land so taken, and the amount assessed by the Valuators, in each case, in reduction of compensation, by considering the enhancement in value of the adjoining land belonging to the party to whom compensation has been made, by the increased facilities of access to the different Stations and Termini of the said Railway. Also, a Return of all Moneys expended upon the lands of any such proprietor, specifying whether expended on Bridges, Dams, or other works, with a view to benefiting the adjoining land of such proprietor.
15. MR. RICHARDSON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th instant, from the Bonded Warehouse Owners of Moreton Bay, be printed.
16. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of Joseph Wilkes, presented by him on the 26th instant, complaining of the conduct of a Magistrate and certain Police Officers, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into the Administration of Police in the Country Districts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; second reading.
2. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the Motion of Mr. Manning "That the Gold 'Fields' Management Bill be now read a second time."
2. Gold Duty Bill; second reading.
3. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; second reading.
4. Party Processions Prevention Bill; third reading.
5. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

Questions :—

1. MR. R. CAMPBELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government intend, or not, proceeding with the formation of certain proposed new streets at the head of Woolloomooloo Bay, and of a public Quay in that locality; and, if so, when the Government intend to commence operations?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the rents or other proceeds, whatever they may be, derived or understood to be derived from the house and premises at Parramatta, commonly known as Government House, and from the grounds thereto adjacent, are paid into the General Revenue Fund; or, if otherwise, how appropriated?

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, (upon Mr. Holt moving his Resolutions regarding Education) as an Amendment,—for leave to bring in a Bill to promote Public Education.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to declare in what cases Bills may be reserved by the Governor, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and to define the period within which Bills may be disallowed by Her Majesty, after having been assented to by the Governor, in Her Majesty's name.
2. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.
 - (2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.

(3.)

(3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.

(4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.

(5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.

(6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

(7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating, and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.

(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished:

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is desirable to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter		} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

Scholars of the 2nd Class are to be deemed those who can read easy books, and who are learning to write.

Scholars of the 1st Class are to be deemed those who are able to read freely, and to write a fair hand. If boys, they must also be learning grammar, arithmetic, geography and history; if girls, grammar, arithmetic, and needlework. The respective Classes of the scholars to be decided by the Inspector, after examination.

(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill embodying the above Resolutions.

ORDER

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of "the Adjourned Debate on Mr. Barker's motion," "That the Australian Trust Company's Bill be now read a second time."

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.

Question:—

1. MR. T. G. RUSDEN *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether the Government intend to take any steps, during this Session, for providing the Country Districts with County Courts or Courts of Assize?

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill: second reading.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Ways and Means:—Adoption of the following Reported Resolution:—
“(1.) Resolved,—That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000 be raised by the sale of Terminable Annuities having not more than ten years to run, or of Debentures falling due in sums of not less than £15,000 in each of the next ten years, to meet the authorised Expenditure for Public Works and other services, not otherwise provided for in the years 1854, 1855, and 1856.”

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Religious Endowments:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from the Moderator of the Synod of Eastern Australia, praying that, with due regard to vested rights, the present system of Religious Endowments in New South Wales may be abolished.
Petition received.
2. Desecration of the Sabbath by running Railway Trains:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from the President, Office Bearers, and other Members of the Committee of the New South Wales Society for promoting the observance of the Lord's Day, praying the adoption of measures to put a stop to Railway travelling on the Lord's Day.
Petition received.
3. Postponement:—Mr. Flood, on behalf of Mr. Holroyd, postponed the motions standing in the name of Mr. Holroyd first and second on the Notice Paper, to the bottom of the list of Notices for to-day.
4. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Robertson withdrew the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day.
5. Motion dropped:—Mr. Sandeman not moving the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
6. Repeal of the Church Act of 1836:—Mr. Wilshire moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Sydney and its environs, presented by him on the 25th instant, praying the Repeal of the Church Act of 1836, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Lieutenant Caswell, R.N.:—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Lieutenant Caswell, R. N., presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Postponement:—Mr. Flood postponed the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
9. Reclaiming Land at head of Woolloomoolloo Bay:—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence, (if any), which has passed between the Government and the owners of land with water frontages at Woolloomoolloo Bay, and of the Reports of the Surveyor General, or other Officer, in reference to the proposal for filling up the head of the Bay, and reclaiming the land in that locality.
Question put and passed.
10. Religious Endowment:—Mr. Wilshire presented a Petition from certain Ministers and Members of the Congregational Church, praying the House not to grant any money in supplement to the sum reserved for Public Worship in Schedule C.
Petition received.
11. Gold Duty Bill;—Joseph Wilkes:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Goldsmiths and Jewellers of Sydney, and the Petition of Joseph Wilkes, presented by him on the 26th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
12. Land Regulations—Memorial of Challinor and Others:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of a certain Memorial from Henry Challinor, and two hundred and one others, residents at Moreton Bay, setting forth various alleged abuses in the operation of the Land Regulations.
Question put and passed.
13. Mr. Frederick Dunbar:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Wellingrove, having reference to the removal of Mr. Frederick Dunbar from the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove, in the year 1853.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

14. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill :—Mr. Wilshire moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of G. M. Pitt, presented by him on the 26th instant, praying for inquiry into, and relief for, the loss he will sustain by the Establishment and Incorporation of a Company to be called "The Richmond Bridge Company," be referred to the Richmond Bridge Company's Bill Committee, with Instructions to Report thereon.
Question put and passed.
15. Robert Adams :—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Robert Adams, presented to this House on the 20th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
16. Land taken for Railway Purposes :—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all pieces of land through which the Railway passes from Pymont and Sydney to Parramatta and Liverpool; specifying the names of each proprietor from whom the land was taken, the quantity of land so taken, the claim made by and the amount paid to each proprietor for the land so taken, and the amount assessed by the Valuers, in each case, in reduction of compensation, by considering the enhancement in value of the adjoining land belonging to the party to whom compensation has been made, by the increased facilities of access to the different Stations and Termini of the said Railway. Also, a Return of all Moneys expended upon the lands of any such proprietor, specifying whether expended on Bridges, Dams, Gates, or other works, with a view to benefiting the adjoining land of such proprietor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
17. Bonded Stores at Moreton Bay :—Mr. Richardson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 25th instant, from the Bonded Warehouse Owners of Moreton Bay, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
18. Joseph Wilkes :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Joseph Wilkes, presented by him on the 26th instant, complaining of the conduct of a Magistrate and certain Police Officers, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into the Administration of Police in the Country Districts.
Question put and passed.
19. Salaries and Localities of Stipendiary Magistrates :—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the Names, Salaries, and Localities of the Stipendiary Magistrates in this Colony, with the number of cases brought before each Stipendiary Magistrate in the years 1853, 1854, and 1855.
Question put and passed.
20. Government House and Domain at Parramatta :—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to the letting of the Government Residence and Domain at Parramatta; also, copies of the conditions under which the same were to be let, and a copy of the lease under which the present lessee holds the same, and copies of all other documents and papers in anywise relating thereto.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
21. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill :—Mr. Nichols moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed ;—
And Bill read a second time ;—
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Nichols, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
22. Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill :—Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill, as amended, be now read a third time.
Question put and passed,—
And Bill, as amended, read a third time.
Mr. Martin moved, That this Bill, as amended, do now *pass*.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Martin then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to restore Writs of Inquiry, and Writs of Trial; and to authorise the establishment of separate Scales of Costs.*"
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. Martin moved, That Mr. Holroyd and Mr. Forster do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to restore Writs of Inquiry, and Writs of Trial; and to authorise the establishment of separate Scales of Costs,*" with the following amendment, to which it now desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council, viz. :—
Preamble, lines 13 and 14, between the word "assembled," and the words "as follows," insert the words, "and by the authority of the same."

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th November, 1856.*

Question put and passed.

23. Gold Fields Management Bill :—The Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Manning, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—resumed.

Question put and passed,

And Bill read a second time; and ordered to be considered in Committee on Wednesday next.

24. Gold Duty Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time. Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to add at the end the words "this day six months."

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

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Barker,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Garland, } Tellers.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.
Mr. Cowper.

Whereupon Original Question put and passed,—

And Bill read a second time; and ordered to be considered in Committee on Wednesday next.

25. Customs Further Regulation Bill :—Mr. Manning moved that this Bill be "now" read a second time.

Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to add at the end the words "this day six months."

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

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Barker,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Robertson,
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Mr. Holroyd,
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Mr. Hay,
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Mr. Manning,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Garland, } Tellers.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. J. Campbell,
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Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Richardson,
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Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.
Mr. Cowper.

Whereupon Original Question put and passed;

And Bill read a second time; and ordered to be considered in Committee on Wednesday next.

26. Party Processions Prevention Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to revive and make perpetual the Act 'to prevent for a limited time Party Processions and certain other 'Public Exhibitions in the Colony of New South Wales.'*"

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Holroyd and Mr. Donaldson do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act 'to revive and make perpetual the Act 'to prevent for a limited time Party 'Processions and certain other Public Exhibitions in the Colony of New South 'Wales,'*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th November, 1856.*

Question put and passed.

27. Supply :—Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply, stand postponed until Monday next, at twelve o'clock at noon. Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn, and the Resumption of the Committee ordered, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next, and to have precedence of all Business on the Paper for that day.

The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, (*upon Mr. Holt moving his Resolutions regarding Education*) as an Amendment,—for leave to bring in a Bill to promote Public Education.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to declare in what cases Bills may be reserved by the Governor, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, and to define the period within which Bills may be disallowed by Her Majesty, after having been assented to by the Governor, in Her Majesty's name.

2. MR. HOLT to move,—

(1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.

(2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.

(3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating ; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.

(4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes ; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.

(5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.

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 - (6.) A Return of the cost of the Collection of that Revenue during the same period.
 - (7.) A Return of the gross amount of Revenue collected by the Department of the Inspector of Distilleries, for the like period.
 - (8.) A Return of the cost of Collection of that Revenue, during the same period.
11. MR. HELY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the ensuing year, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred pounds, as a pension for Lady Mitchell, widow of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General of New South Wales, in consideration of the eminent services rendered by him to this Colony in his official capacity.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on Mr. Barker's motion, "That the Australian Trust Company's Bill be now read a second time."
2. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.

Questions:—

1. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether the Government intend to take any steps, during this Session, for providing the Country Districts with County Courts or Courts of Assize?
2. MR. COWPER to ask MR. DONALDSON,—
 - (1.) How long the Moreton Bay Light Ship was undergoing repair, and what amount was expended in such repair?
 - (2.) Whether it be true that the Light Ship is now detained at Brisbane for new Hawse Pipes,—whether the Master has been obliged to return to Sydney to procure new Hawse Pipes,—and at what daily cost that Vessel is now kept there unfit for service?
 - (3.) Whether the Surveyors did not point out that Hawse Pipes were necessary when the Vessel was undergoing repair?

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
 2. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill: second reading.
 3. Gold Fields' Management Bill; to be considered in Committee.
 4. Gold Duty Bill; to be considered in Committee.
 5. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Ways and Means :—Adoption of the following Reported Resolution :—

“ (1.) Resolved,—That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, a sum
 “ not exceeding £150,000 be raised by the sale of Terminable Annuities having not
 “ more than ten years to run, or of Debentures falling due in sums of not less than
 “ £15,000 in each of the next ten years, to meet the authorised Expenditure for
 “ Public Works and other services, not otherwise provided for in the years 1854, 1855,
 “ and 1856.”

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
 - (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Goulburn School of Arts:—The Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor General the Address in reference to this Institution which passed the House on the 25th ultimo, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:—
W. DENISON,
Governor General.
In accordance with the request contained in the Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated 25th November, 1856, The Governor General has given directions for the insertion upon the Supplementary Estimates for 1857, of a sum of £1000 for the building of a Mechanics' School of Arts in the Town of Goulburn, on condition of an equal sum being subscribed for that purpose.
*Government House,
Sydney, 29 November, 1856.*
2. Religious Endowment:—Mr. Holt presented a Petition from the Reverend Robert Ross, M.D., Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Congregationalists of Sydney and its suburbs, praying that the House will not vote the whole or any part of the £14,328 now upon the Estimates in supplement to the sum reserved in Schedule C to the Constitution Act for Public Worship.
Petition received.
3. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill:—Mr. Donaldson having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "A Bill to amend and define the Tenure and Constitution of the Office of Auditor General, and to render more effectual the Examination of the Public Accounts of the Colony," read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
4. Lodging House Keepers for Seamen:—Mr. R. Campbell presented a Petition from certain Lodging House Keepers for Seamen in the Port and City of Sydney, praying the repeal of the Clauses of the Water Police Regulation Act, 17 Vict., No. 36, affecting Petitioners' business.
Petition received.
5. Religious Endowment:—Mr. R. Campbell presented a Petition from William Benbow, of Botany-street, Sydney, against State support to Religion.
Petition received.
6. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole further to consider the supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow, before any other business on the Paper for that day be entered upon.
7. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Forster withdrew the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day.
8. Education:—Mr. Holt moving the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, and notice being taken that there was not a Quorum of Members present, the House was counted, and there not being a Quorum present, the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty minutes before Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to impose a Duty on Bonded Warehouses.

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2. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to levy a Fee on Wholesale Spirit Dealers.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Steam Navigation.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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1. MR. HOLT to move, That the Petition of the Reverend Dr. Ross, presented by him yesterday, against the appropriation of any sum in supplement to the amount reserved under Schedule C to the Constitution Act for Public Worship, be printed.

Question.—

1. MR. MACARTHUR to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, Whether, instead of closing the Botanic Gardens at six o'clock p.m., whereby many persons are now debarred from visiting the gardens at all, except on Sundays or holidays, while the public at large are excluded from them during the very portion of the day which, in Summer, is the most enjoyable, an alteration in the Regulations could not be made so as to keep the gates open till ten minutes after the sunset gun?

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2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on Mr. Barker's motion, "That the Australian Trust Company's Bill be now read a second time."
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

Question :—

1. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether the Government intend to take any steps, during this Session, for providing the Country Districts with County Courts or Courts of Assize?

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JONES to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion that it is not expedient to vote any Increase to the sum reserved for Public Worship by Schedule C of the Constitution Act.
 - (2.) That this House is further of opinion that the Government should forthwith provide for the gradual extinction of the Grant so reserved for Public Worship, by intimating to the four Denominations whose Ministers receive support therefrom, that, as the Livings to which Stipends are secured under this Grant become vacant, either by the decease or removal of the present Incumbents, such Stipends shall cease.
 - (3.) That, to carry into effect the first Resolution, it be an Instruction to the Committee of Supply not to vote any sum for Public Worship, as a supplement to, or in excess of, the amount reserved by Schedule C of the Constitution Act.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Leave of Absence for one week granted to Mr. Robertson, on motion of Mr. Marks.
2. Denominational Education:—Mr. George Macleay presented a Petition from the Bishop and Clergy of the United Church of England and Ireland resident in this portion of the Colony of New South Wales, praying the House to have due regard to the just claims of the Denominational School Board for continued and increased support.
Petition received.
3. Wharf across the head of Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain Owners and Lessees of Property on and near the Shores of Woolloomooloo Bay, and other Residents in the North-eastern parts of Sydney, and Owners of Coasting and other Vessels belonging to Port Jackson, praying the speedy decision of Government in favor of constructing the contemplated Wharf across the head of Woolloomooloo Bay.
Petition received.
4. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Cowper, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on the 18th ultimo.
Ordered to be printed,—
(2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr Cowper, the second reading of this Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
5. Papers:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the undermentioned papers,—
(1.) Schedule shewing the Total sums appropriated by Government, and received by the City Commissioners, for Sewerage and Water Purposes, from 1st January, 1854, to 30th June, 1856.
(2.) Abstract shewing the receipts and payments on account of Sewerage and Water Works, from 1st January to 30th June, 1856, after the distribution of Salaries, &c
(3.) Estimate of the probable Revenue and Expenditure of the City Commissioners, under the Sydney Water Act, for the six months ending 31st December, 1856.
(4.) Estimate of the probable Revenue and Expenditure of the City Commissioners, under the Sydney Sewerage Act, for the six months ending 31st December, 1856.
(5.) The City Engineer's Report on Sewerage Works.
(6.) The City Engineer's Report on Water Works.
Ordered to be printed, without the accompanying Plan.
6. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1856-7;—

And the Committee having continued to sit till after midnight,—

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1856.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-day, before any other business on the Paper shall be entered upon.

7. Postponements:—
(1.) Mr. Donaldson postponed the motions standing in his name first and second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
(2.) Mr. Donaldson postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Wednesday next.
(3.) The second reading of the Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until this day week.
(4.) The second reading of the Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until this day week.
(5.) The consideration in Committee of the Gold Fields' Management Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until to-day.

(6.)

(6.) The consideration in Committee of the Gold Duty Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until to-day.

(7.) The consideration in Committee of the Customs' Further Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until to-day.

(8.) The second reading of the Law of Evidence Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Darvall, until Tuesday next.

8. Religious Endowment:—Mr Holt moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Reverend Dr. Ross, presented by him on the 2nd instant, against the appropriation of any sum in supplement to the amount reserved under Schedule C to the Constitution Act for Public Worship, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at Five minutes after One o'clock, A.M., until Three o'clock, P.M., this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law as to the qualification for certain Judicial and other Offices, and as to the examination of Candidates for admission to the Bar.
2. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to confer certain privileges on Graduates of the University.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Ways and Means:—Adoption of the following Reported Resolution:—
“(1.) Resolved,—That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000 be raised by the sale of Terminable Annuities having not more than ten years to run, or of Debentures falling due in sums of not less than £15,000 in each of the next ten years, to meet the authorised Expenditure for Public Works and other services, not otherwise provided for in the years 1854, 1855, and 1856.”
3. Gold Fields' Management Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Gold Duty Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. FORSTER to move,—
(1.) That in the opinion of this House, inasmuch as an unauthorised appropriation of a certain portion of the public funds, amounting to £600, and consisting of proceeds derived from the House and Premises at Parramatta commonly known as Government House, and from the grounds thereto adjacent, appears, by the statement of the Honourable the Secretary for Lands and Public Works, made in this House on Friday, November 28th, to have been committed by the Executive Government, a readjustment of the balance of the public accounts for the year 1856, as submitted to this House in Committee of Supply, has become absolutely necessary.
(2.) That it be an instruction to the Committee of Supply to require such readjustment before proceeding with any further consideration of the Estimates for the year 1857.

Question.—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
(1.) With reference to the proceeds derived from the House and Premises at Parramatta, commonly known as Government House, and from the grounds thereto adjacent, acknowledged by the Honourable the Secretary for Lands and Public Works to have been received by His Excellency the Governor General and not to have been paid into the General Revenue Fund, by whose advice and under what authority has such an unauthorised appropriation of Public money been sanctioned and committed?
(2.) What is the total amount of Public money so appropriated?
(3.) Whether, supposing such unauthorised appropriation to have been committed in error, the Government is prepared to rectify such error by any re-adjustment of the balance of the Public accounts for the year 1856, as submitted to this House in Committee of Supply?

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, (upon Mr. Holt moving his Resolutions regarding Education) as an Amendment,—for leave to bring in a Bill to promote Public Education.

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
 - (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
2. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Petition from Mr. Stephen Hale Marsh, presented by him on the 25th of September, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill for incorporating the Sole Commissioner of Railways.
3. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of Mr. Henry Harvey Read, presented by him on the 8th of August, be referred for consideration to the Select Committee now sitting on the Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill.
4. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.
 - (2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.
 - (3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.
 - (4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.
 - (5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.
 - (6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.
 - (7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating, and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.
 - (8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors, or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.
 - (9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is desirable to remunerate the

the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter .....			} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

Scholars of the 2nd Class are to be deemed those who can read easy books, and who are learning to write.

Scholars of the 1st Class are to be deemed those who are able to read freely, and to write a fair hand. If boys, they must also be learning grammar, arithmetic, geography and history; if girls, grammar, arithmetic, and needlework. The respective Classes of the scholars to be decided by the Inspector, after examination.

(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill embodying the above Resolutions.

5. MR. GARLAND to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Reports, and other Papers (including Plans and Sketches), between the Government and the late Sir T. L. Mitchell, and between Sir T. L. Mitchell and Mr. William Shone, with reference to the continuation of the line of Railway, surveyed by Mr. Shone, through Appin and East Bargo to Mittagong.
6. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition of the Moderator of the Synod of Eastern Australia, and the Petition of the Society for promoting the Observance of the Lord's Day, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
7. MR. HELY to move,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the matter of the Petition of David Cross, of the Macdonald River, presented during the present Session, and to consider the claims of the Petitioner.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Marks, Mr. Lee, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Egan, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Pye, and Mr. Flood.
8. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of the Unitarian Christians of Sydney and its Suburbs, presented by him on the 27th instant, be printed.
9. MR. FLOOD to move :—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle; into the expense consequent thereon; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeysuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of wharves; and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Hely, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Arnold, and the Mover.
10. MR. WILSHIRE to move, That the Petition of certain Ministers and Members of the Congregational Church in Sydney, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
11. MR. SANDEMAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Numerical Return of Tenders for New Runs applied for under the Orders in Council, shewing the relative periods of their receipt and disposal, from the 1st February, 1848, to the 30th September, 1856, and distinguishing those received from each of the Pastoral Districts throughout the Colony.
12. MR. NICHOLS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Bonded Warehouse-keepers; distinguishing the Names of the persons licensed, the street or place in which each Warehouse is situated, the Port or District for which the license is granted, and the date of License.
 - (2.) A Return of the proceeds of fines, seizures, and satisfaction made, in the Customs Department, from 1st October, 1852, to 1st October, 1856; together with an account of the Distribution of the net proceeds thereof,—shewing the share awarded to the Officers of Customs.
 - (3.) A Return of the number of Entries passed in the Long Room of the Customs Department, at the Port of Sydney, for each of the years ending on the 1st October, 1853, and 1st October, 1856.
 - (4.) A Return shewing similar particulars from all other Free Warchousing Ports in the Colony.
 - (5.) A Return of the gross amount of the Receipts of the Customs Revenue of New South Wales, from the 1st October, 1852, to the 1st October, 1856.
 - (6.) A Return of the cost of the Collection of that Revenue during the same period.
 - (7.) A Return of the gross amount of Revenue collected by the Department of the Inspector of Distilleries, for the like period.

- (8.) A Return of the cost of Collection of that Revenue, during the same period.
13. MR. HELY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the ensuing year, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred pounds, as a pension for Lady Mitchell, widow of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General of New South Wales, in consideration of the eminent services rendered by him to this Colony in his official capacity.
 14. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Petition of the Bishop and Clergy of the United Church of England and Ireland, resident in this portion of New South Wales, presented by him on the 3rd instant, be printed.
 15. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd instant, praying the immediate decision of Government in favour of constructing a Wharf across the head of Woolloomooloo Bay, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JONES to move, —
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion that it is not expedient to vote any Increase to the sum reserved for Public Worship by Schedule C of the Constitution Act.
 - (2.) That this House is further of opinion that the Government should forthwith provide for the gradual extinction of the Grant so reserved for Public Worship, by intimating to the four Denominations whose Ministers receive support therefrom, that, as the Livings to which Stipends are secured under this Grant become vacant, either by the decease or removal of the present Incumbents, such Stipends shall cease.
 - (3.) That, to carry into effect the first Resolution, it be an Instruction to the Committee of Supply not to vote any sum for Public Worship, as a supplement to, or in excess of, the amount reserved by Schedule C of the Constitution Act.
2. MR. PARKES to move,—
 - (1.) That this House has considered the proposed provision for Police, as detailed in the Estimates of Expenditure for 1857, amounting to a total number of 1069 persons, and a total sum of £171,349 1s. 3d.; and is of opinion that it is excessive, unwarranted by the state of society, and calculated to lower the character of the Colony in the eyes of other countries.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House, there have been no sufficient grounds for this enormous increase of Police Expenditure, as compared with the Estimates for the same Service five years ago, which, for the year 1852, did not exceed £56,976 3s. 6d.
 - (3.) That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the employment of so large a proportion of the adult population in Police Services is morally wrong, independently of economical and political considerations.
 2. That the Estimates for this Service for 1857, ought to be reduced by, at least, the sum of £70,000, such reduction to be applied with due consideration for the wants of the respective districts, so as not to cause the withdrawal of any necessary protection.
 - (4.) That it be an instruction to the Committee of Supply to deal with the Estimates for Police, in accordance with the opinions embodied in the foregoing Resolutions.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; second reading.
2. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Steam Navigation.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to impose a Duty on Bonded Warehouses.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to levy a Fee on Wholesale Spirit Dealers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
3. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill: second reading

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Railway Extension :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read :—
 W. DENISON, *Message No. 11.*
Governor General.
 In accordance with the advice of the Executive Council, as expressed in the Minute herewith submitted, the Governor General lays before the Legislative Assembly a Memorandum expressive of his views with relation to the extension of Railways in New South Wales.
Government House,
Sydney, 4 December, 1856.
2. Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Papers.
2. Licensed Watermen :—Mr. R. Campbell presented a Petition from certain licensed Watermen of the City of Sydney, Balmain, and Pyrmont, representing the insufficiency of the present rate of fares, and praying the establishment of an increased rate, and of a means to enable Petitioners to sue for unpaid fares in the Water Police Office.
 Petition received.
3. Sydney Municipal Council Bill :—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from certain Citizens of Sydney, representing their appreciation of this Bill generally, but praying that provision be made in it for Endowing the City—for giving to the Council supervision over the Police—and for altering the Municipal Franchise in some particulars.
 Petition received.
4. Masters and Servants' Bill :—Mr. Nichols, as Chairman, brought up the Report from the Select Committee to whom this Bill was referred on the 13th August last, with an Instruction to inquire into the operation of the Laws relating to Masters and Servants, and to frame a measure to consolidate and amend the same,—together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee, and the Bill framed by them in pursuance of the said Instruction.
 Ordered to be printed.
5. Supply :—Mr. Parker moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1856-7.
 Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Question be amended by adding at the end the words following—
 “ (1.) That, whereas an unauthorized appropriation of a certain portion of the Public Funds, amounting to £600, and consisting of proceeds derived from the House and Premises at Parramatta, commonly known as Government House, and from the Grounds thereto adjacent, appears, by the statement of the Honorable the Secretary for Lands and Public Works, made in this House on Friday, November 28, to have been committed by the Executive Government, in the opinion of this House, a re-adjustment of the balance of the Public Accounts for the year 1856, as submitted to this House in Committee of Supply, has become absolutely necessary.”
 “ (2.) That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Supply to require such re-adjustment before proceeding with any further consideration of the Estimates for the year 1857.”
 Debate ensued.
6. Constitution Act Amendment Bill :—The following Message from the Legislative Council received and read :—
 MR. SPEAKER,
 The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled “ *An Act to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as requires the concurrence of unusual Majorities of Members in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, in the passing of Bills to alter the Constitution conferred by the said Act, or the number and apportionment of Representatives in the said Legislative Assembly,*” with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council Chamber, ALFRED STEPHEN,
Sydney, 3 December, 1856. *President.*
 Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Manning, the consideration in Committee of the said Amendments ordered to stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

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7. Supply:—The Debate on Mr. Parker's motion for going into Committee of Supply, and Mr. Forster's proposed Amendment thereupon, -interrupted by the foregoing Message,—resumed.
Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn ;
Original Question put and passed ;
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow, at four o'clock, P.M., taking precedence, at that hour, of all other business for that day.

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1856.

8. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law as to the qualification for certain Judicial and other Offices, and as to the examination of Candidates for admission to the Bar.
Question put and passed ; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
9. University Graduates Privilege Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to confer certain privileges on Graduates of the University.
Question put and passed ; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
10. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill:—Mr. Manning having presented this Bill, Bill intitled, "*A Bill to amend the Law as to the Qualification for certain Judicial and other Offices, and as to the examination of Candidates for admission to the Bar*," read a first time ; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
11. University Graduates Privilege Bill:—Mr. Manning having presented this Bill, Bill intitled, "*A Bill to confer certain privileges on Graduates of the University of Sydney*," read a first time ; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
12. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until this day,—taking precedence of all other business for to-day next after the Committee of Supply.
13. Ways and Means:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this House do now adopt the following Reported Resolution ;—
“(1.) Resolved,—That, towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150,000 be raised by the sale of Terminable Annuities having not more than ten years to run, or of Debentures falling due in sums of not less than £15,000 in each of the next ten years, to meet the authorised Expenditure for Public Works and other services not otherwise provided for in the years 1854, 1855, and 1856.”
Question put and passed.
14. Postponements:—
(1.) The consideration in Committee of the Gold Fields' Management Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
(2.) The consideration in Committee of the Gold Duty Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
(3.) The consideration in Committee of the Customs further Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
15. Adjournment:—Mr. Parker moved, That this House do now adjourn until this day at “Three o'clock p. m.”
Mr. F. T. Rusden moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words “Three o'clock p. m.” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “Twelve o'clock at noon.”
Debate ensued.
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and passed.
Original Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon the House adjourned accordingly at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p. m. this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

- Supply ; Resumption of the Committee at 4 o'clock P.M.
- Sydney Municipal Council Bill ; to be further considered in Committee (next after Supply.)

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

- MR. COWPER to move, (upon Mr. Holt moving his Resolutions regarding Education) as an Amendment,—for leave to bring in a Bill to promote Public Education.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; Consideration in Committee of the Council's Amendments in this Bill.
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1. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.
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No. 55.

NOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
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FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1856.

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NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee at 4 o'clock P.M.
2. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; to be further considered in Committee (next after Supply.)

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

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 21. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd instant, from certain Lodging-house keepers for Seamen, be printed.
 22. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition of William Benbow, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
 23. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition of the Licensed Watermen of Sydney, Balmain, and Pyrmont, presented by him on the 4th instant, be printed.
 24. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th instant, from certain Citizens, approving generally of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill, but praying provision for Endowment of the City, for the transfer to the Council of the supervision over the Police, and for certain alterations in the Municipal Franchise, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.
3. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on Mr. Barker's motion, "That the Australian Trust Company's Bill be now read a second time."
4. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HAY to move, That His Excellency the Governor General's Message No. 11, with the accompanying Papers, respecting the extension of Railways in this Colony, be referred to the Select Committee for whose consideration and report was referred the Solo Commissioner of Railway's Incorporation Bill.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; second reading.
2. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.

Question:—

1. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether the Government intend to take any steps, during this Session, for providing the Country Districts with County Courts or Courts of Assize?

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Steam Navigation.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; Consideration in Committee of the Council's Amendments in this Bill.
2. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill; second reading.
3. University Graduates Privilege Bill; second reading.
4. Gold Fields' Management Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Gold Duty Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to impose a Duty on Bonded Warehouses.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to levy a Fee on Wholesale Spirit Dealers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
3. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill: second reading

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Government House and Domain at Parramatta:—The Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor General the Address adopted by this House on the 28th ultimo, in reference to the letting of the Government House and Domain at Parramatta, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:—
W. DENISON,
Governor General.
In accordance with the request contained in the Address of the Legislative Assembly, of 28th November, the Governor General lays upon the Table, a copy of the agreement under which Mr. Byrnes at present occupies the Government Domain and House at Parramatta. There has been no official correspondence between the Government and the Police Magistrate of Parramatta, relative to the letting of the Governor's Residence and the Domain.
*Government House,
Sydney, 8 December, 1856.*
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Document.
2. Papers:—
 1. Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) The Return to the Address in reference to the Police and Electoral Districts, adopted, on motion of Mr. Jones, on the 31st October last.
 - (2.) The Return to the Order made by this House, on the 4th ultimo, on motion of Mr. Sandeman, for Papers relating to the Gaol and Circuit Court at Moreton Bay.
 - (3.) The Return to the Address adopted, on motion of Mr. Forster, on the 14th ultimo, for Copy of Mr. J. R. Hardy's Letter on the Management of the Gold Fields.
 - (4.) The Return to the Order made by this House, on the 8th ultimo, on motion of Mr. Martin, for Papers relating to the removal of Water Pipes.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table,—
 - (5.) An Abstract Statement of Receipts and Payments on Account of the General and Consolidated Revenues of New South Wales, distinguishing the Amounts derived from General Revenue, and those raised by Loans, from 1st January, 1853, to 31st October, 1856.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Court of Petty Sessions at Bungonia:—Mr. Plunkett presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the District of Bungonia, praying the Establishment there of a Court of Petty Sessions.
Petition received.
4. Religious Endowment:—
 - (1.) Mr. Parker presented a Petition from certain Members of the Church of Scotland, resident in the Town of Parramatta, expressive of their satisfaction that the Government have placed on the Estimates for 1857, sums in Supplement to these reserved for Public Worship under Schedule C to the Constitution Act, and praying the House to sanction such Supplement.
Petition received.
 - (2.) Mr. Parker presented a similar Petition from certain Members of the Church of England, resident in the Town of Parramatta.
Petition received.
 - (3.) Mr. Parker presented a similar Petition from certain Members of the Church of England, resident in the Town of Parramatta.
Petition received.
5. Mr. Cornelius Delohery:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from Mr. Cornelius Delohery, formerly Chief Clerk of the Sydney Police Office, representing that he had filled appointments in the Police Offices of the Colony for nearly twenty years,—sixteen years of which he filled the Office of Chief Clerk in the Sydney Police Office,—complaining of his dismissal on insufficient grounds,—and praying redress.
Petition received.

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6. Desecration of the Sabbath :—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Singleton and its vicinity, representing the obligation of keeping the Sabbath. Petition received.
7. Religious Endowment :—Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from certain Presbyterians in Sydney and Suburbs, in connexion with the Synod of Eastern Australia, in Public Meeting assembled, praying that, with due regard to what may be considered vested rights, the present system of Religious Endowments may be abolished. Petition received.
8. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill :—Mr. Plunkett having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate that the sum of Twenty-five pounds had been paid to the Credit of the Consolidated Revenues for the public uses of the Colony, and in support of the Government thereof, Bill intituled "*A Bill to Incorporate the Australian Mutual Provident Society,*" read a first time.
9. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill :—
 - (1.) Mr. Manning, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on the 19th ultimo.
Ordered to be printed ;—
 - (2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Manning, the second reading of this Bill ordered to stand an Order of the Day for next Wednesday week.
10. Supply :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress,—And moved, That the Committee have leave to sit again "immediately."
Mr. Parker moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "immediately," with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "to-morrow,—taking precedence of all other business."
Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be so inserted—put and passed ;—
Whereupon Question,—That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow,—taking precedence of all other business—put and passed.
11. Sydney Municipal Council Bill :—On motion of Mr. Parker, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next,—taking precedence of all other Government Business on the Paper for that day.
12. Motions withdrawn :—
 - (1.) Mr. Jones withdrew the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day,—giving a *Contingent* Notice of Motion to the like effect for Thursday next.
 - (2.) Mr. Parkes withdrew the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day,—giving a *Contingent* Notice of Motion to the like effect for Tuesday next.
13. Postponements :—
 - (1.) Mr. Nichols postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (2.) Mr. Nichols postponed the motion standing in his name, fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (3.) Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Forster, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Forster fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (4.) Mr. Gordon postponed the Motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
14. Railways :—Mr. Faucett, on behalf of Mr. George Macleay, moved, pursuant to Notice standing in the name of Mr. George Macleay seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, That the Petition from Mr. Stephen Hale Marsh, presented by Mr. George Macleay on the 25th of September, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill for incorporating the Sole Commissioner of Railways.
Question put and passed.
15. Mr. Henry Harvey Read :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Henry Harvey Read, presented by him on the 8th of August, be referred for consideration to the Select Committee now sitting on the Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill.
Question put and passed.
16. Motions Dropped :—Mr. Holt not moving, the motion standing in his name ninth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped ;—as did also Mr. Cowper's Motion *contingent* thereupon.
17. Railway through Appin to Mittagong :—Mr. Garland moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence, Reports, and other Papers not already printed by order of this House, between the Government and the late Sir T. L. Mitchell, and between Sir T. L. Mitchell and Mr. William Shone, with reference to the continuation of the line of Railway, surveyed by Mr. Shone, through Appin and East Bargo to Mittagong.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

18. Religious Endowment; Desecration of the Sabbath:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Moderator of the Synod of Eastern Australia, and the Petition of the Society for promoting the Observance of the Lord's Day, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
19. Mr. David Cross:—Mr. Hely moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the matter of the Petition of David Cross, of the Macdonald River, presented during the present Session, and to consider the claims of the Petitioner.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Marks, Mr. Lee, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Egan, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Pye, and Mr. Flood.
Question—(1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the matter of the Petition of David Cross, of the Macdonald River, presented during the present Session, and to consider the claims of the Petitioner—put and passed.
Question—(2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Marks, Mr. Lee, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Egan, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Pye, and Mr. Flood—put and passed.
20. Religious Endowment:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Petition of the Unitarian Christians of Sydney and its Suburbs, presented by him on the 27th ultimo, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
21. Railway Terminus and Wharves at Newcastle:—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to *amended* notice—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle; into the expense consequent thereon; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeysuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of wharves; and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Barker, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Arnold.
Question—(1) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of any alteration in the originally proposed Terminus of the Railroad at Newcastle; into the expense consequent thereon; and whether, in connexion with the Railway Terminus at Honeysuckle Point, and since the abandonment of the Jetty, any steps have been taken, towards ascertaining the eligibility of Bullock Island as a site for the construction of wharves; and whether any estimate has been made of the probable cost of such operations, in comparison with the contemplated outlay to be incurred by the present plan of the Commissioners—put and passed.
Question—(2) That such Committee consist of Mr. Buckley, Mr. Barker, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jones, Mr. Hay, Mr. Piddington, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Arnold—put and passed.
22. Religious Endowment:—Mr. Wilshire moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Ministers and Members of the Congregational Church in Sydney, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
23. Tenders for New Runs:—Mr. Sandeman moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Numerical Return of Tenders for New Runs applied for under the Orders in Council, shewing the relative periods of their receipt and disposal, from the 1st February, 1848, to the 30th September, 1856, and distinguishing those received from each of the Pastoral Districts throughout the Colony.
Question put and passed.
24. Customs Returns:—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return of all Bonded Warehouse-keepers; distinguishing the Names of the persons licensed, the street or place in which each Warehouse is situated, the Port or District for which the license is granted, and the date of License.
(2.) A Return of the proceeds of fines, seizures, and satisfaction made, in the Customs Department, from 1st October, 1852, to 1st October, 1856; together with an account of the Distribution of the net proceeds thereof,—shewing the share awarded to the Officers of Customs.
(3.) A Return of the number of Entries passed in the Long Room of the Customs Department, at the Port of Sydney, for each of the years ending on the 1st October, 1853, and 1st October, 1856.
(4.) A Return shewing similar particulars from all other Free Warehousing Ports in the Colony.
(5.) A Return of the gross amount of the Receipts of the Customs Revenue of New South Wales; from the 1st October, 1852, to the 1st October, 1856.
(6.) A Return of the cost of the Collection of that Revenue during the same period.
(7.) A Return of the gross amount of Revenue collected by the Department of the Inspector of Distilleries, for the like period.
(8.) A Return of the cost of Collection of that Revenue, during the same period.
Question put and passed.

25. Postponement :—Mr. Hely postponed the motion standing in his name eighteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
26. Denominational Education :—Mr. Faucett, on behalf of Mr. George Macleay, moved, pursuant to notice standing in the name of Mr. George Macleay, nineteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, That the Petition of the Bishop and Clergy of the United Church of England and Ireland, resident in this portion of New South Wales, presented by Mr. George Macleay on the 3rd instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
27. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Parkes not moving the motion standing in his name twentieth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
28. Lodging-house Keepers for Seamen :—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 2nd instant, from certain Lodging-house keepers for Seamen, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
29. Religious Endowment :—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of William Benbow, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
30. Licensed Watermen :—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Licensed Watermen of Sydney, Balmain, and Pyrmont, presented by him on the 4th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
31. Sydney Municipal Council Bill :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 4th instant, from certain Citizens, approving generally of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill, but praying provision for Endowment of the City, for the transfer to the Council of the supervision over the Police, and for certain alterations in the Municipal Franchise, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1856.

32. Postponements :—
- (1.) The second reading of the Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Friday next.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. T. G. Rusden, until Tuesday next.
 - (3.) The Resumption of the Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Barker, "That the Australian Trust Company's Bill be now read a second time," postponed, on motion of Mr. Nichols, until Friday next.
 - (4.) The Adoption of the Report of the Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Nichols, until Friday next.
33. Railway Extension :—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to notice, That His Excellency the Governor General's Message No. 11, with the accompanying Papers, respecting the extension of Railways in this Colony, be referred to the Select Committee for whose consideration and report was referred the Sole Commissioner of Railway's Incorporation Bill.
Question put and passed.
34. Postponements :—
- (1.) The second reading of the Auditor General's Office Definition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until this day week.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Law of Evidence Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Darvall, until this day week.
- The House adjourned at a quarter after Twelve o'clock, a. m., until Three o'clock p. m., this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Steam Navigation.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to continue the Assessment on Stock Act.

ORDERS.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; Consideration in Committee of the Council's Amendments in this Bill.
2. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill ; second reading.
3. University Graduates Privilege Bill ; second reading.
4. Gold Fields' Management Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
5. Gold Duty Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
6. Customs' Further Regulation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That the three Petitions from Parramatta, in favour of the proposed Supplement to the Schedule for Public Worship, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
2. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of Mr. Cornelius Delohery, presented by him yesterday, be printed.

Question :—

1. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether the Government intend to take any steps, during this Session, for providing the Country Districts with County Courts or Courts of Assize ?

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. JONES to move,—(on motion being made for going into Committee of Supply) That the Question be amended by adding at the end the words—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion that it is not expedient to vote any Increase to the sum reserved for Public Worship by Schedule C of the Constitution Act.
 - (2.) That this House is further of opinion that the Government should forthwith provide for the gradual extinction of the Grant so reserved for Public Worship, by intimating to the four Denominations whose Ministers receive support therefrom, that, as the Livings to which Stipends are secured under this Grant become vacant, either by the decease or removal of the present Incumbents, such Stipends shall cease.
 - (3.) That, to carry into effect the first Resolution, it be an Instruction to the Committee of Supply not to vote any sum for Public Worship, as a supplement to, or in excess of, the amount reserved by Schedule C of the Constitution Act.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to impose a Duty on Bonded Warehouses.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to levy a Fee on Wholesale Spirit Dealers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.
3. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill : second reading

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition of certain Presbyterians, presented by him on the 9th instant, against the continuance of Religious Endowment in this Colony, be printed.
2. MR. PLUNKETT to move,—
 - (1.) That the Bill "To Incorporate the Australian Mutual Provident Society" be referred to a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Cox, Mr. Lang, Mr. Jones, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Barker, Mr. Sandeman, and Mr. Osborne.
3. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing all the Moneys paid from the Public Treasury of New South Wales, (under whatever Act, Authority, or Warrant,) during the years 1855 and 1856, respectively for the support of the Ordinances of Religion within the Colony.
 - (2.) That such Return comprise the following particulars, namely, the names of each and every Clergyman, Priest, Deacon, or other Minister of Religion, by whatsoever appellation or title the same has been usually known, or distinguished ; the particular Locality, or Place, or District, in which such Clergyman, Priest, or Minister of Religion, has been usually officiating : and the specific and aggregate sums, or amounts of Public Money paid to each and every such Clergyman, Priest, or Minister : also, the particular branch, or branches of the Public Revenue from which each and every such payment, or payments, have been made.

4. MR. NICHOLS to move, That the Masters and Servants' Bill brought up by the Select Committee appointed to frame the same, be now read a second time.
5. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution,—
Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, the rents or proceeds, whatever they may be, derived from the letting of the Government House at Parramatta, and the Domain thereto attached, are and do form part of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, and ought to be paid to the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, and in support of the Government thereof.
6. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return of the number of visits paid during the present year by the Medical Superintendent at Parramatta to the Tarban Creek Lunatic Asylum, specifying the number of times when the patients therein confined were actually inspected.
(2.) Copies of all Reports made by the Medical Adviser to the Government, during the present year, upon cases of applications made by the friends of Lunatics confined in the Tarban Creek Lunatic Asylum, for the temporary discharge of the latter upon trial, and referred by the Government to the Medical Adviser aforesaid.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill ; second reading.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on Mr. Barker's motion, "That the Australian "Trust Company's Bill be now read a second time."
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—(on motion being made for going into Committee of Supply)
That the Question be amended by adding at the end the words—
(1.) That this House has considered the proposed provision for Police, as detailed in the Estimates of Expenditure for 1857, amounting to a total number of 1069 persons, and a total sum of £171,349 1s. 3d. ; and is of opinion that it is excessive, unwarranted by the state of society, and calculated to lower the character of the Colony in the eyes of other countries.
(2.) That in the opinion of this House, there have been no sufficient grounds for this enormous increase of Police Expenditure, as compared with the Estimates for the same Service five years ago, which, for the year 1852, did not exceed £56,976 3s. 6d.
(3.) That this House is of opinion—
1. That the employment of so large a proportion of the adult population in Police Services is morally wrong, independently of economical and political considerations.
2. That the Estimates for this Service for 1857, ought to be reduced by, at least, the sum of £70,000, such reduction to be applied with due consideration for the wants of the respective districts, so as not to cause the withdrawal of any necessary protection.
(4.) That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Supply to deal with the Estimates for Police, in accordance with the opinions embodied in the foregoing Resolutions.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition from Singleton, presented by him on the 9th instant, representing the obligation of observing the Sabbath, be printed.
2. MR. GORDON to move,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
(2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
3. MR. HELY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the ensuing year, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred pounds, as a pension for Lady Mitchell, widow of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General of New South Wales, in consideration of the eminent services rendered by him to this Colony in his official capacity.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; second reading.
2. Law of Evidence Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill ; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the Return to the Order made by this House, on the 6th June last, on motion of Mr. Hely, for Papers shewing the Expenditure upon Roads in the County of Northumberland.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Leave of absence for fourteen days granted to Mr. Murray, on motion of Mr. Cowper.
3. Mrs. Howell:—Mr. T. G. Rusden presented a Petition from Mrs. Lucy Howell of Macquarie Grove, near Camden, representing that she was the real owner of many of the Sheep destroyed under the Scab Act by Mr. Robert Sutton Back, who petitioned a former Legislature for compensation for such destruction, and failed to obtain such compensation only, as she believes, in consequence of some legal obstruction or accident,—and praying relief.
Petition received.
4. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1856-7.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after midnight,—

THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1856.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-day,—taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for to-day.

5. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to Steam Navigation.
Question put and passed;—*Ordered*, that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
6. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to continue the Assessment on Stock Act.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
7. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill:—Mr. Donaldson having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Laws relating to Steam Navigation*," read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
8. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill:—Mr. Donaldson having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to continue, for a limited time, the Act to authorise the levy of an Assessment upon Sheep and Cattle depastured upon Crown Lands beyond the Settled Districts*," read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. Postponements:—
 - (1.) The consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Constitution Act Amendment Bill postponed; on motion of Mr. Parker, until Wednesday next.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
10. University Graduates Privilege Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.
Mr. Forster moved, that the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now" with a view to add, at the end, the words "on Tuesday next."
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed;—
Whereupon Original Question put and passed;—
And Bill read a second time.
Mr. Manning then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.

Motion

Motion made by Mr. Piddington, and Question put, That this House do now adjourn until three o'clock p.m., this day.
The House divided.

Ayes, 5.
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. T. G. Rusden, } Tellers.
Mr. Piddington, }

Noes, 20.
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd, }

Original Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and Ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Wednesday next.

11. Postponements :—

(1.) The consideration in Committee of the Gold Fields' Management Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.

(2.) The consideration in Committee of the Gold Duty Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.

(3.) The consideration in Committee of the Customs' further Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.

12. Religious Endowment :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That the three Petitions from Parramatta, in favour of the proposed Supplement to the Schedule for Public Worship, presented by him yesterday, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

13. Mr. Cornelius Delohery :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Cornelius Delohery, presented by him yesterday, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned at half-past One o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. JONES to move,—(on motion being made for going into Committee of Supply) That the Question be amended by adding at the end the words—

(1.) That this House is of opinion that it is not expedient to vote any Increase to the sum reserved for Public Worship by Schedule C of the Constitution Act.

(2.) That this House is further of opinion that the Government should forthwith provide for the gradual extinction of the Grant so reserved for Public Worship, by intimating to the four Denominations whose Ministers receive support therefrom, that, as the Livings to which Stipends are secured under this Grant become vacant, either by the decease or removal of the present Incumbents, such Stipends shall cease.

(3.) That, to carry into effect the first Resolution, it be an Instruction to the Committee of Supply not to vote any sum for Public Worship, as a supplement to, or in excess of, the amount reserved by Schedule C of the Constitution Act.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

2. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to impose a Duty on Bonded Warehouses.

2. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to levy a Fee on Wholesale Spirit Dealers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

2. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.

3. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill: second reading.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, (*upon Mr. Holt moving his Resolutions regarding Education*) as an Amendment,—for leave to bring in a Bill to promote Public Education.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition of certain Presbyterians, presented by him on the 9th instant, against the continuance of Religious Endowment in this Colony, be printed.
2. MR. PLUNKETT to move,—
 - (1.) That the Bill "To Incorporate the Australian Mutual Provident Society" be referred to a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Cox, Mr. Lang, Mr. Jones, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Barker, Mr. Sandeman, and Mr. Osborne.
3. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing all the Moneys paid from the Public Treasury of New South Wales, (under whatever Act, Authority, or Warrant,) during the years 1855 and 1856, respectively, for the support of the Ordinances of Religion within the Colony.
 - (2.) That such Return comprise the following particulars, namely, the names of each and every Clergyman, Priest, Deacon, or other Minister of Religion, by whatsoever appellation or title the same has been usually known, or distinguished; the particular Locality, or Place, or District, in which such Clergyman, Priest, or Minister of Religion, has been usually officiating: and the specific and aggregate sums, or amounts of Public Money paid to each and every such Clergyman, Priest, or Minister: also, the particular branch, or branches of the Public Revenue from which each and every such payment, or payments, have been made.
4. MR. NICHOLS to move, That the Masters and Servants' Bill brought up by the Select Committee appointed to frame the same, be now read a second time.
5. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution,—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, the rents or proceeds, whatever they may be, derived from the letting of the Government House at Parramatta, and the Domain thereto attached, are and do form part of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, and ought to be paid to the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, and in support of the Government thereof.
6. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of the number of visits paid during the present year by the Medical Superintendent at Parramatta to the Tarban Creek Lunatic Asylum, specifying the number of times when the patients therein confined were actually inspected.
 - (2.) Copies of all Reports made by the Medical Adviser to the Government, during the present year, upon cases of applications made by the friends of Lunatics confined in the Tarban Creek Lunatic Asylum, for the temporary discharge of the latter upon trial, and referred by the Government to the Medical Adviser aforesaid.
7. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.
 - (2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.
 - (3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.
 - (4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.
 - (5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.
 - (6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if

if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

(7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating, and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.

(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors, or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is desirable to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter .....			} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

Scholars of the 2nd Class are to be deemed those who can read easy books, and who are learning to write.

Scholars of the 1st Class are to be deemed those who are able to read freely, and to write a fair hand. If boys, they must also be learning grammar, arithmetic, geography and history; if girls, grammar, arithmetic, and needlework. The respective Classes of the scholars to be decided by the Inspector, after examination.

(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill embodying the above Resolutions.

8. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move that the Petition of Mrs. Lucy Howell, presented by him on the 10th instant, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on Mr. Barker's motion, "That the Australian Trust Company's Bill be now read a second time."
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—(on motion being made for going into Committee of Supply) That the Question be amended by adding at the end the words—
(1.) That this House has considered the proposed provision for Police, as detailed in the Estimates of Expenditure for 1857, amounting to a total number of 1069 persons, and a total sum of £171,349 1s. 3d.; and is of opinion that it is excessive, unwarranted by the state of society, and calculated to lower the character of the Colony in the eyes of other countries.

(2.)

(2) That in the opinion of this House, there have been no sufficient grounds for this enormous increase of Police Expenditure, as compared with the Estimates for the same Service five years ago, which, for the year 1852, did not exceed £56,976 3s. 6d.

(3.) That this House is of opinion—

1. That the employment of so large a proportion of the adult population in Police Services is morally wrong, independently of economical and political considerations.

2. That the Estimates for this Service for 1857, ought to be reduced by, at least, the sum of £70,000, such reduction to be applied with due consideration for the wants of the respective districts, so as not to cause the withdrawal of any necessary protection

(4.) That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Supply to deal with the Estimates for Police, in accordance with the opinions embodied in the foregoing Resolutions.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition from Singleton, presented by him on the 9th instant, representing the obligation of observing the Sabbath, be printed.
2. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
 - (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
3. MR. HELY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the ensuing year, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred pounds, as a pension for Lady Mitchell, widow of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General of New South Wales, in consideration of the eminent services rendered by him to this Colony in his official capacity.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; second reading.
2. Law of Evidence Bill ; second reading.
3. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
5. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; Consideration in Committee of the Council's Amendments in this Bill.
6. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill ; second reading.
7. University Graduates Privilege Bill ; third reading
8. Gold Fields' Management Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
9. Gold Duty Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
10. Customs' Further Regulation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill ; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both manual and automated techniques. The goal is to ensure that the information gathered is both reliable and comprehensive.

The third section provides a detailed breakdown of the results. It shows that there is a significant correlation between the variables being studied. This finding is supported by statistical analysis and is consistent with previous research in the field.

Finally, the document concludes with a series of recommendations for future research. It suggests that further studies should be conducted to explore the underlying causes of the observed trends. This will help to refine the current model and provide more accurate predictions.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the Return to the Order made by this House on the 19th August, on motion of Mr. Flood, for Papers relating to the Consolidated Revenue and Loan Funds.
Ordered to be printed.
2. The Land System:—Mr. Darvall presented a Petition from certain Residents in the District of Castlereagh, Nepean River, praying that the Land System may be placed on a more satisfactory basis.
Petition received.
3. Religious Endowment:—Mr. Holroyd presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Bathurst and its suburbs, praying the House not to vote the whole or any part of the sum on the Estimates for 1857, in supplement to the sum reserved for Public Worship, under Schedule C to the Constitution Act.
Petition received.
4. Mrs. Anne Sadleir:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from Mrs. Anne Sadleir, of Raymond Terrace, praying to be relieved from payment of Quit Rent on a certain portion of Land granted to her as a Clergyman's daughter.
Petition received.
5. Denominational Education:—Mr. Barker presented a Petition from the Rev. James Milne, Moderator of the Synod of Australia, and Convener of Committee on Schools and Education, representing the insufficient provision for Denominational Education, and praying relief.
Petition received.
6. Leave of Absence for one week granted to Mr. Bowman, on motion of Mr. Darvall.
7. Supply:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1856-7.
Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to *Contingent* notice, That the Question be amended by adding at the end the words:—
“ (1.) That this House is of opinion that it is not expedient to vote any Increase to the sum reserved for Public Worship by Schedule C of the Constitution Act.
“ (2.) That this House is further of opinion that the Government should forthwith provide for the gradual extinction of the Grant so reserved for Public Worship, by intimating to the four Denominations whose Ministers receive support therefrom, that, as the Livings to which Stipends are secured under this Grant become vacant, either by the decease or removal of the present Incumbents, such Stipends shall cease.
“ (3.) That, to carry into effect the first Resolution, it be an Instruction to the Committee of Supply not to vote any sum for Public Worship, as a supplement to, or in excess of, the amount reserved by Schedule C of the Constitution Act.”
Debate ensued.
8. City Rates Bill:—The following Message from the Legislative Council received and read:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled,
“ *An Act to enable the City Commissioners to levy City Rates for the current Half-year,*” without any amendment.
ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10 December, 1856.
9. Supply:—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Donaldson for going into Committee of Supply, and Mr. Jones' proposed amendment thereupon,—interrupted by the foregoing Message,—resumed.
And it being agreed to put the Question on each Section of the proposed amendment—
And Sections (1) and (2) of the proposed amendment being amended by consent, --
Question.

Question put,—That the Question be amended by adding at the end the words, “But before resolving itself into the said Committee, this House desires to record its opinion—(1.) That it is not expedient to vote any increase to the sum reserved for Public Worship by Schedule C of the Constitution Act.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Martin,
 Mr. Richardson,
 Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Hargrave,
 Mr. Gordon,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Holroyd,
 Mr. Irving,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Wilshire,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. R. Campbell,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. J. Campbell,
 Mr. Flood, } Tellers.
 Mr. Jones, }

Noes, 27.
 Mr. Parker,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. Barker,
 Mr. George Macleay,
 Mr. Thomson,
 Mr. Cox,
 Mr. F. T. Rusden,
 Mr. Oxley,
 Mr. Hely,
 Mr. Sandeman,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. Lang,
 Mr. Osborne,
 Mr. Plunkett,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Darvall,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. T. G. Rusden,
 Mr. Hoyt,
 Mr. Macarthur,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Garland,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Manning,
 Mr. W. Macleay, } Tellers.
 Mr. Arnold, }

Question put,—That the Question be amended by adding at the end the words,—“But before resolving itself into the said Committee, this House desires to record its opinion—(2.) That the Government should forthwith provide for the gradual extinction of the Grant reserved for Public Worship, by bringing in a Bill to authorize them to intimate to the four Denominations whose Ministers receive support therefrom, that, as the Livings to which stipends are secured under this Grant become vacant, either by the decease or removal of the present Incumbents, such stipends shall cease.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.
 Mr. Arnold,
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Richardson,
 Mr. Hargrave,
 Mr. Gordon,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Cox,
 Mr. Hoyt,
 Mr. Holroyd,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Wilshire,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. R. Campbell,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. J. Campbell,
 Mr. Flood, } Tellers.
 Mr. Jones, }

Noes, 26.
 Mr. Parker,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. Barker,
 Mr. Thomson,
 Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Martin,
 Mr. Oxley,
 Mr. Lang,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. Sandeman,
 Mr. Hely,
 Mr. Osborne,
 Mr. Plunkett,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Darvall,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. F. T. Rusden,
 Mr. Macarthur,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Garland,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. W. Macleay,
 Mr. Manning,
 Mr. T. G. Rusden, } Tellers.
 Mr. G. Macleay, }

And Section (3) of the proposed Amendment—“That to carry into effect the first Resolution, it be an Instruction to the Committee of Supply not to Vote any sum for Public Worship, as a Supplement to, or in excess of, the amount reserved by Schedule C of the Constitution Act,”—being by leave withdrawn;—

Question stated,—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7;—

Whereupon Motion made by Mr. Arnold, and Question put,—That the Question be amended, by adding at the end the words,—“That before resolving itself into the said Committee, this House desires to record its opinion That the amount to be contributed for the purposes of Religious Worship should be voted in the gross, with a view to the perfect adjustment of the sums applicable to the different Denominations of Christians applying for it, in exact proportion to their numbers as indicated by the last Census.”

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The House divided.

Ayes, 4.
 Mr. Oxley,
 Mr. Wilshire,
 Mr. Marks, } Tellers.
 Mr. Arnold, }

Noes, 37.

Mr. Parker,
 Mr. G. Macleay,
 Mr. Flood,
 Mr. Gordon,
 Mr. Barker,
 Mr. Thomson,
 Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Martin,
 Mr. Cox,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Manning,
 Mr. Darvall,
 Mr. Hargrave,
 Mr. Holt,
 Mr. R. Campbell,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. F. T. Rusden,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. J. Campbell,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Sandeman,
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Holroyd,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. W. Macleay,
 Mr. Lang,
 Mr. Garland,
 Mr. Osborne,
 Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Macarthur,
 Mr. Plunkett,
 Mr. Forster, } Tellers.
 Mr. T. G. Rusden, }

Original Question.—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supplies to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1856-7,—put and passed ;—
 Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after midnight,—

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The Chairman reported progress, and moved, That the Committee have leave to sit again at a later hour "to-day," and take precedence of all other business for the first four hours.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the words "to-day,"—

Debate continued.

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

The House divided

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Parker,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Manning,
 Mr. G. Macleay,
 Mr. Barker,
 Mr. Plunkett,
 Mr. Macarthur,
 Mr. Oxley,
 Mr. Sandeman,
 Mr. Buckley,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. Cox,
 Mr. Thomson,
 Mr. Irving,
 Mr. Osborne,
 Mr. Hargrave,
 Mr. Lang,
 Mr. W. Macleay,
 Mr. Garland,
 Mr. Holroyd, } Tellers.
 Mr. Egan, }

Noes, 11.

Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Arnold,
 Mr. T. G. Rusden,
 Mr. R. Campbell,
 Mr. F. T. Rusden,
 Mr. J. Campbell,
 Mr. Cowper, } Tellers.
 Mr. Martin, }

Whereupon Original Question put and passed.

10. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until a later hour to-day,—taking precedence next after the sixth Motion on the Notice Paper.
11. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to impose a Duty on Bonded Warehouses.
 Debate ensued.

Motion

Motion made by Mr. Robertson, and Question put, That this Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.
The House divided.

Ayes, 7.
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. F. T. Kusden,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Robertson, } Tellers.

Nocs, 22.
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Holroyd, } Tellers.

Whereupon Original Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.

12. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to levy a Fee on Wholesale Spirit Dealers.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
 13. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill :—Mr. Donaldson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, “*A Bill to impose a Duty on Bonded Warehouses*,” read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
 14. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill :—Mr. Donaldson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, “*A Bill to impose a Fee upon the Registration of Spirit Merchants*,” read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
 15. Postponements :—
 - (1.) The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Thursday next.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Wednesday next.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Licensed Boatmen’s Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Wednesday next.
- The House adjourned at ten minutes after One o’clock, a.m., until Three o’clock, p.m., this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee, (*for the first four hours.*)

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, (*upon Mr. Holt moving his Resolutions regarding Education*) as an Amendment,—for leave to bring in a Bill to promote Public Education.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition of certain Presbyterians, presented by him on the 9th instant, against the continuance of Religious Endowment in this Colony, be printed.
2. MR. PLUNKETT to move,—
 - (1.) That the Bill “To Incorporate the Australian Mutual Provident Society” be referred to a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Cox, Mr. Lang, Mr. Jones, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Barker, Mr. Sandeman, and Mr. Osborne.
3. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing all the Moneys paid from the Public Treasury of New South Wales, (under whatever Act, Authority, or Warrant,) during the years 1855 and 1856, respectively for the support of the Ordinances of Religion within the Colony.
 - (2.) That such Return comprise the following particulars, namely, the names of each and every Clergyman, Priest, Deacon, or other Minister of Religion, by whatsoever appellation or title the same has been usually known, or distinguished; the particular Locality, or Place, or District, in which such Clergyman, Priest, or Minister of Religion,

Religion, has been usually officiating: and the specific and aggregate sums, or amounts of Public Money paid to each and every such Clergyman, Priest, or Minister: also, the particular branch, or branches of the Public Revenue from which each and every such payment, or payments, have been made.

4. MR. NICHOLS to move, That the Masters and Servants' Bill brought up by the Select Committee appointed to frame the same, be now read a second time.
5. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution,—
Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, the rents or proceeds, whatever they may be, derived from the letting of the Government House at Parramatta, and the Domain thereto attached, are and do form part of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, and ought to be paid to the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, and in support of the Government thereof.
6. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return of the number of visits paid during the present year by the Medical Superintendent at Parramatta to the Tarban Creek Lunatic Asylum, specifying the number of times when the patients therein confined were actually inspected.
(2.) Copies of all Reports made by the Medical Adviser to the Government, during the present year, upon cases of applications made by the friends of Lunatics confined in the Tarban Creek Lunatic Asylum, for the temporary discharge of the latter upon trial, and referred by the Government to the Medical Adviser aforesaid.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—
(1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.
(2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.
(3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.
(4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.
(5.) That the general management of the monies appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.
(6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony; to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.
(7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating, and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.
(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors,

or

or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is desirable to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter .....			} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

Scholars of the 2nd Class are to be deemed those who can read easy books, and who are learning to write.

Scholars of the 1st Class are to be deemed those who are able to read freely, and to write a fair hand. If boys, they must also be learning grammar, arithmetic, geography and history; if girls, grammar, arithmetic, and needlework. The respective Classes of the scholars to be decided by the Inspector, after examination.

(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill embodying the above Resolutions.

2. Mr. T. G. RUSDEN to move that the Petition of Mrs. Lucy Howell, presented by him on the 10th instant, be printed.
3. Mr. COWPER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the South Head Road Trust.
4. Mr. NICHOLS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between this Government and the English Authorities relative to the disposal of the Commissariat Stores, in George-street, Sydney, near the Circular Quay.
5. Mr. HOLROYD to move, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of Bathurst, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
6. Mr. FORSTER to move, That the Petition of Mrs. Anne Sadlier, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
7. Mr. BARKER to move, That the Petition of the Rev. James Milne, Moderator of the Synod of Australia, presented by him yesterday, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on Mr. Barker's motion, "That the Australian "Trust Company's Bill be now read a second time."
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. Mr. PARKES to move,—(on motion being made for going into Committee of Supply) That the Question be amended by adding at the end the words—
 - (1.) That this House has considered the proposed provision for Police, as detailed in the Estimates of Expenditure for 1857, amounting to a total number of 1069 persons, and a total sum of £171,349 1s. 3d.; and is of opinion that it is excessive, unwarranted by the state of society, and calculated to lower the character of the Colony in the eyes of other countries.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House, there have been no sufficient grounds for this enormous increase of Police Expenditure, as compared with the Estimates for the same Service five years ago, which, for the year 1852, did not exceed £56,976 3s. 6d.
 - (3.) That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the employment of so large a proportion of the adult population in Police Services is morally wrong, independently of economical and political considerations.
 2. That the Estimates for this Service for 1857, ought to be reduced by, at least, the sum of £70,000, such reduction to be applied with due consideration for the wants of the respective districts, so as not to cause the withdrawal of any necessary protection.

(4.)

(4.) That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Supply to deal with the Estimates for Police, in accordance with the opinions embodied in the foregoing Resolutions.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition from Singleton, presented by him on the 9th instant, representing the obligation of observing the Sabbath, be printed.
2. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
 - (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
3. MR. HELY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the ensuing year, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred pounds, as a pension for Lady Mitchell, widow of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General of New South Wales, in consideration of the eminent services rendered by him to this Colony in his official capacity.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, by way of amendment,—(on the motion that the Auditor General's Office Definition Bill be read a second time),
 - (1.) That the Bill now before the House be referred to a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Martin, Mr. Hay, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. Oxley.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; second reading.
2. Law of Evidence Bill ; second reading.
3. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
5. Constitution Act Amendment Bill ; Consideration in Committee of the Council's Amendments in this Bill.
6. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill ; second reading.
7. University Graduates Privilege Bill ; third reading.
8. Gold Fields' Management Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
9. Gold Duty Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
10. Customs' Further Regulation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
11. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill ; second reading.
12. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; second reading.
13. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.
14. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill : second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Parliamentary Library:—Mr. Parker, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up a Report from the Library Committee of this House, embodying certain Resolutions in reference to suitable Library provision for the Legislative Council.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Papers:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) The Return to the Address adopted, on motion of Mr. Parkes, on the 28th November last, respecting the removal of Mr. Frederick Dunbar from the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove.
(2.) A Synopsis of the Census for the year 1856.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Police Magistrate at Pambula:—Mr. Parker presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Pambula, Bega, and surrounding Country, praying the establishment of a Police Magistracy, and the erection of a Court House, at Pambula.
Petition received.
4. Desecration of the Sabbath:—
(1.) Mr. Marks presented a Petition from certain Presbyterians in connexion with the Synod of Eastern Australia, and residing in the Districts of Kiama and Jamberoo, praying the adoption of measures to put a stop to Railway traffic on the Sabbath.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Gordon presented a similar Petition from certain Members of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia at Ahalton.
Petition received.
5. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and moved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on "Tuesday next," and take precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day for the first four hours.
Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the words "Tuesday next."
Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and passed;
Whereupon Original Question put and passed.
6. Religious Endowment:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Presbyterians, presented by him on the 9th instant, against the continuance of Religious Endowment in this Colony, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill:—Mr. Plunkett moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That the Bill "To Incorporate the Australian Mutual Provident Society" be referred to a Select Committee.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Cox, Mr. Lang, Mr. Jones, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Barker, Mr. Sandeman, and Mr. Osborne.
Question—(1.) That the Bill "To Incorporate the Australian Mutual Provident Society" be referred to a Select Committee,—put and passed.
Question—(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Cox, Mr. Lang, Mr. Jones, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Barker, Mr. Sandeman, and Mr. Osborne,—put and passed.
8. Payments from the Treasury in support of Religion, for 1855 and 1856:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to amended notice,—
(1.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing all the Moneys paid from the Public Treasury of New South Wales, (under whatever Act, Authority, or Warrant,) for the years 1855 and 1856, respectively, for the support of the Ordinances of Religion within the Colony.

(2.)

(2.) That such Return comprise the following particulars, namely, the name of each and every Clergyman, Priest, Deacon, or other Minister of Religion, by whatsoever appellation or title the same has been usually known, or distinguished; the particular Locality, or Place, or District, in which such Clergyman, Priest, or Minister of Religion, has been usually officiating: and the specific and aggregate sums, or amounts of Public Money paid to each and every such Clergyman, Priest, or Minister: also, the particular branch, or branches of the Public Revenue from which each and every such payment, or payments, may have been made.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

9. Dismemberment of New South Wales:—The following Message from the Legislative Council received and read.—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having adopted the accompanying Petitions to Her Majesty and the two Houses of the Imperial Parliament on the subject of the Dismemberment of New South Wales, requests a free conference with the Legislative Assembly at such time and place as the Assembly may appoint, with the view to obtain the concurrence of the Assembly in those Petitions, and to arrange the manner in which the same shall be forwarded for presentation.

The number of Managers appointed to represent the Legislative Council in conference is ten.

ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12 December, 1856.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lang, to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

10. Masters and Servants' Bill:—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, That the Masters and Servants' Bill, brought up by the Select Committee appointed to frame the same, be now read a second time.

11. Transmission of Messages between the two Houses:—The following Message from the Legislative Council received and read,—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the accompanying Resolutions, begs to request the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly therein.

ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10 December, 1856.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parker, to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

12. Masters and Servants' Bill:—Question, interrupted by the foregoing Message, That the Masters and Servants' Bill, brought up by the Select Committee appointed to frame the same, be now read a second time, put and passed;—

Whereupon Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee on Tuesday next.

13. Postponement:—Mr. Nichols postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.

14. Inspection of Lunatics by Medical Adviser:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return of the number of visits paid from December, 1854, to the present time, by the Medical Superintendent at Parramatta to the Tarban Creek Lunatic Asylum, specifying the number of times when the patients therein confined were actually inspected.

(2.) Copies of all Reports made by the Medical Adviser to the Government, during the same period, upon cases of applications made by the friends of Lunatics confined in the Tarban Creek Lunatic Asylum, for the discharge of the latter, and referred by the Government to the Medical Adviser aforesaid.

Question put and passed.

15. Sydney Municipal Council Bill:—On the Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday,—taking precedence next after the Committee of Supply.

16. Education:—Mr. Holt moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Legislature to use its utmost efforts to ensure (so far as it may be practicable) the Education of every Child in the Colony.

(2.) That the system hitherto pursued, of maintaining two separate Educational Establishments, known as the National and Denominational, and paying the Teachers by fixed Annual Salaries, is unsatisfactory, and is altogether inadequate to the requirements of the Colony, and ought to be abolished.

(3.) That in order to secure the services of respectable, energetic, and talented persons to educate the children of the Colony, it is necessary for the Government to remunerate them liberally (according to the nature and extent of their services), without imposing any conditions at all humiliating; so that the vocation of a Teacher in this Colony may be considered a highly honorable profession.

(4.)

(4.) That the Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses of every recognized Religious Denomination in the Colony shall be equally entitled to participate equitably in the moneys appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes; provided that such persons have been duly authorized as Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses by the respective Denominations to which they belong. In the event of any religious Denomination withdrawing its Certificate from any of its Teachers, the Government, on receiving notice of the same, will forthwith cause all further remuneration to such Teacher to be discontinued.

(5.) That the general management of the moneys appropriated by the Parliament for educational purposes, and the inspection of the Schools be vested in an Inspector General of Schools, with an ample staff of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, to enable him to cause every School in the Colony to be visited periodically and frequently.

(6.) That the duty of the Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors should be chiefly to visit all the Schools in the Colony, to make the most searching inquiries into their general management, and to ascertain what religious training the scholars receive, and also to examine the scholars periodically in secular learning. They will be required to make full reports on the state of the Schools and of their examinations of the scholars, (naming each scholar by name) and to state the progress each scholar may have made since the previous examination, and, if a new scholar, what his acquirements (if any) may be. This will, undoubtedly, prove a great stimulus to the scholars to strive to merit a favorable mention of them in the Inspector's Report. That Copies of the Inspector's Reports of the Schools, and of the scholars, be forwarded by the Inspector General of Schools, to the Head of that Denomination of Religionists to which the Reports may respectively refer, and the original deposited in the School Archives of the Colony. That each Inspector's Report of the Schools, but not the name of the Scholars, shall be considered as a privileged communication, and printed, if it be thought advisable.

(7.) That the religious training of the scholars, and the general management of the Schools be confined exclusively to the Denominations to which they respectively belong; and the duty of the Government Inspectors will be restricted to inspecting, investigating, and inquiring into, every thing connected with the Schools, as well as examining the scholars in secular learning, and reporting thereon; but in the event of two reports being received as to the bad management of any School, the Head of the religious body to which such School may belong, and also the Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress, will be warned that all further remuneration to him or her will be discontinued by the Government on the receipt of another unfavorable report from an Inspector.

(8.) That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress decline to answer any questions that may be put to him or her by the Inspector General of Schools, or any of the Inspectors, or Assistant Inspectors, with respect to his or her School, or refuse to allow any examination of the Scholars, or otherwise obstruct any of the Inspectors in the execution of his duty, or be guilty of gross neglect or immorality, the Government remuneration to such Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress shall forthwith absolutely cease. That if any Schoolmaster or Schoolmistress defraud or attempt to defraud the Government by false representations either as regards the number or attendance of the Scholars, he or she shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanour, and punished.

(9.) That in order to stimulate a friendly rivalry amongst the Teachers of the different Denominations, both as regards the number of the Scholars and the proficiency in learning in their respective Schools, and to induce them to hunt up every neglected child, and to prevail upon the parents to send it to School, it is desirable to remunerate the Schoolmasters and Schoolmistresses according to the following scale, viz. :—

For each Boy or Girl in the 3rd Class, at the rate of 10s. per Quarter	} For a full attendance.	
For each Boy or Girl in the 2nd Class, at the rate of 15s. per Quarter		} Ditto
For each Boy or Girl in the 1st Class, at the rate of 20s. per Quarter		} Ditto.

Scholars of the 3rd Class are to be deemed those who are learning to read.

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(10.) That no limit should be placed by the Government on the number of Schoolmasters or Schoolmistresses licensed by the respective Denominations, or the localities where they may be placed, as each Teacher will have to depend entirely upon his or her own exertions, and as it will be perfectly free to the people to seek education where they may please, the best Teachers will undoubtedly, in every place, get the largest number of Scholars, and this will give a universal stimulus to every religious Denomination to procure the very best Teachers, and also to the Teachers to exert themselves to the very utmost.

(11.) That the Parliamentary Draftsmen be instructed to prepare a Bill embodying the above Resolutions.

And the House having continued to sit till after mid-night,—

SATURDAY, 13 DECEMBER, 1856.

And Mr. Cowper not moving his *Contingent Notice*,—

Question put and negatived.

17. Mrs. Lucy Howell:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mrs. Lucy Howell, presented by him on the 10th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
18. South Head Road Trust Bill:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to the South Head Road Trust.
Questioned put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
19. Disposal of the Commissariat Stores in George-street:—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between this Government and the English Authorities relative to the disposal of the Commissariat Stores, in George-street, Sydney, near the Circular Quay.
Question put and passed.
20. South Head Road Trust Bill:—Mr. Cowper having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to the South Head Road Trust*," read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
21. Religious Endowment:—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of Bathurst, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
22. Mrs. Anne Sadleir:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mrs. Anne Sadleir, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
23. Denominational Education;—Mr. Barker moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Rev. James Milne, Moderator of the Synod of Australia, presented by him on the 11th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
24. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.
25. Australian Trust Company's Bill:—The Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Barker, That this Bill be now read a second time,—resumed.
Question put and passed,—
And Bill read a second time,—
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Barker, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an Amendment, the House ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
26. Deserted Wives and Children's Bill Reported:—Mr. Nichols moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.
Mr. Cowper moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" in order to insert the words "this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of the Preamble, and Clauses 1 and 2."
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question,—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of the Preamble, and Clauses 1 and 2,—put and passed;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Speaker resumed the Chair and counted the House, and, there not being a quorum of Members present, adjourned the House at One o'clock a.m., until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. PARKES to move,—(on motion being made for going into Committee of Supply) That the Question be amended by adding at the end the words—
 - (1.) That this House has considered the proposed provision for Police, as detailed in the Estimates of Expenditure for 1857, amounting to a total number of 1069 persons, and a total sum of £171,349 l. s. 3d.; and is of opinion that it is excessive, unwarranted by the state of society, and calculated to lower the character of the Colony in the eyes of other countries.
 - (2.) That in the opinion of this House, there have been no sufficient grounds for this enormous increase of Police Expenditure, as compared with the Estimates for the same Service five years ago, which, for the year 1852, did not exceed £56,976 3s. 6d.
 - (3.) That this House is of opinion—
 1. That the employment of so large a proportion of the adult population in Police Services is morally wrong, independently of economical and political considerations.
 2. That the Estimates for this Service for 1857, ought to be reduced by, at least, the sum of £70,000, such reduction to be applied with due consideration for the wants of the respective districts, so as not to cause the withdrawal of any necessary protection.
 - (4.) That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Supply to deal with the Estimates for Police, in accordance with the opinions embodied in the foregoing Resolutions.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee, (*for the first four hours.*)
2. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition from Singleton, presented by him on the 9th instant, representing the obligation of observing the Sabbath, be printed.
2. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
 - (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
3. MR. HELY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the ensuing year, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred pounds, as a pension for Lady Mitchell, widow of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General of New South Wales, in consideration of the eminent services rendered by him to this Colony in his official capacity.
4. MR. MARKS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th instant, praying the adoption of measures to put a stop to Railway traffic on the Sabbath, be printed.
5. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th instant, praying the House to put a stop to Railway traffic on the Sabbath, be printed.
6. MR. PARKER to move, That the Petition praying the establishment of a Police Magistracy, and the erection of a Court House at Pambula, be printed.
7. MR. WEEKES to move, That as the Estimates for 1857 have been framed generally on the principle of a reduction of 25 per cent. off the temporary increase, this House is of opinion that in taking off a larger amount from the Salaries of Assistant Clerks, many of whom have been years in the service, injustice has been done to that class of Public Servants, and resolves, that an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates such sum of money as will be sufficient to equalize the reduction taken off the Salaries of Assistant Clerks with that of other Officials.
8. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution,—
 Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, the rents or proceeds, whatever they may be, derived from the letting of the Government House at Parramatta, and the Domain thereto attached, are and do form part of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, and ought to be paid to the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, and in support of the Government thereof.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.
2. Dismemberment of New South Wales; consideration of Message from the Legislative Council.
3. Transmission of Messages between the two Houses; consideration of Message from the Legislative Council.
4. Masters and Servants' Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. South Head Road Trust Bill; second reading.
6. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill; third reading.
7. Australian Trust Company's Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to Amend the Postage Acts.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, by way of amendment,—(on the motion that the Auditor General's Office Definition Bill be read a second time),
 - (1.) That the Bill now before the House be referred to a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Martin, Mr. Hay, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. Oxley.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Government to borrow the sum of £130,400, by the issue and sale of Government Debentures, to pay off Government Debentures of a like amount falling due in 1857.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; second reading.
2. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.
3. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
5. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; Consideration in Committee of the Council's Amendments in this Bill.
6. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill; second reading.
7. University Graduates Privilege Bill; third reading.
8. Gold Fields' Management Bill; to be considered in Committee.
9. Gold Duty Bill; to be considered in Committee.
10. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
11. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill; second reading.
12. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; second reading.
13. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
14. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARKS to move, That this House is of opinion that a Breakwater is necessary at Kiama, and ought to be constructed.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—
 1. Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) The Randwick and Coogee Road Trust Account, for the half-year ended 31 December, 1855.
 - (2.) The South Head Road Trust Accounts, (three in number) for the half-years ended, respectively, 30th June, and 31st December, 1855, and 30th June, 1856.
 - (3.) The Return to the Address adopted, on motion of Mr. Forster, on the 4th ultimo, in reference to Prison Discipline.
Ordered to be printed.
 2. Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (4.) Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure under the Sewerage Act of 1853, from 1st January, 1854, to 30th June, 1856.
 - (5.) Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Sewerage Fund, from 1st January, to 30th June, 1856.
 - (6.) Sewerage Estimates for six months, ending 31st December, 1856.
 - (7.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure under the Sewerage Act, from 1st July, to 3rd December, 1856.
 - (8.) Water Estimates for six months, ending 31st December, 1856.
 - (9.) Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure on account of the Water Fund, from 1st January, to 30th June, 1856.
 - (10.) Abstract of Receipts and Expenditure under the Water Act of 1853, from 1st January, 1854, to 30th June, 1856.
 - (11.) Statement of Receipts and Expenditure under the Water Act, from 1st July, to 3rd December, 1856.
 - (12.) Statement shewing the sums appropriated and received on account of Sewerage and Water Works.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Administration of Justice and Conduct of Official Business in the Country Districts:—
Mr. Robertson, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed on the 11th November last, to inquire into the arrangements for the purposes of Police, and the administration of Justice in Courts of Petty Sessions, and for carrying on the General Official Business in the Country Districts.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Assize Courts at Albury:—Mr. George Macleay presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Albury, praying the immediate establishment of Assize Courts there.
Petition received.
4. Shipping Laws:—Mr. John Campbell presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Shipowners, Masters, and others connected with the Shipping Interests of the Colony, complaining of the Shipping Laws now in force within Port Jackson, and praying the appointment of a Select Committee to inquire into and amend the same.
Petition received.
5. Scab Act:—Mr. T. G. Rusden presented a Petition from certain Flockmasters, Butchers, Buyers and Sellers of Sheep, and other persons interested in Sheep Farming, resident in and about the District of Maitland, complaining of the operation of the present Scab Act, and praying that the same may be repealed or amended so as to afford relief to Petitioners.
Petition received.
6. Denominational Education:—Mr. Faucett presented a Petition from the Archbishop and Clergy of the Roman Catholic Church in the County of Cumberland, praying the House not only to continue the support and approbation hitherto given to Schools in connexion with the Denominational Board, but also to grant such further relief as to the House may seem meet.
Petition received.
7. Desecration of the Sabbath:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from the President and other Members of the Committee of the Maitland Society for promoting the observance of the Lord's Day, praying the House to put a stop to Railway traffic on the Sabbath.
Petition received.

8. Supply :—On the Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the Committee of Supply, Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice—

(1.) That this House has considered the proposed provision for Police, as detailed in the Estimates of Expenditure for 1857, amounting to a total number of 1069 persons, and a total sum of £171,349 1s. 3d.; and is of opinion that it is excessive, unwarranted by the state of society, and calculated to lower the character of the Colony in the eyes of other countries.

(2.) That in the opinion of this House, there have been no sufficient grounds for this enormous increase of Police Expenditure, as compared with the Estimates for the same Service five years ago, which, for the year 1852, did not exceed £56,976 3s. 6d.

(3.) That this House is of opinion—

1. That the employment of so large a proportion of the adult population in Police Services is morally wrong, independently of economical and political considerations.

2. That the Estimates for this Service for 1857, ought to be reduced "*by, at least, the sum of £70,000,*" such reduction to be applied with due consideration for the wants of the respective districts, so as not to cause the withdrawal of any necessary protection.

(4.) That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Supply to deal with the Estimates for Police, in accordance with the opinions embodied in the foregoing Resolutions.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cowper moved, That the Question be amended by the omission in Section 2 of the words and figures "*by at least the sum of £70,000.*"

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

Whereupon Mr. Plunkett moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

Previous Question put,—“Shall this Question be now put?”

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Forster, } Tellers.
Mr. Parkes, }

Noes, 19.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. G. Macleay, } Tellers.
Mr. Thomson, }

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1856-7.

The Chairman reported no progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow,—taking precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day.

9. Sydney Municipal Council Bill :—On the Order of the Day for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee of the whole House being read,—the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after mid-night,

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The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next,—taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.

10. Desecration of the Sabbath :—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Singleton, presented by him on the 9th instant, representing the obligation of observing the Sabbath, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

11. Postponements :—

(1.) Mr. Gordon postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.

(2.) Mr. Plunkett, on behalf of Mr. Hely, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Hely third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.

(3.) Mr. Gordon, on behalf of Mr. Marks, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Marks fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.

12. Desecration of the Sabbath :—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th instant, praying the House to put a stop to Railway traffic on the Sabbath, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

13. Police Magistracy and Court House at Pambula :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition praying the establishment of a Police Magistracy, and the erection of a Court House at Pambula, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
14. Equalization of reductions in salaries :—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice, That as the Estimates for 1857 have been framed generally on the principle of a reduction of 25 per cent. off the temporary increase, this House is of opinion that in taking off a larger amount from the Salaries of Assistant Clerks, many of whom have been years in the service, injustice has been done to that class of Public Servants, and resolves, that an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates such sum of money as will be sufficient to equalize the reduction taken off the Salaries of Assistant Clerks with that of other Officials.
Debate ensued.
Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, That the Debate be adjourned until Friday next.
Question,—on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until Friday next—put and passed.
15. Postponements :—
(1.) Mr. Nichols postponed the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
(2.) The second reading of the Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. T. G. Rusden, until Friday next.
(3.) The consideration of the Legislative Council's Message respecting the Dismemberment of New South Wales postponed, on motion of Mr. Hargrave, on behalf of Mr. Lang, until to-morrow.
16. Transmission of Messages between the two Houses :—On motion of Mr. Parker were referred to the Standing Orders Committee, the following Resolutions communicated by the Legislative Council, in its Message of the 10th instant, for concurrence of this House, viz. :—
“ That this Council is willing to concur with the Legislative Assembly, if it shall think fit, in the following arrangement for the transmission of Messages from the one House to the other, viz. :—That, in addition to the mode prescribed by the present Standing Orders, with regard to Messages between this Council and the Assembly, one of the Clerks of either House may be the bearer of Messages from the one to the other. And that Messages so sent be received at the Bar by one of the Clerks of the House to which they are sent, at any time whilst it is sitting, or in Committee, without interrupting the business then proceeding.”
17. Postponements :—
(1.) The consideration in committee of the Masters' and Servants' Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Nichols, until Friday next.
(2.) The second reading of the South Head Road Trust Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Friday next.
18. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “ *An Act to vest the Trust Moneys, Securities, and Property of the Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company in this Colony, in the Local Trustees of the said Company for the time being.* ”
Question put and passed ;
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That Mr. Forster and Mr. Cowper do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, “ *An Act to vest the Trust Moneys, Securities, and Property of the Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company in this Colony, in the Local Trustees of the said Company for the time being,* ” begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,*
Sydney, 17 December, 1856.
- Speaker.
- Question put and passed.
19. Postponement :—The Adoption of the Report of the Australian Trust Company's Bill from the Committee of the whole House postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Barker, until Thursday next.
20. Postage Acts Amendment Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Postage Acts.
Question put and passed :— *Ordered,* That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
- The House adjourned at Ten minutes before One o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. FORSTER to move, by way of amendment,—(on the motion that the Auditor General's Office Definition Bill be read a second time),
 - (1.) That the Bill now before the House be referred to a Select Committee.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Martin, Mr. Hay, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. Oxley.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Government to borrow the sum of £130,400, by the issue and sale of Government Debentures, to pay off Government Debentures of a like amount falling due in 1857.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to postpone, for one year, the operation of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move the following Resolutions :—
This House Resolves—
 - (1.) That the highly satisfactory Reports of the Master of the Royal Mint to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury upon the Coins already struck in the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint, shew indisputably that as entire confidence can be placed in their integrity as in that of the Coin struck in the parent establishment in London.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to bring under the favorable consideration of Her Majesty's Government the expediency of adopting immediate measures for rendering the Gold Coin struck in the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint a legal tender in all parts of Her Majesty's Dominions, either by permitting the use of the Imperial dies or in such other manner as may be deemed expedient.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; second reading.
2. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.
3. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
5. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; Consideration in Committee of the Council's Amendments in this Bill.
6. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill; second reading.
7. University Graduates Privilege Bill; third reading.
8. Gold Fields' Management Bill; to be considered in Committee.
9. Gold Duty Bill; to be considered in Committee.
10. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
11. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill; second reading.
12. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; second reading.
13. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
14. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill: second reading

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, That the resumption of the Committee of the whole House on the Deserted Wives and Children's Amendment Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted on Saturday last, stand an Order of the day for Friday next.
2. MR. FAUCETT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th instant from the Archbishop and Roman Catholic Clergy of Cumberland, in reference to the Denominational Schools, be printed.
3. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition praying the amendment of the Shipping Laws, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.
4. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd instant, praying the immediate decision of the Government in favor of constructing a Wharf across the head of Woolloomooloo Bay, be printed.
5. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of Mr. Cornelius Delohery, presented by him on the 9th instant, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into the Administration of Police in the Country Districts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Dismemberment of New South Wales; Consideration of Message from the Legislative Council.

Questions :—

1. MR. HOLT to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL TREASURER, When the present Lord Bishop of Sydney commenced to receive his Stipend?
2. MR. FAUCETT to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, When the construction of the Bridge at Gunning is likely to be commenced?

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Australian Trust Company's Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; to be further considered in Committee
- OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—
1. MR. MARKS to move, That this House is of opinion that a Breakwater is necessary at Kiama, and ought to be constructed.
 2. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th instant, praying the immediate establishment of Assize Courts at Albury, be printed.
 3. MR. JONES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has taken place, during the present year, between Mr. John Towse and the Government, and between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Muswellbrook, respecting complaints made to the Government by the said John Towse, against Mr. Luke Homan Sibthorpe, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Muswellbrook.
 4. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th instant, praying the House to put a stop to Railway traffic on the Sabbath, be printed.
 5. MR. COWPER to move,—
 - (1.) That as the circumstances which led to two Companies of Military being stationed here at the expense of the Colonists no longer exist, this House is of opinion that the Home Government ought to be forthwith apprized that the services of these two Companies will not be required by the Colony after the expiration of the year 1857.
 - (2.) This House is also of opinion, that the present circumstances of the Colony do not call for the continuance of the Colonial Allowance now paid to the whole of the Military, beyond the year 1857.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, in order that His Excellency may take such steps in reference thereto, as may be deemed necessary.
 6. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Petition for the Repeal or Amendment of the present Scab Act, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.
 7. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the Registrar General and Mr. Lewis Markham, and between the latter gentleman and the Executive Government, relative to that gentleman's dismissal from the office of District Registrar at Armidale.
 8. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
 - (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
 9. MR. MARKS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th instant, praying the adoption of measures to put a stop to Railway traffic on the Sabbath, be printed.
 10. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution,—

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, the rents or proceeds, whatever they may be, derived from the letting of the Government House at Parramatta, and the Domain thereto attached, are and do form part of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, and ought to be paid to the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, and in support of the Government thereof.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on Mr. Weekes' motion,—“ That as the Estimates for 1857 have been framed generally on the principle of a reduction of 25 per cent. off the temporary increase, this House is of opinion that in taking off a larger amount from the Salaries of Assistant Clerks, many of whom have been years in the service, injustice has been done to that class of Public Servants, and resolves, that an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates such sum of money as will be sufficient to equalize the reduction taken off the Salaries of Assistant Clerks with that of other Officials.”
2. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.
3. Masters and Servants' Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. South Head Road Trust Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HELY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the ensuing year, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred pounds, as a pension for Lady Mitchell, widow of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General of New South Wales, in consideration of the eminent services rendered by him to this Colony in his official capacity.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Railway Extension to South Western Districts:—Mr. Plunkett presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the County of Argyle, in public meeting assembled, praying the extension of the benefits of Railway Communication to the South Western Districts of the Colony.
Petition received.
2. Desecration of the Sabbath:—
(1.) Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from the Presbyterian Congregation, under the Ministry of the Reverend Dr. Mackay, Sydney, praying the House to put a stop to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Gordon presented a similar Petition from certain Members of the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, at Maitland.
Petition received.
3. Paper:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table certain Correspondence respecting Securities given by Officers of Customs.
4. Postponement:—The resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until the three motions on the Government Notice Paper for to-day shall have been disposed of.
5. Loan Bill for 1857:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, 'for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Government to borrow the sum of £130,400, by the issue and sale of Government Debentures, to pay off Government Debentures of a like amount falling due in 1857.
Question put and passed; *Ordered* that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
6. Hunter River Tonnage Duty postponement Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to postpone, for one year, the operation of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act.
Question put and passed; *Ordered* that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
7. Loan Bill for 1857:—Mr. Donaldson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to authorize the raising of a Loan of One hundred and thirty thousand and four hundred pounds, upon the security of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, to meet a like amount payable in the year 1857, upon Debentures to fall due in that year,*" read a first time.
Mr. Donaldson then moved, That this Bill be printed, and read a second time "to-morrow."
Mr. Jones moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "to-morrow," with a view to the insertion in their place, of the words "this day month."
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed;—
Whereupon, Original Question put and passed.
8. Hunter River Tonnage Duty postponement Bill:—Mr. Donaldson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to postpone, for one year, the levying of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
9. Currency of the Australian Gold Coin:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice,
(1.) That the highly satisfactory Reports of the Master of the Royal Mint to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury upon the Coins already struck in the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint, shew indisputably that as entire confidence can be placed in their integrity as in that of the Coin struck in the parent establishment in London.
(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to bring under the favorable consideration of Her Majesty's Government, the expediency of adopting immediate measures for rendering the Gold Coin, struck in the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint, a legal tender in all parts of Her Majesty's Dominions, either by permitting the use of the Imperial dies, or in such other manner as may be deemed expedient.
Question put and passed.

10. Postage Acts Amendment Bill:—Mr. Manning having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to Amend the Postage Acts,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
11. Papers:—
 (1.) Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table,—Correspondence on the Sydney Coins verified at the Royal Mint, London.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (2.) Mr. Parker laid upon the Table,—a Letter from the Officer commanding the North Australian Expedition, giving an outline of the proceedings of the Expedition.
 Ordered to be printed.
 (3.) Mr. Manning laid upon the Table,—the Return to the Order made by this House, on motion of Mr. Weekes, on the 8th August last, for Papers relating to Insolvencies.
 Ordered to be printed.
12. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow, next after the motion standing second on the Notice Paper of Government Business for that day.
13. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be "*now read a second time.*"
 Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to *contingent* notice, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "*now read a second time,*" with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "*referred to a Select Committee.*"
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Martin, Mr. Hay, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. Oxley.
 Debate ensued.
 Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and passed;—
 Original Question put and passed;—
 Whereupon Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee to-morrow.
14. Postponements:—
 (1.) The second reading of the Law of Evidence Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, on behalf of Mr. Darvall, until this day fortnight.
 (2.) The second reading of the Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow, and to follow next after the Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill.
 (3.) The second reading of the Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow.
15. Constitution Act Amendment Bill:—On motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the following Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council;—
 Preamble—Page 1, line 2. *Omit "Legislature," and insert in lieu thereof "Legislative Council."*
 " " line 5. *After "Majesty," add "as amended."*
 " Page 2, line 27. *After "Act," add "as amended."*
 " " line 45. *Omit "in this present Parliament assembled."*
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
 The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parker, at one minute before Twelve o'clock, until Three o'clock, P.M., to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn to Tuesday, December 30, at 3 o'clock, p.m.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move the following Resolution;—
 That, in consequence of the impossibility of passing, before the close of this year, the Appropriation Act for 1857, with a due regard to a careful examination of the whole of the Estimates upon which it is to be founded, it is necessary, in the opinion of this House, that the Executive Government should act upon the Votes agreed to in Committee of Supply for certain services for 1856 and 1857; and, in regard to services which may not have passed the Committee, that they should continue the payments on account of such services according to the Estimates for 1857, until the Appropriation Act be passed.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

NOTICE

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1. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Correspondence respecting Securities given by Officers of Customs, be referred to the Select Committee on the Customs' Department.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Loan Bill for 1857; second reading.
3. Hunter River Tonnage Duty postponement Bill; second reading.
4. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
6. Constitution Act Amendment Bill; further consideration in Committee of the Council's Amendments in this Bill.
7. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill; second reading.
8. University Graduates Privilege Bill; third reading.
9. Gold Fields' Management Bill; to be considered in Committee.
10. Gold Duty Bill; to be considered in Committee.
11. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
12. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill; second reading.
13. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; second reading.
14. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
15. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
16. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill: second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition, ordered by this House to be printed, on the 18th November, 1856, from the Rev. James Cameron, Moderator of the Synod of Eastern Australia, against Sabbath desecration; and the Petition on the same subject, ordered to be printed on the 17th instant, from the Rev. Alexander McIntyre and the Congregation assembling at Ahalton, in the County of Durham, be referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Australian Trust Company's Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

Question :—

1. MR. PARKES to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to issue, at an early date, a new Commission of the Peace; and, if such intention is entertained, at what date such Commission is likely to issue?

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MARKS to move, That this House is of opinion that a Breakwater is necessary at Kiama, and ought to be constructed.
2. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th instant, praying the immediate establishment of Assize Courts at Albury, be printed.
3. MR. JONES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has taken place, during the present year, between Mr. John Towse and the Government, and between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Muswellbrook, respecting complaints made to the Government by the said John Towse, against Mr. Luke Homan Sibthorpe, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Muswellbrook.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th instant, praying the House to put a stop to Railway traffic on the Sabbath, be printed.
5. MR. COWPER to move,—
 - (1.) That as the circumstances which led to two Companies of Military being stationed here at the expense of the Colonists no longer exist, this House is of opinion that the Home Government ought to be forthwith apprized that the services of these two Companies will not be required by the Colony after the expiration of the year 1857.
 - (2.) This House is also of opinion, that the present circumstances of the Colony do not call for the continuance of the Colonial Allowance now paid to the whole of the Military, beyond the year 1857.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, in order that His Excellency may take such steps in reference thereto, as may be deemed necessary.
6. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Petition for the Repeal or Amendment of the present Scab Act, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.
7. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the Registrar General and Mr. Lewis Markham, and between the latter gentleman and the Executive Government, relative to that gentleman's dismissal from the office of District Registrar at Armidale.
8. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
 - (2.)

- (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
9. MR. MARKS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th instant, praying the adoption of measures to put a stop to Railway traffic on the Sabbath, be printed.
 10. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution,—
Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, the rents or proceeds, whatever they may be, derived from the letting of the Government House at Parramatta, and the Domain thereto attached, are and do form part of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, and ought to be paid to the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, and in support of the Government thereof.
 11. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of Argyle, praying the extension of the benefits of Railway Communication to the South Western Districts of the Colony, be printed.
 12. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimate for 1857, a sum not exceeding £300, to reimburse the Owners of the Cutter "Oberon" for expenses incurred by that vessel's search for Mr. Benjamin Boyd in the year 1854.
 13. MR. NICHOLS to move, That the resumption of the Committee of the whole House on the Deserted Wives and Children's Amendment Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Saturday last, stand an Order of the day for the day to which this House, at its rising to-day, shall be adjourned.
 14. MR. FAUCETT to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th instant from the Archbishop and Roman Catholic Clergy of Cumberland, in reference to the Denominational Schools, be printed.
 15. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL to move, That the Petition praying the amendment of the Shipping Laws, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.
 16. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd instant, praying the immediate decision of the Government in favor of constructing a Wharf across the head of Woolloomooloo Bay, be printed.
 17. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of Mr. Cornelius Delohery, presented by him on the 9th instant, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into the Administration of Police in the Country Districts.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on Mr. Weekes' motion,—“That as the Estimates for 1857 have been framed generally on the principle of a reduction of 25 per cent. off the temporary increase, this House is of opinion that in taking off a larger amount from the Salaries of Assistant Clerks, many of whom have been years in the service, injustice has been done to that class of Public Servants, and resolves, that an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates such sum of money as will be sufficient to equalize the reduction taken off the Salaries of Assistant Clerks with that of other Officials.”
2. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.
3. Masters and Servants' Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. South Head Road Trust Bill; second reading.
5. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill; second reading.
6. Dismemberment of New South Wales; consideration of Message from the Legislative Council.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HELY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the ensuing year, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred pounds, as a pension for Lady Mitchell, widow of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General of New South Wales, in consideration of the eminent services rendered by him to this Colony in his official capacity.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers :—
(1.) Mr. Parker laid upon the Table certain Correspondence, relating to the mode in which the Mails from the United Kingdom are to be conveyed after the departure of the Packet conveying the Mails of the 5th October last.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the Return to the Address adopted, on motion of Mr. Nichols, on the 13th instant, respecting the disposal of the Commissariat Stores in George-street.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Electric Telegraph :—Mr. Parkes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed, on the 31st October last, to consider and report upon the subject of the introduction into New South Wales of the Electric Telegraph, more especially with reference to the rapid extension of that means of communication in the adjacent Colony of Victoria.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Papers :—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
(1.) A Memorandum on Steam Navigation, by H. Childers, and H. H. Browne, Esquires.
(2.) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Commissioners appointed by the several Colonial Governments of New South Wales, Tasmania, Victoria, and South Australia, to inquire into, and report upon, the subject of Light Houses on the Australian Coast, together with the Proceedings of the Commissioners.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Adjournment :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn to Tuesday, December 30, at 3 o'clock, p.m.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
5. Vote of Credit to 31 March 1857 :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to amended notice, That, in consequence of the impossibility of passing, before the close of this year, the Appropriation Act for 1857, with a due regard to a careful examination of the whole of the Estimates upon which it is to be founded, it is necessary, in the opinion of this House, that the Executive Government should act upon the Votes agreed to in Committee of Supply for certain services for 1856 and 1857; and, in regard to services which may not have passed the Committee, that they should make the payments on account of such services according to the Estimates for 1857, until the Appropriation Act be passed, provided such payments be not continued beyond the 31st day of March, 1857.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. Desecration of the Sabbath :—Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from the Congregation of Clarence Town and Dungog, in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, praying the House to put a stop to Railway traffic on the Sabbath.
Petition received.
7. Supply :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again immediately.
8. Bills of Lading Bill :—The following Message from the Legislative Council received and read :—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading,*" with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12 December, 1856.

ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.

9. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again immediately.
10. Judges' Salaries Increase Bill:—The following Message from the Legislative Council received and read:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court,*" without any Amendment.

GEORGE ALLEN,
Chairman of Committees,
Presiding in the absence of the President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18 December, 1856.

11. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
12. Securities given by Officers of Customs:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Correspondence respecting Securities given by Officers of Customs be referred to the Select Committee on the Customs' Department.
Question put and passed.
13. Postponement:—The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Tuesday, December 30.
14. Loan Bill for 1857:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be "*now*" read a second time.
Mr. Jones moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "*now*" with a view to add at the end the words "*this day three weeks.*"
Debate ensued.
Question put, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Holroyd, } Tellers.
Mr. Lang, }

Noes, 12.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Parke,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson, } Tellers
Mr. Jones, }

Original Question put and passed,—

And Bill read a second time;—

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.

15. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Postponement Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
16. Postponements:—
(1.) The consideration in Committee of the Auditor General's Office Definition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow.
(2.) The second reading of the Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Wednesday, December 31.
17. Constitution Act Amendment Bill:—On the Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's amendments in this Bill, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the three first Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council, and to the fourth in so far only as to omit the words "*this present*" before "*Parliament*" in line 45 of page 2.

Mr.

Mr. Manning then moved, That this House do now adopt the said amendments, as so reported.

Question put and passed.

18. Postponement:—The second reading of the Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday, December 31.

19. University Graduates Privilege Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to confer certain privileges on Graduates of the University of Sydney.*"

Question put and passed;

Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Faucett and Mr. Manning do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to confer certain privileges on Graduates of the University of Sydney,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18 December, 1856.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parker, at five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Three o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, (*on Mr. Parker's motion for adjournment,*)—

That this House ought not to adjourn, without taking some steps to prevent the levying of the unjust and oppressive tax of £2 per 1000 Sheep, imposed under 21 Sec. of 19 Vict., No. 27, and payable by the 30th April next.

That this House is imperatively called on to take some action in the matter immediately, or at all events to inquire into the truth of the following allegations:—

That the Returns compiled by the Government relative to this matter are incorrect, founded on false data, and are liable to bring about an improper expenditure of public money, and to support corruption; because,—

1. Inspectors have been appointed in Districts where no impost has been received, and where no compensation has been given.
2. Taxes have been levied, and compensation paid in Districts where no Inspectors have been appointed.
3. Undue favoritism has been shewn to *particular Districts*, and to *particular Individuals*, in the levying and expending of large sums of money.
4. Large sums of money have been fraudulently obtained, or paid away, in particular Districts, as proved by the Official Returns, *if the same are correct.*

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MARKS to move, That this House is of opinion that a Breakwater is necessary at Kiama, and ought to be constructed.
2. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th instant, praying the immediate establishment of Assize Courts at Albury, be printed.
3. MR. JONES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has taken place, during the present year, between Mr. John Towse and the Government, and between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Muswellbrook, respecting complaints made to the Government by the said John Towse, against Mr. Luke Homan Sibthorpe, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Muswellbrook.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th instant, praying the House to put a stop to Railway traffic on the Sabbath, be printed.
5. MR. COWPER to move,—
 - (1.) That as the circumstances which led to two Companies of Military being stationed here at the expense of the Colonists no longer exist, this House is of opinion that the Home Government ought to be forthwith apprized that the services of these two Companies will not be required by the Colony after the expiration of the year 1857.
 - (2.) This House is also of opinion, that the present circumstances of the Colony do not call for the continuance of the Colonial Allowance now paid to the whole of the Military, beyond the year 1857.
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General and Mr. Lewis Markham, and between the latter gentleman and the Executive Government, relative to that gentleman's dismissal from the office of District Registrar at Armidale.

8. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
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9. MR. MARKS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th instant, praying the adoption of measures to put a stop to Railway traffic on the Sabbath, be printed.
10. MR. NICHOLS to move the following Resolution,—
Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, the rents or proceeds, whatever they may be, derived from the letting of the Government House at Parramatta, and the Domain thereto attached, are and do form part of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, and ought to be paid to the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, and in support of the Government thereof.
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13. MR. NICHOLS to move, That the resumption of the Committee of the whole House on the Deserted Wives and Children's Amendment Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Saturday last, stand an Order of the day for the day to which this House, at its rising to-day, shall be adjourned.
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17. MR. PARKES to move, That the Petition of Mr. Cornelius Delohery, presented by him on the 9th instant, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into the Administration of Police in the Country Districts.
18. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands purchased under pre-emption in the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts, specifying the names of the purchasers and the prices paid.
19. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Surveyor General and John Thompson, Esquire, Deputy Surveyor General, in reference to the expenses of the latter on his tours of inspection, and retirement from the service.
20. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Surveyor General in the years 1851-2-3-4-5 and 1856, in reference to the Survey and Sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
21. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands offered for Sale by the Government in the years 1854, 1855, and 1856—specifying the names of the applicants, and the dates of their applications, the proportion thereof sold by auction, and the extent purchased subsequently under pre-emption.
22. MR. PARKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the subject of the Electric Telegraph, with a request that His Excellency will take the necessary steps to carry out, without delay, the recommendations therein contained.
23. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Colonial Architect or other parties, in reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Queanbeyan River.
24. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition presented by him yesterday, praying the House to put a stop to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
25. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petitions presented by him on the 17th instant, from the Rev. Dr. McKay, and certain Members of his Congregation in Sydney, and from the Rev. William McIntyre, and the Members of his Congregation in Maitland, praying this House to put a stop to the Desecration of the Sabbath by running of Railway Trains, &c., be printed, and referred to the Committee on Railways now sitting.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on Mr. Weekes' motion,—“ That as the Estimates for 1857 have been framed generally on the principle of a reduction of 25 per cent. “ off the temporary increase, this House is of opinion that in taking off a larger “ amount from the Salaries of Assistant Clerks, many of whom have been years in the “ service, injustice has been done to that class of Public Servants, and resolves, that an “ Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will “ cause to be placed on the Estimates such sum of money as will be sufficient to “ equalize the reduction taken off the Salaries of Assistant Clerks with that of other “ Officials.”

2. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.
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4. South Head Road Trust Bill; second reading.
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Loan Bill for 1857; third reading.
4. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Postponement Bill; third reading.
5. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. HOLT to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—By what authority the following sums were paid out of the General Revenue, for the Lord Bishop of Sydney's Stipend during the vacancy of the See:—

For the Passage of Bishop Barker	£300	0	0
Charges on Appointment	154	17	4
Salary to the 31 December, 1854	1,632	12	8
Do. 1 January to 29 May, 1855	616	18	8
Paid to the Venerable the Archdeacon	700	0	0

£3,404 8 8

And if the £700 paid to the Venerable the Archdeacon was in addition to the Stipend voted to him by the Legislature?

2. MR. MURRAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS:—Whether any arrangements are in progress for completing the Road from Braidwood to the River Clyde, and when that Road is likely to be open to the public?
3. MR. MURRAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What is the cost incurred per mile, or estimated as necessary, for the completion of the several Railways now completed or in progress in this Colony?
4. MR. MURRAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—How it happened that a certain piece of land which Mr. John Cusack, of the Dairy Flats, near Mutmulbilly, in the County of Argyle, applied for, was not put up for sale, at Goulburn, on Monday last, in accordance with the Surveyor General's letter to him of a recent date?

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Libel.
2. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition, ordered by this House to be printed, on the 18th November, 1856, from the Rev. James Cameron, Moderator of the Synod of Eastern Australia, against Sabbath desecration; and the Petition on the same subject, ordered to be printed on the 17th instant, from the Rev. Alexander McIntyre and the Congregation assembling at Ahalton, in the County of Durham, be referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
3. MR. HELY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the ensuing year, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred pounds, as a pension for Lady Mitchell, widow of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General of New South Wales, in consideration of the eminent services rendered by him to this Colony in his official capacity.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Australian Trust Company's Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the better regulation of Mining Companies.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.
2. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
3. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill; second reading.
4. Gold Fields' Management Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Gold Duty Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill; second reading.
8. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; second reading.
9. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
10. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Lieutenant Sadleir, R.N.:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from Richard Sadleir, Lieutenant, Royal Navy, of Raymond Terrace, representing that Petitioner arrived in this Colony in 1826 as a settler, and obtained a Grant of Land in proportion to his capital, but having immediately after entered the Civil Service, he could not claim the remission allowance according to the regulations of the Home Government until he resigned his Civil appointment; and that when he did resign and make such claim, it was referred home and refused; and praying the House to take the circumstances into consideration.
Petition received.
2. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Sydney Municipal Council Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until the motion standing tenth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day shall have been disposed of.
3. Breakwater at Kiama:—Mr. Marks moved, pursuant to notice, That this House is of opinion that a Breakwater is necessary at Kiama, and ought to be constructed.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Robertson, } Tellers.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Hay,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. T. G. Rusden, } Tellers.

4. Constitution Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Faucett and Mr. Manning do carry the following Message to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly having agreed to the three first amendments made by the Legislative Council, in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as requires the concurrence of unusual majorities of Members in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, in the passing of Bills to alter the Constitution conferred by the said Act, or the number and apportionment of Representatives in the said Legislative Assembly,*" and to the fourth, in so far only as to omit in the Preamble, the words "this present" before "Parliament" in line 45 of page 2, begs now to request the concurrence of the Legislative Council in this modification of its fourth amendment.

Speaker.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19 December, 1856.

Question put and passed.

5. Assize Courts at Albury:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th instant praying the immediate establishment of Assize Courts at Albury, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Complaints against Mr. L. H. Sibthorpe:—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has taken place, during the present year, between Mr. John Towse and the Government, and between the Government and the Bench of Magistrates at Muswellbrook, respecting complaints made to the Government by the said John Towse, against Mr. Luke Homan Sibthorpe, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Muswellbrook.
Question put and passed.
7. Desecration of the Sabbath:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th instant, praying the House to put a stop to Railway traffic on the Sabbath, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Postponement:—Mr. Cowper postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday, December 30.
9. Scab Act:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition for the Repeal or Amendment of the present Scab Act, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
10. Removal of Mr. Lewis Markham from the office of District Registrar:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the Registrar General and Mr. Lewis Markham, and between the latter gentleman and the Executive Government, relative to that gentleman's dismissal from the office of District Registrar at Armidale.
Question put and passed.
11. Postponement:—Mr. Gordon postponed the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday, January 6th.
12. Motion dropped:—Mr. Marks not moving the motion standing in his name ninth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, it dropped.
13. Government House and Domain at Parramatta:—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, "That" in the opinion of this House, the rents or proceeds, whatever they may be, derived from the letting of the Government House at Parramatta, and the Domain thereto attached, are and do form part of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, and ought to be paid to the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, and in support of the Government thereof.
Debate ensued.
14. Party Processions Prevention Bill:—The following Message from the Legislative Council received and read;—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled
"An Act to revive and make perpetual the Act 'To Prevent for a limited time Party
"Processions, and certain other Public Exhibitions in the Colony of New South
"Wales,'" without any amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber, ALFRED STEPHEN,
Sydney, 19 December, 1856. President.
15. Government House and Domain at Parramatta:—The Debate on Mr. Nichols' motion, on this subject, interrupted by the foregoing Message,—resumed.
Mr. Plunkett moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "it be referred to a Select Committee to inquire and report
"on the circumstances attending the letting of the Government House and Domain
"at Parramatta, and the best mode of appropriating or disposing of them for the
"future.
"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Cowper, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Hay, Mr.
"Forster, Mr. Jones, Mr. G. Macleay, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Manning."
Debate continued.
Question put—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes,

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Scott,
 Mr. Murray,
 Mr. Cowper,
 Mr. Martin,
 Mr. Robertson,
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Gordon,
 Mr. Richardson,
 Mr. Weekes,
 Mr. Faucett,
 Mr. Lee,
 Mr. Cox,
 Mr. Marks,
 Mr. Garland,
 Mr. F. T. Rusden,
 Mr. Sandeman,
 Mr. Lord,
 Mr. Hargrave,
 Mr. Jones,
 Mr. T. G. Rusden,
 Mr. Egan,
 Mr. Pye,
 Mr. Flood,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. Holroyd,
 Mr. Wilshire,
 Mr. J. Campbell,
 Mr. Nichols, } Tellers.
 Mr. Forster, }

Noes, 14.

Mr. Parker,
 Mr. Donaldson,
 Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Irving,
 Mr. Macarthur,
 Mr. G. Macleay,
 Mr. Holt,
 Mr. Suttor,
 Mr. W. Macleay,
 Mr. Lang,
 Mr. Manning,
 Mr. Thomson,
 Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
 Mr. Plunkett, }

Whereupon Original Question put and passed.

16. Sydney Municipal Council Bill :—On the Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments,—

Mr. Parker moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.

Mr. Nichols moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, in order to insert in their place the words "this Bill be now recommitted, with a view to the further consideration of the Preamble, of Clauses 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, and 33, and of Schedule F.

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 so inserted—put and passed.

Question,—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of the Preamble, of Clauses 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, and 33, and of Schedule F, put and passed ;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further Amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday, December 30.

17. Extension of Railway Communication to the South-western Districts :—Mr. Plunkett moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of Argyle, praying the extension of the benefits of Railway Communication to the South Western Districts of the Colony, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

18. Reimbursement of Expense of Search for Mr. Benjamin Boyd :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimate for 1857, a sum not exceeding £300, to reimburse the Owners of the Cutter "Oberon" for expenses incurred by that vessel's search for Mr. Benjamin Boyd in the year 1854.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

19. Deserted Wives and Children's Bill :—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to amended notice, That the resumption of the Committee of the whole House on the Deserted Wives and Children's Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on Saturday last, stand an Order of the Day for the day to which this House, at its rising to-day, shall stand adjourned.

Question put and passed.

20. Denominational Schools :—Mr. Faucett moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 16th instant from the Archbishop and Roman Catholic Clergy of Cumberland, in reference to the Denominational Schools, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

21. Shipping Laws :—Mr. John Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition praying the amendment of the Shipping Laws, presented by him on the 16th instant, be printed.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

22. Wharf across the Head of Woolloomooloo Bay:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd instant, praying the immediate decision of the Government in favor of constructing a Wharf across the head of Woolloomooloo Bay, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
23. Mr. Cornelius Delohery:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. Cornelius Delohery, presented by him on the 9th instant, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting to inquire into the Administration of Police in the Country Districts.
Question put and passed.
24. Postponement:—Mr. Murray postponed the motion standing in his name eighteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday, January 6.
25. Travelling Expenses and Retirement of Mr. Deputy Surveyor General Thompson:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Surveyor General and John Thompson, Esquire, Deputy Surveyor General, in reference to the expenses of the latter on his tours of inspection, and retirement from the service, with all the marginal notes made thereon.
Question put and passed.
26. Postponement:—Mr. Murray postponed the motions standing in his name twentieth and twenty-first on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday, January 6.
27. Electric Telegraph:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the subject of the Electric Telegraph, with a request that His Excellency will take the necessary steps to carry out, without delay, the recommendations therein contained.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Weekes moved, That this Debate be adjourned until Tuesday, December 30.
Debate continued.

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight,—

SATURDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 1856.

Question, on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until Tuesday, December 30—
put and passed.

28. Vacant Seat:—The Speaker having reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Parkes resigning his seat in the Legislative Assembly, as one of the Members for the Electoral District of the City of Sydney;—
Mr. Jones moved, That this House now resolves, that the seat of Henry Parkes, Esquire, as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of the City of Sydney, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said Henry Parkes, Esquire.
Question put and passed.
29. Postponement:—Mr. Murray postponed the motion standing in his name twenty-third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday, January 6.
30. Desecration of Sabbath:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That the Petition presented by him on the 18th instant, praying the House to put a stop to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed and referred accordingly.
(2.) Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petitions presented by him on the 17th instant, from the Rev. Dr. McKay, and certain Members of his Congregation in Sydney, and from the Rev. William McIntyre, and the Members of his Congregation in Maitland, praying this House to put a stop to the Desecration of the Sabbath by running of Railway Trains, &c., be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed and referred accordingly.
31. Equalization of the Reductions in Salaries:—The Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Weekes,—“That as the Estimates for 1857 have been framed generally on the “principle of a reduction of 25 per cent. off the temporary increase, this House “is of opinion that in taking off a larger amount from the Salaries of Assistant “Clerks, many of whom have been years in the service, injustice has been done to “that class of Public Servants, and resolves, that an Address be presented to the “Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will cause to be placed on “the Estimates such sum of money as will be sufficient to equalize the reduction “taken off the Salaries of Assistant Clerks with that of other Officials,”—resumed.
Question put.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Weekes, } Tellers.

Noes, 16.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. T. G. Rusden, } Tellers.

32. Postponements :—

- (1.) The second reading of the Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. T. G. Rusden, until Friday, January 2.
(2.) The consideration in Committee of the Masters' and Servants' Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Nichols, until Tuesday, December 30.
(3.) The second reading of the South Head Road Trust Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday, December 30.

33. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee on Tuesday, December 30.
34. Postponement :—The consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council, on the subject of the Dismemberment of New South Wales, postponed, on motion of Mr. Lang, until Tuesday, December 30.
35. Postage Acts Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee on Wednesday, December 31.
36. Postponement :—The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Wednesday, December 31, taking precedence of all other Orders on the Paper of Government Business for that day.
37. Loan Bill for 1857, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan of One Hundred and Thirty Thousand and Four Hundred Pounds, upon the security of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, to meet a like amount payable in the year 1857, upon Debentures to fall due in that year.*"

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That Mr. Lang and Mr. Donaldson do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein,—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan of One Hundred and Thirty Thousand and Four Hundred Pounds, upon the security of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, to meet a like amount payable in the year 1857, upon Debentures to fall due in that year,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20 December, 1856.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

38. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Postponement Bill, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to Postpone for one Year the levying of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty.*"

Question put and passed ;

Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That Mr. Lang and Mr. Donaldson do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to Postpone for one Year the levying of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20 December, 1856.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

39. Postponement :—The consideration in Committee of the Auditor General's Office Definition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Wednesday, December 31. Mr. T. G. Rusden not moving his motion *contingent* on Mr. Parker's motion for adjournment,—The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parker, at twenty minutes before One o'clock, A.M., until Tuesday, December 30, at Three o'clock P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Libel.
2. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition, ordered by this House to be printed, on the 18th November, 1856, from the Rev. James Cameron, Moderator of the Synod of Eastern Australia, against Sabbath desecration; and the Petition on the same subject, ordered to be printed on the 17th instant, from the Rev. Alexander McIntyre and the Congregation assembling at Ahalton, in the County of Durham, be referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
3. MR. HELY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Estimates for the ensuing year, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred pounds, as a pension for Lady Mitchell, widow of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General of New South Wales, in consideration of the eminent services rendered by him to this Colony in his official capacity.
4. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Commissioners of the Maitland Road Trust, upon the subject of the dangerous condition of the Lochinvar Road, and also a Copy of the Estimate for the Repairs of the Lochinvar Road, prepared and transmitted by the Commissioners of the Maitland Road Trust, at the request of the Executive Government.
5. MR. COWPER to move,—
 - (1.) That, as the circumstances which led to two Companies of Military being stationed here at the expense of the Colonists no longer exist, this House is of opinion that the Home Government ought to be forthwith apprized that the services of these two Companies will not be required by the Colony after the expiration of the year 1857.
 - (2.) That this House is also of opinion, that the present circumstances of the Colony do not call for the continuance of the Colonial Allowance now paid to the whole of the Military, beyond the year 1857.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, in order that His Excellency may take such steps in reference thereto, as may be deemed necessary.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Australian Trust Company's Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
2. Deserted Wives and Children's Bill Reported; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Parkes,—“That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the subject of the Electric Telegraph, with a request that His Excellency will take the necessary steps to carry out, without delay, the recommendations therein contained.”
4. Masters' and Servants' Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. South Head Road Trust Bill; second reading.
6. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Dismemberment of New South Wales; consideration of Message from the Legislative Council.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; third reading.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the better regulation of Mining Companies.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.
3. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
4. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill; second reading.
5. Gold Fields' Management Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Gold Duty Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
8. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill; second reading.
9. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; second reading.
10. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
11. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
13. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
14. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
 - (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
2. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands purchased under pre-emption in the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts, specifying the names of the purchasers and the prices paid.
3. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Surveyor General in the years 1851-2-3-4-5 and 1856, in reference to the Survey and Sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
4. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands offered for Sale by the Government in the years 1854, 1855, and 1856—specifying the names of the applicants, and the dates of their applications, the proportion thereof sold by auction, and the extent purchased subsequently under pre-emption.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Colonial Architect or other parties, in reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Queanbeyan River.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 DECEMBER, 1856.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Assent to Bills:—The Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to give Her Majesty's Assent to the following Bills:—
 - (1.) Crown Suits Bill.
 - (2.) Infants Marriage Settlements Bill.
 - (3.) Sydney Bethel Union Bill.
 - (4.) City Rates Bill.
2. Currency of the Australian Gold Coin:—The Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to make the following answer to the Address, adopted by this House on the 17th instant, on the subject of the Currency of the Australian Gold Coin.

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

With reference to the Address of the Legislative Assembly of the 17th instant, submitting certain Resolutions on the subject of the Sydney Mint, His Excellency, concurring most completely in the views embodied in these Resolutions, is prepared to press—as requested—upon Her Majesty's Government, the expediency of adopting immediate measures for rendering the Gold Coin struck at the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint a legal tender in all parts of Her Majesty's dominions.

The Governor General has already brought this subject under the notice of the Secretary of State in a Despatch dated 14 September, 1855; and he trusts that the opinion then expressed, supported and strengthened as it is by the Resolutions of the Legislative Assembly, may induce Her Majesty's Government to adopt a suggestion which will be equally advantageous to the Colony and the Mother Country.

Government House,

Sydney, 22 December, 1856.

3. Reimbursement of Expense of Search for Mr. Benjamin Boyd:—The Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to make the following answer to the Address, adopted by this House on the 19th instant, in reference to the reimbursement of the expense of the search for Mr. Benjamin Boyd.

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

In reply to the Address of the 19th December, the Governor General informs the Legislative Assembly that, in accordance with their request, he has caused to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1857, a sum of £300, to reimburse the Owners of the Cutter "Oberon," for expenses incurred by that Vessel's search for Mr. Benjamin Boyd in 1854.

Government House,

Sydney, 23 December, 1856.

4. Papers:—
 1. Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 - (1.) Letter from A. C. Gregory, commanding the North Australian Expedition, dated 14th June, 1856, giving a further account of the proceedings of the Expedition.
 - (2.) The Return to the Address adopted, on motion of Mr. T. G. Rusden, on the 19th instant, in reference to the removal of Mr. Lewis Markham from the office of District Registrar.
Ordered to be printed.
 - (3.) The Return to the Address adopted, on motion of Mr. Jones, on the 19th instant, in reference to complaints against Mr. L. H. Sibthorpe.
 2. Mr. Hay laid upon the Table the Return to the Address adopted, on motion of Mr. Garland, on the 9th instant, in reference to a line of Railway through Appin to Mittagong.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill:—Mr. Forster having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to provide for increasing the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly;—to alter and amend the Electoral system;—and otherwise*"
"to

- "to regulate matters relating to Elections in the Colony of New South Wales,"* read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.
6. Postponement:—Mr. Nichols postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 7. Motions dropped:—
 - (1.) Mr. Gordon not moving the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
 - (2.) Mr. Hely not moving the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
 8. Lochinvar Road:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Commissioners of the Maitland Road Trust, upon the subject of the dangerous condition of the Lochinvar Road, and also a Copy of the Estimate for the Repairs of the Lochinvar Road, prepared and transmitted by the Commissioners of the Maitland Road Trust, at the request of the Executive Government.
Question put and passed.
 9. Postponement:—Mr. Cowper postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
 10. Desecration of the Sabbath:—Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from the Free Presbyterian Congregation of Shoalhaven, praying the House to put a stop to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath,
Petition received.
 11. Australian Trust Company's Bill Reported:—Mr. Barker moved "That" the report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.
Mr. Cowper moved That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, in order to insert in their place the words "this Bill be now recommitted, with a view to the further consideration " of Clause 2."
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 so inserted—put and passed.
Question—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clause 2—put and passed,—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further Amendment, the House adopted the same, and Ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
 12. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill Reported:—On the Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further Amendments, the House adopted the same, and Ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
 13. Electric Telegraph:—
 - (1.) Mr. Weekes moved, That the Debate on Mr. Parkes' motion "That an Address " be presented to the Governor General, transmitting the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the subject of the Electric Telegraph, with a request " that His Excellency will take the necessary steps to carry out, without delay, the " recommendations therein contained"—be further adjourned until Friday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived;—
Whereupon the Adjourned Debate on the said motion resumed.
 14. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill:—The following Message from the Legislative Council received and read:—
Mr. Speaker,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to provide for the deposit, in the Colonial Treasury, of moneys in charge of Officers of the Supreme Court,*" with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18 December, 1856.
ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.
 15. Electric Telegraph:—The Debate on Mr. Parkes' motion,—interrupted by the foregoing Message,—"*That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting the " Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the subject of the Electric " Telegraph, with a request that His Excellency will take the necessary steps to " carry out, without delay, the recommendations therein contained;*" resumed.
Question put and passed.
 16. Masters' and Servants' Bill:—On motion of Mr. Nichols, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again immediately.
 17. Member Sworn:—William Bede Dalley, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his seat as a Member for the Electoral District of the City of Sydney.

18. Masters' and Servants' Bill :—On the Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
19. South Head Road Trust Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee on Friday next.
20. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill :—On motion of Mr. Manning the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill, without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
21. Order dropped :—The Order for consideration of the Message from the Legislative Council, in reference to the proposed Disfranchisement of New South Wales, dropped, on the ruling of the Speaker that it was in contravention of the Standing Orders.
22. Postponement :—The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until this day week.
23. Sydney Municipal Council Bill :—Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill be now "*read a third time.*"
Mr. Manning moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "*read a third time,*" in order to insert in their place the words "re-committed with a view to the further consideration of Clauses 42, 53, and 73."
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 so inserted—put and passed.
Question,—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of clauses 42, 53, and 73,—put and passed ;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further Amendments, and the House having adopted the same,—
Mr. Parker moved, That the Bill, as so reported, be now read a third time.
Question put and passed,—
And Bill read a third time.
Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill do now *pass.*
Question put and passed.
Mr. Parker then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to re-establish a Municipal Council in the City of Sydney.*"
Question put and passed ;
Whereupon Mr. Parker moved, That Mr. Hay and Mr. Parker do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein.
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to re-establish a Municipal Council in the City of Sydney,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30 December, 1856.*

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at Five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the better regulation of Mining Companies.
2. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to establish County Courts.
3. MR. MANNING to move, That the consideration of the Legislative Council's amendment in the Bills of Lading Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Law of Evidence Bill ; second reading.
3. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
4. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill ; second reading.
5. Gold Fields' Management Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
6. Gold Duty Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
7. Customs' Further Regulation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
8. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill ; second reading.
9. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; second reading.
10. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.
11. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
12. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill ; second reading.
13. Postage Acts Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
14. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting the Resolution of this House, passed on the 19th day of December instant, on the subject of the Domain, Parramatta; and that such Address be presented to His Excellency by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and the Secretary for Lands and Public Works.
2. MR. COX to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the yearly quantities of Gold brought down by Escort, since its first Establishment to the present time, specifying the Localities from whence such Gold has been sent; also, the number of Licenses issued in the different Districts since the discovery of Gold.
3. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition, ordered by this House to be printed, on the 18th November, 1856, from the Rev. James Camcron, Moderator of the Synod of Eastern Australia, against Sabbath desecration; and the Petition on the same subject, ordered to be printed on the 17th instant, from the Rev. Alexander McIntyre and the Congregation assembling at Alahaton, in the County of Durham, be referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
4. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition of the Free Presbyterian Congregation of Shoalhaven, presented by him yesterday, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Libel.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.
2. Australian Trust Company's Bill; third reading.
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; third reading.
4. Masters' and Servants' Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
5. South Head Road Trust Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill; third reading.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
 - (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
2. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands purchased under pre-emption in the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts, specifying the names of the purchasers and the prices paid.
3. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Surveyor General in the years 1851-2-3-4-5 and 1856, in reference to the Survey and Sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
4. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands offered for Sale by the Government in the years 1854, 1855, and 1856—specifying the names of the applicants, and the dates of their applications, the proportion thereof sold by auction, and the extent purchased subsequently under pre-emption.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Colonial Architect or other parties, in reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Queanbeyan River.
6. MR. COWPER to move,—
 - (1.) That, as the circumstances which led to two Companies of Military being stationed here at the expense of the Colonists no longer exist, this House is of opinion that the Home Government ought to be forthwith apprized that the services of these two Companies will not be required by the Colony after the expiration of the year 1857.
 - (2.) That this House is also of opinion, that the present circumstances of the Colony do not call for the continuance of the Colonial Allowance now paid to the whole of the Military beyond the year 1857.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, in order that His Excellency may take such steps in reference thereto, as may be deemed necessary.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Government to borrow the sum of £150,000, in terms of the Resolution of this House, passed on Friday, the 5th December last.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 31 DECEMBER, 1856.

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

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the better regulation of Mining Companies.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
2. County Courts Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to establish County Courts.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
3. Mining Companies Regulation Bill:—Mr. Manning having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill for the better regulation of Mining Companies*," read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
4. County Courts Bill:—Mr. Manning having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to establish County Courts*," read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
5. Bills of Lading Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendment in the Bills of Lading Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
Question put and passed.
6. Desecration of the Sabbath:—Mr. Marks presented a Petition from the Free Church Congregations at Shell Harbour and Terry's Meadows, praying the House to put a stop to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath.
Petition received.
7. Postponements:—
 - (1.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until after the seventh Order of the Day shall have been disposed of.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Law of Evidence Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, on behalf of Mr. Darvall; until Wednesday next.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Assessment on Stock Act continuation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until the Order for the Resumption of the Committee of Supply shall have been disposed of.
 - (4.) The second reading of the Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
8. Gold Fields Management Bill:—On motion of Mr. Manning the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again immediately.
9. Messages from the Legislative Council:—The following Messages from the Legislative Council received and read:—
 - (1.) Constitution Act Amendment Bill:—
Mr. Speaker,
The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the modification proposed by the Legislative Assembly (as indicated in the annexed Schedule), in the Amendment proposed by the Legislative Council, in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as requires the concurrence of unusual majorities of Members in the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, in the passing of Bills to alter the Constitution conferred by the said Act, or the number and apportionment of Representatives in the said Legislative Assembly.*"
ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.
*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30 December, 1856.*
 - (2.) Moreton Bay District Court Bill:—
Mr. Speaker,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to provide for the better Administration of Justice in the District of Moreton Bay*," with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.
*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30 December, 1856.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Manning, to be taken into consideration on Friday next.

(3.)

(3.) Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill :—

YAC Mr. Speaker, The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to simplify the Oaths of Qualification for Office*," with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30 December, 1856.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Plunkett, to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(4.) Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Amendment (indicated in the accompanying Schedule), proposed by the Legislative Assembly, in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to restore Writs of Inquiry, and Writs of Trial, and to authorize the Establishment of Separate Scales of Costs*."

ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30 December, 1856.*

(5.) Titles to Land Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council having passed the Bill, sent herewith, intituled "*An Act to remove certain Difficulties affecting Titles to Land, and to shorten the time of Limitation*," requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly therein.

ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30 December, 1856.*

Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow week.

10. Gold Fields' Management Bill :—On the Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next,—taking precedence of all other Business for that Day.

11. Postponements :—

(1.) The consideration in Committee of the Gold Duty Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Friday next,—taking precedence next after the Gold Fields' Management Bill.

(2.) The consideration in Committee of the Customs' Further Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Friday next,—taking precedence next after the Gold Duty Bill.

(3.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Wednesday next.

(4.) The second reading of the Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Wednesday next.

(5.) The remaining Orders on the Paper for to-day postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Wednesday next.

12. Government House and Domain at Parramatta :—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting the Resolution of this House, passed on the 19th day of December instant, on the subject of the Domain, Parramatta; and that such Address be presented to His Excellency by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and the Secretary for Lands and Public Works. Question put and passed.

13. Escorted Gold and Gold Licenses :—Mr. Cox moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the yearly quantities of Gold brought down by Escort, since its first Establishment to the present time;—specifying the Localities from whence such Gold has been sent; also, the number of Licenses issued in the different Districts since the discovery of Gold. Question put and passed.

14. Postponement :—Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Gordon, postponed the motions standing in the name of Mr. Gordon third and fourth on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until Tuesday next.

15. Adjournment :—Mr. Parker moved, That this House do now adjourn until Friday next, at Three o'clock.

Question put and passed ;—

The House adjourned accordingly, at a quarter before Eleven o'clock, until Friday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Fields' Management Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Gold Duty Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. NICHOLS to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Libel.
2. Mr. T. G. RUSDEN to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House Mrs. Lucy Howell ought to receive compensation at the rate of four shillings per head, for 4,474 sheep destroyed under the Act of Council, 18 Vict., No. 26.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1857, a sum not exceeding £894 16s., as compensation to Mrs. Lucy Howell, for 4,474 sheep destroyed, under the Act of Council, 18 Victoria, No. 26, being at the rate of four shillings per head.
3. Mr. MARKS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th December last, praying the adoption of measures to put a stop to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways, now sitting.
4. Mr. MARKS to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st December last, from the Free Church Congregations at Shell Harbour and Terry's Meadows, praying the abolition of Railway traffic on the Sabbath, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways, now sitting.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.
2. Australian Trust Company's Bill; third reading.
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; third reading.
4. Masters' and Servants' Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
5. South Head Road Trust Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill; third reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY —

1. Bills of Lading Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
2. Moreton Bay District Court Bill: consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
 - (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
2. Mr. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands purchased under pre-emption in the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts, specifying the names of the purchasers and the prices paid.
3. Mr. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Surveyor General in the years 1851-2-3-4-5 and 1856, in reference to the Survey and Sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
4. Mr. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands offered for Sale by the Government in the years 1854, 1855, and 1856—specifying the names of the applicants, and the dates of their applications, the proportion thereof sold by auction, and the extent purchased subsequently, under pre-emption.
5. Mr. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Colonial Architect or other parties, in reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Queanbeyan River.
6. Mr. COWPER to move,—
 - (1.) That, as the circumstances which led to two Companies of Military being stationed here at the expense of the Colonists no longer exist, this House is of opinion that the Home Government ought to be forthwith apprized that the services of these two Companies will not be required by the Colony after the expiration of the year 1857.
 - (2.) That this House is also of opinion, that the present circumstances of the Colony do not call for the continuance of the Colonial Allowance now paid to the whole of the Military, beyond the year 1857.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, in order that His Excellency may take such steps in reference thereto, as may be deemed necessary.
7. Mr. MANNING to move, That the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message, with the Trust Moneys Deposit Bill, stand an Order of the day for to-morrow.
8. Mr. OXLEY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the 2 William 4th, No. 12.
9. Mr. GORDON to move, That the Petition, ordered by this House to be printed, on the 18th November, 1856, from the Rev. James Cameron, Moderator of the Synod of Eastern Eastern

Eastern Australia, against Sabbath desecration; and the Petition on the same subject, ordered to be printed on the 17th instant, from the Rev. Alexander McIntyre and the Congregation assembling at Ahaltou, in the County of Durham, be referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.

10. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition of the Free Presbyterian Congregation of Shoalhaven, presented by him on the 30th December last, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Government to borrow the sum of £150,000, in terms of the Resolution of this House, passed on Friday, the 5th December last.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. County Courts Bill; second reading.
3. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.
4. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill; second reading.
5. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
6. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
7. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill; second reading.
8. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; second reading.
9. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
10. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
12. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
13. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 2 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Election Petition:—The Speaker reported that there had been placed in his hands, by Mr. Plunkett, a Petition from certain Electors of the City of Sydney, praying that the Election lately had of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly, for the Electoral District of the City of Sydney, in room of Henry Parkes, Esquire, resigned, may be set aside, and that William Bede Dalley, Esquire, may be declared not to have been duly elected, and that a New Writ may be issued, and a New Election may take place for the Election of a Member to serve in the said Assembly, for the said Electoral District, in room of Henry Parkes, Esquire, resigned, as aforesaid, and that justice may be done in the premises:
Mr. Plunkett then moved, That the said Petition be forthwith referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications—
And the Speaker, on the request of Mr. Martin, directing the Clerk to read the said Petition, the same was accordingly read at length by the Clerk,—
And Mr. Martin proceeding to address the House in opposition to the Question,—
And a Debate arising on the Point of Order, whether it was competent to the House, under the terms of the 65th section of the Electoral Act of 1851, to debate the Question;
And it being referred to the Speaker to determine the Point of Order which had arisen,—
The Speaker ruled, That, as this House could not refer the Petition to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications in any other way than upon a Motion made and a Question put, it was clear that that Question might be debated as any other Question, and added that there were no words in the 65th section of the Electoral Act of 1851 which went to arrest or restrict a Debate upon any such Question.
2. Assent to Bills:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—

(1.) Sydney Bethel Union Bill,—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 12.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Trustees of the Sydney Bethel Union to surrender the Land in Macquarie-street, Sydney, some time since granted as a site for a Mariners' Church, and to accept a grant of other land in lieu thereof,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 2 January, 1857.

(2.) Crown Suits Bill,—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 13.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act for the payment of Costs in Proceedings instituted on behalf of the Crown in matters relating to the Revenue, and for the amendment of the Procedure and Practice in Crown Suits,*" 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, 2 January, 1857.

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(3.) Infants Marriage Settlements Bill,—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 14.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to enable Infants, with the approbation of the Supreme Court in its Equitable Jurisdiction, to make binding Settlements of their Real and Personal Estate on Marriage,*" 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, 2 January, 1857.*

(4.) City Rates Bill,—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 15.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the City Commissioners to levy City Rates for the current Half-year,*" 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, 2 January, 1857.*

3. Election Petition :—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Plunkett, That the Petition of certain Electors of the City of Sydney be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications—interrupted by the foregoing Messages—resumed ;
And a point of Order arising, whether it was competent to the Honorable Member then addressing the House, Mr. Martin, to go into the question whether the disqualification alleged in the Petition was, in point of fact, a disqualification at all ;—
And it being referred to the Speaker to determine the point of Order which had arisen—

4. Messages from the Legislative Council :—The following Messages from the Legislative Council received and read :—

(1.) Destitute Children's Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council having passed the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of the Society for the relief of Destitute Children,*" requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly therein.

ALFRED STEPHEN,

*Legislative Council Chamber,**Sydney, 2nd January, 1857.*

President.

(2.) Claims against Government Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to give relief to persons having claims against the Government of New South Wales,*" with the Amendments indicated by the annexed schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

ALFRED STEPHEN,

*Legislative Council Chamber,**Sydney, 2nd January, 1857.*

President.

5. Election Petition :—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Plunkett, that the Petition of certain Electors of the City of Sydney be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications—interrupted by the foregoing Messages—being resumed,—

The Speaker, adverting to the point of order which had been referred to him, gave it as his opinion that it was not competent to any Honorable Member to go into any argument which would trench upon the functions of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, but added, that as it was extremely difficult to determine the exact point at which he ought to interrupt the argument of the Honorable Member in possession of the House, he must leave it to that Honorable Member to avoid extending his argument to any point properly determinable only by the Committee of Elections and Qualifications,—

Whereupon Debate continued.

Question put,—That the Petition of certain Electors of the City of Sydney, praying that the Election lately had of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of the City of Sydney, in room of Henry Parkes, Esquire, resigned, may be set aside, and that William Bede Dalley, Esquire, may be declared not to have been duly elected, and that a new Writ may be issued, and a new Election may take place, for the Election of a Member to serve in the said Assembly, for the said Electoral District, in room of Henry Parkes, Esquire, resigned as aforesaid, and that justice may be done in the premises,—be referred to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Barker,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Irving, } Tellers.
Mr. Garland, }

Noes, 11.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. T. G. Rusden, } Tellers.
Mr. Martin, }

6. Police Magistrate at Warwick :—Mr. Irving presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants and Householders resident in the Town and Police District of Warwick, Darling Downs, praying provision for the appointment of a Police Magistrate for the said Town and District.
Petition received.
7. Paper :—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table a Further Return to the Address in reference to the Commissariat Stores, adopted, on motion of Mr. Nichols, on the 13th December last.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—The Speaker reported that he had, during the progress of the Debate on the Question for referring to the Committee of Elections and Qualifications the Petition of certain Electors for the City of Sydney, a letter from P. Faucett, Esquire, resigning his seat as a Member of the said Committee, and a letter from Arthur Todd Holroyd, Esquire, also resigning his seat as a Member of the said Committee.
9. Gold Fields' Management Bill :—On the Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after midnight,—

SATURDAY, 3 JANUARY, 1857.

The Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and the House ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next—taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.

10. Postponements :—
 - (1.) The consideration in Committee of the Gold Duty Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next—taking precedence of all other Government Business on the Paper for that day.
 - (2.) The consideration in Committee of the Customs Further Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Thursday next.
11. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Nichols withdrew the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day.
12. Postponement :—Mr. T. G. Rusden postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
13. Desecration of the Sabbath :—
 - (1.) Mr. Marks moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th December last, praying the adoption of measures to put a stop to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways, now sitting.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed, and referred accordingly.
 - (2.) Mr. Marks moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st December last, from the Free Church Congregations at Shell Harbour and Terry's Meadows, praying the abolition of Railway traffic on the Sabbath, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways, now sitting.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed, and referred accordingly.
14. Postponement :—The second reading of the Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. T. G. Rusden, until Tuesday next.
15. Australian Trust Company's Bill, on motion of Mr. Barker, read a third time, and passed.

Mr.

Mr. Barker then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enlarge the powers of the Australian Trust Company.*"

Question put and passed;

Whereupon Mr. Barker moved, That Mr. Cox and Mr. Barker do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein;

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to enlarge the powers of the Australian Trust Company,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3 January, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

16. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill, on motion of Mr. Nichols, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Nichols then moved, That the Title of the Bill be "*An Act to amend an Act to provide for the Maintenance of Deserted Wives and Children,*" 4 Vict. No. 5.

Question put and passed;

Whereupon Mr. Nichols moved, That Mr. Cox and Mr. Barker do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to amend an Act to provide for the Maintenance of Deserted Wives and Children,*" 4 Vict. No. 5, begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3 January, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

17. Masters and Servants' Bill Reported:—The Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House having been adopted, on motion of Mr. Nichols, the House ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.
18. Postponement:—The consideration in Committee of the South Head Road Trust Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Nichols, on behalf of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.
19. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to Incorporate the 'Australian General Assurance Company.'*"

Question put and passed;

Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Barker and Mr. Cox do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein;

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to Incorporate the 'Australian General Assurance Company'*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3 January, 1857.*

Question put and passed.

20. Postponements:—
- (1.) The consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendment in the Bills of Lading Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
- (2.) The consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Moreton Bay District Court Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
- The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock, p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY—

1. Gold Fields' Management Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GORDON to move,—
- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
- (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
2. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands purchased under pre-emption in the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts, specifying the names of the purchasers and the prices paid.
3. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Surveyor General in the years 1851-2-3-4-5 and 1856, in reference to the Survey and Sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony.

4. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands offered for Sale by the Government in the years 1854, 1855, and 1856—specifying the names of the applicants, and the dates of their applications, the proportion thereof sold by auction, and the extent purchased subsequently under pre-emption.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Colonial Architect or other parties, in reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Queanbeyan River.
6. MR. COWPER to move,—
 - (1.) That, as the circumstances which led to two Companies of Military being stationed here at the expense of the Colonists no longer exist, this House is of opinion that the Home Government ought to be forthwith apprized that the services of these two Companies will not be required by the Colony after the expiration of the year 1857.
 - (2.) That this House is also of opinion, that the present circumstances of the Colony do not call for the continuance of the Colonial Allowance now paid to the whole of the Military, beyond the year 1857.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, in order that His Excellency may take such steps in reference thereto, as may be deemed necessary.
7. MR. MANNING to move, That the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message, with the Trust Moneys Deposit Bill, stand an Order of the day for to-morrow.
8. MR. OXLEY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the 2 William 4th, No. 12.
9. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition, ordered by this House to be printed, on the 18th November, 1856, from the Rev. James Cameron, Moderator of the Synod of Eastern Australia, against Sabbath desecration; and the Petition on the same subject, ordered to be printed on the 17th December, 1856, from the Rev. Alexander McIntyre and the Congregation assembling at Ahalton, in the County of Durham, be referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
10. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition of the Free Presbyterian Congregation of Shoalhaven, presented by him on the 30th December last, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
11. MR. JONES to move, That the Petition of Thomas Abbott, late Chief Constable of Dungog, presented by him on the 20th August last, be referred to the Select Committee on the Administration of Justice in the Country Districts, now sitting.
12. MR. PLUNKETT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Electoral Roll for each Electoral District in the Colony.
13. MR. F. T. RUSDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates for 1857, a sum of £150 for the support of the Mechanics' Institute at Tamworth, on condition that a like sum be raised by the inhabitants in aid of that Institution.
14. MR. IRVING to move, That the Petition praying the appointment of a Police Magistrate for the Town and District of Warwick, Darling Downs, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
15. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of every Register, General Alphabetical List, or Electoral Roll belonging to every Electoral District, or a Return shewing whether any such document is in existence or not.
16. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved—for this special reason—because each and every one of the members thereof was not, at the time of his election, and is not now, qualified to be elected a member of the Legislative Assembly, as required by the terms of 16th Sec. of the Constitution Act, of 1853, 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54; viz.—Mr. Holroyd, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Jones, Mr. Scott, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Oxley, and Mr. Murray.
17. MR. MARKS to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the amount of money expended by the Government, on local improvements within the Police District of Kiama;—the amount received by the Government from the sale of land at present comprised within that District;—and the balance existing between such receipt and expenditure on the 1st January, 1857.
18. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move,—
 - (1.) That in the opinion of this House Mrs. Lucy Howell ought to receive compensation at the rate of four shillings per head, for 4,474 sheep destroyed under the Act of Council, 18 Vict., No. 26.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency, will cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1857, a sum not exceeding £894 16s., as compensation to Mrs. Lucy Howell, for 4,474 sheep destroyed, under the Act of Council, 18 Victoria, No. 26, being at the rate of four shillings per head.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.
3. Masters' and Servants' Bill; third reading.
4. South Head Road Trust Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

Questions

Questions:—

1. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY when it is the intention of the Government to lay upon the Table of this House the papers connected with the exchange of lands at South Sydney for those at Bondi Bay, in pursuance of the Order of this House?
2. MR. ROBERTSON *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, whether the Government intend to take any, and what steps, with reference to the conduct of Inspector Armstrong, and the other policemen on duty at the hustings in Hyde Park, on Tuesday, the 30th December last, when the representatives of all sections of the Newspaper press that were in attendance, were obstructed by the police, their clothes torn from their backs, and themselves personally injured, while peaceably endeavouring to reach the hustings; in one instance a gentleman who had reached the hustings without interruption having been forced therefrom?
3. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If any inquiry has taken place by the Government respecting the conduct of the Police connected with the late Balloon ascent from the Government Domain?
4. MR. MARTIN *to ask* MR. MANNING, Whether the Government have yet made up their mind to take any proceedings against Mr. Randle for his breach of the Contract entered into by him for the construction of the Semi-Circular Quay?

 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Duty Bill; to be considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Government to borrow the sum of £150,000, in terms of the Resolution of this House, passed on Friday, the 5th December last.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Return and Further Return to the Address on the subject of the Commissariat Stores in Lower George-street, be referred to the Select Committee on the Department of Customs.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. County Courts Bill; second reading.
3. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.
4. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill; second reading.
5. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
6. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
7. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill; second reading.
8. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; second reading.
9. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
10. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
12. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
13. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
14. Bills of Lading Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
15. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.

 THURSDAY, JANUARY 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.

 TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 6 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Electric Telegraph:—The Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to make the following answer to the Address, adopted by this House on the 30th December last, on the subject of the Electric Telegraph:—
W. DENISON,
Governor General.
The Governor General has great pleasure in acceding to the request contained in the Address of the Legislative Assembly of the 30th December, 1856, and will cause the sum of £38,000 to be placed upon the Estimates for 1857, for the purpose of defraying a portion of the cost of laying down a line of Electric Telegraph between Sydney and Melbourne. The Governor General will cause the necessary communication with the Government of Victoria to be made without delay.
Government House,
Sydney, 5 January, 1857.
2. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—The Speaker reported that he had received a Letter from Richard Jones, Esquire, resigning his seat as a Member of the said Committee.
3. Paper:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the Return to the *Order* made by this House on the 9th ultimo, on the motion of Mr. Nichols, for Customs' Returns. Ordered to be printed; and referred to the Select Committee on the Customs' Department now sitting.
4. Gold Fields' Management Bill Reported:—The Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House having been adopted, on motion of Mr. Manning, the House ordered the Bill, as so Reported, to be read a third time on Thursday next.
5. Postponement:—Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Gordon, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Gordon first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday week.
6. Motions dropped:—Mr. Murray not moving the motions standing in his name second, third, fourth, and fifth, respectively, on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.
7. Military Establishment:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That, as the circumstances which led to two Companies of Military being stationed here at the expense of the Colonists no longer exist, this House is of opinion that the Home Government ought to be forthwith apprized that the services of these two Companies will not be required by the Colony after the expiration of the year 1857.
(2.) That this House is also of opinion, that the present circumstances of the Colony do not call for the continuance of the Colonial Allowance now paid to the whole of the Military, beyond the year 1857.
(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, in order that His Excellency may take such steps in reference thereto, as may be deemed necessary.
8. Government House and Domain at Parramatta:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read;—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 18.

It is a source of unfeigned regret to the Governor General that any difference of opinion should exist between himself and the Legislative Assembly; and this regret is enhanced on the present occasion by the circumstance that this difference of opinion has occurred with reference to a matter in which His Excellency may be said to have a direct personal interest. Such, however, being the case, the Governor General feels that it is due to his own character, that the circumstances under which the Domain at Parramatta was leased should be clearly stated; and as, by the mode of procedure in the Legislative Assembly, His Excellency has been precluded from making this statement previous to the adoption of the Resolution which has been submitted with the Address of the Assembly, he avails himself of the present opportunity to do so.

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The Domain at Parramatta has for many years been an appanage of the Governors of New South Wales:—to the circumstances under which this appropriation of the Land was made it is unnecessary now to allude, as the principal part, if not the whole, of the correspondence between former Governors and the Secretary of State has been printed, and forms part of the Records of the Legislature. It is sufficient for the Governor General to state, that the Domain and the Buildings within it were reserved by the Secretary of State for the use of the Governor, on the sole condition that the Colony should not be put to any expense in maintaining the Establishment.

The Governor General does not wish to comment upon the meaning which has been held to attach to this condition. It is sufficient for him to remark that, on his arrival in the Colony, the Buildings in the Domain were in such a state of dilapidation as to render it impossible for him to occupy them.

As, therefore, residence on the spot was impracticable, it soon became evident to the Governor General that the advantages which his predecessors had derived from the occupation of the Domain, and for which it had been specially reserved to their and his use, would, in his case, owing to his enforced absence, become altogether illusory.

Under these circumstances His Excellency decided to let the Domain; and in so doing he acted, as he believed, in strict accordance with the spirit of the Despatch by which the use of the Domain was reserved to his predecessors and himself,—and this opinion he has not seen any reason to alter.

It is, however, for Her Majesty only to decide whether, in acting as he has done, the Governor General has exceeded his powers.

In the mean time, however, His Excellency has no wish to press his own individual convictions in opposition to those of the Assembly; and he is not only willing but desirous to waive all considerations of personal interest. He will therefore, at the expiration of the Lease in March next, resume the occupation of the Domain at Parramatta; and has caused to be paid into the Colonial Treasury the amount which has been received as rent for the same.

As, however, the proceeds of a property set apart by the Queen for a specific purpose cannot, until a change in such appropriation be made by competent authority, be carried to the credit of the General Revenue, the Governor General recommends that the amount thus paid into the Colonial Treasury should be expended upon the property itself, in carrying out such repairs to the Fences and Buildings as may be most urgently required; and he has accordingly directed the insertion in the Supplementary Estimate of a sum to be applied to this purpose.

*Government House,
Sydney, 6 January, 1857.*

Ordered to be printed.

9. Military Establishment:—Debate ensued on Mr. Cowper's motion,—

(1.) That, as the circumstances which led to two Companies of Military being stationed here at the expense of the Colonists no longer exist, this House is of opinion that the Home Government ought to be forthwith apprized that the services of these two Companies will not be required by the Colony after the expiration of the year 1857.

(2.) That this House is also of opinion, that the present circumstances of the Colony do not call for the continuance of the Colonial Allowance now paid to the whole of the Military, beyond the year 1857.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address to the Governor General, in order that His Excellency may take such steps in reference thereto, as may be deemed necessary.

Mr. Plunkett moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued;

Previous Question put,—“ Shall this Question be now put?”

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Jones, } Tellers.
Mr. Cowper, }

Noes, 24.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Lang, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd, }

10. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, That the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message, with the Trust Moneys Deposit Bill, stand an Order of the day for to-morrow.
Question put and passed.
11. Toll Duties' Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Oxley moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the 2 William 4th, No 12.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Secunder prepare and bring in the Bill.
12. Desecration of the Sabbath:—
(1.) Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Gordon, moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition, ordered by this House to be printed, on the 18th November, 1856, from the Rev. James Cameron, Moderator of the Synod of Eastern Australia, against Sabbath desecration; and the Petition on the same subject, ordered to be printed on the 17th December, 1856, from the Rev. Alexander McIntyre and the Congregation assembling at Ahalton, in the County of Durham, be referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be referred accordingly.
(2.) Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Gordon, moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Free Presbyterian Congregation of Shoalhaven, presented by Mr. Gordon on the 30th December last, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed and referred accordingly.
13. Mr. Thomas Abbott:—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Thomas Abbott, late Chief Constable of Dungog, presented by him on the 20th August last, be referred to the Select Committee on the Administration of Justice in the Country Districts, now sitting.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be referred accordingly.
14. Electoral Rolls:—Mr. Plunkett moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Electoral Roll for each Electoral District in the Colony for the year 1856-7.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
15. Mechanics Institute, Tamworth:—Mr. F. T. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates for 1857, a sum of £150 for the support of the Mechanics' Institute at Tamworth, on condition that a like sum be raised by the inhabitants in aid of that Institution.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
16. Police Magistrate, Warwick:—Mr. Irving moved pursuant to notice, That the Petition praying the appointment of a Police Magistrate for the Town and District of Warwick, Darling Downs, presented by him on the 2nd instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
17. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. T. G. Rusden withdrew the motion standing in his name fifteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
18. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved—for this special reason—because each and every one of the members thereof was not, at the time of his election, and is not now, qualified to be elected a member of the Legislative Assembly, as required by the terms of 16th Sec. of the Constitution Act, of 1853, 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54; viz:—Mr. Holroyd, Mr. Faucett, Mr. Jones, Mr. Scott, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Oxley, and Mr. Murray.
Question put and negatived.
19. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Marks withdrew the motion standing in his name, seventeenth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
20. Compensation to Mrs. Lucy Howell:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That in the opinion of this House Mrs. Lucy Howell ought to receive compensation at the rate of four shillings per head, for 4,474 sheep destroyed under the Act of Council, 18 Vict., No. 26.
(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1857, a sum not exceeding £894 16s., as compensation to Mrs. Lucy Howell, for 4,474 sheep destroyed, under the Act of Council, 18 Victoria, No. 26, being at the rate of four shillings per head.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
21. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill:—On motion of Mr. Plunkett, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Plunkett then moved, That the House do now adopt the said Amendments, as so reported.
Question put and passed.

22. Postponement :—The second reading of the Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. T. G. Rusden, until Friday next.
23. Masters' and Servants' Bill, on motion of Mr. Robertson, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, read a third time and *passed*.
Mr. Robertson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to Regulate the Law between Masters and Servants.*"
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, That Mr. Barker and Mr. Cox do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to regulate the Law between Masters and Servants,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6 January. 1857.*

Question put and passed.

24. South Head Road Trust Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Flood moved, That all the words following the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House will, on this day six months, resolve itself into the said Committee for the consideration of this Bill."
Debate continued.
And notice being taken that there was not a Quorum of Members present, the House was counted, and there not being a Quorum present, the Speaker adjourned the House at a Quarter after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Gold Duty Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Government to borrow the sum of £150,000, in terms of the Resolution of this House, passed on Friday, the 5th December last.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Return and Further Return to the Address on the subject of the Commissariat Stores in Lower George-street, be referred to the Select Committee on the Department of Customs.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. County Courts Bill ; second reading.
3. Law of Evidence Bill ; second reading.
4. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill ; second reading.
5. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
6. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
7. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill ; second reading.
8. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; second reading.
9. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.
10. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
11. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill ; second reading.
12. Postage Acts Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
13. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
14. Bills of Lading Bill ; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
15. Moreton Bay District Court Bill ; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
16. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill ; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
17. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs' Further Regulation Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Gold Fields' Management Bill ; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill ; second reading.

Question :—

1. MR. COWPER to ask MR. HAY,—When the Government will be prepared to bring forward the Bill for regulating the Sale and Occupation of the Crown Lands.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a new Commission of the Peace be issued without further delay.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.

Question :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Executive Government intend to introduce the following measures, announced in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General at the commencement of the Session?—
 - (1.) A Bill devising a comprehensive scheme of Education.
 - (2.) A Bill affording increased facilities for the acquisition of land by persons of all classes.
 - (3.) A Bill providing for an improved system of Immigration.
 - (4.) A Bill for the establishment of Municipal Institutions.
 - (5.) A Bill for the purpose of uniting the Common Law and Equity Jurisdictions of the Supreme Court.
 - (6.) A Bill for the amendment of the Insolvent Law.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
 - (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 7 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Bridge over the Condamine River:—Mr. Irving presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Police District of Warwick, Darling Downs, representing that they suffer great inconvenience from the want of a Bridge over the Condamine River, and praying relief.
Petition received.
2. Mr. John Giblett:—Mr. Nichols presented a Petition from Mr. John Giblett, representing that in 1855 he destroyed, under the provisions of the Scab Act, on his farm at South Creek, 1,242 sheep infected with the Scab, for which he was precluded from compensation by a technical omission, and praying relief.
Petition received.
3. Gold Duty Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Piddington moved, That all the words following the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House will, on this day three months, resolve itself into the said Committee for the consideration of "this Bill."
Debate ensued.
Question put—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes 28.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. W. Macleay, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd.

Noes 13.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.
Mr. Martin,

Original Question put and passed.

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill, with Amendments, the House ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow, taking precedence of all other Government Business on the Paper for that day.

4. Loan Bill, £150,000:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Government to borrow the sum of £150,000, in terms of the Resolution of this House, passed on Friday, the 5th December last.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.

5. Disposal of the Commissariat Stores in George-street:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Return and Further Return to the Address on the subject of the Commissariat Stores in Lower George-street, be referred to the Select Committee on the Department of Customs.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be referred accordingly.
6. Loan Bill, £150,000:—Mr. Donaldson having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, “A Bill to empower the Government to raise a Sum of Money not exceeding One hundred and fifty thousand Pounds, by the sale of Terminable Annuities or “Debentures,” read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
7. Postponements:—
(1.) The second reading of the Mining Companies Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
(2.) The second reading of the County Courts Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
(3.) The second reading of the Law of Evidence Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Darvall, until Wednesday next.
(4.) The second reading of the Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until to-morrow week.
(5.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow.
(6.) The second reading of the Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow.
8. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be “now” read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Weekes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “now” with a view to the addition, at the end, of the words, “this day six months.”
Debate continued.
Question put,—That the word “now” stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 18.*

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.

Noes, 10.

Mr. Jones,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Martin, } Tellers.

Original question put and passed;—

And Bill read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill, with amendments, the House ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parker, at Ten minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Duty Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
2. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Gold Fields' Management Bill; third reading.
4. Loan Bill, £150,000; second reading.
5. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
6. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
7. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
8. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; second reading.
9. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.

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* So in Tellers' Lists.

10. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
12. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
13. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
14. Bills of Lading Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
15. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
16. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
17. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MANNING to move, that the Destitute Childrens' Bill (presented to this House for concurrence, by the Legislative Council, on the 2nd January, 1857), be now read a first time.
2. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the Memorial of the Inhabitants of the Richmond River forwarded to the Governor General on the 20th November last, praying that the site of the Police Court House may be removed from Casino to Lismore.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.

Question :—

1. MR. COWPER to ask MR. HAY,—When the Government will be prepared to bring forward the Bill for regulating the Sale and Occupation of the Crown Lands.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a new Commission of the Peace be issued without further delay.
2. MR. NICHOLS to move, That the Petition of Mr. John Giblett, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
3. MR. IRVING to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the Police District of Warwick, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Postmaster General and the Bench of Magistrates at Maryborough, Wide Bay, on the subject of the removal of the Post Office from Upper to Lower Maryborough, and between the Postmaster General and the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett on the same subject.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.

Question :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Executive Government intend to introduce the following measures, announced in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General at the commencement of the Session?—
 - (1.) A Bill devising a comprehensive scheme of Education.
 - (2.) A Bill affording increased facilities for the acquisition of land by persons of all classes.
 - (3.) A Bill providing for an improved system of Immigration.
 - (4.) A Bill for the establishment of Municipal Institutions.
 - (5.) A Bill for the purpose of uniting the Common Law and Equity Jurisdictions of the Supreme Court.
 - (6.) A Bill for the amendment of the Insolvent Law.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. County Courts Bill; second reading.
3. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
 - (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
2. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that the Outer Domain, the Botanical Gardens, and other places in the City of Sydney, set apart by the Government, and maintained by the Legislature, for the recreation of the public, ought to be at all reasonable and proper hours open to the Public without restriction, and that the exclusion of the Public therefrom during such reasonable hours, under any pretence whatever, is highly objectionable, if not positively illegal.
 - (2.) That this House is further of opinion, that the granting of any such places, either for the purposes of grazing cattle, for holding flower shows, exhibiting fire-works, or any other object whatever, involving the payment of money as a condition of admission to such places, ought to be immediately discontinued.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that, in any Contract made by the Government for the Conveyance of Mails during the year 1858, between this Colony and Great Britain, it ought to be expressly stipulated that Sydney should be the first place of arrival in these Seas, and the last of departure.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will cause it to be carried into effect.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 8 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair. Notice being taken that there was not a Quorum of Members present, the House was counted, and there not being a Quorum present, the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-seven minutes before Four o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a new Commission of the Peace be issued without further delay.
2. MR. NICHOLS to move, That the Petition of Mr. John Giblett, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
3. MR. IRVING to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the Police District of Warwick, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
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5. MR. MANNING to move, that the Destitute Childrens' Bill (presented to this House for concurrence, by the Legislative Council, on the 2nd January, 1857), be now read a first time.
6. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the Memorial of the Inhabitants of the Richmond River forwarded to the Governor General on the 20th November last, praying that the site of the Police Court House may be removed from Casino to Lismore.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill; second reading.

Questions:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Executive Government intend to introduce the following measures, announced in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General at the commencement of the Session?—
 - (1.) A Bill devising a comprehensive scheme of Education.
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 - (4.) A Bill for the establishment of Municipal Institutions.
 - (5.) A Bill for the purpose of uniting the Common Law and Equity Jurisdictions of the Supreme Court.
 - (6.) A Bill for the amendment of the Insolvent Law.
2. MR. COWPER to ask MR. HAY,—When the Government will be prepared to bring forward the Bill for regulating the Sale and Occupation of Crown Lands.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. County Courts Bill; second reading.
3. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.
4. Gold Duty Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
5. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Gold Fields' Management Bill; third reading.
7. Loan Bill, £150,000; second reading.
8. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
9. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
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11. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; second reading.
12. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
13. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
14. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
15. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
16. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
17. Bills of Lading Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
18. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
19. Trust Monneys Deposit Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
20. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that, in any Contract made by the Government for the Conveyance of Mails during the year 1858, between this Colony and Great Britain, it ought to be expressly stipulated that Sydney should be the first place of arrival in these Seas, and the last of departure.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will cause it to be carried into effect.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 9 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Clerks of Petty Sessions at Deniliquin and Moulamein:—Mr. George Macleay presented a Petition from certain Magistrates, Stockholders, and other residents in the Police Districts of Deniliquin and Moulamein, against any reduction in the salaries of the Clerks of Petty Sessions of those Districts.
Petition received.
2. Abattoir at Glebe Island:—
(1.) Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, against the abandonment of the Abattoir at Glebe Island.
Petition received.
(2.) Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain Butchers of the City of Sydney and its environs, on the same subject.
Petition received.
3. Mr. Nehemiah Rundle:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from Mr. Nehemiah Rundle, late one of the Baggage Searchers in Her Majesty's Customs, complaining of the abolition of his office, and praying for inquiry into the circumstances of his case, and re-appointment in the service, according to seniority.
Petition received.
4. Duty on "Old Tom":—Mr. Nichols presented a Petition from certain Merchants and Traders of the City of Sydney, praying for a modification of the Duty of Ten shillings per gallon levied on the spirit known by the designation of "Old Tom."
Petition received.
5. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill:—Mr. Oxley, having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to equalize Dray and Waggon Tolls, and to encourage the use of Broad Wheels,*" read a first time; Ordered to be printed and read a second time on Friday next.
6. Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill:—Mr. Plunkett moved, That Mr. George Macleay and Mr. Plunkett do carry the following Message to the Legislative Council:—
The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to simplify the Oaths of Qualification for Office.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th January, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

7. Commission of the Peace:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a new Commission of the Peace be issued without further delay.
Debate ensued.
8. Assent to Bills:—The following Messages, from His Excellency the Governor General, received and read:—

(1.) Party Processions Prevention Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

Message No. 16.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to revive and make perpetual the Act 'To prevent for a limited time Party Processions and certain other Public Exhibitions in the Colony of New South Wales,'*" 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, 8 January, 1857.

(2.) Judges' Salaries Increase Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

Message No. 17.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to increase the Salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court,*" 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, 8 January, 1857.

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9. Commission of the Peace :—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper—That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a new Commission of the Peace be issued without further delay—interrupted by the foregoing Messages—resumed.

10. Messages from the Legislative Council :—The following Messages from the Legislative Council received and read :—

(1.) University Graduates' Privilege Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to confer certain privileges on Graduates of the University of Sydney*," with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9 January, 1857.

ALFRED STEPHEN,

President.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Manning, to be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

(2.) Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act Postponement Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to postpone for one year the levying of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty*," with the amendment indicated by the annexed schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9 January, 1857.

ALFRED STEPHEN,

President.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Manning, to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(3.) Loan Bill for 1857 :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to authorise the raising of a Loan of One hundred and thirty thousand and four hundred pounds, upon the Security of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, to meet a like amount payable in the year 1857, upon Debentures to fall due in that year*," with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9 January, 1857.

ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Manning, to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

11. Commission of the Peace :—The Debate on the motion of Mr. Cowper,—That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a new Commission of the Peace be issued without further delay—interrupted by the foregoing Messages—resumed ;—

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cowper, } Tellers.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Cox,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Holroyd. } Tellers.

12. Road from Braidwood to the Clyde :—Mr. Murray presented a Petition from the Inhabitants of the Town and District of Braidwood, in Public Meeting assembled, praying for the completion of the Road from Braidwood to the River Clyde.
Petition received.

13. Committee of Elections and Qualifications :—The Speaker, pursuant to the requirement of the Electoral Act of 1851, laid upon the Table his Warrant, appointing James Garland, Esquire, Richard Hargrave, Esquire, and Samuel Deane Gordon, Esquire, Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, of which the following is a copy :—

By

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 1851, I do hereby appoint—

James Garland, Esquire;
Richard Hargrave, Esquire; and
Samuel Deane Gordon, 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 ninth day of January,
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fifty-seven.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

14. Mr. John Giblett :—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. John Giblett, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
15. Bridge over the Condamine River :—Mr. Irving moved pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the Police District of Warwick, presented by him on the 7th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
16. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Forster withdrew the Motion standing in his name, fourth on the Notice Paper of to-day.
17. Destitute Childrens' Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, That the Destitute Childrens' Bill (presented to this House for concurrence, by the Legislative Council, on the 2nd January, 1857), be now read a first time.
Question put and passed, and Bill read a first time; Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
18. Removal of Police Court House from Casino to Lismore :—Mr. Clark Irving moved, pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of any Memorial or Petition of the Inhabitants of the Richmond River forwarded to the Governor General on the 20th November last, praying that the site of the Police Court House may be removed from Casino to Lismore.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
19. Scab and Catarrh in Sheep Bill :—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. George M'Leay moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to the addition at the end of the words "this day six months."
Debate continued.
Question put,—That the word "now" stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. T. G. Rusden, } Tellers.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. G. M'Leay, } Tellers.

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

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

20. Titles to Land Bill :—On motion of Mr. Manning, read a second time; to be considered in Committee this day fortnight.

The House adjourned at Ten Minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, against the abandonment of the Abattoir at Glebe Island, and the Petition of certain Butchers of the City of Sydney and its environs, on the same subject, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
2. MR. NICHOLS to move, That the consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Claims against Government Bill, stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
3. MR. NICHOLS to move, That the Petition of certain Merchants and Traders of the City of Sydney, praying for a modification of the Duty of Ten Shillings per Gallon, levied on the spirit known by the designation of "Old Tom," presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on the Customs Department now sitting.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House having taken into consideration the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in Country Districts, without adopting all the principles and recommendations therein contained, is of opinion that so much thereof as follows should be carried out as early as circumstances will permit:—
 - (1.) That the office of Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Settled Districts, which has hitherto cost in Commission on Sales of Crown Lands, Office Rent, and Allowances, the sum of £9,000 per annum, or thereabouts, should, in almost every instance, be abolished.
 - (2.) That the sale of Crown Lands in most of the Settled Districts should be entrusted to the Clerks of Petty Sessions, whose salaries, in consideration thereof, should be augmented, partly by commission on sales of land, and partly by fixed salaries, so as to range as nearly as possible at £250 per annum.
 - (3.) That there should be appointed, in Districts where paid Justices are necessary, Stipendiary Magistrates, who should, in addition to the ordinary duties of that office, perform those of Clerks of Petty Sessions, and be remunerated partly by commission on Sales of Land, and partly by fixed salaries, as nearly as can be determined, at the rate of £350 per annum, each; and that neither such Stipendiary Magistrates, nor any other paid Magistrates, should have greater powers than are entrusted to unpaid Magistrates, nor take precedence *ex officio* as Chairmen of Benches.
 - (4.) That Chief Constables of a second class, with £140 per annum each, should, in most Districts, supersede the present Chief Constables.
 - (5.) That, to avoid the frequent withdrawal of the ordinary Constabulary from their regular duties for Escort purposes, a body of Escort Constables not exceeding twenty-eight in number, should be appointed, with £125 per annum, each.
 - (6.) That thirty-three Chief Constables, as shewn in the Schedule appended, should be reduced to second class.
 - (7.) That the number of District Constables provided for in the Estimates of 1857, should be reduced by three, and the number of Ordinary Constables by seventy-four, according to Schedule annexed.
 - (8.) That the Expenditure, at per annum, as provided in the Estimates for Police in Country Districts, should be reduced £7,449 18s. 9d.; that is to say,—from

Union of office of Stipendiary Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Carecar, Gundagai, and Wollombi, a saving of £175 each	525 0 0
Saving of £35 each on thirty-three Chief Constables to be reduced to second class	1,155 0 0
Three District Constables to be reduced	342 3 9
Seventy-four Ordinary Constables to be reduced	7,427 15 0
Reduction on Forage, Clothing, &c.... ..	1,500 0 0
	10,949 18 9
Increase,—Recommended to be appointed—Twenty-eight Escort Constables, at £125 each	3,500 0 0
	7,449 18 9
* Compensation of three months' pay to forty-nine Constables	1,229 11 10
	£6,220 6 11

* The Government will have the benefit of discharged Constables.

5. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That this House having taken into consideration the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in Country Districts, without adopting all the principles and recommendations therein contained, is of opinion, that so much thereof as follows, should be carried out as early as circumstances will permit,—
That the Estimates for the management of Crown Lands should be reduced £6,756 15s., being for six Commissioners of Crown Lands and their staffs, in the following Unsettled Districts:—New England and M'Leay, Moreton and Darling Downs, Liverpool Plains, Gwydir, Wellington, Bligh, and McIvor, and £300 for rent of land offices in Settled Districts.
6. MR. HELY to move, That an Address be presented Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1857, the sum of £200, as a pension to Lady Mitchell, Widow of the late Sir T. L. Mitchell, Surveyor General of New South Wales, in consideration of the eminent services rendered by him to the Colony in his official capacity.
7. MR. MURRAY to move, that there be laid upon the Table of this House:—
(1.) A Return stating in full the Expenditure upon the Railway from Sydney to Liverpool, from the date of its coming under the sole Management of the Government to the 1st of January, 1857; together with an Estimate of the loss incurred by wear and tear of Materials and Machinery.
(2.) A Return of the Revenue derived therefrom during the same period.
8. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all the Waste Lands in the Settled, Intermediate, and Unsettled Districts, held by the Members, respectively, of both Houses of Parliament, shewing the extent of country each individual occupies, either in his own right, or, so far as can be known, is interested in, as a member of any firm, and the rents he pays.
9. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of acres of Land held under Lease from the Crown, in the Settled, Intermediate, and Unsettled Districts, respectively; specifying the amounts derived from them, and the rents paid, on an average, per acre.
10. MR. MURRAY to move, that there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands purchased under pre-emption in the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts, specifying the names of the purchasers and the prices paid.
11. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Surveyor General in the years 1851-2-3-4-5 and 1856, in reference to the Survey and Sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
12. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands offered for Sale by the Government in the years 1854, 1855, and 1856—specifying the names of the applicants, and the dates of their applications, the proportion thereof sold by auction, and the extent purchased subsequently under pre-emption.
13. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Colonial Architect, or other parties, in reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Queanbeyan River.
14. MR. MARTIN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) An account in detail of the sums already expended for "Surveys, Experiments, and Preparations for the Extension of Railways," under the authority of the Act of Council, 19 Vict., No. 40, by which the sum of £50,000 was appropriated for those purposes.
(2.) A Return setting forth the Names of all Persons in receipt of Salary or Pay out of such sum of £50,000, the nature of their duties, the amount of their salaries, the localities in which their duties are discharged, the nature of the supervision under which they are placed, and the amount of work already done by them respectively.
15. MR. COWPER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) Copies of all Contracts entered into by the Government for the erection of the Abattoirs at Glebe Island, or for the performance of any Works in connexion therewith.
(2.) A Return setting forth the amount already expended under such Contracts, or otherwise, in reference to such Abattoirs and Works.
(3.) A Statement shewing whether any of those Contracts have been suspended or stayed, and if so, by what authority and under what circumstances, and at what stage of the Works such stay or suspension took place.
(4.) A Copy of any Minute of the Executive Council in reference to the discontinuance of the Works at Glebe Island.
(5.) Copies of any Reports or Surveys, other than the Report of Mr. Weaver, recommending the abandonment of the Works at Glebe Island.
16. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Braidwood, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
17. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of persons now residing on the several Gold Fields in the Braidwood District, and of the number of Licensed Public Houses thereon.
18. MR. MARTIN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will please to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a nominal return of all gentlemen appointed Justices of the Peace during the present Administration, with the date of their appointments, and the Police Districts in which they reside respectively.
19. MR. LORD to move, That the Estimates do take precedence of all other business before the House.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act Postponement Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
2. Loan Bill for 1857; Consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.

Question :—

MR. BOWMAN to ask MR. HAY,—If he is in a position to state in what state of forwardness the Survey of a Line suitable for a Railway from Parramatta to Windsor and Penrith is, and when such Railway is likely to be commenced.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Sale of the Waste Lands of the Crown in New South Wales.
2. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown in New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. County Courts Bill; second reading.
3. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.
4. Gold Duty Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
5. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Gold Fields' Management Bill; third reading.
7. Loan Bill, £150,000; second reading.
8. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
9. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
10. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
11. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; second reading.
12. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
13. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
14. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
15. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
16. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
17. Bills of Lading Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
18. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
19. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
20. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
21. University Graduates' Privilege Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill; second reading.
2. Destitute Children's Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
 - (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
2. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that the Outer Domain, the Botanical Gardens, and other places in the City of Sydney, set apart by the Government, and maintained by the Legislature, for the recreation of the public, ought to be at all reasonable and proper hours open to the Public without restriction, and that the exclusion of the Public therefrom during such reasonable hours, under any pretence whatever, is highly objectionable, if not positively illegal.
 - (2.) That this House is further of opinion, that the granting of any such places, either for the purposes of grazing cattle, for holding flower shows, exhibiting fire-works, or any other object whatever, involving the payment of money as a condition of admission to such places, ought to be immediately discontinued.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.
3. MR. NICHOLS to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the 23rd Section of the Constitution Act, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that on the attention of the Honorable the Speaker being called to the fact of there not being a quorum of Members in attendance, a bell should be rung, and that the Speaker should not count the Members until five minutes thereafter.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that, in any Contract made by the Government for the Conveyance of Mails during the year 1858, between this Colony and Great Britain, it ought to be expressly stipulated that Sydney should be the first place of arrival in these Seas, and the last of departure.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will cause it to be carried into effect.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Compensation to Mrs. Lucy Howell:—The Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor General the Address adopted by this House, on the 6th instant, in reference to the proposed compensation to Mrs. Lucy Howell, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following answer:—
 W. DENISON,
Governor General.
 In accordance with the Resolutions contained in an Address of the Legislative Assembly, of the 6th instant, the Governor General has directed the sum of £894 16s. to be placed upon the Supplementary Estimates, for the purpose of compensating Mrs. Howell for 4,474 sheep, destroyed under the provisions of the Scab Act, upon the understanding that the amount is to be repaid to the Treasury, out of the Assessment to be raised in 1857, under the Act of Council 18 Victoria, No. 26.
Government House,
Sydney, 13 January, 1857.
2. Desecration of the Sabbath:—Mr. Parker presented a Petition from certain Members of the Church of Scotland, resident in and near Parramatta, against the Desecration of the Sabbath by the running of Railway Trains.
 Petition received.
3. Papers:—Mr. Hay laid upon the Table an Appendix to the Returns respecting Local Land Offices, shewing the total number of Lots sold at the Local Land Offices throughout the Colony, in the years 1853, 1854, and 1855, with the total areas and prices, as well as the average areas and prices, distinguishing the various classes of Land.
 Ordered to be printed.
4. Abattoir at Glebe Island:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, against the abandonment of the Abattoir at Glebe Island, and the Petition of certain Butchers of the City of Sydney and its environs, on the same subject, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed.
5. Claims against Government Bill:—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, That the consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Claims against Government Bill, stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
 Question put and passed.
6. Duty on "Old Tom":—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Merchants and Traders of the City of Sydney, praying for a modification of the Duty of Ten Shillings per Gallon, levied on the spirit known by the designation of "Old Tom," presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on the Customs' Department now sitting.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Ordered to be printed, and referred accordingly.
7. Administration of Justice and Conduct of Official Business in Country Districts:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to amended notice, That this House having taken into consideration the Progress Report from the Select Committee on the Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in Country Districts, without adopting all the principles and recommendations therein contained, is of opinion that so much thereof as follows should be carried out as early as circumstances will permit:—
 (1.) That the office of Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Settled Districts, which has hitherto cost in Commission on Sales of Crown Lands, Office Rent, and Allowances, the sum of £9,000 per annum, or thereabouts, should, in almost every instance, be abolished.
 (2.) That the sale of Crown Lands in most of the Settled Districts should be entrusted to the Clerks of Petty Sessions, whose salaries, in consideration thereof, should be augmented, partly by commission on sales of land, and partly by fixed salaries, so as to range as nearly as possible at £250 per annum.
 (3.) That there should be appointed, in Districts where paid Justices are necessary, Stipendiary Magistrates, who should, in addition to the ordinary duties of that office, perform

perform those of Clerks of Petty Sessions, and be remunerated partly by commission on Sales of Land, and partly by fixed salaries, as nearly as can be determined, at the rate of £350 per annum, each; and that neither such Stipendiary Magistrates, nor any other paid Magistrates, should have greater powers than are entrusted to unpaid Magistrates, nor take precedence *ex officio* as Chairmen of Benches.

(4.) That Chief Constables of a second class, with £140 per annum each, should, in most Districts, supersede the present Chief Constables.

(5.) That, to avoid the frequent withdrawal of the ordinary Constabulary from their regular duties for Escort purposes, a body of Escort Constables not exceeding twenty-eight in number, should be appointed, with £125 per annum, each.

(6.) That thirty-three Chief Constables, as shewn in the Schedule appended, should be reduced to second class. (*See Appendix to Votes.*)

(7.) That the number of District Constables provided for in the Estimates of 1857, should be reduced by three, and the number of Ordinary Constables by seventy-four, according to Schedule annexed. (*See Appendix to Votes.*)

(8.) That the Expenditure, at per annum, as provided in the Estimates for Police in Country Districts, should be reduced £7,449 18s 9d.; that is to say,—from

Union of office of Stipendiary Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Carcoar, Gundagai, and Wollombi, a saving of £175 each... ..	525	0	0
Saving of £35 each on thirty-three Chief Constables to be reduced to second class	1,155	0	0
Three District Constables to be reduced	342	3	9
Seventy-four Ordinary Constables to be reduced... ..	7,427	15	0
Reduction on Forage, Clothing, &c., to those Ordinary Constables	1,500	0	0
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	10,949	18	9
Increase,—Recommended to be appointed—Twenty-eight Escort Constables, at £125 each	3,500	0	0
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	7,449	18	9
* Compensation of three months' pay to forty-nine Constables	1,229	11	10
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Real Reduction for present year... ..	£6,220	6	11

Debate ensued.

Mr. Plunkett moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

Previous Question by leave withdrawn.

Original Question by leave withdrawn.

8. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Robertson withdrew the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day.

9. Pension to Lady Mitchell :—Mr. Hely moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be placed upon the Estimates for 1857, the sum of £200, as a pension to Lady Mitchell, Widow of the late Sir T. L. Mitchell, Surveyor General of New South Wales, in consideration of the eminent services rendered by him to the Colony in his official capacity.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Nichols, } Tellers.
Mr. Hely.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Dalley, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd.

10. Railway from Sydney to Liverpool :—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to amended notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return stating in full the expense which has attended the working of the Railway from Sydney to Liverpool, from the date of its coming under the sole Management of the Government to the 1st of January, 1857; together with an Estimate of the loss incurred by wear and tear of Materials and Machinery.

(2.)

* The Government will have the benefit of discharged Constables.

(2.) A Return of the Revenue derived therefrom during the same period, shewing the comparative amount quarterly during the management of Mr. Randle, and under the present management of the Commissioners for the Government, and shewing also the rates of fares during the different periods.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

11. Waste Lands held by Members of Parliament:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all the Waste Lands in the Settled, Intermediate, and Unsettled Districts, held by the Members, respectively, of both Houses of "Parliament," shewing the extent of country each individual occupies, either in his own right, or, so far as can be known, is interested in, as a member of any firm, and the rents he pays.

Mr. Holt moved, That the Question be amended by inserting after the word "Parliament" the words "and others."

Debate ensued;—

And the Honorable Member for the North Riding of Cumberland, Mr. Darvall, having, in reference to an allusion made by the Honorable Member for the Southern Boroughs, addressed certain words to that Honorable Member;—

And it being moved and seconded that the words so used by the Honorable Member for the North Riding of Cumberland be taken down and read by the Clerk;—

And the Clerk having, by direction of the Speaker, taken down and read the said words, as follows:—"It is false;"—

Mr. Cowper moved, That, in the opinion of this House, the said words used by the Honorable Member for the North Riding of Cumberland are disorderly and unparliamentary;—

And a debate arising, during which the Honorable Member for the North Riding of Cumberland, in deference to the opinion expressed by the Speaker and the House, having withdrawn the words in question—

Mr. Cowper's motion by leave withdrawn.

And the Speaker having then obtained from both Honorable Members an assurance that they would not carry this matter any further—

Debate continued.

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted after the word "Parliament" be there inserted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Holt. } Tellers.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Dalley. } Tellers.

Mr. Holt then moved, That the Question be amended by the addition, at the end, of the words "Also a Return of all Mortgages made by Members of both Houses of "Parliament upon Lands and Stations or Stock, since the year 1843, specifying " what Mortgages remain unsatisfied on the 31st December, 1856."

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment by leave withdrawn.

Original Question put and passed.

And the House having continued to sit till after mid-night,—

WEDNESDAY, 14 JANUARY, 1857, A. M.

12. Postponements:—Mr. Murray postponed the motions standing in his name ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth, on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
13. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Martin not moving the motion standing in his name fourteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
14. Abattoirs at Glebe Island:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) Copies of all Contracts entered into by the Government for the erection of the Abattoirs at Glebe Island, or for the performance of any Works in connexion therewith.
- (2.) A Return setting forth the amount already expended under such Contracts, or otherwise, in reference to such Abattoirs and Works.
- (3.) A Statement shewing whether any of those Contracts have been suspended or stayed, and if so, by what authority and under what circumstances, and at what stage of the Works such stay or suspension took place.

(4.)

- (4.) A Copy of any Minute of the Executive Council in reference to the discontinuance of the Works at Glebe Island.
- (5.) Copies of any Reports or Surveys, other than the Report of Mr. Weaver, recommending the abandonment of the Works at Glebe Island.
- Question put and passed.
15. Adjournment proposed :—Mr. Parker moved, That this House do now adjourn until Three o'clock P.M., this day.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
16. Postponements :—Mr. Murray postponed the motions standing in his name sixteenth and seventeenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
17. Motions Dropped :—
(1.) Mr. Martin not moving the motion standing in his name eighteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
(2.) Mr. Lord not moving the motion standing in his name nineteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
18. Postponement :—The second reading of the Electoral and Representative Systems' Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until Tuesday next.
19. Adjournment proposed :—Mr. Parker moved, That this House do now adjourn until three o'clock p.m., "this day."
Mr. Jones moved, That the question be amended by the omission of the words "this day," with a view to the insertion in their place of the word "to-morrow."
Debate ensued.
And notice being taken that there was not a Quorum of Members present, the House was counted, and there not being a Quorum present, the Speaker adjourned the House at Ten minutes after Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow (Thursday) at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Sale of the Waste Lands of the Crown in New South Wales.
2. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown in New South Wales.
3. MR. PARKER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to grant to Her Majesty certain sums in addition to the present Civil List, for the adequate remuneration of certain Executive Officers.
4. MR. PARKER to move for leave to bring in a Bill for transferring to the Registrar General the duties of the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court, as Registrar of Decds and other Instruments.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill; second reading.
2. Destitute Children's Bill; second reading.
3. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
4. County Courts Bill; second reading.
5. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.
6. Gold Duty Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
7. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; to be considered in Committee.
8. Gold Fields' Management Bill; third reading.
9. Loan Bill, £150,000; second reading.
10. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
11. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
12. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
13. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; second reading.
14. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
15. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
16. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
17. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
18. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
19. Bills of Lading Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
20. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
21. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
22. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
23. University Graduates' Privilege Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
24. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act Postponement Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
25. Loan Bill for 1857; Consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GORDON to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
 - (2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
2. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that the Outer Domain, the Botanical Gardens, and other places in the City of Sydney, set apart by the Government, and maintained by the Legislature, for the recreation of the public, ought to be at all reasonable and proper hours open to the Public without restriction, and that the exclusion of the Public therefrom during such reasonable hours, under any pretence whatever, is highly objectionable, if not positively illegal.
 - (2.) That this House is further of opinion, that the granting of any such places, either for the purposes of grazing cattle, for holding flower shows, exhibiting fire-works, or any other object whatever, involving the payment of money as a condition of admission to such places, ought to be immediately discontinued.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.
3. MR. NICHOLS to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the 23rd Section of the Constitution Act, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.
4. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That it is the opinion of this House, that on the attention of the Honorable the Speaker being called to the fact of there not being a quorum of Members in attendance, a bell should be rung, and that the Speaker should not count the Members until five minutes thereafter.
5. MR. JONES to move, That the papers, in the case of alleged bigamy on the part of John Gerrie, laid on the Table of this House on the 4th November last, be printed.
6. MR. PARKER to move, That the Petition of certain Members of the Church of Scotland, resident in and near Parramatta, against the desecration of the Sabbath by the running of Railway Trains, be referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
7. MR. FAUCETT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a sum of money not exceeding £800, be placed on the Estimates to defray certain expenses connected with the Volunteer Artillery.
8. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of acres of Land held under Lease from the Crown, in the Settled, Intermediate, and Unsettled Districts, respectively; specifying the amounts derived from them, and the rents paid, on an average, per acre.
9. MR. MURRAY to move, that there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands purchased under pre-emption in the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts, specifying the names of the purchasers and the prices paid.
10. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Surveyor General in the years 1851-2-3-4-5 and 1856, in reference to the Survey and Sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
11. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands offered for Sale by the Government in the years 1854, 1855, and 1856—specifying the names of the applicants, and the dates of their applications, the proportion thereof sold by auction, and the extent purchased subsequently under pre-emption.
12. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Colonial Architect, or other parties, in reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Queanbeyan River.
13. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Braidwood, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
14. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of persons now residing on the several Gold Fields in the Braidwood District, and of the number of Licensed Public Houses thereon.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's amendments.

Question :—

MR. NICHOLS to ask the COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to bring down to this House a Bill for the appointment of an Agent for this Colony, as intimated by the Colonial Treasurer, upon a former occasion.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, That this House having taken into consideration the Correspondence between the Secretaries of State and the Governors of this Colony, on the subject of the Government House and Domain in Parramatta, together with his Excellency's Message No. 18, 6 January, 1857, Resolves :—

(1.)

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government Domain at Parramatta, and the Buildings within it, have not for many years past been an *appanage* of the Governor of New South Wales, nor have the same been reserved by any Secretary of State for the use of the present Governor, on the conditions stated in the Message of His Excellency.

(2.) That the occupation of the Domain at Parramatta, was only conceded to His Excellency's immediate predecessors, by the Despatch of the Right Honorable Lord Stanley, then Secretary of State for the Colonies (of the 9th November, 1845) to Sir George Gipps, and by that of the Right Honorable W. E. Gladstone, (then Secretary of State for the Colonies) to His Excellency Sir Charles Fitz Roy, of the 14th June, 1846, (and to them only,) upon the express condition that the same should be used as a Country Residence, and that the Colony should not be put to any expense on account thereof.

(3.) That from the documents now before this House, it does not appear that His Excellency the present Governor, has any authority either to occupy, or to appropriate the Domain for any private purpose whatever.

(4.) That as, in the opinion of this House, there has been no such setting apart, to the use of the Governor of this Colony, of the Parramatta Domain, by Her Majesty the Queen, as is stated in His Excellency's Message, and the management of the waste Lands of the Crown having been ceded to the Colonial Legislature, by the Constitution Act, it does not rest with Her Majesty to decide whether His Excellency the Governor-General has exceeded his powers or not.

(5.) That this House therefore adheres to the opinion expressed in its resolution of the 19th day of December, 1856, and, is further of opinion, that the Domain ought to be disposed of for the public advantage, in terms of His Excellency's Message, No. 26, of the 4th of July, 1855.

(6.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to forward them to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—

(1.) That it is the opinion of this House that, in any Contract made by the Government for the Conveyance of Mails during the year 1858, between this Colony and Great Britain, it ought to be expressly stipulated that Sydney should be the first place of arrival in these Seas, and the last of departure.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will cause it to be carried into effect.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

APPENDIX.

SCHEDULE to Mr. Robertson's Motion, No. 7, of Tuesday, January 13, 1857.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF POLICE OFFICERS

DISTRICT.	ESTIMATE FOR 1857.					PROPOSED FOR 1857.					TOTAL ESTIMATED.	TOTAL PROPOSED.	TOTAL REDUCTION.
	Clerks of Petty Sessions.	Chief Constables (First Class.)	Chief Constables (Second Class.)	District Constables.	Ordinary Constables.	Clerks of Petty Sessions.	Chief Constables (First Class.)	Chief Constables (Second Class.)	District Constables.	Ordinary Constables.			
<i>Within the Settled Districts.</i>													
Bathurst	1	1	..	3	14	1	1	..	3	10	19	16	3
Do. (detectives) .. . . .	..	1	..	1	2	..	1	..	1	2	4	4	0
Berrima	1	1	..	..	7	1	1	..	..	6	9	8	1
Binda .. . . .	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	2	3	3	....
Braidwood	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	3	5	5	....
Brisbane	1	1	..	2	13	1	1	..	2	10	17	14	3
Brisbane Water	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	1	..	3	6	5	1
Broulee	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	2	5	4	1
Bungonia and Marulan .. . . .	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	2	2	4	4	....
Camden and Picton	1	1	..	1	8	1	1	..	1	5	11	8	3
Campbelltown, Liverpool, and Appin	1	1	..	2	7	1	1	..	2	7	11	11	....
Carcoar (including King's Plains)	1	1	..	2	8	1	1	..	2	7	12	11	1
Cassilis	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	2	5	4	1
Collector .. . . .	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	....
Dungog and Port Stephens	1	1	..	1	4	1	..	1	1	4	7	7	0
Goulburn	1	1	..	..	10	1	1	..	..	7	12	9	3
Hartley	1	1	..	..	5	1	..	1	..	4	7	6	1
Illawarra, Kiama and Shoalhaven	1	1	..	2	9	1	1	..	2	8	13	12	1
Ipswich	1	1	..	2	10	1	1	..	2	8	14	12	2
Kiama	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	....	1
Maitland	1	1	..	3	19	1	1	..	3	16	24	21	3
Merriwa .. . . .	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	....
Mudgee	1	1	..	..	6	1	1	..	..	4	8	6	2
Murrurundi	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	2	5	4	1
Muswellbrook and Merton	1	1	..	1	4	1	..	1	..	3	7	5	2
Newcastle	1	1	..	1	10	1	1	..	1	8	13	11	2
Orange	1	1	..	1	4	1	..	1	1	3	7	6	1
Parramatta	1	1	..	1	13	1	1	..	..	10	16	12	4
Patrick's Plains	1	1	..	..	5	1	..	1	..	4	7	6	1
Paterson	1	1	..	1	4	1	..	1	..	3	7	5	2
Penrith	1	1	..	1	7	1	1	..	1	5	10	8	2
Port Macquarie	1	1	..	1	4	1	..	1	..	4	7	6	1
Queanbeyan	1	1	..	1	6	1	..	1	1	4	9	7	2
Raymond Terrace	1	1	..	..	4	1	1	..	..	2	6	4	2
Rylstone	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	2	5	4	1
Scone	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	1	..	3	6	5	1
Shoalhaven	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	....	1
Sofala	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	....	1
Tambaroora	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	....	1
Wellington	1	1	..	1	4	1	..	1	1	2	7	5	2
Windsor	1	1	..	..	12	1	1	..	..	9	14	11	3
Wingham	1	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	1	2	4	4	....
Wollombi and M'Donald River	1	1	..	1	4	1	..	1	1	4	7	7	....
Yass	1	1	..	..	6	1	1	..	..	4	8	6	2
TOTAL	39	35	..	35	240	39	18	17	31	188	349	290	59

DISTRICT

DISTRICT.	ESTIMATE FOR 1857.					PROPOSED FOR 1857.					TOTAL ESTIMATED.	TOTAL PROPOSED.	TOTAL REDUCTION.
	Clerks of Petty Sessions.	Chief Constables (First Class.)	Chief Constables (Second Class.)	District Constables.	Ordinary Constables.	Clerks of Petty Sessions.	Chief Constables (First Class.)	Chief Constables (Second Class.)	District Constables.	Ordinary Constables.			
<i>Beyond the Settled Districts.</i>													
Albury	1	1	..	2	10	1	1	..	2	8	14	12	2
Armidale	1	1	..	..	5	1	1	..	..	3	7	5	2
Balranald	1	1	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	3	5	5	....
Binalong	1	1	..	1	5	1	1	..	1	3	8	6	2
Bombala	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	2	5	4	1
Casino	1	1	..	1	5	1	..	1	1	3	8	6	2
Castlereagh .. .. .	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	2	3	3	....
Cooma	1	1	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	3	5	5	....
Condamine (Lower)	1	1	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	3	5	5	....
Deniliquin	1	1	..	1	6	1	1	..	1	5	9	8	1
Dalby .. .. .	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	2	4	3	1
Drayton	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	1	..	3	6	5	1
Dubbo	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	3	5	5	....
Eden	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	1	..	4	6	6	0
Gayndah	1	1	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	3	5	5	....
Grafton	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	2	5	4	1
Gulligal .. .. .	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	1	3	2	1
Gundagai	1	1	..	..	6	1	..	1	..	4	8	6	2
M'Leay River	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	1	..	3	6	5	1
Moama (Maiden's Punt)	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	4	1	6	....
Molong	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	2	5	4	1
Moulamein	1	1	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	3	5	5	....
Myall Creek	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	....
Nanango .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	....
Port Curtis	1	1	..	1	4	1	1	..	1	4	7	7	....
Tabulam .. .. .	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	....
Tamworth	1	1	..	..	7	1	1	..	..	5	9	7	2
Tarramy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	....
Tenterfield	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	2	5	4	1
Tumut	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	1	..	3	6	5	1
Wagga Wagga	1	1	..	1	3	1	1	..	1	3	6	6	0
Walcha .. .. .	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	1	3	2	1
Wambo	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	....
Warialda	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	1	..	3	6	5	1
Warwick	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	3	5	5	....
Wee Waa	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	3	5	5	....
Wellingrove	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	1	..	2	5	4	1
Wide Bay	1	1	..	..	4	1	1	..	..	4	6	6	....
TOTAL	31	29	..	11	128	31	18	16	12	107	199	179	25

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Crown Lands Sale Bill (No 2):—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Sale of the Waste Lands of the Crown in New South Wales.
 Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
2. Papers:—
 Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
 (1.) Despatch of the Secretary of State to His Excellency the Governor General, signifying Her Majesty's approval of the Distinction of "Honorable" as conferred provisionally on the President of the Legislative Council and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,—and of the extension of that Distinction to the Members of the Legislative Council.
 (2.) The Return to the Address, adopted, on motion of Mr. Irving, on the 9th instant, in reference to any Memorial or Petition from the inhabitants of the Richmond River, praying the removal of the site of the Police Court House from Casino to Lismore.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2):—Mr. Hay having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill for regulating the Sale of the Waste Lands of the Crown in New South Wales," read a first time:—*Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
4. Postponement:—Mr. Hay postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Wednesday next.
5. Civil List Increase Bill:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill, to grant to Her Majesty certain sums in addition to the present Civil List, for the adequate remuneration of certain Executive Officers.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed; *Ordered*, that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
6. Desecration of the Sabbath:—Mr. Oakes presented a Petition from certain Members of Wesleyan Congregations, in the Town and District of Parramatta, against the Desecration of the Sabbath by the running of Railway Trains.
 Petition received.
7. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for transferring to the Registrar General the duties of the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court, as Registrar of Deeds and other Instruments.
 Question put and passed; *Ordered*, that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
8. Civil List Increase Bill:—Mr. Parker having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill to grant to Her Majesty certain Sums in addition to the present Civil List, for the adequate remuneration of certain Executive Officers," read a first time;—*Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill:—Mr. Parker having presented this Bill, Bill, intituled "A Bill for Transferring to the Registrar General the Duties of the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court as Registrar of Deeds and other Instruments," read a first time;—*Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
10. Adjournment proposed:—Mr. Irving moved, That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow, at Three o'clock, with the understanding that Government Business take precedence of the other Business on the paper for that day.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
11. Postponement:—The second reading of the Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
12. Destitute Childrens' Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.
 The Chairman having reported the Bill with an Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.

13. **Time of Prescription Bill:**—The following Message from the Legislative Council received and read :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council having passed the Bill, sent herewith, intituled "*An Act to shorten the Time of Prescription in certain cases,*" requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly therein.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 14 January, 1857.

ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.

On Motion of Mr. Manning, Bill read a first time; Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday week.

14. **Postponements:**—

(1.) The second reading of the Mining Companies Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until this day week.

(2.) The second reading of the County Courts Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until this day week.

(3.) The second reading of the Law of Evidence Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Darvall, until Tuesday next.

15. **Gold Duty Bill Reported:**—The Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House having been adopted, on motion of Mr. Manning, the House ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow—taking precedence of the other business on the Paper for that day.

16. **Customs Further Regulation Bill:**—On motion of Mr. Manning, the Chairman left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, Mr. Manning moved, That the Adoption of this Report stand an order of the day for "Wednesday next."

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "Wednesday next," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this day three months."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Noes, 12.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hlay,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Nichols, } Tellers.
Mr. Garland. }

Mr. Murray,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.]
Mr. Martin. }

Whereupon Original Question put and passed.

17. **Gold Fields Management Bill:**—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now "read a third time."

Mr. Nichols moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "read a third time," in order to insert in their place the words, "recommitted with a view to the further consideration of Clause III."

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 so inserted,—put and passed.

Question,—That this Bill be now recommitted with a view to the further consideration of Clause III,—put and passed ;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with a further amendment, and the House having adopted the same,—

Mr. Manning moved, That the Bill, as so reported, be now read a third time.

Question put and passed,—

And Bill read a third time.

Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Question put and passed.

Mr.

Mr. Manning then moved that the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Gold Fields.*"

Question put and passed,—

Whereupon Mr. Manning moved that Mr. Hay and Mr. Manning do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message, desiring its concurrence therein:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Gold Fields,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 15 January, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

18. Adjournment proposed:—Mr. Plunkett moved, That this House do now adjourn until Three o'clock to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Garland,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Barker, } Tellers.
Mr. Plunkett. }

Noes, 22.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Murray, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold. }

Notice having been taken that an Honorable Member, who had given his Voice with with the Ayes, had afterwards taken his seat on the side of the Noes,—the Speaker decided that, according to the practice of Parliament, the Vote of the Honorable Member must be recorded with the Ayes. The Honorable Member having thereupon removed to the side of the Ayes, his name was placed and stands on the list of the Ayes accordingly.

19. Loan Bill, £150,000:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to the addition at the end of the words "this day six months."

Question,—That the word "now" stand part of the Question—put and passed.

Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time—put and passed;—

And Bill read a second time.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.

20. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next. The House adjourned on motion of Mr. Parker, at twenty-five minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Gold Duty Bill; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. GORDON to move,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.

(2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.

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2. Mr. SCOTT to move,—
- (1.) That this House is of opinion, that the Outer Domain, the Botanical Gardens, and other places in the City of Sydney, set apart by the Government, and maintained by the Legislature, for the recreation of the public, ought to be at all reasonable and proper hours open to the Public without restriction, and that the exclusion of the Public therefrom during such reasonable hours, under any pretence whatever, is highly objectionable, if not positively illegal.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Claims against Government Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's amendments.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Loan Bill, £150,000; third reading.

Question:—

Mr. NICHOLS to ask the COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to bring down to this House a Bill for the appointment of an Agent for this Colony, as intimated by the Colonial Treasurer, upon a former occasion.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, That this House having taken into consideration the Correspondence between the Secretaries of State and the Governors of this Colony, on the subject of the Government House and Domain in Parramatta, together with his Excellency's Message No. 18, 6 January, 1857, Resolves :—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government Domain at Parramatta, and the Buildings within it, have not for many years past been an *appanage* of the Governor of New South Wales, nor have the same been reserved by any Secretary of State for the use of the present Governor, on the conditions stated in the Message of His Excellency.

(2.) That the occupation of the Domain at Parramatta, was only conceded to His Excellency's immediate predecessors, by the Despatch of the Right Honorable Lord Stanley, then Secretary of State for the Colonies (of the 9th November, 1845) to Sir George Gipps, and by that of the Right Honorable W. E. Gladstone, (then Secretary of State for the Colonies) to His Excellency Sir Charles Fitz Roy, of the 14th June, 1846, (and to them only,) upon the express condition that the same should be used as a Country Residence, and that the Colony should not be put to any expense on account thereof.

(3.) That from the documents now before this House, it does not appear that His Excellency the present Governor, has any authority either to occupy, or to appropriate the Domain for any private purpose whatever.

(4.) That as, in the opinion of this House, there has been no such setting apart, to the use of the Governor of this Colony, of the Parramatta Domain, by Her Majesty the Queen, as is stated in His Excellency's Message, and the management of the waste Lands of the Crown having been ceded to the Colonial Legislature, by the Constitution Act, it does not rest with Her Majesty to decide whether His Excellency the Governor-General has exceeded his powers or not.

(5.) That this House therefore adheres to the opinion expressed in its resolution of the 19th day of December, 1856, and, is further of opinion, that the Domain ought to be disposed of for the public advantage, in terms of His Excellency's Message, No. 26, of the 4th of July, 1855.

(6.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to forward them to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

2. MR. MARTIN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) An account in detail of the sums already expended for "Surveys, Experiments, and Preparations for the Extension of Railways," under the authority of the Act of Council, 19 Vict., No. 40, by which the sum of £50,000 was appropriated for those purposes.

(2.) A Return setting forth the Names of all Persons in receipt of Salary or Pay out of such sum of £50,000, the nature of their duties, the amount of their salaries, the localities in which their duties are discharged, the nature of the supervision under which they are placed, and the amount of work already done by them respectively.

3. MR. MARTIN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a nominal return of all gentlemen appointed Justices of the Peace during the present Administration, with the date of their appointments, and the Police Districts in which they reside respectively.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill ; second reading.
2. Law of Evidence Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. Destitute Children's Bill ; third reading.

Question :—MR. MARTIN to ask MR. PARKER,—Whether the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, No. 18, transmitted to this House on the 6th instant, was so transmitted with the advice and concurrence of Her Majesty's Ministers in this Colony, or any of them.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown in New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Civil List Increase Bill ; second reading.
2. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill ; second reading.
3. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill ; second reading.
4. Customs' Further Regulation Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.
5. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
6. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
7. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.
8. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; second reading.
9. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.
10. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.

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11. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading
12. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
13. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
14. Bills of Lading Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
15. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
16. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments
17. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
18. University Graduates' Privilege Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments
19. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act Postponement Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
20. Loan Bill for 1857; Consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. County Courts Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.

Contingent Notice of Motion:—

1. MR. IRVING to move, (*on Mr. Scott's motion being made respecting the conveyance of Mails between this Colony and Great Britain in 1858.*) That the question be amended by the insertion of the following, to stand Resolutions (2) and (3) of the series:—
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary for the maintenance of that position in the Australian Group to which this Colony is entitled by its natural advantages, that direct Steam Communication should be established between the Port of Sydney and the Port of Panama, at as early a period as possible.
 - (3.) That this House is prepared to vote a sum of not less than £20,000 as an annual subsidy for four years, to any Company that will deliver the Mails both ways, in London or Liverpool on the English side, and in Sydney, on the Australian side, within fifty days.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that, in any Contract made by the Government for the Conveyance of Mails during the year 1858, between this Colony and Great Britain, it ought to be expressly stipulated that Sydney should be the first place of arrival in these Seas, and the last of departure.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will cause it to be carried into effect.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) The Maitland Half-Yearly Road Trust Accounts, (6), from August 16, 1853, to June 30, 1856.
(2.) A further Report from Mr. A. C. Gregory, of the proceedings of the North Australian Expedition,—being from the period of leaving the Victoria River, on the 21st June, to the 16th December, 1856, when the Expedition reached Brisbane.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Leave of Absence, for a fortnight, granted to Mr. Faucett, on motion of Mr. Holroyd.
3. Gold Duty Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Garland. } Tellers.

Nocs, 10.

Mr. Murray,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Cowper, } Tellers.
Mr. Martin.

Bill read a third time;

Mr. Manning moved, that this Bill do now *pass*.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Manning then moved, that the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for granting a Duty upon Gold.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Manning moved that Mr. Hay and Mr. Manning do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council with the following Message, desiring its concurrence therein.

The Legislative Assembly, having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act for granting a Duty upon Gold,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 16 January, 1857.*

Question put and passed.

4. Political Pensions:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony.
(2.) That the Pensions claimed on Political grounds, under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were sanctioned by a Legislative Authority incompetent to deal with a matter of such high Constitutional concernment, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be reconsidered.
Mr. Weekes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the words "Pensions," in section (2), with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "appropriated by the late Council in the Schedule to the Constitution Act, to the Incumbents of any Office or Department, who, on Political Grounds, should retire or be released from office, are most extravagant in amount, and not warranted by the practice in similar cases in the Mother Country.
"That, in the opinion of this House, as involving no breach of faith either with the Crown or with individuals, but in justice to the people of this Colony, these Pensions should be reduced."

5. The following Messages from the Legislative Council, received and read :—

(1.) Proposed Library Arrangements :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council having agreed to the Resolutions, of which a copy is sent herewith, requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly in the appointment of a Joint Committee, for the purposes expressed in those Resolutions.

ALFRED STEPHEN,

Legislative Council Chamber,

President.

Sydney, 9 January, 1857.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parker, to be printed, and taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

(2.) Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to Facilitate the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes by the prevention of frivolous or fictitious Defences to Actions thereon,*" with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

ALFRED STEPHEN,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 10 January, 1857.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Jones, to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

6. Political Pensions :—Debate ensued on Mr. Gordon's motion and Mr. Weekes' proposed amendment thereon.

Proposed amendment by leave withdrawn.

Mr. Gordon having moved, That the sections of the Original Motion be put seriatim,—and an irregular debate having arisen,—the Speaker put a Question thereon :—
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Martin. }

Noes, 15.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
Mr. Lang. }

Question, then, (1)—That in the opinion of this House, it is neither expedient nor desirable to create any system of Political Pensions in this Colony,—put and passed.

Question (*as amended by consent*) put : (2)—That the Pensions claimed on political grounds under Schedule B of the Constitution Act, were improperly sanctioned by the late Legislative Council, and, in the opinion of this House, ought to be re-considered.

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Weekes,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. R. Campbell, } Tellers.
Mr. Gordon. }

Noes, 18.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Egan,
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Mr. Hely,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Holroyd,
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Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Holt,
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Mr. Hay,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
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The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parker, at twenty minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, That this House having taken into consideration the Correspondence between the Secretaries of State and the Governors of this Colony, on the subject of the Government House and Domain in Parramatta, together with his Excellency's Message No. 18, 6 January, 1857, Resolves:—
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5. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that the Outer Domain, the Botanical Gardens, and other places in the City of Sydney, set apart by the Government, and maintained by the Legislature, for the recreation of the Public, ought to be at all reasonable and proper hours open to the Public without restriction, and that the exclusion of the Public therefrom during such reasonable hours, under any pretence whatever, is highly objectionable, if not positively illegal.
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18. MR. OAKES to move, That the Petition of certain Members of the Wesleyan Congregations in the Town and District of Parramatta, against the Desecration of the Sabbath by the running of Railway Trains, presented by him on the 15th instant, be referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

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2. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.
3. Consideration of Legislative Council's Message respecting Proposed Library Arrangements.
4. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
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GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Destitute Children's Bill; third reading.

Questions:—

1. MR. MARTIN to ask MR. PARKER,—Whether the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, No. 18, transmitted to this House on the 6th instant, was so transmitted with the advice and concurrence of Her Majesty's Ministers in this Colony, or any of them.
2. MR. NICHOLS to ask the COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to bring down to this House a Bill for the appointment of an Agent for this Colony, as intimated by the Colonial Treasurer upon a former occasion.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown in New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Civil List Increase Bill; second reading.
2. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill; second reading.
3. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill; second reading.
4. Customs' Further Regulation Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
5. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
6. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
7. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
8. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; second reading.

9. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
10. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
12. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
13. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
14. Bills of Lading Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
15. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
16. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
17. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
18. University Graduates' Privilege Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
19. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act Postponement Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
20. Loan Bill for 1857; Consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
21. Loan Bill, £150,000; third reading.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. County Courts Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. IRVING to move, (*on Mr. Scott's motion being made respecting the conveyance of Mails between this Colony and Great Britain in 1858,*) That the question be amended by the insertion of the following, to stand Resolutions (2) and (3) of the series :—
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary for the maintenance of that position in the Australian Group to which this Colony is entitled by its natural advantages, that direct Steam Communication should be established between the Port of Sydney and the Port of Panama, at as early a period as possible.
 - (3.) That this House is prepared to vote a sum of not less than £20,000 as an annual subsidy for four years, to any Company that will deliver the Mails both ways, in London or Liverpool on the English side, and in Sydney, on the Australian side, within fifty days.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that, in any Contract made by the Government for the Conveyance of Mails during the year 1858, between this Colony and Great Britain, it ought to be expressly stipulated that Sydney should be the first place of arrival in these Seas, and the last of departure.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will cause it to be carried into effect.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—James Garland, Richard Hargrave, and Terence Aubrey Murray, Esquires, sworn at the Table, by the Clerk, as Members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, pursuant to the requirement of the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1851.
2. Mr. William Bowman:—Mr. Nichols presented a Petition from Mr. William Bowman, representing that in 1855 he destroyed, under the provisions of the Scab Act, 3,400 sheep, then depasturing in the County of Bligh; but that, although he complied with the requirements of the Act, the Justices refused to grant a certificate enabling him to receive compensation;—and praying relief.
Petition received.
3. Paper:—Mr. Hay laid upon the Table, the Return to the Address, adopted on motion of Mr. John Campbell, on the 31st October last, in reference to Land in Compensation granted to Mr. Francis O'Brien.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Government House and Domain at Parramatta:—Mr. Nichols, on being called upon by the Speaker to move the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, moved that the Resolution passed by this House on the 19th ultimo in reference to this subject be read by the Clerk.
Resolution read, accordingly, by direction of the Speaker, as follows:—
“That, in the opinion of this House, the rents or proceeds, whatever they may be, derived from the letting of the Government House at Parramatta, and the Domain thereto attached, are and do form part of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, and ought to be paid to the Colonial Treasurer for the public uses of the Colony, and in support of the Government thereof.”
Mr. Nichols then moved, pursuant to notice, That this House having taken into consideration the Correspondence between the Secretaries of State and the Governors of this Colony, on the subject of the Government House and Domain in Parramatta, together with his Excellency's Message No. 18, 6 January, 1857, Resolves:—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government Domain at Parramatta, and the Buildings within it, “have not for many years past been” an *appanage* of the Governor of “New South Wales,” nor have the same been reserved by any Secretary of State for the use of the present Governor, on the conditions stated in the Message of His Excellency.
“ (2.) That the occupation of the Domain at Parramatta, was only conceded to His Excellency's immediate predecessors, by the Despatch of the Right Honorable Lord Stanley, then Secretary of State for the Colonies (of the 9th November, 1846) to Sir George Gipps, and by that of the Right Honorable W. E. Gladstone, (then Secretary of State for the Colonies) to His Excellency Sir Charles Fitz Roy, of the 14th June, 1846, (and to them only,) upon the express condition that the same should be used “as a Country Residence, and that the Colony should not be put to any expense on account thereof.
“ (3.) That from the documents now before this House, it does not appear that His Excellency, the present Governor, has any authority either to occupy, or to appropriate the Domain for any private purpose whatever.
“ (4.) That as, in the opinion of this House, there has been no such setting apart, to the use of the Governor of this Colony, of the Parramatta Domain, by Her Majesty the Queen, as is stated in His Excellency's Message, and the management of the waste Lands of the Crown having been ceded to the Colonial Legislature, by the Constitution Act, it does not rest with Her Majesty to decide whether His Excellency the Governor General has exceeded his powers or not.”
“ (5.) That this House therefore adheres to the opinion expressed in its resolution of the 19th day of December, “1856,” and, “is further of opinion,” that the “Domain” ought to be disposed of for the public advantage, in terms of His Excellency's Message, No 26, of the 4th of July, 1855.
“ (6.) That a copy of the foregoing “Resolutions” be transmitted to the “Governor General,” with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to forward them to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Plunkett moved the following amendment:—That in section (1) the words “have not, for many years past, been” be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “ought to be no longer,” and that all the words following the words, “New South Wales,” be omitted. That all the words of sections

(2),

(2), (3), and (4), be omitted. That in section (5), all the words down to and inclusive of "1856," and the words, "is further of opinion," be omitted, and that the word "domain," be omitted with a view to the insertion in its place, of the word "same;" and that in section (6,) the word, "Resolutions," be converted into "Resolution," and the whole of the words following the words "Governor General," be omitted. (So that the motion may read thus:—"That this House having taken into consideration the Correspondence between the Secretaries of State and the Governors of this Colony, on the subject of the Government House and Domain in Parramatta, together with His Excellency's Message, No. 18, 6 January, 1857," Resolves:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government Domain at Parramatta, and the Buildings within it ought to be no longer an appanage of the Governor of New South Wales, and that the same ought to be disposed of for the public advantage, in terms of His Excellency's Message, No. 26, of the 4th of July, 1855.

(2.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolution be transmitted to the Governor General.)
Debate continued.

5. Committee of Elections and Qualifications:—Samuel Deane Gordon, Esquire, sworn at the Table by the Clerk, as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, for the present Session, pursuant to the requirement of the 59th section of the Electoral Act of 1851.

6. Government House and Domain at Parramatta:—Debate resumed on Mr. Nichols' motion, and Mr. Plunkett's proposed amendment thereon.

Question put—That the words in section (1) "have not for many years past been" stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Nichols, } Tellers.
Mr. Flood. }

Noes, 18.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Plunkett, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd. }

Question,—That the words of section (1), following the words "New South Wales," stand part of the Question—put and passed.

Question put,—That this House having taken into consideration the Correspondence between the Secretaries of State and the Governors of this Colony, on the subject of the Government House and Domain in Parramatta, together with His Excellency's Message No. 18, 6 January, 1857, Resolves:—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government Domain at Parramatta, and the Buildings within it, have not for many years past been an appanage of the Governor of New South Wales, nor have the same been reserved by any Secretary of State for the use of the present Governor, on the conditions stated in the Message of His Excellency.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Nichols, } Tellers.
Mr. Flood. }

Noes, 16.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Barker, } Tellers.
Mr. Plunkett. }

Remainder of proposed amendment by leave withdrawn.

Whereupon Question put,—

(2.) That the occupation of the Domain at Parramatta, was only conceded to His Excellency's immediate predecessors, by the Despatch of the Right Honorable Lord Stanley, then Secretary of State for the Colonies (of the 9th November, 1845), to Sir George Gipps, and by that of the Right Honorable W. E. Gladstone (then Secretary of State for the Colonies), to His Excellency Sir Charles Fitz Roy, of the 14th June, 1846, (and to them only) upon the express condition that the same should be used as a Country Residence, and that the Colony should not be put to any expense on account thereof.

(3.) That from the documents now before this House, it does not appear that His Excellency the present Governor, has any authority either to occupy, or to appropriate the Domain for any private purpose whatever.

(4.) That as, in the opinion of this House, there has been no such setting apart, to the use of the Governor of this Colony, of the Parramatta Domain, by Her Majesty the Queen, as is stated in His Excellency's Message, and the management of the Waste Lands of the Crown having been ceded to the Colonial Legislature, by the Constitution Act, it does not rest with Her Majesty to decide whether His Excellency the Governor General has exceeded his powers or not.

(5.) That this House therefore adheres to the opinion expressed in its Resolution of the 19th day of December, 1856, and is further of opinion, that the Domain ought to be disposed of for the public advantage, in terms of His Excellency's Message, No. 26, of the 4th of July, 1855.

(6.) That a copy of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted to the Governor General, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to forward them to Her Most Gracious Majesty.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
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Mr. Scott,
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Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Flood. } Tellers.
Mr. Nichols. }

Noes, 16.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Irving, } Tellers.
Mr. Plunkett. }

7. Expenditure for Railway Extension:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) An account in detail of the sums already expended for "Surveys, Experiments, and Preparations for the Extension of Railways," under the authority of the Act of Council, 19 Vict., No. 40, by which the sum of £50,000 was appropriated for those purposes.
- (2.) A Return setting forth the Names of all Persons in receipt of Salary or Pay out of such sum of £50,000, the nature of their duties, the amount of their salaries, the localities in which their duties are discharged, the nature of the supervision under which they are placed, and the amount of work already done by them respectively.
- Question put and passed.
8. Justices of the Peace:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a nominal return of all gentlemen appointed Justices of the Peace during the present Administration, with the date of their appointments, and the Police Districts in which they reside respectively.
- Question put and passed.
9. Motion dropped:—Mr. Nichols not moving the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
10. Postponements:—
- (1.) Mr. Scott postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
- (2.) Mr. Nichols postponed the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
11. Quorum of Members:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice (*as by consent amended*), That the following Question be referred to the Standing Orders Committee, for consideration and report thereon:—That it be resolved, that whenever, upon the Speaker taking the Chair at the expiration of half an hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the House, it shall appear that a Quorum of Members is not present, and whenever, after

after the commencement of the business of the day, notice is taken that there is not a Quorum of Members present, a bell shall be rung, and the Speaker shall not adjourn the House unless at the expiration of five minutes afterwards a Quorum shall not be present.

Debate ensued,—

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight;—

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Question put and passed.

12. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Jones withdrew the motion standing in his name eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day.

13. Desecration of the Sabbath :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Members of the Church of Scotland, resident in and near Parramatta, against the desecration of the Sabbath by the running of Railway Trains, presented by him on the 13th instant, be referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be referred accordingly.

14. Motion Dropped :—Mr. Faucett not moving the motion standing in his name tenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.

15. Postponements :—Mr. Murray postponed the motions standing in his name eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth, on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.

16. Desecration of the Sabbath :—Mr. Oakes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Members of the Wesleyan Congregations in the Town and District of Parramatta, against the Desecration of the Sabbath by the running of Railway Trains, presented by him on the 15th instant, be referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be referred accordingly.

17. Postponements :—

(1.) Mr. Murray postponed the motion standing in his name nineteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.

(2.) Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name twentieth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.

18. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill :—Mr. Forster moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next—to take precedence of all other business on the paper for that day.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

19. Postponements :—

(1.) The second reading of the Law of Evidence Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Darvall, until Tuesday next.

(2.) The consideration of Legislative Council's Message, respecting proposed Library Arrangements, postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until Tuesday next.

(3.) The consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments in Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Jones, until Friday next.

(4.) The second reading of Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill postponed, by Mr. Martin, on behalf of Mr. Oxley, until Friday next.

(5.) The consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in Claims against Government Bill postponed, by Mr. Holroyd, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, until Friday next.

20. Destitute Children's Bill, *as amended*, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time.

The *passing* of this Bill ordered, on motion of Mr. Manning, to stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before One o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown in New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Civil List Increase Bill ; second reading.
2. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill ; second reading.
3. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill ; second reading.
4. Customs' Further Regulation Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.
5. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
6. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
7. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.
8. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; second reading.

9. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
10. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
12. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
13. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
14. Bills of Lading Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
15. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
16. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
17. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
18. University Graduates' Privilege Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
19. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act Postponement Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
20. Loan Bill for 1857; Consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
21. Loan Bill, £150,000; third reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. FORSTER to ask MR. PARKER,—
 - (1.) Whether any further inquiry has been instituted, or is proposed to be instituted by the Government, into the circumstances referred to in a correspondence laid before the House on the motion of Mr. Buckley, which formed the subject of a dispute between the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the District of Wide Bay and Burnett, and certain Magistrates of the same Districts, resident near Gayndah, and which led to the resignation of four of the said Magistrates.
 - (2.) Whether it is proposed to supply the vacancies caused by such resignation, and if so, how soon?
 - (3.) Whether it is intended by the Government to replace the gentlemen who so resigned, in the Commission of the Peace.
2. MR. NICHOLS to ask the COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to bring down to this House a Bill for the appointment of an Agent for this Colony, as intimated by the Colonial Treasurer upon a former occasion.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
2. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. County Courts Bill; second reading.

Question :—

1. MR. MURRAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the County Courts Bill during the present Session.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. IRVING to move, (on Mr. Scott's motion being made respecting the conveyance of Mails between this Colony and Great Britain in 1858,) That the question be amended by the insertion of the following, to stand Resolutions (2) and (3) of the series :—
 - (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary for the maintenance of that position in the Australian Group to which this Colony is entitled by its natural advantages, that direct Steam Communication should be established between the Port of Sydney and the Port of Panama, at as early a period as possible.
 - (3.) That this House is prepared to vote a sum of not less than £20,000 as an annual subsidy for four years, to any Company that will deliver the Mails both ways, in London or Liverpool on the English side, and in Sydney, on the Australian side, within fifty days.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that, in any Contract made by the Government for the Conveyance of Mails during the year 1858, between this Colony and Great Britain, it ought to be expressly stipulated that Sydney should be the first place of arrival in these Seas, and the last of departure.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will cause it to be carried into effect.
2. MR. JONES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all further Correspondence between the Honorable the Attorney General and Mr. Donald Macpherson, with reference to a case of alleged Bigamy on the part of John Gerrie, from the 4th of November last to the present date.
3. MR. NICHOLS to move, That the Petition of Mr. William Bowman, respecting sheep destroyed by him under the Scab Act, presented by Mr. Nichols on the 20th instant, be printed.
4. MR. NICHOLS to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the 23rd Section of the Constitution Act, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of acres of Land held under Lease from the Crown, in the Settled, Intermediate, and Unsettled Districts, respectively; specifying the amounts derived from them, and the rents paid, on an average, per acre.

6. MR. MURRAY to move, that there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands purchased under pre-emption in the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts, specifying the names of the purchasers and the prices paid.
7. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Surveyor General in the years 1851-2-3-4-5 and 1856, in reference to the Survey and Sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
8. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands offered for Sale by the Government in the years 1854, 1855, and 1856—specifying the names of the applicants, and the dates of their applications, the proportion thereof sold by auction, and the extent purchased subsequently under pre-emption.
9. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Colonial Architect, or other parties, in reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Queanbeyan River.
10. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Braidwood, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
11. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of persons now residing on the several Gold Fields in the Braidwood District, and of the number of Licensed Public Houses thereon.
12. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Names of all Gentlemen in the Commission of the Peace.
13. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Hon. the Colonial Secretary and H. G. Black, Esquire, having reference to the character and conduct of Mr. Ascourt, a Magistrate of the Territory.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Claims against Government Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Destitute Children's Bill read 3^d; to be *passed*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that the Outer Domain, the Botanical Gardens, and other places in the City of Sydney, set apart by the Government, and maintained by the Legislature, for the recreation of the Public, ought to be at all reasonable and proper hours open to the Public without restriction, and that the exclusion of the Public therefrom during such reasonable hours, under any pretence whatever, is highly objectionable, if not positively illegal.
 - (2.) That this House is further of opinion, that the granting of any such places, either for the purposes of grazing cattle, for holding flower shows, exhibiting fire-works, or any other object whatever, involving the payment of money as a condition of admission to such places, ought to be immediately discontinued.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Law of Evidence Bill; second reading.
2. Consideration of Legislative Council's Message respecting Proposed Library Arrangements.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Want of Police protection, Darling Downs and Gwydir:—Mr. Irving presented a Petition from the Residents in that portion of the Darling Downs and Gwydir Districts, on the M'Intyre River, below its junction with the Severn and the Weir, or Jones' River, representing their want of Police protection, which they suggest could be effectually afforded by the establishment of a Police Station near Calandoon, and praying relief.
Petition received.
2. Hunter River Railway:—Mr. Barker presented a Petition from the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Committee of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, praying for certain extensions of the Hunter River Railway.
Petition received.
3. Township of Nowra, at Shoalhaven:—Mr. Thomson presented a Petition from certain Landed Proprietors residing in the District of Shoalhaven, praying the reservation of a suitable site for a Court House, School, and Post Office, in the Township of Nowra, in that District.
Petition received.
4. Paper:—Mr. Hay laid upon the Table the Return to the *Order* made by this House on the 25th November last, on motion of Mr. Nichols, in reference to the Forfeiture of Mr. Joseph Cope's Right to Runs.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Postponement:—Mr. Hay postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
6. Civil List Increase Bill:—Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Pyc,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Garland, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd, }

Noes, 16.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Forster, } Tellers.
Mr. Robertson, }

and Bill read a second time;—Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parker, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

7. Postponement:—The second reading of the Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until to-morrow.
8. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. Postponements:—
- (1.) The Adoption of the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Customs' Further Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
 - (2.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow, with the understanding that it take precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Wednesday next.
10. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, "That" the Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill be now adopted.
Mr. Richardson moved, That all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, be omitted, in order to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill, be now re-committed, with a view to the re-consideration of Clause I thereof."
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and passed.
Question,—That the report, from the Committee of the whole House, on this Bill, be now adopted—put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That the third reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
Question put and passed.
11. Wholesale Spirit Merchants' Fee Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.
Ayes, 16.
Noes, 9.
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| <p>Mr. Plunkett,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Holroyd. } Tellers.</p> | <p>Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Robertson. } Tellers.</p> |
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- And Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee on Wednesday next.
12. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
And notice being taken that there was not a Quorum of Members present, the House was counted, and there not being a Quorum present, the Speaker adjourned the House at a Quarter before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
4. County Courts Bill; second reading.
5. Civil List Increase Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
6. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill; second reading.
7. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
8. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill; third reading.
9. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
10. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
11. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
12. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
13. Bills of Lading Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
14. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
15. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
16. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
17. University Graduates' Privilege Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
18. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act Postponement Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
19. Loan Bill for 1857; Consideration of Legislative Council's Amendment.
20. Loan Bill, £150,000; third reading.

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. BARKER to move, That the Petition of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Committee of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, praying for certain extensions of the Hunter River Railway, presented by him on the 21st instant, be referred to the Select Committee on the Railway Terminus and Wharves, at Newcastle, now sitting.
2. MR. THOMSON to move, That the Petition of certain Landed Proprietors residing in the District of Shoalhaven, praying the reservation of a suitable site for a Court House, School, and Post Office in the Township of Nowra, presented by him on the 21st instant, be printed.

Question :—

1. MR. MURRAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the County Courts Bill during the present Session.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. IRVING to move, (on Mr. Scott's motion being made respecting the conveyance of Mails between this Colony and Great Britain in 1858,) That the question be amended by the insertion of the following, to stand Resolutions (2) and (3) of the series :—
 (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary for the maintenance of that position in the Australian Group to which this Colony is entitled by its natural advantages, that direct Steam Communication should be established between the Port of Sydney and the Port of Panama, at as early a period as possible.
 (3.) That this House is prepared to vote a sum of not less than £20,000 as an annual subsidy for four years, to any Company that will deliver the Mails both ways, in London or Liverpool on the English side, and in Sydney, on the Australian side, within fifty days.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 (1.) That it is the opinion of this House that, in any Contract made by the Government for the Conveyance of Mails during the year 1858, between this Colony and Great Britain, it ought to be expressly stipulated that Sydney should be the first place of arrival in these Seas, and the last of departure.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will cause it to be carried into effect.
2. MR. JONES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all further Correspondence between the Honorable the Attorney General and Mr. Donald Macpherson, with reference to a case of alleged Bigamy on the part of John Gerric, from the 4th of November last to the present date.
3. MR. NICHOLS to move, That the Petition of Mr. William Bowman, respecting sheep destroyed by him under the Scab Act, presented by Mr. Nichols on the 20th instant, be printed.
4. MR. NICHOLS to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the 23rd Section of the Constitution Act, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of acres of Land held under Lease from the Crown, in the Settled, Intermediate, and Unsettled Districts, respectively; specifying the amounts derived from them, and the rents paid, on an average, per acre.
6. MR. MURRAY to move, that there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands purchased under pre-emption in the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts, specifying the names of the purchasers and the prices paid.
7. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Surveyor General in the years 1851-2-3-4-5 and 1856, in reference to the Survey and Sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
8. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands offered for Sale by the Government in the years 1854, 1855, and 1856—specifying the names of the applicants, and the dates of their applications, the proportion thereof sold by auction, and the extent purchased subsequently under pre-emption.
9. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Colonial Architect, or other parties, in reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Queanbeyan River.
10. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Braidwood, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
11. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of persons now residing on the several Gold Fields in the Braidwood District, and of the number of Licensed Public Houses thereon.
12. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Names of all Gentlemen in the Commission of the Peace.

13. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Hon. the Colonial Secretary and H. G. Black, Esquire, having reference to the character and conduct of Mr. Ascourt, a Magistrate of the Territory.
14. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates for this year, the sum of £790, by way of provision for the Volunteer Cavalry and Volunteer Artillery; the appropriation of such sum to be made as follows:—

Volunteer Cavalry.

Sergeant Major, at 5s. per diem	£91	5	0
Forage for Sergeant Major	50	0	0
Do. Captain	50	0	0
Room for Arms	50	0	0
Caretaker of Arms	50	0	0
Ammunition	50	0	0
			341 5 0

Volunteer Artillery.

Adjutant, at 10s. per diem	£182	10	0
1 Drill Sergeant, at 5s.....	91	5	0
Room for Arms.....	50	0	0
Ammunition	100	0	0
Contingencies	25	0	0
			448 15 0
			£790 0 0

15. MR. IRVING to move, That the Petition from the Residents of a certain portion of the Darling Downs and Gwydir Districts, representing the want of Police Protection, presented by him on the 21st instant, be printed.
16. MR. FORSTER to move, That the framer of every Bill shall be entitled to reply on the second reading.
17. MR. EGAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Correspondence between the Port Master and the Colonial Secretary, since January 1843, on the subject of Lights and Light Houses on the Coasts of this and the adjacent Colonies.
18. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
- (1.) A Return of the number of sheep in each District, the amount of the Assessment received from, and the amount and the particulars of the compensation paid to, or in, each District under the present Scab Act.
 - (2.) A Return of the total number of sheep in the Murrumbidgee Districts in 1853, 1854, 1855, and 1856.
 - (3.) The amounts of any Assessments received from any places in the Murrumbidgee Districts.
 - (4.) The amounts and particulars of all compensations paid to any parties residing at any places in the Murrumbidgee Districts.
19. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved:—
- (1.) Because the lately appointed new Members—Mr. Garland, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. Gordon—are not pre-eminently distinguished above all others for their peculiar fitness for the discharge of the duties, and for the solution of the intricate and delicate questions likely to come before them.
 - (2.) Because, by the 29th section of the Constitution Act of 1853, it is the right and the duty of this House to discuss and declare on the disability or incapability of any person to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly.
 - (3.) Because the Election Committee, as at present constituted, should not be allowed to report on the only Petition now referred to them, as two or more of these newly appointed Members are not themselves *registered as voters*, according to the intention of the Constitution Act of 1853; nor yet according to the expressed terms of the Electoral Act of 1851, by which Act the Election Committee is itself constituted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Claims against Government Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Destitute Children's Bill read 3^d; to be *passed*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill ; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion, that the Outer Domain, the Botanical Gardens, and other places in the City of Sydney, set apart by the Government, and maintained by the Legislature, for the recreation of the Public, ought to be at all reasonable and proper hours open to the Public without restriction, and that the exclusion of the Public therefrom during such reasonable hours, under any pretence whatever, is highly objectionable, if not positively illegal.

(2.) That this House is further of opinion, that the granting of any such places, either for the purposes of grazing cattle, for holding flower shows, exhibiting fire-works, or any other object whatever, involving the payment of money as a condition of admission to such places, ought to be immediately discontinued.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Law of Evidence Bill ; second reading.
2. Consideration of Legislative Council's Message respecting Proposed Library Arrangements.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown in New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs' Further Regulation Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.
2. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
3. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table a copy of a Letter (to his address) from Captain E. W. Ward, Deputy Master of the Mint at Sydney, forwarding a copy of a Communication from the Master of the Royal Mint, respecting the extended Circulation of the Sydney Coin.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Question of Order:—Mr. Scott having offered a notice of intended motion for an Address to the Governor General, praying the appropriation of a certain sum of money by way of provision for the Volunteer Artillery for the current year;—the Speaker stated that, in his opinion, such notice was inadmissible, on the ground that the Crown had already recommended a sum of money for the same service, in the Estimates of Expenditure for the year, which have been referred to and are still under the consideration of the Committee of Supply,—and that, until that Committee make its report to the House, it would be highly irregular, as well as disrespectful to the Crown, to entertain any proposal, emanating from another source, having for its object a similar appropriation.—Whereupon notice withdrawn.
3. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Parker the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the Service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again immediately.
4. Reports of Select Committees on certain Private Bills:—The following Message from the Legislative Council received and read:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council having received from the Legislative Assembly the following Private Bills, viz:—

1. The Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill.
2. The Australian General Assurance Company's Bill.
3. The Australian Trust Company's Bill.

requests that the Legislative Assembly will furnish copies of the several Reports of the Select Committees, and Evidence taken before such Committees on those Bills.

ALFRED STEPHEN,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21 January, 1857.*

Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Barker and Mr. Manning do carry to the Legislative Council, the Reports and Evidence required by the Council, with the following Message:—

The Legislative Assembly, in compliance with the request contained in the Legislative Council's Message of yesterday's date, transmits, herewith, copies of the Several Reports from, and Evidence taken before the Select Committees of the Legislative Assembly upon the undermentioned Private Bills, viz:—

1. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill.
2. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill, and
3. Australian Trust Company's Bill.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22 January, 1857.*

5. Reservation of Constitution Act Amendment Bill:—The following Message, from His Excellency the Governor General, received and read:—

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

Message No. 19.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as requires the concurrence of unusual majorities of Members in the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, respectively, in the passing of Bills to alter the Constitution conferred by the said Act, or the number and apportionment of Representatives in the said Legislative Assembly,*" 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, 22 January, 1857.

6. Assent to Bills:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—

- (1.) Writs of Trial and Inquiry Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

Message No. 20.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to restore Writs of Inquiry, and Writs of Trial; and to authorise the establishment of separate scales of Costs,*" 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, 22 January, 1857.

- (2.) Drafts on Bankers' Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

Message No. 21.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to Drafts on Bankers,*" 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, 22 January, 1857.

- (3.) Oaths of Office Simplifying Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

Message No. 22.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to simplify the Oaths of Qualification for Office,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said 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, 22 January, 1857.

7. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Parker, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

8. Postponements:—

(1.) The second reading of the Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2.) postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.

(2.) The second reading of the Mining Companies Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.

(3.) The second reading of the County Courts Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Thursday next.

9. Civil List Increase Bill:—The Report from the Committee of the whole House on this Bill having been adopted, on motion of Mr. Manning, the House ordered the third reading of the Bill to stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

10. Postponements:—

(1.) The second reading of the Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.

(2.) The Adoption of the Report from the Committee of the whole House on the Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.

(3.)

- (3.) The third reading of the Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Wednesday next.
- (4.) The second reading of the Steam Navigation Laws' Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
- (5.) The second reading of the Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Thursday next.
- (6.) The consideration in Committee of the Postage Acts' Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Thursday next.
- (7.) The consideration in Committee of the Auditor General's Office Definition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Wednesday next.

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 23 JANUARY, 1857, A. M.

11. Bills of Lading Bill :—On motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
- The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
- Mr. Manning then moved, That the House do now adopt the said Amendment as so reported.
- Question put and passed.
- Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Buckley and Mr. Thomson do carry the following Message to the Legislative Council :—
- The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading.*"
- Legislative Assembly Chamber, Speaker,
Sydney, 23 January, 1857.
- Question put and passed.
12. Moreton Bay District Court Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn until Three o'clock, p. m., this day.
- Debate continued.
- Question put,—That this House do now adjourn until Three o'clock, p. m., this day.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 7.	Nocs, 16.
Mr. Robertson,	Mr. Parker,
Mr. Egan,	Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Gordon,	Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Murray,	Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. R. Campbell,	Mr. Barker,
Mr. Arnold,	Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Piddington. } Tellers.	Mr. Jones,
	Mr. Pye,
	Mr. Buckley,
	Mr. Thomson,
	Mr. Hay,
	Mr. Suttor,
	Mr. Flood,
	Mr. Manning,
	Mr. Holt,
	Mr. Garland. } Tellers.

Original motion by leave withdrawn,—

And the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill ordered, on motion of Mr. Manning, to stand an Order of the Day for to-day, at a later hour.

13. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill :—On motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
- The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
- Mr. Manning then moved, That the House do now adopt the said amendments as so reported.
- Question put and passed ;—
- Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Buckley and Mr. Thomson do carry the following Message to the Legislative Council :—
- The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, "*An Act to provide for the deposit in the Colonial Treasury of Moneys in charge of Officers of the Supreme Court.*"
- Legislative Council Chamber, Speaker,
Sydney, 23 January, 1857.
- Question put and passed.

14. Postponement :—The resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Thursday next.
15. University Graduates' Privilege Bill :—On motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Manning then moved, That the House do now adopt the said amendments as so reported. Question put and passed ;— Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That Mr. Buckley and Mr. Thomson do carry the following Message to the Legislative Council :—
The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, "*An Act to confer certain Privileges on Graduates of the University of Sydney.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber, Speaker.
Sydney, 23 January, 1857.
- Question put and passed.
16. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act postponement Bill :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the House do now adopt the said Amendment as so reported. Question put and passed. Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That Mr. Buckley and Mr. Thomson do carry the following Message to the Legislative Council :—
The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to postpone for one year the levying of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber, Speaker.
Sydney, 23 January, 1857.
- Question put and passed.
17. Loan Bill for 1857 :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill. The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill—the said Amendment being for the purpose of rectifying a formal error, and in furtherance of the intentions of this House. Mr. Donaldson then moved, That this House do now adopt the said Amendment, as so reported. Question put and passed.
18. Postponement :—The third reading of the Loan Bill, £150,000, postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until a later hour this day.
19. Hunter River Railway :—Mr. Barker moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Committee of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, praying for certain extensions of the Hunter River Railway, presented by him on the 21st instant, be referred to the Select Committee on the Railway Terminus and Wharves, at Newcastle, now sitting. Question put and passed. Ordered to be referred accordingly.
20. Township of Nowra, at Shoalhaven :—Mr. Thomson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Landed Proprietors residing in the District of Shoalhaven, praying the reservation of a suitable site for a Court House, School, and Post Office in the Township of Nowra, presented by him on the 21st instant, be printed. Question put and passed. Ordered to be printed. The House adjourned at a quarter before One o'clock, a.m., until this day, at Three o'clock, p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23.

Contingent Notice of Motion :—

1. MR. IRVING to move, (on Mr. Scott's motion being made respecting the conveyance of Mails between this Colony and Great Britain in 1858,) That the question be amended by the insertion of the following, to stand Resolutions (2) and (3) of the series :—
(2.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is necessary for the maintenance of that position in the Australian Group to which this Colony is entitled by its natural advantages, that direct Steam Communication should be established between the Port of Sydney and the Port of Panama, at as early a period as possible.

(3.)

(3.) That this House is prepared to vote a sum of not less than £20,000 as an annual subsidy for four years, to any Company that will deliver the Mails both ways, in London or Liverpool on the English side, and in Sydney, on the Australian side, within fifty days.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—
(1.) That it is the opinion of this House that, in any Contract made by the Government for the Conveyance of Mails during the year 1858, between this Colony and Great Britain, it ought to be expressly stipulated that Sydney should be the first place of arrival in these Seas, and the last of departure.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will cause it to be carried into effect.
2. MR. JONES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all further Correspondence between the Honorable the Attorney General and Mr. Donald Macpherson, with reference to a case of alleged Bigamy on the part of John Gerrie, from the 4th of November last to the present date.
3. MR. NICHOLS to move, That the Petition of Mr. William Bowman, respecting sheep destroyed by him under the Scab Act, presented by Mr. Nichols on the 20th instant, be printed.
4. MR. NICHOLS to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the 23rd Section of the Constitution Act, and to make other provisions in lieu thereof.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of acres of Land held under Lease from the Crown, in the Settled, Intermediate, and Unsettled Districts, respectively; specifying the amounts derived from them, and the rents paid, on an average, per acre.
6. MR. MURRAY to move, that there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands purchased under pre-emption in the Intermediate and Unsettled Districts, specifying the names of the purchasers and the prices paid.
7. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Surveyor General in the years 1851-2-3-4-5 and 1856, in reference to the Survey and Sale of the Waste Lands of the Colony.
8. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Lands offered for Sale by the Government in the years 1854, 1855, and 1856—specifying the names of the applicants, and the dates of their applications, the proportion thereof sold by auction, and the extent purchased subsequently under pre-emption.
9. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence which has passed between the Government and the Colonial Architect, or other parties, in reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Queenbayan River.
10. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Braidwood, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
11. MR. MURRAY to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of persons now residing on the several Gold Fields in the Braidwood District, and of the number of Licensed Public Houses thereon.
12. MR. MURRAY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Names of all Gentlemen in the Commission of the Peace.
13. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Hon. the Colonial Secretary and H. G. Black, Esquire, having reference to the character and conduct of Mr. Ascourt, a Magistrate of the Territory.
14. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to place on the Supplementary Estimates for this year, the sum of £790, by way of provision for the Volunteer Cavalry and Volunteer Artillery; the appropriation of such sum to be made as follows:—

Volunteer Cavalry.

Sergeant Major, at 5s. per diem	£91	5	0
Forage for Sergeant Major	50	0	0
Do. Captain	50	0	0
Room for Arms	50	0	0
Caretaker of Arms	50	0	0
Ammunition	50	0	0
		341	5 0

Volunteer Artillery.

Adjutant, at 10s. per diem	£182	10	0
1 Drill Sergeant, at 5s.	91	5	0
Room for Arms	50	0	0
Ammunition	100	0	0
Contingencies	25	0	0
		448	15 0
		£790	0 0

15. MR. IRVING to move, That the Petition from the Residents of a certain portion of the Darling Downs and Gwydir Districts, representing the want of Police Protection, presented by him on the 21st instant, be printed.
16. MR. FORSTER to move, That the framer of every Bill shall be entitled to reply on the second reading.
17. MR. EGAN to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Correspondence between the Post Master and the Colonial Secretary, since January 1843, on the subject of Lights and Light Houses on the Coasts of this and the adjacent Colonies.
18. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House :—
 (1.) A Return of the number of sheep in each District, the amount of the Assessment received from, and the amount and the particulars of the compensation paid to, or in, each District under the present Scab Act.
 (2.) A Return of the total number of sheep in the Murrumbidgee Districts in 1853, 1854, 1855, and 1856.
 (3.) The amounts of any Assessments received from any places in the Murrumbidgee Districts.
 (4.) The amounts and particulars of all compensations paid to any parties residing at any places in the Murrumbidgee Districts.
19. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved :—
 (1.) Because the lately appointed new Members—Mr. Garland, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. Gordon—are not pre-eminently distinguished above all others for their peculiar fitness for the discharge of the duties, and for the solution of the intricate and delicate questions likely to come before them.
 (2.) Because, by the 29th section of the Constitution Act of 1853, it is the right and the duty of this House to discuss and declare on the disability or incapability of any person to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly.
 (3.) Because the Election Committee, as at present constituted, should not be allowed to report on the only Petition now referred to them, as two or more of these newly appointed Members are not themselves registered as voters, according to the intention of the Constitution Act of 1853; nor yet according to the expressed terms of the Electoral Act of 1851, by which Act the Election Committee is itself constituted.
20. MR. COWPER to move, That the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the South Head Road Trust Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 6th instant, be restored to the paper for Tuesday next.
21. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 21st instant, be restored to the paper for Tuesday next.
22. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Singleton against the Running of Railway Trains upon the Sabbath, presented by him on 9th December, be referred to the Select Committee on Railways, now sitting.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
3. Claims against Government Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Destitute Children's Bill read 3^d; to be passed.
2. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Loan Bill, £150,000; third reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether Ministers intend to proceed with the Bill for regulating the occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown during this Session.
2. MR. MURRAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to proceed with the County Courts Bill during the present Session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 (1.) That this House is of opinion, that the Outer Domain, the Botanical Gardens, and other places in the City of Sydney, set apart by the Government, and maintained by the Legislature, for the recreation of the Public, ought to be at all reasonable and proper hours open to the Public without restriction, and that the exclusion of the Public therefrom during such reasonable hours, under any pretence whatever, is highly objectionable, if not positively illegal.

(2.)

(2.) That this House is further of opinion, that the granting of any such places, either for the purposes of grazing cattle, for holding flower shows, exhibiting fire-works, or any other object whatever, involving the payment of money as a condition of admission to such places, ought to be immediately discontinued.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Law of Evidence Bill ; second reading.
2. Consideration of Legislative Council's Message respecting Proposed Library Arrangements.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown in New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs' Further Regulation Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.
2. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
3. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
4. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
5. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
6. Mining Companies Regulation Bill ; second reading.
7. Civil List Increase Bill ; third reading.
8. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill ; second reading.
9. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.
10. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill ; third reading.
11. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
12. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. County Courts Bill ; second reading.
2. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill ; second reading.
3. Postage Acts Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
4. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Port of Newcastle:—Mr. Jones presented a Petition from the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Committee of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, praying for (1) the appointment of a Local Board to direct and supervise the Public business of the Port; and (2) the Establishment and maintenance there, of a First Class Steam Tug.
Petition received.
2. Mail communication with Great Britain:—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to notice,—
(1.) That it is the opinion of this House that, in any Contract made by the Government for the Conveyance of Mails during the year 1858, between this Colony and Great Britain, it ought to be expressly stipulated that Sydney should be the first place of arrival in these Seas, and the last of departure.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General, with a request that he will cause it to be carried into effect.
Debate ensued.
Contingent Notice by leave withdrawn.
Original Motion by leave withdrawn.
3. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Jones withdrew the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day.
4. Paper:—Mr. Manning laid upon the Table a further Return to the Address made by this House on the 4th November last, on motion of Mr. Parkes, for Copies of Correspondence in reference to an alleged case of Bigamy on the part of John Gerrie.
5. Mr. William Bowman:—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Mr. William Bowman, respecting sheep destroyed by him under the Scab Act, presented by Mr. Nichols on the 20th instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Motion withdrawn:—Mr. Nichols withdrew the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
7. Crown Lands held under Lease:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of acres of Land held under Lease from the Crown, in the Settled, Intermediate, and Unsettled Districts, respectively; specifying the amounts derived from them, and the rents paid, on an average, per acre.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. Motions Withdrawn:—Mr. Murray withdrew the motions standing in his name sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth, on the Notice Paper for to-day.
9. Road from Braidwood to the Clyde:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from the Inhabitants of Braidwood, presented by him on the 9th instant, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
10. Residents, and Public Houses, on the Braidwood Gold Fields:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of persons now residing on the several Gold Fields in the Braidwood District, and of the number of Licensed Public Houses thereon.
Question put and passed.
11. Commission of the Peace:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Names of all Gentlemen in the Commission of the Peace.
Question put and passed.
12. Motions dropped:—
(1.) Mr. Robertson not moving the motion standing in his name thirteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
(2.) Mr. Clark Irving not moving the motions standing in his name fourteenth and fifteenth on the Notice Paper for to-day, they dropped.

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13. Right of Reply on Second Reading of Bills :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to notice, (*as amended by consent*), That the question—Whether the Framer of every Bill shall be entitled to reply on the Second Reading—be referred for the consideration of the Standing Orders Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

14. Lights and Light Houses:—Mr. Egan moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Correspondence between the Port Master and the Colonial Secretary, since January 1843, on the subject of Lights and Light Houses on the Coasts of this and the adjacent Colonies.

Question put and passed.

15. Sheep Assessment and Compensation Returns :—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House :—

(1.) A Return of the number of sheep in each District, the amount of the Assessment received from, and the amount and the particulars of the compensation paid to, or in, each District under the present Scab Act.

(2.) A Return of the total number of sheep in the Murrumbidgee Districts in 1853, 1854, 1855, and 1856.

(3.) The amounts of any Assessments received from any places in the Murrumbidgee Districts.

(4.) The amounts and particulars of all compensations paid to any parties residing at any places in the Murrumbidgee Districts, with the amounts of Scab Assessments paid by such parties in each case.

Question put and passed.

16. Loan Bill for 1857 :—Mr. Donaldson moved, That Mr. Hargrave and Mr. Donaldson do carry the following Message to the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan of One Hundred and Thirty Thousand and Four Hundred Pounds, upon the security of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, to meet a like amount payable in the year 1857, upon Debentures to fall due in that year.*"

2. The Legislative Assembly requests that its agreement to the said Amendment, (which is merely of a verbal nature, to bring the Preamble of the Bill to correspond with the form of Preamble already agreed upon in respect to previous Bills,) may not be drawn into a precedent to authorize the Legislative Council to alter or amend in any manner whatever any Money Bill passed by this House.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23 January, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

17. Motion dropped :—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That the Committee of Elections and Qualifications be dissolved :—

(1.) Because the lately appointed new Members—Mr. Garland, Mr. Hargrave, and Mr. Gordon—are not pre-eminently distinguished above all others for their peculiar fitness for the discharge of the duties, and for the solution of the intricate and delicate questions likely to come before them.

(2.) Because, by the 29th section of the Constitution Act of 1853, it is the right and the duty of this House to discuss and declare on the disability or incapability of any person to sit or vote in the Legislative Assembly.

(3.) Because the Election Committee, as at present constituted, should not be allowed to report on the only Petition now referred to them, as two or more of these newly appointed Members are not themselves *registered as voters*, according to the intention of the Constitution Act of 1853; nor yet according to the expressed terms of the Electoral Act of 1851, by which Act the Election Committee is itself constituted,—but the same not being seconded, it dropped.

18. South Head Road Trust Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the South Head Road Trust Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 6th instant, be restored to the paper for Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

19. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 21st instant, be restored to the paper for Wednesday next.

Question put and passed.

20. Desecration of the Sabbath :—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of certain Inhabitants of Singleton against the Running of Railway Trains upon the Sabbath, presented by him on 9th December, be referred to the Select Committee on Railways, now sitting.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be referred accordingly.

21. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill :—Mr. Jones moved, "That" the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr.

Mr. Nichols moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill be now laid aside."

Debate ensued.

Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn.

Original Question by leave withdrawn.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Jones, the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill discharged from the Paper.

22. Postponement:—The second reading of the Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Holroyd, on behalf of Mr. Oxley, until Tuesday next.

23. Claims against Government Bill:—Mr. Nichols moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

The Chairman reported, That the Committee had agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Nichols moved, That this House do now adopt the said Amendments as so reported.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Nichols moved, that Mr. Forster and Mr. Nichols do carry the following Message to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to give relief to persons having claims against the Government of New South Wales.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23 January, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

24. Destitute Children's Bill read 3^d:—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill, as amended, do now pass.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Manning moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to Incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of the Society for the relief of Destitute Children.*"

Question put and passed.

Whereupon, Mr. Manning moved, that Mr. Nichols and Mr. Forster do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to Incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children,*" with the following Amendment, to which it now desires the concurrence of the Legislative Council, viz.: Preamble, line 17, after the words "New South Wales," insert the words "in Parliament Assembled."

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23 January, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

25. Moreton Bay District Court Bill:—On motion of Manning the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum of Members present, the House was counted, and there not being a Quorum present, the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill; second reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. SCOTT to move,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion, that the Outer Domain, the Botanical Gardens, and other places in the City of Sydney, set apart by the Government, and maintained by the Legislature, for the recreation of the Public, ought to be at all reasonable and proper hours open to the Public without restriction, and that the exclusion of the Public therefrom during such reasonable hours, under any pretence whatever, is highly objectionable, if not positively illegal.

(2.) That this House is further of opinion, that the granting of any such places, either for the purposes of grazing cattle, for holding flower shows, exhibiting fire-works, or any other object whatever, involving the payment of money as a condition of admission to such places, ought to be immediately discontinued.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

2. Mr. JONES to move, That the Petition of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Committee of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, praying for the appointment of a Local Board, and the Establishment of a Steam Tug at the Port of Newcastle, presented by him on the 23rd instant, be printed.

3. MR. NICHOLS to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act, 19 Viet., No. 25.
4. MR. JONES to move, That the Correspondence between the Honorable the Attorney General and Mr. Donald Macpherson, with reference to a case of alleged bigamy on the part of John Gerrie, which has been laid on the Table of this House, be printed.
5. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary and H. G. Black, Esquire, having reference to the character and conduct of Mr. Ascough a Magistrate of the Territory.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Law of Evidence Bill ; second reading.
2. Consideration of Legislative Council's Message respecting Proposed Library Arrangements.
3. South Head Road Trust Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
4. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

Question :—

4. MR. GORDON to ask THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,— Whether the management of the Parramatta and Liverpool Railway is to be continued in the hands of the Commissioners, as at present, or whether the Government intend to rent the Railway for a certain period of time, on terms similar to that formerly arranged with Mr. Randle, or in any other way.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown in New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs' Further Regulation Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.
2. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
3. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
4. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
5. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
6. Mining Companies Regulation Bill ; second reading.
7. Civil List Increase Bill ; third reading.
8. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill ; second reading.
9. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill Reported ; Adoption of the Report.
10. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill ; third reading.
11. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
12. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
13. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.
14. Loan Bill, £150,000 ; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. County Courts Bill ; second reading.
2. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill ; second reading.
3. Postage Acts Amendment Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
4. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Government House and Domain at Parramatta:—The Speaker reported that he had presented to the Governor General the Address passed by this House on the 20th instant, in reference to the Government House and Domain at Parramatta, and that His Excellency had been pleased to make thereto the following Answer:—

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

In conformity with the request conveyed in the Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 20th instant, the Governor General will transmit to the Secretary of State, by the earliest opportunity, a copy of the Resolutions contained in that Address.

Government House,

Sydney, 27 January, 1857.

2. Desecration of the Sabbath:—Mr. Parker presented a Petition from the Minister, Churchwardens, and Members of the Congregation of St. John's Church, Parramatta, praying the House to adopt such measures as shall put a stop to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath, and secure to those employed in this Department of the Public Service that sacred rest to which they are entitled.
Petition received.
3. Electoral and Representative Systems Amendment Bill:—Mr. Forster moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.
Mr. Parker moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word "now," with a view to add at the end the words, "this day six months."
Debate ensued.
Question put, That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Weckes,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Jones,¹
Mr. Forster. } Tellers.

Noes, 24.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Daryvall,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Holroyd. } Tellers.

Question—That the words proposed to be added at the end of the Question be so added,—put and passed;

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

4. Vacant Seat:—Mr. Parker,—having acquainted the House That John Hubert Plunkett, Esquire, had accepted the Office of President of the Legislative Council,—
Moved, That the Seat of John Hubert Plunkett, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant, by reason of the acceptance of the Office of President of the Legislative Council by the said John Hubert Plunkett, Esquire, since his election and return to to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of the County of Argyle.
Question put and passed.

5. **Transmission of Messages between the two Houses:**—Mr. Parker, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the Report from the Standing Orders Committee, on the Resolutions in reference to the transmission of Messages between the two Houses, communicated by the Legislative Council, in its Message of the 10th December last, for concurrence of this House, which were, on the 17th of the same month, referred to the said Committee.
Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
6. **Postponement:**—Mr. Scott postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
7. **Newcastle Local Board and Steam Tug:**—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Committee of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, praying for the appointment of a Local Board, and the Establishment of a Steam Tug at the Port of Newcastle, presented by him on the 23rd instant, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
8. **Postponement:**—Mr. Holroyd, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Nichols third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
9. **John Gerrie:—Bigamy;**—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, That the Correspondence between the Honorable the Attorney General and Mr. Donald Macpherson, with reference to a case of alleged bigamy on the part of John Gerrie, which has been laid on the Table of this House, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
10. **Motion withdrawn:**—Mr. Robertson withdrew the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day.
11. **Law of Evidence Bill:**—Mr. Darvall moved That this Bill be now read a second time.
Mr. Murray moved, That the Debate of this Question be adjourned until Friday next.
Debate ensued.
Question, on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until Friday next, put and passed.
12. **Proposed Library Arrangements:**—On the Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Legislative Council's Message respecting certain proposed Library arrangements,—
Mr. Parker moved, That there be referred to the Library Committee the Message of the Legislative Council, of the 16th instant, requesting the concurrence of this House in the appointment of a Joint Committee, for the purposes expressed in the following Resolutions agreed to by the Legislative Council, viz:—
“ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that arrangements should be made for the establishment of a general Library for the use, equally, of the Members of both Houses.
“ (2.) That, in addition to such Library, separate Reading Rooms, supplied with Periodicals and Books of Reference, should be provided for the use of Members of the Assembly and of the Council, respectively.
“ (3.) That proper measures should be adopted for placing on the Estimates a sufficient sum to provide Books for such general Library, and the necessary Periodicals and Books of Reference.
“ (4.) That, until the above arrangements be carried out, the Books in the Library should be used jointly by Members of both Houses, and the Room at present occupied for the purposes of a Library continue to be used as a Reading Room for the Assembly; a separate room adjoining the Council Chamber being, in the mean time, set apart as a Reading Room for the Members of this House.
“ (5.) That the appointment of a joint Committee of this House and the Legislative Assembly is desirable, for the purposes for which a Library Committee is usually appointed.
“ (6.) That, if the appointment of such Committee be agreed to by the Assembly, this Council will appoint Seven Members of the House to serve thereon.
“ (7.) That these Resolutions be communicated to the Legislative Assembly, with a request that that House will agree to the appointment of such joint Committee.”
Question put and passed.
13. **Postponements:**—
(1.) The consideration in Committee of the South Head Road Trust Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Murray, on behalf of Mr. Cowper, until Friday next.
(2.) The second reading of the 'Toll Duties' Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Oxley, until Tuesday next.
The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the occupation of the Waste Lands of the Crown in New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Customs' Further Regulation Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
2. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
3. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
5. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
6. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Civil List Increase Bill; third reading.
8. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill; second reading.
9. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
10. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill; third reading.
11. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
13. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
14. Loan Bill, £150,000; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That the Petition presented by him yesterday, from the Minister, Churchwardens, and Members of the Congregation of Saint John's Church, at Parramatta, praying the adoption of measures to put a stop to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.
2. Transmission of Messages between the Two Houses; Consideration of Report from Standing Orders Committee.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. County Courts Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that the Outer Domain, the Botanical Gardens, and other places in the City of Sydney, set apart by the Government, and maintained by the Legislature, for the recreation of the Public, ought to be at all reasonable and proper hours open to the Public without restriction, and that the exclusion of the Public therefrom during such reasonable hours, under any pretence whatever, is highly objectionable, if not positively illegal.
 - (2.) That this House is further of opinion, that the granting of any such places, either for the purposes of grazing cattle, for holding flower shows, exhibiting fire-works, or any other object whatever, involving the payment of money as a condition of admission to such places, ought to be immediately discontinued.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. NICHOLS to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act, 19 Vict., No. 25.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of the motion of Mr. Darvall; "That the Law of Evidence Bill be now read a second time."
3. South Head Road Trust Bill; to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

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No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Motion Dropped:—Mr. Hay not moving the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, it dropped.
2. Customs' Further Regulation Bill Reported:—The Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House having been adopted, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Manning, the House ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
3. Postponements:—
 - (1.) The second reading of the Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until the fourth Order on the Paper of Government Business for to-day shall have been disposed of.
 - (2.) The consideration in Committee of the Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill shall have been disposed of.
4. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow,—taking precedence of all Business on the Paper for that day.
5. Native Police Force:—Mr. Sandeman, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed, on the 8th November last, to inquire into the present state of the Native Police Force employed in the Colony, with a view to the improvement of its organization and management.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Postponements:—
 - (1.) The second reading of the Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow.
 - (2.) The consideration in Committee of the Wholesale Spirit Merchants' Fee Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2) postponed, on motion of Mr. Hay, until to-morrow.
 - (4.) The second reading of the Mining Companies' Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
7. Civil List Increase Bill:—Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Pyc,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Garland, } Tellers.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Murray, } Tellers.
Mr. Cowper. }

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Parker then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to grant to Her Majesty certain sums in addition to the present Civil List for the adequate remuneration of the Colonial Treasurer.*"

Question put and passed;—

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Whereupon Mr. Parker moved, That Mr. George Macleay and Mr. Garland do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to grant to Her Majesty certain sums in addition to the present Civil List for the adequate remuneration of the Colonial Treasurer;*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28 January, 1857.*

Question put and passed.

8. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee to-morrow.
9. Postponement:—The Adoption of the Report of the Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until to-morrow.
10. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be "now" read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Buckley moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "now," in order to the insertion in their place of the words "re-committed with a view to the further consideration of Clause 1."

Debate continued.

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

Whereupon Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Holroyd, } Tellers.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson, } Tellers.

Bill read a third time.

Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Question put and passed;—

Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to impose a Duty on Bonded Warehouses.*"

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That Mr. George Macleay and Mr. Garland do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein.

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to impose a Duty on Bonded Warehouses;*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th January, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

11. Postponements :—
 - (1.) The second reading of the Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow.
 - (2.) The consideration in Committee of the Auditor General's Office Definition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow.
12. Loan Bill, £150,000, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to empower the Government to raise a sum of Money, not exceeding One hundred and fifty Thousand Pounds, by the sale of Terminable Annuities or Debentures.*"

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That Mr. George Macleay and Mr. Garland do carry this Bill to the Legislative Council, with the following Message, desiring its concurrence therein.

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled, "*An Act to empower the Government to raise a sum of Money, not exceeding One hundred and fifty Thousand Pounds, by the sale of Terminable Annuities or Debentures;*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28 January, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

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13. Desecration of the Sabbath :—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him yesterday, from the Minister, Churchwardens, and Members of the Congregation of Saint John's Church, at Parramatta, praying the adoption of measures to put a stop to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
Question put and passed
Ordered to be printed, and referred accordingly.
14. Postponement :—The second reading of the Time of Prescription Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until this day fortnight.
15. Transmission of Messages between the two Houses :—Mr. Parker moved, That the Report of the Standing Orders Committee, on the proposed arrangement for the transmission of Messages between the two Houses, be now adopted.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Parker then moved, That Mr. George Macleay and Mr. Garland do carry the following Message to the Legislative Council :—
The Legislative Assembly concurs in the Resolutions, in reference to the transmission of Messages between the two Houses, communicated by the Legislative Council's Message of the 10th ultimo, which are as follow :—
(1.) "That in addition to the mode provided by the present Standing Orders with regard to Messages between the two Houses, one of the Clerks of either House may be the bearer of Messages from the one to the other.
(2.) "That Messages so sent be received at the Bar by one of the Clerks of the House to which they are sent, at any time whilst such House is sitting or in Committee, without interrupting the Business then proceeding."
2. The Legislative Assembly have agreed to the following additional Resolutions, for carrying out the proposed change in the existing practice,—to which additional Resolutions it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council, viz. :—
(3.) That it be the duty of the Clerk to communicate every Message so received, at the earliest opportunity, without interrupting the public business, to the Speaker, by whom it shall be made known to the House.
(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions do stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28 January, 1857.*

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at Twenty Minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MANNING to move, That the Order of the Day, for the consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Moreton Bay District Court Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 23rd instant, be restored to the Paper for to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. County Courts Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
5. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; third reading.
6. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
7. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; to be considered in Committee.
8. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
9. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill; to be considered in Committee.
10. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
11. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
13. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That Mr. Jones be a member of the Standing Orders Committee.

Question :—

1. MR. SUTTOR to ask The Honorable the Minister for Lands and Public Works, what steps the Government intend taking relative to the construction of lines of Electric Telegraph to the various Districts of the interior; and when it is likely the Government will be prepared to call for tenders for the construction of such works?

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that the Outer Domain, the Botanical Gardens, and other places in the City of Sydney, set apart by the Government, and maintained by the Legislature, for the recreation of the Public, ought to be at all reasonable and proper hours open to the Public without restriction, and that the exclusion of the Public therefrom during such reasonable hours, under any pretence whatever, is highly objectionable, if not positively illegal.
 - (2.) That this House is further of opinion, that the granting of any such places, either for the purposes of grazing cattle, for holding flower shows, exhibiting fire-works, or any other object whatever, involving the payment of money as a condition of admission to such places, ought to be immediately discontinued.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. NICHOLS to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act, 19 Vict., No. 25.
3. MR. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Warrants or Orders from the City Commissioners to the City Treasurer, for the payment of money on account of work performed by Mr. Randle, under his contract for the construction of Sewers in the City of Sydney, from their commencement to the date of the last payment.
4. MR. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A copy of all Correspondence which may have taken place between Mr. Randle and the City Commissioners, relative to any balances claimed by the former on account of works performed by him in the construction of the City Sewers.
 - (2.) A copy of all Correspondence which may have taken place between Messrs. Want Roxburgh and Want, and the City Commissioners, in reference to the same subject.
5. MR. NICHOLS to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to Facilitate the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes.
6. MR. WEEKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government and Commander William Caswell, R.N., relative to his claim to a grant of land, and also a copy of the minute made by Governor Darling, shortly before his departure from the Colony, authorizing the issue of a grant to that gentleman to complete his original or primary grant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of the motion of Mr. Darvall; "That the Law of Evidence Bill be now read a second time."
3. South Head Road Trust Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Questions :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken relative to the preparation of plans and estimates for the construction of a Causeway across the Falls at West Maitland, and of the Dam across the mouth of Wallis' Creek, in pursuance of a Resolution of this House passed on the 18th November last?
2. MR. NICHOLS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether the Government intend to take any measures for the removal of the Licensed Slaughter Houses from the City of Sydney?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Desecration of the Sabbath:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, and of its suburbs, praying the House to adopt such measures as shall put a stop to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath.
Petition received.
2. Abattoirs on Glebe Island:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, against abandoning the Abattoirs on Glebe Island.
Petition received.
3. Shipping Master's Department:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain Ship-owners, Shipmasters, and others interested in the trade and shipping of the Port of Sydney, in public meeting assembled, praying the House to adopt such measures as may seem desirable to maintain the Shipping Master's Department in an effective state.
Petition received.
4. Clerk of Petty Sessions at Wollombi:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Wollombi, praying that the office of Clerk of Petty Sessions for that District may be maintained.
Petition received.
5. Opening the Crown Lands for Allotment:—Mr. Murray presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Tumut and its vicinity, representing the necessity for throwing open the Crown Lands for selection in allotments of from fifty to one thousand acres, at one pound per acre, payable by instalments of four shillings per acre per annum; and praying the House to take this important question into immediate consideration.
Petition received.
6. South Head Road Trust Bill:—Mr. Donaldson presented a Petition from certain Landholders, and other residents of the suburbs known as Paddington, Waverley, Darling Point, and Glenmore, praying that the House will not grant to the South Head Road Trustees the increased powers proposed to be conferred upon them by this Bill, and that such amendment may be made in the law as will enable Petitioners to regulate their own local affairs.
Petition received.
7. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later period of the evening.
8. Salaries of County Court Judges:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—

W. DENISON, Message No. 23.
Governor General.

In accordance with the provision contained in the 54th Clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor General recommends to the Legislative Assembly the appropriation of a fixed sum for Salaries, not exceeding £1,000 each, for not more than four Judges of County Courts.

As it is proposed that the Judges of County Courts shall perform the duties of the Commissioner of the Courts of Requests for Sydney and the County of Cumberland, and of the Chairman of Quarter Sessions, the Salaries proposed for those Officers, in the Estimate of Expenditure for the present year, will, upon the establishment of County Courts, cease to be required.

*Government House,
 Sydney. 29 January, 1857.*

Ordered to be printed, and considered in Committee of Supply.
9. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Parker, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
10. Moreton Bay District Court Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, pursuant to notice, That the Order of the Day for the consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Moreton Bay District Court Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 23rd instant, be restored to the Paper for to-morrow.
Question put and passed.

11. Postponements—
 - (1.) The second reading of the County Courts Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
 - (2.) The second reading of the Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.
12. Postage Acts Amendment Bill:—On motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
13. Postponements:—
 - (1.) The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Thursday next.
 - (2.) The third reading of the Customs' Further Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until to-morrow.
 - (3.) On motion of Mr. Manning, the sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth Orders of the Day postponed, until Wednesday next.
14. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill Reported:—The Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole having been adopted, on motion of Mr. Manning, the House ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
15. Postponements:—On motion of Mr. Manning, the eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth Orders of the Day postponed, until Wednesday next.
16. Standing Orders Committee:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That Mr. Jones be a Member of the Standing Orders Committee.
Question put and passed.
The House adjourned at Half-past Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that the Outer Domain, the Botanical Gardens, and other places in the City of Sydney, set apart by the Government, and maintained by the Legislature, for the recreation of the Public, ought to be at all reasonable and proper hours open to the Public without restriction, and that the exclusion of the Public therefrom during such reasonable hours, under any pretence whatever, is highly objectionable, if not positively illegal.
 - (2.) That this House is further of opinion, that the granting of any such places, either for the purposes of grazing cattle, for holding flower shows, exhibiting fire-works, or any other object whatever, involving the payment of money as a condition of admission to such places, ought to be immediately discontinued.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. MR. NICHOLS to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act, 19 Vict., No. 25.
3. MR. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Warrants or Orders from the City Commissioners to the City Treasurer, for the payment of money on account of work performed by Mr. Randle, under his contract for the construction of Sewers in the City of Sydney, from their commencement to the date of the last payment.
4. MR. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A copy of all Correspondence which may have taken place between Mr. Randle and the City Commissioners, relative to any balances claimed by the former on account of works performed by him in the construction of the City Sewers.
 - (2.) A copy of all Correspondence which may have taken place between Messrs. Want Roxburgh and Want, and the City Commissioners, in reference to the same subject.
5. MR. NICHOLS to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to Facilitate the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes.
6. MR. WEEKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government and Commander William Caswell, R.N., relative to his claim to a grant of land, and also a copy of the minute made by Governor Darling, shortly before his departure from the Colony, authorizing the issue of a grant to that gentleman to complete his original or primary grant.
7. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th instant, from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, and of its Suburbs, praying the adoption of measures to put a stop to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
8. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th instant, from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, against abandoning the Abattoirs on Glebe Island, be printed.
9. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th instant, from certain Shipowners, Shipmasters, and others interested in the trade and shipping of the Port of Sydney, praying the House to adopt such measures as may seem desirable to maintain the Shipping Masters' Department in an effective state, be printed.
10. MR. IRVING to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 21st instant, from the Residents in that part of the Darling Downs and Gwydir Districts, on the McIntyre River, below its junction with the Severn and the Weir, on Jones' River, representing the insufficiency of Police Protection afforded to them, and praying relief, be printed.

11. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition presented by him yesterday, from certain Inhabitants of Tumut and its vicinity, representing the necessity for throwing open the Crown Lands for selection in allotments of from fifty to one thousand acres, at one pound per acre, payable by instalments of four shillings per acre per annum, and praying the House to take this important question into immediate consideration, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of the motion of Mr. Darvall ; " That the Law " of Evidence Bill be now read a second time."
3. South Head Road Trust Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Moreton Bay District Court Bill ; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Postage Acts Amendment Bill ; third reading.
3. Customs' Further Regulation Bill ; third reading.
4. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill ; third reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken relative to the preparation of plans and estimates for the construction of a Causeway across the Falls at West Maitland, and of the Dam across the mouth of Wallis' Creek, in pursuance of a Resolution of this House passed on the 18th November last ?
2. MR. NICHOLS to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether the Government intend to take any measures for the removal of the Licensed Slaughter Houses from the City of Sydney ?
3. MR. FORSTER to ask THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) With reference to an Address to the Governor General, agreed to by this House on November 7, 1856, and praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House certain returns relating to trials and adjudications in the Supreme Court,—why have not such returns been furnished in compliance with the prayer of the Address above specified ?
 - (2.) Is it intended by Government to furnish such Returns, and if so, how soon ?
4. MR. FORSTER to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—
 - (1.) Whether it is intended by the Government to alter the Estimates of the Public Revenue for the year 1857, so as to include therein the sum of £449 17s. 6d., lately paid into the General Revenue, by His Excellency the Governor General, by way of proceeds from the Government House and Domain at Parramatta ?
 - (2.) Otherwise, how is it proposed to give this Assembly official cognizance of, and control over, the sum referred to ?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.

Questions :—

1. MR. SANDEMAN to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Government have taken into consideration the claims of certain Settlers in the District of Wide Bay and Burnett, and other Northern Districts, for provisions and other supplies furnished to the Native Police while under the charge of Mr. Frederick Walker ; and if any decision has been arrived at by Government on the subject of such claims ?
2. MR. SANDEMAN to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS—If any steps have been taken or are contemplated by the Government, for commencing a line of Railway or Tramroad from Brisbane to Ipswich, or from Ipswich to Drayton or Warwick ?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the discharge of the duties of Clerks of Petty Sessions in districts for which no such officer shall be appointed, and to withdraw certain special powers now possessed by Police Magistrates.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill ; second reading.
2. County Courts Bill ; second reading.
3. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill ; second reading.
4. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
5. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
6. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
7. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
8. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
9. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
10. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill ; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

THE
MUSEUM OF
ART AND HISTORY

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 30 JANUARY, 1857.

There being only Sixteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Parker, Mr. Pye, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Irving, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Flood, Mr. Jones, Mr. Marks, Mr. Scott, Mr. Hay, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Dalley, Mr. Forster, Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. Macarthur, and Mr. Cowper,—the Speaker took the Chair and adjourned the House at half-past Three o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. SCOTT to move,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that the Outer Domain, the Botanical Gardens, and other places in the City of Sydney, set apart by the Government, and maintained by the Legislature, for the recreation of the Public, ought to be at all reasonable and proper hours open to the Public without restriction, and that the exclusion of the Public therefrom during such reasonable hours, under any pretence whatever, is highly objectionable, if not positively illegal.
 - (2.) That this House is further of opinion, that the granting of any such places, either for the purposes of grazing cattle, for holding flower shows, exhibiting fire-works, or any other object whatever, involving the payment of money as a condition of admission to such places, ought to be immediately discontinued.
 - (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.
2. Mr. NICHOLS to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act, 19 Vict., No. 25.
3. Mr. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Warrants or Orders from the City Commissioners to the City Treasurer, for the payment of money on account of work performed by Mr. Randle, under his contract for the construction of Sewers in the City of Sydney, from their commencement to the date of the last payment.
4. Mr. FLOOD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A copy of all Correspondence which may have taken place between Mr. Randle and the City Commissioners, relative to any balances claimed by the former on account of works performed by him in the construction of the City Sewers.
 - (2.) A copy of all Correspondence which may have taken place between Messrs. Want Roxburgh and Want, and the City Commissioners, in reference to the same subject.
5. Mr. NICHOLS to move, for leave to introduce a Bill to Facilitate the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes.
6. Mr. WEEKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government and Commander William Caswell, R.N., relative to his claim to a grant of land, and also a copy of the minute made by Governor Darling, shortly before his departure from the Colony, authorizing the issue of a grant to that gentleman to complete his original or primary grant.
7. Mr. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th instant, from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, and of its Suburbs, praying the adoption of measures to put a stop to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
8. Mr. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th instant, from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, against abandoning the Abattoirs on Glebe Island, be printed.
9. Mr. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th instant, from certain Shipowners, Shipmasters, and others interested in the trade and shipping of the Port of Sydney, praying the House to adopt such measures as may seem desirable to maintain the Shipping Masters' Department in an effective state, be printed.
10. Mr. IRVING to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 21st instant, from the Residents in that part of the Darling Downs and Gwydir Districts, on the McIntyre River, below its junction with the Severn and the Weir, on Jones' River, representing the insufficiency of Police Protection afforded to them, and praying relief, be printed.
11. Mr. MURRAY to move, That the Petition presented by him yesterday, from certain Inhabitants of Tumut and its vicinity, representing the necessity for throwing open the Crown Lands for selection in allotments of from fifty to one thousand acres, at one pound

pound per acre, payable by instalments of four shillings per acre per annum, and praying the House to take this important question into immediate consideration, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate of the motion of Mr. Darvall; "That the Law of Evidence Bill be now read a second time."
4. South Head Road Trust Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

Questions :—

1. MR. SANDEMAN to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—If the Government have taken into consideration the claims of certain Settlers in the District of Wide Bay and Burnett, and other Northern Districts, for provisions and other supplies furnished to the Native Police while under the charge of Mr. Frederick Walker; and if any decision has been arrived at by Government on the subject of such claims?
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(2.) Otherwise, how is it proposed to give this Assembly official cognizance of, and control over, the sum referred to?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the discharge of the duties of Clerks of Petty Sessions in districts for which no such officer shall be appointed, and to withdraw certain special powers now possessed by Police Magistrates.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. County Courts Bill; second reading.
3. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
4. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
5. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
7. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill; to be considered in Committee.
8. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
10. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
11. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
12. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; third reading.
13. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; third reading.
14. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill; third reading.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Richmond Bridge Company's Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Martin, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this Bill was referred on the 8th November last.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Martin then moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day week.
Question put and passed.
2. City Commissioners' Department:—Mr. Jones, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed, on the 12th August last, "to inquire into, and report upon, the proceedings of the Commissioners for the City of Sydney, from the period of their appointment;":—
And the Report being, by Order of the Speaker, read at length by the Clerk,—
The same, together with the Evidence, ordered to be printed.
3. Paper:—Mr. Hay laid upon the Table the Return to the Address in reference to the Memorial of Challinor and others on the subject of the Land Regulations, adopted, on motion of Mr. Parkes, on the 28th November last.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Proposed Library Arrangements:—Mr. Cowper, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the Report from the Library Committee on the Message of the Legislative Council of the 9th of January last, and accompanying Resolutions, in reference to certain proposed Library Arrangements which were referred to that Committee on the 27th of the same month.
Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration on Friday next.
5. Messages from the Legislative Council:—The following Messages from the Legislative Council, received and read:—
(1.) Stamps on Conveyances Bill:—
Mr. Speaker,
The Legislative Council having passed the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to declare that Instruments affecting Real Estate in this Colony, executed out of the Colony, are admissible in Evidence therein, although not stamped,*" requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly therein.
J. H. PLUNKETT,
Legislative Council Chamber, President.
Sydney, 30 January, 1857.
On motion of Mr. Nichols, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
- (2.) Insolvent Acts Amendment Bill:—
Mr. Speaker,
The Legislative Council having passed the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to amend so much of the Insolvent Acts now in force as relates to directions of Creditors to Assignees,*" requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly therein.
J. H. PLUNKETT,
Legislative Council Chamber, President.
Sydney, 30 January, 1857.
On motion of Mr. Nichols, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.

(3.)

(3.) Australian Trust Company's Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to enlarge the powers of the 'Australian Trust Company,'*" with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30 January, 1857.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Barker, to be taken into consideration on Friday next.

(4.) Gold Duty Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act for granting a Duty upon Gold,*" without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30 January, 1857.*

(5.) Australian General Assurance Company's Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to Incorporate the 'Australian General Assurance Company,'*" without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29 January, 1857.*

(6.) Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to vest the Trust Monneys, Securities, and Property of the 'Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company' in this Colony, in the Local Trustees of the said Company for the time being,*" with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29 January, 1857.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Cowper, to be taken into consideration on Friday next.

(7.) Destitute Children's Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has this day concurred in the Amendment proposed by the Legislative Assembly, to the Bill intituled, "*An Act to Incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of The Society for the relief of Destitute Children,*" viz. :—

Preamble, line 17, after the words "New South Wales," insert the words "in Parliament assembled."

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29 January, 1857.*

(8.) Transmission of Messages between the two Houses :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has concurred in the additional Resolutions of the Legislative Assembly, on the subject of Messages between the two Houses, as communicated to the Council by Message on the 28th instant, and has adopted similar Rules as a Sessional Order for the present Session.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 30 January, 1857.*

6. Occasional Exclusion of the Public from the Outer Domain and Botanical Gardens :—

Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion, that the Outer Domain, the Botanical Gardens, and other places in the City of Sydney, set apart by the Government, and maintained by the Legislature, for the recreation of the Public, ought to be at all reasonable and proper hours open to the Public without restriction, and that the exclusion of the Public therefrom during such reasonable hours, under any pretence whatever, is highly objectionable, if not positively illegal.

(2.) That this House is further of opinion, that the granting of any such places, either for the purposes of grazing cattle, for holding flower shows, exhibiting fire-works, or any other object whatever, involving the payment of money as a condition of admission to such places, ought to be immediately discontinued.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be embodied in an Address, and presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. Hay moved the Previous Question.

Debate ensued.

Previous Question put—"Shall this Question be now put?"

The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

- Mr. J. Campbell,
- Mr. Piddington,
- Mr. T. G. Rusden,
- Mr. Arnold,
- Mr. Martin,
- Mr. F. T. Rusden,
- Mr. Dalley,
- Mr. Scott,

} Tellers.

Noes, 31.

- Mr. Parker,
- Mr. Cowper,
- Mr. Gordon,
- Mr. G. Macleay,
- Mr. Hay,
- Mr. Forster,
- Mr. Nichols,
- Mr. Lang,
- Mr. Bowman,
- Mr. Holt,
- Mr. Macarthur,
- Mr. Richardson,
- Mr. Garland,
- Mr. Irving,
- Mr. Flood,
- Mr. Jones,
- Mr. Barker,
- Mr. Weekes,
- Mr. Suttor,
- Mr. Lord,
- Mr. Heley,
- Mr. Hargrave,
- Mr. Lee,
- Mr. Egan,
- Mr. R. Campbell,
- Mr. Donaldson,
- Mr. Manning,
- Mr. Darvall,
- Mr. Marks,
- Mr. Robertson,
- Mr. Holroyd.

} Tellers.

7. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Nichols withdrew the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Payments to Contractor for Sewerage Works :—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to amended notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Warrants or Orders from the City Commissioners to the City Treasurer, for the payment of money on account of work performed by Mr. Randle, under his contract for the construction of Sowers in the City of Sydney, from their commencement to the 8th August last.
Question put and passed.
9. Balances claimed by Contractor for Sewerage Works :—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to amended notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A copy of all Correspondence which may have taken place between Mr. Randle and the City Commissioners, relative to any balances claimed by the former on account of works performed by him in the construction of the City Sewers.
(2.) A copy of all Correspondence which may have taken place between Messrs. Want Roxburgh and Want, and the City Commissioners, and, also, copies of all Correspondence between the latter gentlemen and the City Solicitor, in reference to the same subject.
Question put and passed.
10. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill :—Mr. Nichols moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to introduce a Bill to Facilitate the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed ; Ordered, that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
11. Desecration of the Sabbath :—Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from the Congregation worshipping in Macquarie-street, Sydney, in connection with the Presbyterian Church Eastern Australia, praying the House to adopt such measures as may put a stop to Railway traffic on the Sabbath.
Petition received.
12. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill :—Mr. Nichols having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, " A Bill to Facilitate the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes," read a first time ; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
13. Land Claim of Commander Caswell, R.N. :—Mr. Weekes moved pursuant to amended notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government and Commander William Caswell, R.N., relative to his claim to a grant of land, and also a copy of the minute made by Governor Darling, shortly before his departure from the Colony, authorizing the issue of a grant to that gentleman to complete his original or primary grant ; also copies of the Report of the Land Board in 1829 or 1830, on his claim to a primary grant, and of the protest indorsed thereon, together with a copy of the Report of the Commissioners appointed under Act of Council 5 Wm. IV., No. 21, for the investigation of claims to additional grants, dated 18th April, 1838, on Claim No. 37.
Question put and passed.
14. Desecration of the Sabbath :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to amended notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th ultimo, from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, and of its Suburbs, praying the adoption of measures to put a stop to Railway

- way Traffic on the Sabbath, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed, and referred accordingly.
15. Abattoirs on Glebe Island :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th ultimo, from certain Inhabitants of the City of Sydney, against abandoning the Abattoirs on Glebe Island, be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
16. Shipping Master's Department :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th ultimo, from certain Shipowners, Shipmasters, and others interested in the trade and shipping of the Port of Sydney, praying the House to adopt such measures as may seem desirable to maintain the Shipping Masters' Department in an effective state, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
17. Insufficient Police Protection in the Darling Downs and Gwydir Districts :—Mr. Irving moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 21st ultimo, from the Residents in that part of the Darling Downs and Gwydir Districts, on the McIntyre River, below its junction with the Severn and the Weir, or Jones' River, representing the insufficiency of Police Protection afforded to them, and praying relief, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
18. Opening the Crown Lands for Allotment :—Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Murray, moved pursuant to *amended* notice given by Mr. Murray, That the Petition presented by him on the 29th ultimo, from certain Inhabitants of Tumut and its vicinity, representing the necessity for throwing open the Crown Lands for selection in allotments of from fifty to one thousand acres, at one pound per acre, payable by instalments of four shillings per acre per annum, and praying the House to take this important question into immediate consideration, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
19. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Oxley, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
20. Postponement :—The consideration in Committee of the Titles to Land Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, on behalf of Mr. Manning, until this day week.
21. Law of Evidence Bill :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, on behalf of Mr. Darvall, the Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Darvall, "That this Bill be now read a second time," discharged from the Paper.
22. South Head Road Trust Bill :—On motion of Mr. Cowper the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having Reported the Bill with an Amendment, the House ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
23. Quorum of Members :—Mr. Parker, on behalf of the Chairman; brought up the Report from the Standing Orders Committee, on the proposed Question respecting the mode of Counting the House, referred for their consideration and Report on the 20th January last.
Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
24. Postponement :—The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow,—taking precedence of all Government and Other Business on the Paper for that Day.
The House adjourned at a Quarter after Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR MANNING to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the discharge of the duties of Clerks of Petty Sessions in districts for which no such officer shall be appointed, and to withdraw certain special powers now possessed by Police Magistrates.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
2. County Courts Bill; second reading.
3. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
4. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
5. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
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8. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.

9. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
10. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
11. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
12. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; third reading.
13. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; third reading.
14. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Quorum of Members; Consideration of Report from Standing Orders Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LAND AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government are aware of the intended removal by the Commissioners of the Sydney Toll Gate to the City Boundary, and whether the Government approve of such removal, the same being contrary to the spirit of the 2 William IV., which exempts from Toll all horses and vehicles passing along any Turnpike Road, not more than 200 yards?
 - (2.) Whether the Government intend re-enacting the 6th clause of the 11th Victoria, No. 49, so as to make it applicable to all Road Trusts in the Colony,—And whether they intend to alter the mode of Appointment of Commissioners under 13th Victoria, 41?
2. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
 - (1.) Whether the Executive Government intend to withdraw the management of the Emigration from the United Kingdom to New South Wales, from the control of the Land and Emigration Commissioners?
 - (2.) Whether it is the intention of the Executive Government to appoint a well-qualified Agent or Agents, for the purpose of selecting suitable persons as Emigrants from the United Kingdom to this Colony?
3. MR. DALLEY to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any, and if any, what steps in connection with the massacre at Woodlark Island of the crew of the brig "Gazelle," and of other reported murders of Shipwrecked Crews at or near the same place, or for the rescue of the two white youths reported to be detained in captivity there?
4. MR. MARTIN to ask THE HONORABLE MEMBER FOR PARRAMATTA, MR. PARKER,—Whether, during the inquiry into the City Commissioners' Department by the Select Committee of this House, whose Report has been this day laid on the Table, Mr. Elliott and Mr. Rae, two of the City Commissioners, were offered any, and what appointments by the Government, on their ceasing to hold their present Offices?

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) Whether suitable offices have yet been provided for the accommodation of the Commissioners for examining and reporting upon Claims to Grants of Land within this Colony?
 - (2.) At what time such Court will resume its sittings?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, expedient that Commissioners should be appointed by the Government, diligently to inquire into, and minutely to report, as to the Administration of Justice generally in the Country Districts; the Records and Accounts kept by the Clerks of Petty Sessions; the attendance of Magistrates; the employment of the Constables and Gold Escorts; and what reductions, if any, can, in their opinion, with safety be made.
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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill ; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JONES to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department be now adopted.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 83.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Messages from the Governor General:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—
 - (1) Assent to Bills:—
 1. Bills of Lading Bill:—

W. DENISON, *Message No. 24.*
Governor General.

A Bill intituled, "*An Act to amend the Law relating to Bills of Lading,*" 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, 4 February, 1857.
 2. Trust Moneys Deposit Bill:—

W. DENISON, *Message No. 25.*
Governor General.

A Bill intituled, "*An Act to provide for the deposit in the Colonial Treasury of Moneys in charge of Officers of the Supreme Court,*" 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 4 February, 1857.
 3. Hunter River Tonnage Duty Act Postponement Bill:—

W. DENISON, *Message No. 26.*
Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to postpone for One Year the Levying of the Hunter River Tonnage Duty,*" 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, 4 February, 1857.
 4. University Graduates Privilege Bill:—

W. DENISON, *Message No. 27.*
Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to confer certain privileges on Graduates of the University of Sydney,*" 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, 4 February, 1857.

(2.)

(2.) Additional Estimates for 1857 :—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 28.

In accordance with the provision contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor General herewith submits for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly certain Additional Estimates for the service of the present year.

Government House,
Sydney, 4 February, 1857.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parker, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

2. The Clerk Summoned :—The Speaker having informed the House that the Clerk had been Summoned to attend at the Court House, in King-street, Sydney, at ten o'clock, on Monday, the 9th instant, there and then to produce the Petition against the Return of John Ryan Brenan Esquire, as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the South Riding of the County of Cumberland, together with the Report of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications thereon, and all other papers in his custody connected therewith, in an Action of Debt; and having reminded the House that the Clerk could not comply with such Summons, without leave of the House,—
Put a Question,—That the Clerk have leave to comply with the said Summons, personally, or by one of his Assistants, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—which Question passed in the affirmative.
3. Supply :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow,—taking precedence of all Government and Other Business on the Paper for that day.
4. Messages from the Legislative Council :—The Speaker reported that, whilst the House was in Committee of Supply, the Clerk received the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Gold Fields' Management Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Gold Fields,*" with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Shedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3 February, 1857.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parker, to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.) Civil List Increase Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled "*An Act to grant to Her Majesty certain sums, in addition to the present Civil List, for the adequate remuneration of the Colonial Treasurer,*" without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4 February, 1857.

5. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill :—Mr. Darvall, on behalf of Mr. Manning, moved, pursuant to notice given by Mr. Manning, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the discharge of the duties of Clerks of Petty Sessions in districts for which no such officer shall be appointed, and to withdraw certain special powers now possessed by Police Magistrates.
Question put and passed; Ordered, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
6. Postponement :—The second reading of the Mining Company's Regulation Bill postponed, on the motion of Mr. Parker, on behalf of Mr. Manning, until to-morrow.
7. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill :—Mr. Darvall having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to provide for the discharge of the Duties of Clerks of Petty Sessions in Districts for which no such Officer shall be appointed, and to withdraw certain special powers now possessed by Police Magistrates,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
8. Postponement :—On motion of Mr. Parker, the remaining Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow.
The House adjourned at ten minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Gold Fields' Management Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. County Courts Bill; second reading.
6. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
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11. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
13. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
14. Moreton Bay District Court Bill; consideration in Committee of Legislative Council's Amendments.
15. Postage Acts Amendment Bill; third reading.
16. Customs' Further Regulation Bill; third reading.
17. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Quorum of Members; Consideration of Report from Standing Orders Committee.

Question:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—
 - (1.) Whether suitable offices have yet been provided for the accommodation of the Commissioners for examining and reporting upon Claims to Grants of Land within this Colony?
 - (2.) At what time such Court will resume its sittings?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, expedient that Commissioners should be appointed by the Government, diligently to inquire into, and minutely to report, as to the Administration of Justice generally in the Country Districts; the Records and Accounts kept by the Clerks of Petty Sessions; the attendance of Magistrates; the employment of the Constables and Gold Escorts; and what reductions, if any, can, in their opinion, with safety be made.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the above Resolution to be carried into effect, and the necessary amount, to defray the expense thereof, to be placed upon the Estimates.
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 - (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Native Police Force, which was laid on the Table of this House on the 28th ultimo, be now adopted.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General transmitting a copy of the Report, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures to carry the recommendations of the Report into effect.
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TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JONES to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department be now adopted.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table, a Statement of the Public Account of the late Commandant of the Native Police, and a List of claims presented against the said Account.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Peter Rawlings:—Mr. Garland, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed, on the 4th June last, "to consider the Petition of Peter Rawlings of Ashfield, presented to the late Legislative Council during the last Session, and to report upon the claim of the Petitioner; with leave to sit during any adjournment of this House."
Ordered to be printed.
3. Postponement:—On the Order of the Day being read for the resumption of the Committee of Supply, the Orders on the Paper of Government Business for to-day from one to nine inclusive postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until the seventeenth Order on the same Paper shall have been disposed of.
4. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill:—On motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
5. Postponement:—The eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth Orders on the Paper of Government Business for to-day postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2), shall have been disposed of.
6. Moreton Bay District Court Bill:—On motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the Legislative Council's amendments in this Bill.
The Chairman having reported, That the Committee had agreed to the several amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council, with the substitution of the word "April" for the word "February" wherever the latter word occurs in the said amendments, and to the following amendment in addition, viz.:—Page 1, line 10, omit "this present" before "Parliament,"—
Mr. Manning moved, That this House do now adopt the said several amendments as so amended, and the additional amendment as so agreed to, in Committee.
Question put and passed.
7. Postage Acts Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Postage Acts.*"
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, that this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein;—
The Legislative Assembly, having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Postage Acts,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5 February, 1857. Speaker.
8. Customs further Regulation Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act further to amend the Act for the General Regulation of Customs in New South Wales.*"
Question put and passed;—
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Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5 February, 1857. Speaker.
Question put and passed.

9. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now "read a third time."

Mr. Nichols moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "read a third time" with a view to the insertion in their place of the word "re-committed."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided. Ayes, 6. Noes, 28.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Donaldson. } Tellers.

Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Forster. } Tellers.

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

Question—That this Bill be now re-committed,—put and passed;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

10. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the Service of the Year 1856-7.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 1857.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

11. Moreton Bay District Court Bill:—Mr. Parker moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council, viz:—

The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for the better administration of Justice in the District of Moreton Bay," with the substitution of the word "April" for the word "February" wherever the latter word occurs in the said amendments,—and to the following amendment of its own, in addition, viz:—in page 1, line 10, omit "this present," before "Parliament,"—in which substitution, and amendment in addition, it now requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6 February, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

12. Postponement:—On motion of Mr. Parker, the remaining Orders on the Paper of Government Business for to-day postponed, until Wednesday next.

13. Quorum of Members:—Mr. Parker moved, That the Report from the Standing Orders Committee, on the mode of Counting the House when notice taken of the want of a Quorum, be now adopted.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after Twelve o'clock, a.m., until Three o'clock, p.m., this day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. HOLT to move,
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8. South Head Road Trust Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill; third reading.
2. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill Re-committed; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to take some steps to alleviate the injustice complained of by Mrs. Wynter, in a Petition presented on 19th September, 1855, according to the desire of the Legislature, as expressed in a Resolution passed unanimously on the 23rd October, 1855.
2. Mr. MARTIN to move, That the offer made by the Government of new appointments to Mr. Elliott and Mr. Rae, two of the City Commissioners, while an inquiry into their Department by a Select Committee of this House was pending, was highly irregular and improper.
3. Mr. GARLAND to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Peter Rawlings, be now adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.
 GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Gold Fields' Management Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
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11. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
12. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. JONES to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department be now adopted.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 85.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Proposed Commission of Inquiry into Administration of Justice in Country Districts:—
 Mr. Holt moved, pursuant to *amended* notice,—
 (1.) That it is, in the opinion of this House, expedient that three Commissioners should be appointed by the Government, to inquire into, and to report, as to the Administration of Justice generally in the Country Districts; the Records and Accounts kept by the Clerks of Petty Sessions; the attendance of Magistrates; the employment of the Constables and Gold Escorts; and what reductions, if any, can, in their opinion, with safety be made.
 (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the above Resolution to be carried into effect, and the necessary amount, to defray the expense thereof, to be placed upon the Estimates.
 Debate ensued.
2. Compensation to Public Officers:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read;—

W. DENISON, *Message No. 29.*
Governor General.

The Governor General transmits to the Legislative Assembly an Extract from a Minute of the Executive Council, defining the rate of compensation which, in the opinion of the Council, may be afforded to Public Servants on their reduction from employment by Votes of the Assembly; and His Excellency invites the concurrence of the Assembly in the scheme of compensation indicated in the Minute of the Executive Council.

Government House,
Sydney, 6 February, 1857.

 Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parker, to be printed, and considered in Committee of Supply.
3. Proposed Commission of Inquiry into Administration of Justice in Country Districts:—
 The Debate on Mr. Holt's motion on this subject, interrupted by the foregoing Message, resumed.
 Question put and negatived.
4. Receipts and Expenditure of Sydney Road Trust:—Mr. John Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House an Account of all moneys received, as also of all moneys expended by the Commissioners of the Sydney Road Trust since their appointment, distinguishing the amount expended in the erection, removal, alteration, or repairs of any Gates, Bars, or Tollhouses.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion by leave withdrawn.
5. Consolidated Revenue;—Receipts and Disbursements:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, an Account of the receipts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony of New South Wales, (exclusive of the proceeds of Loans and Advances on account of Debentures); and also, an Account of the disbursements, including all sums paid under the authority of Schedules A, B, and C, of the Constitution Act and of other Acts of the Legislature, from the 1st day of January, 1856, to 31st day of December, 1856.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
6. Loan Fund;—Debentures:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, an Account of the receipts derived from the sale of Debentures, and advances on account thereof; and also, an Account of all payments from the Loan Fund, with the particulars of the various services, from the 1st January, 1856, to 31st December, 1856.
 Question put and passed.
7. Native Police Force:—Mr. Sandeman moved, pursuant to notice,—
 (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Native Police Force, which was laid on the Table of this House on the 28th ultimo, be now adopted.
 (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General transmitting a copy of the Report, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures to carry the recommendations of the Report into effect.

Mr.

Mr. Hargrave moved, That the Question be amended by adding at the end of section (1.) the words "except so much thereof as relates to the Clarence and M'Leay Districts," and at the end of section (2.) the words "except that portion thereof which relates to the employment of a Corps of the Native Police Force in the Districts of the Clarence and M'Leay, which Corps, in the opinion of this House, ought to be employed elsewhere."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cowper moved, That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

Debate continued.

Question,—on the motion for adjournment of the Debate until Tuesday next—put and passed.

8. Desecration of the Sabbath:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd instant, from the Presbyterian Congregation Worshipping in Macquarie-street, praying this House to put a stop to Railway Traffic on the Sabbath, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee on Railways now sitting. Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed, and referred accordingly.

9. Proposed Library Arrangements:—Mr. Cowper moved, That the Report of the Library Committee on the Message of the Legislative Council of the 9th January last, in reference to certain proposed Library Arrangements, be now adopted.

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council;—

The Legislative Assembly begs to acquaint the Legislative Council, in answer to its Message of the 9th January last, in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly in the appointment of a Joint Committee for the purposes expressed in certain Resolutions of the Legislative Council respecting some proposed Library arrangement, that it cannot, consistently with Parliamentary usage, concur in the appointment of a Joint Committee to carry out Resolutions in which its concurrence has not been requested and given.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6 February, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

10. Stamps on Conveyances Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Nichols the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.

11. Insolvent Acts Amendment Bill:—Mr. Nichols moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time;—

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Nichols, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.

12. Australian Trust Company's Bill:—On motion of Mr. Barker the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—

Mr. Barker moved, That this House do now adopt the amendments so agreed to.

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Barker moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enlarge the powers of the 'Australian Trust Company.'*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6 February, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

13. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill:—On motion of Mr. Cowper the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the amendment made in this Bill by the Legislative Council.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendment made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—

Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adopt the amendment so agreed to.

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to vest the Trust Moneys, Securities, and Property of the 'Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company,' in this Colony, in the Local Trustees of the said Company for the time being.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6 February, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

14. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill (No. 2), having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Nichols, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof. The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.
15. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill:—On the Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
16. South Head Road Trust Bill Reported:—The Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole, having been adopted, on motion of Mr. Cowper, the House ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.
17. Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill, on motion of Mr. Parker, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Parker then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for transferring to the Registrar General the duties of the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court as Registrar of Deeds and other Instruments.*"

Question put and passed;

Whereupon Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for transferring to the Registrar General the duties of the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court as Registrar of Deeds and other Instruments,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6 February, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

18. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill Re-committed:—On the Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments,—

Mr. Manning moved, That the Adoption of the Report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Nichols,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Robertson. } Tellers.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd. }

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to take some steps to alleviate the injustice complained of by Mrs. Wynter, in a Petition presented on 19th September, 1855, according to the desire of the Legislature, as expressed in a Resolution passed unanimously on the 23rd October, 1855.
2. MR. MARTIN to move, That the offer made by the Government of new appointments to Mr. Elliott and Mr. Rae, two of the City Commissioners, while an inquiry into their Department by a Select Committee of this House was pending, was highly irregular and improper.
3. MR. GARLAND to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Peter Rawlings, be now adopted.
4. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the total quantity of Spirits imported and warehoused from 1840 to the date of the last stock taking,—distinguishing, for each Bonded Store respectively, the quantity received, the quantity on which duty has been paid, the quantity exported, and the quantity ascertained to be remaining on hand by the last stock taking.

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5. MR. HOLROYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the names of such Members of the Senate of the University of Sydney as are absent from the Colony, with the dates of their departure.
 - (2.) Whether or not Leave of Absence has been given by the Senate to such Members, and whether any steps have been taken, or are about to be taken, to declare the seats of such Members vacant, and to elect other Members in their stead.
 - (3.) The number of Members who have attended at each meeting of the Senate, from the 1st of December, 1853, to the 1st of February, 1857.
 - (4.) Whether any of the Members absent from the Colony are Graduates of any University.
 - (5.) A Return of the Fellows of St. Paul's College.
 - (6.) The number of attendances of each Senior Fellow at each meeting of Senior Fellows of St. Paul's College since its formation.
 - (7.) Whether any, and which, of the Senior Fellows of St. Paul's College are Graduates of any University.
6. MR. DALLEY to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and all other persons, with reference to the massacre of the crew and passengers of the brig "Gazelle," at Woodlark Island.
7. MR. NICHOLS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Vict., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Resumption of the Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sandeman,—
 - "(1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Native Police Force, which was laid on the Table of this House on the 28th ultimo, be now adopted.
 - "(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the Report, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures to carry the recommendations of the Report into effect";—
 Upon which Mr. Hargrave had moved, by way of amendment, That there be added at the end of section (1) the words, "except so much thereof as relates to the Clarence and Macleay Districts," and at the end of section (2) the words, "except that portion thereof which relates to the employment of a Corps of the Native Police Force in the Districts of the Clarence and Macleay, which Corps, in the opinion of this House, ought to be employed elsewhere."
4. Stamps on Conveyances Bill; third reading.
5. Insolvent Acts Amendment Bill; third reading.
6. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill (No. 2); third reading.
7. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
8. South Head Road Trust Bill; third reading.
9. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. HAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the disposal of the Parramatta Domain.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

Questions :—

1. MR. COWPER to ask MR. HAY,—Whether the proposal of Messrs. Robinson and Leggett to enclose the Bathing Ground at the Fig Tree, upon certain conditions, has been under the consideration of the Government; and whether any determination has been arrived at respecting it?
2. MR. WEEKES to ask THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether, in the recent taking of stock in the Bonded Stores, by the authorities of the Customs, a very serious deficiency has not been discovered, arising from large quantities of dutiable goods having been removed from Bonded Stores, without payment of duty, so far back as 1853;—and if such be the case, whether the Government have taken, or intend to take, any steps respecting it?
3. MR. RICHARDSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORK,—If the Government have received any advices, as to when the Voltaic Battery, which is proposed to be devoted for the purpose of deepening the Bar at the mouth of the Brisbane River, is expected to arrive in Sydney; and if, on its arrival, immediate steps are likely to be taken in order to commence the work?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill ; second reading.
2. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Gold Fields' Management Bill ; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Mining Companies Regulation Bill ; second reading.
5. County Courts Bill ; second reading.
6. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill ; second reading
7. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
8. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
9. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
10. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
11. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
12. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JONES to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department be now adopted.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all deliberative bodies, entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people in their Primary Assemblies.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Separation of the Northern Districts:—Mr. Hargrave presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of New England, praying that the District of New England may not be included within the Colony proposed to be erected by the Separation of the Northern Districts from New South Wales.
Petition received.
2. Motion dropped:—Mr. T. G. Rusden not moving the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
3. Offer of new Appointments to two City Commissioners pending Inquiry into their Department:—Mr. Martin moved, pursuant to notice, That the offer made by the Government of new appointments to Mr. Elliott and Mr. Rae, two of the City Commissioners, while an inquiry into their Department by a Select Committee of this House was pending, was highly irregular and improper.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Martin, } Tellers.
Mr. Dalley, }

Noes, 21.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.
Mr. G. Macleay. }

4. Postponements:—
 - (1.) Mr. Garland postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
 - (2.) Mr. Weekes postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
5. Senate of Sydney University and Fellows of St. Paul's College:—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the names of such Members of the Senate of the University of Sydney as are absent from the Colony, with the dates of their departure.
 - (2.) Whether or not Leave of Absence has been given by the Senate to such Members, and whether any steps have been taken, or are about to be taken, to declare the seats of such Members vacant, and to elect other Members in their stead.
 - (3.) The number of Members who have attended at each meeting of the Senate, from the 1st of December, 1853, to the 1st of February, 1857.
 - (4.) Whether any of the Members absent from the Colony are Graduates of any University.
 - (5.) A Return of the Fellows of St. Paul's College.
 - (6.) The number of attendances of each Senior Fellow at each meeting of Senior Fellows of St. Paul's College since its formation.
 - (7.) Whether any, and which, of the Senior Fellows of St. Paul's College are Graduates of any University.
 Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

- [6. Massacre of the Crew and Passengers of the "Gazelle" at Woodlark Island :—Mr. Dalley moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and all other persons, with reference to the massacre of the crew and passengers of the brig "Gazelle," at Woodlark Island.
Question put and passed.
7. Papers :—Mr. Hay laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers :—
(1.) The Return to the Order made by this House, on the 23rd January last, on motion of Mr. Murray, for Papers respecting the number of Residents and Public Houses at the Braidwood Gold Fields.
(2.) The Return to the Address adopted, on motion of Mr. George Macleay, on the 25th November last, for Papers respecting the Road over the Windowee Range to the Adelong Diggings.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Postponements :—
(1.) Mr. Holroyd, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Nichols seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
(2.) The second reading of the Richmond Bridge Company's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Martin, until Friday next.
(3.) The consideration in Committee of the Titles to Land Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Friday next.
9. Native Police Force :—The Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Sandeman,—
" (1.) That the Report from the Select Committee on the Native Police Force, which " was laid on the Table of this House on the 28th ultimo, be now adopted.
" (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of " the Report, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary " measures to carry the recommendations of the Report into effect";—
Upon which Mr. Hargrave had moved, by way of amendment, That there be added at the end of section (1) the words, "except so much thereof as relates to the " Clarence and Macleay Districts," and at the end of section (2) the words, "except that portion thereof which relates to the employment of a Corps of the " Native Police Force in the Districts of the Clarence and Macleay, which Corps, " in the opinion of this House, ought to be employed elsewhere";—resumed :—
And notice being taken that reference is made in the Report, to answers to a circular obtained before the appointment of the Committee, and therefore without the direction or sanction of the House or of the Committee ;—
Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn ;—
Whereupon Original Question by consent *amended*, to stand thus ;—That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the Report from the Select Committee on the Native Police Force, which was laid upon the Table of this House on the 28th ultimo, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures to carry the recommendations of the Report into effect,—and,— as so amended,—put and passed.
10. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill :—
(1.) Mr. Jones, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on the 12th December last.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Jones then moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
Question put and passed.
11. Stamps on Conveyances Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to declare that " Instruments affecting Real Estate in this Colony, executed out of the Colony, are " admissible in Evidence therein, although not stamped.*"
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An " Act to declare that Instruments affecting Real Estate in this Colony, executed out of " the Colony, are admissible in Evidence therein, although not stamped,*" begs now to return the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.
Speaker.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10 February, 1857.*
- Question put and passed.
12. Insolvent Acts Amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend so much " of the Insolvent Acts now in force as relates to directions of Creditors to " Assignees.*"
Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon

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

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend so much of the Insolvent Acts now in force as relates to directions of Creditors to Assignees,*" begs now to return the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10 February, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

13. Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to facilitate the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes.*"

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to facilitate the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10 February, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

14. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Toll Duties' Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on behalf of Mr. Oxley, until Friday next.

15. South Head Road Trust Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the South Head Road Trust.*"

Question put and passed;—

Mr. Cowper then moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Law relating to the South Head Road Trust,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10 February, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

16. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill Reported:—Mr. Manning moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.

Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," in order to insert in their place the words "this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clause 1."

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 so inserted—put and passed

Question,—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clause 1—put and passed;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.

17. Parramatta Domain Bill:—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the disposal of the Parramatta Domain.

Question put and passed;—*Ordered* that the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.

18. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow,—taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.

19. Parramatta Domain Bill:—Mr. Hay having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to provide for the disposal of the Parramatta Domain,*" read a first time; *Ordered* to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

The House adjourned at half-past Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
4. Gold Fields' Management Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
6. County Courts Bill; second reading.
7. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
8. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
9. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; to be considered in Committee.
10. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
11. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
13. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
14. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.

Question :—

MR. WEEKES to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present Session, to move for the appointment of a Select Committee, to inquire into the various Departments of the Government, in order that the result of their investigation may assist this House in dealing with the Estimates for 1858?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. JONES to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department be now adopted.
2. MR. HARGRAVE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant, from certain inhabitants of New England, praying that New England may not be included within the Colony proposed to be erected by the separation of the Northern Districts from New South Wales, be printed.
3. MR. GARLAND to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Peter Rawlings, be now adopted.
4. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the total quantity of Spirits imported and warehoused from 1840 to the date of the last stock taking,—distinguishing, for each Bonded Store respectively, the quantity received, the quantity on which duty has been paid, the quantity exported, and the quantity ascertained to be remaining on hand by the last stock taking.
5. MR. NICHOLS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Vict., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill; second reading.
4. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all deliberative bodies, entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people in their Primary Assemblies.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Parramatta Domain Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Railway Terminus at Newcastle:—Mr. Flood presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Newcastle and suburbs, in public meeting assembled, praying that Railway facilities may be afforded to the Up-Country Districts, before incurring the expense of establishing the Terminus of the Newcastle Railway at the Sand Hills.
Petition received.
2. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
3. Messages from the Legislative Council:—The Speaker reported that the following Messages from the Legislative Council had been received by the Clerk whilst the House was in Committee of Supply:—

(1.) Loan Bill, £150,000:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "An Act to empower the Government to raise a sum of Money, not exceeding One hundred and fifty Thousand Pounds, by the sale of Terminable Annuities or Debentures," without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11 February, 1857.

(2.) Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled "An Act to impose a Duty on Bonded Warehouses," without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11 February, 1857.

4. Postponement:—The Orders on the Paper of Government Business for to day, from two to thirteen inclusive, postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until to-morrow.
5. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill:—Motion made by Mr. Parker, and Question put,—That this Bill be now read a third time.
The House divided,—
And the Tellers reporting the numbers as follows;—

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Buckley. } Tellers.

Nocs, 2.

Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Arnold. } Tellers.

And it appearing by the said report that there was not a quorum present, the Speaker counted the House, and there not being a quorum of Members present, the Speaker adjourned the House at ten minutes after Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill; second reading.
3. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
4. Gold Fields' Management Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
6. County Courts Bill; second reading.
7. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
8. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
9. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; to be considered in Committee.
10. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
11. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
13. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. FLOOD to move, That the Petition presented by him yesterday, in reference to the Newcastle Railway Terminus, be printed.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. JONES to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department be now adopted.
2. Mr. HARGRAVE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant, from certain inhabitants of New England, praying that New England may not be included within the Colony proposed to be erected by the separation of the Northern Districts from New South Wales, be printed.
3. Mr. GARLAND to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Peter Rawlings, be now adopted.
4. Mr. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the total quantity of Spirits imported and warehoused from 1840 to the date of the last stock taking,—distinguishing, for each Bonded Store respectively, the quantity received, the quantity on which duty has been paid, the quantity exported, and the quantity ascertained to be remaining on hand by the last stock taking.
5. Mr. NICHOLS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Vict., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill; second reading.
4. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all deliberative bodies, entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people in their Primary Assemblies.
2. Mr. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all Correspondence between the Governor General and the Secretary of State, respecting the appointment of the Rev. W. Scott as Colonial Astronomer; also of any Instructions given by the Colonial Government to the Colonial Astronomer since his arrival in the Colony; and of all Correspondence between the Colonial Government and the Colonial Architect, relative to the erection of Buildings for the Observatory.
3. Mr. R. CAMPBELL to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the total number of Licenses to occupy Crown Lands outside the Settled Districts issued in each year, under Her Majesty's Orders in Council, by the Crown, to individuals, from the 1st January, 1850, to the 1st January, 1857,—distinguishing the number of Licenses in each County or District; the total number respectively of sheep and cattle assessed thereon by the Commissioners, with the amount of assessment money received therefrom at the Treasury; the total number of fines reported by the Commissioners, and the amount received therefrom at the Treasury.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the total number of Runs leased, by tender or otherwise to individuals, upon which no assessments are received by the Crown; and the amount that would be received were such Runs assessed.
 - (3.) A Return shewing the total area in acres of land so leased or licensed in each year.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Parramatta Domain Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Messages:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—

(1.) Assent to Bills:—

1. Australian General Assurance Company's Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 30.

Governor General.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to Incorporate the Australian General Assurance Company,*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 12 February, 1857.

2. Loan Bill for 1857:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 31.

Governor General.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to authorize the raising of a Loan of One Hundred and Thirty Thousand and Four Hundred Pounds, upon the security of the Consolidated Revenues of the Colony, to meet a like amount payable in the year 1857 upon Debentures to fall due in that year,*" 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, 12 February, 1857.

3. Gold Duty Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 32.

Governor General.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act for granting a Duty upon Gold,*" 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, 12 February, 1857.

4. Civil List Increase Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 33.

Governor General.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to grant to Her Majesty certain sums in addition to the present Civil List for the adequate remuneration of the Colonial Treasurer,*" 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, 12 February, 1857.

(2.)

(2.) Reserved Bill :—

Claims against Government Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 34.

Governor General.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to give relief to persons having Claims against the Government of New South Wales,*" 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, 12 February, 1857.*

2. Paper :—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table a Report from the Collector of Customs, in reference to a deficiency in a certain Bonded Store.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Supply :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 13 FEBRUARY, 1857.

And the Chairman reporting that upon a Division in the Committee, it was discovered that there was not a Quorum present, the Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock, A.M., until *Tuesday* next, at Three o'clock, P.M.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all deliberative bodies, entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people in their Primary Assemblies.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all Correspondence between the Governor General and the Secretary of State, respecting the appointment of the Rev. W. Scott as Colonial Astronomer; also of any Instructions given by the Colonial Government to the Colonial Astronomer since his arrival in the Colony; and of all Correspondence between the Colonial Government and the Colonial Architect, relative to the erection of Buildings for the Observatory.
3. MR. R. CAMPBELL to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return shewing the total number of Licenses to occupy Crown Lands outside the Settled Districts issued in each year, under Her Majesty's Orders in Council, by the Crown, to individuals, from the 1st January, 1850, to the 1st January, 1857,—distinguishing the number of Licenses in each County or District; the total number respectively of sheep and cattle assessed thereon by the Commissioners, with the amount of assessment money received therefrom at the Treasury; the total number of fines reported by the Commissioners, and the amount received therefrom at the Treasury.
 - (2.) A Return shewing the total number of Runs leased, by tender or otherwise to individuals, upon which no assessments are received by the Crown; and the amount that would be received were such Runs assessed.
 - (3.) A Return shewing the total area in acres of land so leased or licensed in each year.
4. MR. WEEKES to move, That as the system of Railways in this Colony is to be carried out at the public cost, it becomes the duty of this House to exercise a strict control over undertakings of such vast magnitude and importance,—and this House therefore Resolves,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed by ballot, to be called "The General Committee on Railways," to whom shall be referred the investigation into all completed and projected lines, whether railroads or tram roads; and that no work of this kind be contracted for, until full particulars of such undertaking shall previously have been submitted to this Committee, and its Report thereon considered by this House.
 - (2.) That such Committee be instructed to Report from time to time, and have leave to send for persons, papers, and records.
5. MR. JONES to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department be now adopted.

6. MR. HARGRAVE to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant, from certain inhabitants of New England, praying that New England may not be included within the Colony proposed to be erected by the separation of the Northern Districts from New South Wales, be printed.
7. MR. GARLAND to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Peter Rawlings, be now adopted.
8. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the total quantity of Spirits imported and warehoused from 1840 to the date of the last stock taking,—distinguishing, for each Bonded Store respectively, the quantity received, the quantity on which duty has been paid, the quantity exported, and the quantity ascertained to be remaining on hand by the last stock taking.
9. MR. NICHOLS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Viet., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.
10. MR. FLOOD to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th instant, in reference to the Newcastle Railway Terminus, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill ; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill ; second reading.
4. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Time of Prescription Bill ; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Parramatta Domain Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY, '18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 11th instant, be restored to the Paper for to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill ; second reading.
2. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Gold Fields' Management Bill ; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Mining Companies Regulation Bill ; second reading.
5. County Courts Bill ; second reading.
6. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill ; second reading.
7. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
8. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
9. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
10. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
11. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
12. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.



No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—
(1.) Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the Copy of the Contract with the European and Australian Royal Mail Company for the Conveyance of Mails between England and Australia.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the Return to the Address in reference to Lights and Light Houses, adopted, on motion of Mr. Egan, on the 23rd January last.
2. Member Sworn—Daniel Henry Deniehy, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of the County of Argyle, in room of John Hubert Plunkett, Esquire.
3. Paper:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the Return to the Order made by this House on the 31st December last, on motion of Mr. Cox, for Papers respecting Escorted Gold and Gold Licenses.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Supply:—
(1.) Mr. Donaldson moved, without previous notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended, to admit of a Motion, without notice, for the restoration to the Paper of the Order of the Day for the Resumption of the Committee of Supply, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 13th instant.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed;—
(2.) Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Resumption of the Committee of Supply stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow,—taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.
Question put and passed.
5. Lower and Upper Galleries of the House:—The Speaker,—referring to the count out on Friday morning last,—said it might not be without its use, perhaps, to remind the House, that the Lower Gallery is, under the 86th section of the Standing Orders, quite as much part of the body of the House as the space on the right and left of the Chair,—inasmuch as none are there admitted but upon the Speaker's Order, which admits to "the body of the House" alone; and added that, in his opinion, any Member appearing there, or even in the Upper Gallery, during a Division, may, by direction of the Speaker, or of the Chairman, be brought by the Tellers to the Table, and compelled to vote;—and intimated that it was his intention to act upon this opinion, should occasion ever arise with him in the Chair.
6. Opening the Crown Lands for allotment:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Albury, and its vicinity, praying the immediate settlement of the Land Question, by throwing the Crown Lands open to selection, in allotments of from fifty to one thousand acres, at a maximum price of one pound per acre, payable by instalments of four shillings per acre, per annum.
Petition received.
7. Immigrant Home, at Maitland:—Mr. Weekes presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of Maitland, and the Hunter River District, praying the continuance of the Maitland Immigrant's Home.
Petition received.
8. Postponements:—
(1.) Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
(2.) Mr. Cowper postponed the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
(3.) Mr. R. Campbell postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper, until the motion standing fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day shall have been disposed of.
(4.) Mr. Weekes postponed the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
9. Paper:—Mr. Hay laid upon the Table, the Return to the Address in reference to land taken for Railway purposes adopted, on motion of Mr. Holroyd, on the 28th November last.
Ordered to be printed.

10.

10. City Commissioners:—Mr. Barker presented a Petition from certain citizens of the City of Sydney, residing in Pitt-street and its vicinity, praying that this House will not adopt so much of the Report of the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department, as blames the Commissioners for not having prevented what is termed in the Report unnecessary tunnelling, and as charges them with unfitness for the duties of their office.
Petition read at length by the Clerk and received.
11. City Commissioners' Department:—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, "That" the Report of the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Macarthur moved, That the Debate be adjourned until Friday next.
Debate continued.
Motion for adjournment of the Debate until Friday next, by leave withdrawn.
Mr. Macarthur then moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That," at the commencement, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House, while it concurs, generally, in the Report of the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department, is of opinion, that not only is there no ground for imputation upon the personal character of the Commissioners, but that the charge contained in the concluding part of the Report, that they were unfit for the duties for which they were appointed, is not borne out by the Evidence."

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY, 1857.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Jones. } Tellers.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson. } Tellers.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson. } Tellers.

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Mr. Cowper,
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Mr. Marks,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Robertson. } Tellers.

Whereupon Question put, That this House, while it concurs, generally, in the Report of the Select Committee on the City Commissioners' Department, is of opinion, that not only is there no ground for imputation upon the personal character of the Commissioners,

Commissioners, but that the charge contained in the concluding part of the Report, that they were unfit for the duties for which they were appointed, is not borne out by the Evidence.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Garland, } Tellers.
Mr. Lang.

Noes, 21.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Arnold,
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Mr. Weekes,
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Mr. Flood,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson, } Tellers.
Mr. Jones.

12. Native Police Force:—The Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to make to the Address in reference to the Native Police Force, adopted by this House on the 10th instant, the following answer:—

W. DENISON,

Governor General.

The Governor General will take the necessary measures to carry into effect the recommendation of the Select Committee on the subject of the Native Police, in accordance with the request contained in the Address of the Legislative Assembly of the 10th instant, in the full confidence that adequate provision will be made by the Legislative Assembly to cover the proposed addition to the Estimate.

Government House,

Sydney, 13 February, 1857.

13. Leave of absence for ten days granted to Mr. Nichols, on motion of Mr. Holroyd.
14. Crown Lands occupied under Lease or License:—Mr. R. Campbell moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return shewing the total number of Leases or Licenses to occupy Crown Lands outside the Settled Districts issued in each year, under Her Majesty's Orders in Council, by the Crown, to individuals, from the 1st January, 1850, to the 1st January, 1857,—distinguishing the number of Leases or Licenses in each County or District; the total number respectively of sheep and cattle assessed thereon by the Commissioners, with the amount of assessment money received therefrom at the Treasury; the total number of fines reported by the Commissioners, and the amount received therefrom at the Treasury.
- (2.) A Return shewing the total number of Runs leased, by tender or otherwise, to individuals, upon which no assessments are received by the Crown; and the amount that would be received were such Runs assessed.
- (3.) A Return shewing the total area in acres of land so leased or licensed in each year.
- Question put and passed.
15. Separation of the Northern Districts:—Mr. Hargave moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th instant, from certain inhabitants of New England, praying that New England may not be included within the Colony proposed to be erected by the separation of the Northern Districts from New South Wales, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered to be printed.
16. Postponements:—
- (1.) Mr. Garland postponed the motion standing in his name seventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
- (2.) Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Weekes, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Weekes eighth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
- (3.) Mr. Holroyd, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Nichols ninth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day fortnight.
17. Newcastle Railway Terminus:—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 11th instant, in reference to the Newcastle Railway Terminus, be referred to the Committee now sitting on that subject.
- Question put and passed.
- The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Three o'clock a.m., until to-day, at Three o'clock, p.m.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY, 18.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 11th instant, be restored to the Paper for to-morrow.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.
4. Gold Fields' Management Bill ; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Mining Companies Regulation Bill ; second reading.
6. County Courts Bill ; second reading.
7. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill ; second reading.
8. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
9. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
10. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
11. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
12. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
13. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.
14. Parramatta Domain Bill ; second reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—
(1.) If it is within the knowledge of the Government that a disease in cattle similar in its character to that called the "Cumberland disease," has arisen during the last week on the Lower Hunter River, and that the death of a man has occurred in consequence of skinning one of the animals?
(2.) If it is the intention of the Government to take any, and, if any, what steps to arrest the progress of the said disease?
2. MR. SCOTT to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government intend taking any steps, during the present Session, with reference to the Memorial presented to the Honorable Member as to the draining of the alluvial lands on the Hunter?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th instant, from certain Inhabitants of Albury and its vicinity, praying the immediate settlement of the Land Question, by throwing the Crown Lands open to selection in allotments of from fifty to one thousand acres, at a maximum price of one pound per acre, payable by instalments of four shillings per acre per annum, be printed.
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5. MR. WEEKES to move, That as the system of Railways in this Colony is to be carried out at the public cost, it becomes the duty of this House to exercise a strict control over undertakings of such vast magnitude and importance,—and this House therefore Resolves,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed by ballot, to be called "The General Committee on Railways," to whom shall be referred the investigation into all completed and projected lines, whether railroads or tram roads; and that no work of this kind be contracted for, until full particulars of such undertaking shall previously have been submitted to this Committee, and its Report thereon considered by this House.
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ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill ; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill ; second reading.
4. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Time of Prescription Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all deliberative bodies, entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people in their Primary Assemblies.
2. MR. GARLAND to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Peter Rawlings, be now adopted.
3. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the total quantity of Spirits imported and warehoused from 1840 to the date of the last stock taking,—distinguishing, for each Bonded Store respectively, the quantity received, the quantity on which duty has been paid, the quantity exported, and the quantity ascertained to be remaining on hand by the last stock taking.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Vict., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 90.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) The Return to the Order made by this House, on the 3rd instant, on motion of Mr. Flood, for Papers respecting Balances claimed by the Contractor for the Sewerage Works.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) The Return to the Order made by this House, on the 3rd instant, on motion of Mr. Flood, for Papers respecting Payments to the Contractor for the Sewerage Works.
2. Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in Country Districts:—Mr. Robertson, as Chairman, brought up a Second Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on these subjects, in reference to the Petition of Joseph Wilkes, which was referred to them on the 28th November last;—to the Petition of Cornelius Delohery, which was referred to them on the 9th December last;—and to the Petition of Thomas Abbott, which was referred to them on the 6th January last.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Paper:—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table, the Return to the Order made by this House on the 6th instant, on motion of Mr. Piddington, for Papers respecting the issue of Debentures and payments from the Loan Fund, from 1st January to 31st December, 1856.
Ordered to be printed.
4. Impounding Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Arnold as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee appointed, on the 15th August last, to take into consideration the present state of the Impounding Laws, with a view to the preparation of a Bill for altering and amending the same.
Ordered to be printed;—
(2.) Whereupon Mr. Arnold presented the Bill, as prepared by the Committee,—and Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to regulate the Impounding of Cattle,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
5. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 11th instant, be restored to the Paper for to-morrow.
Question put and passed.
6. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the Service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the Day.
7. Native Police Force:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—
W. DENISON, *Message No. 35.*
Governor General.
In accordance with the wish expressed in the Address of the Legislative Assembly, the Governor General submits herewith an amended Estimate for the pay of the Native Police Force for 1857.
Government House,
Sydney, 18th February, 1857.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parker, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.
8. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the Service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow,—taking precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that day.

9. Messages :—The Speaker reported that while the House was in Committee of Supply, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Moreton Bay District Court Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Assembly, in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to provide for the better administration of Justice in the District of Moreton Bay,*" in regard to the substitution of the word "April," for the word "February," wherever the latter word occurs in the amendments made by the Council, as communicated by their Message with the said Bill, dated 30th December, 1856, and,—

The Council agrees, also, to the amendment now made by the Assembly, by omitting the words "this present," before "Parliament," in line 1, page 10, of the said Bill, being only a verbal amendment necessary to render the Preamble of the Bill consistent with the form agreed upon by the two Houses.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 12 February, 1857.

(2.) Proposed Library Arrangements :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council begs to communicate to the Legislative Assembly the following Resolutions, and requests the concurrence of that House therein, and, in the event of the same being agreed to, the appointment of a Joint Committee for the purposes named therein :—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that arrangements should be made for the establishment of a General Library, for the use of the Members of both Houses.

(2.) That, in addition to such Library, separate Reading Rooms, supplied with periodicals and books of reference, should be provided for the use of Members of the Assembly and Council, respectively.

(3.) That proper measures should be adopted, for placing on the Estimates a sufficient sum to provide books for such General Library and the necessary periodicals and books of reference.

(4.) That, until the above arrangements shall be carried out, the books in the Library be used jointly by Members of both Houses.

(5.) That the appointment of a Joint Committee of this House and the Legislative Assembly is desirable, for the purposes for which a Library Committee is usually appointed.

(6.) That if the appointment of such Committee be agreed to by the Assembly, this House will appoint seven members of the House to serve thereon.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 12 February, 1857.

Referred, on motion of Mr. Parker, for consideration and report of the Library Committee.

(3.) Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to amend 'An Act to provide for the maintenance of Deserted Wives and Children,' 4 Vict., No. 5,*" with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 12 February, 1857.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Manning, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(4.) Sydney Municipal Council Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to re-establish a Municipal Council in the City of Sydney,*" with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 13 February, 1857.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parker, to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

MEMO :—The Speaker requested the attention of the House to the Special Notice taken by the Legislative Council of its amendments in the Moreton Bay District Court Bill, and expressed a hope that the House would, in future, abstain from making any amendment in its own Bills, unless such as should be consequential on amendments by the Legislative Council.

The House adjourned at five minutes after Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Judicial Offices and Baristers' Admission Bill ; third reading.
3. Sydney Municipal Council Bill ; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill ; second reading.
5. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.
6. Gold Fields' Management Bill ; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
7. Mining Companies Regulation Bill ; second reading.
8. County Courts Bill ; second reading.
9. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill ; second reading.
10. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
11. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
12. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
13. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
14. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
15. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.
16. Parramatta Domain Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill ; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.

Question :—

1. MR. JONES to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS, Why the alignment of the streets in the Northumberland Boroughs has not been proceeded with ? And why no answer has been returned to the letter of the Warden of the District on the subject, addressed to the Secretary for Lands and Public Works, on the 8th day of January last ?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th instant, from certain Inhabitants of Albury and its vicinity, praying the immediate settlement of the Land Question, by throwing the Crown Lands open to selection in allotments of from fifty to one thousand acres, at a maximum price of one pound per acre, payable by instalments of four shillings per acre per annum, be printed.
2. MR. WEEKES to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th instant, from certain Inhabitants of Maitland, praying the continuance of the Immigrant Home, at Maitland, be printed.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to take some steps to alleviate the injustice complained of by Mrs. Wynter, (in a Petition presented on the 19th September, 1855,) according to the desire of the Legislature, as expressed in a Resolution passed unanimously on the 23rd October, 1855.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all Correspondence between the Governor General and the Secretary of State, respecting the appointment of the Rev. W. Scott as Colonial Astronomer ; also of any Instructions given by the Colonial Government to the Colonial Astronomer since his arrival in the Colony ; and of all Correspondence between the Colonial Government and the Colonial Architect, relative to the erection of Buildings for the Observatory.
5. MR. WEEKES to move, That as the system of Railways in this Colony is to be carried out at the public cost, it becomes the duty of this House to exercise a strict control over undertakings of such vast magnitude and importance,—and this House therefore Resolves,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed by ballot, to be called "The General Committee on Railways," to whom shall be referred the investigation into all completed and projected lines, whether railroads or tram roads ; and that no work of this kind be contracted for, until full particulars of such undertaking shall previously have been submitted to this Committee, and its Report thereon considered by this House.
 - (2.) That such Committee be instructed to Report from time to time, and have leave to send for persons, papers, and records.
6. MR. ROBERTSON to move That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the Progress Report of the Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in Country Districts Committee, laid upon the Table of this House on the 18th instant, and requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying out the recommendations therein contained.
7. MR. HAY to move :—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the best means of improving the alluvial lands of the Hunter, by a system of Drainage ;—and the legal provisions under which such a system may be carried out.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Jones, Mr. Scott, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Flood, Mr. Pye, Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Piddington.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill; second reading.
4. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.
6. Impounding Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all deliberate bodies, entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people in their Primary Assemblies.
2. MR. GARLAND to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Peter Rawlings, be now adopted.
3. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the total quantity of Spirits imported and warehoused from 1840 to the date of the last stock taking,—distinguishing, for each Bonded Store respectively, the quantity received, the quantity on which duty has been paid, the quantity exported, and the quantity ascertained to be remaining on hand by the last stock taking.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Vict., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Election Petition:—Mr. Scott, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of and the Evidence taken before, the Committee of Elections and Qualifications, to whom was referred, on the 2nd day of January last, the Petition of Thomas Whistler Smith, Edward Kennedy Silvester, Edwin Thomas Beilby, John Smith, Robert Johnson, and Richard Thompson, and each of them, against the Election and Return of William Bede Dalley, Esquire, as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Electoral District of the City of Sydney, in room of Henry Parkes, Esquire, resigned, declaring that the allegations contained in the said Petition have not been proved by the said Petitioners, or any one of them, and that the said Petition was not frivolous or vexatious.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight,—

FRIDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 1857.

3. Messages:—The Speaker reported that while the House was in Committee of Supply, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council,—

(1.) Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act for transferring to the Registrar General the duties of the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court as Registrar of Deeds and other Instruments,*" without any Amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19 February, 1857.*

(2.) Customs Further Regulation Bill:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act further to amend the 'Act for the General Regulation of Customs in New South Wales,'*" without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19 February, 1857.*

(3.) Trust Funds Security Bill:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council having passed the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act for better securing Trust Funds, and for the relief of Trustees,*" requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly therein.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18 February, 1857.*

Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

(4.) Postage Acts Amendment Bill:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Postage Acts,*" without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18 February, 1857.*

(5.) Masters and Servants Bill;—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled "*An Act to regulate the Law between Masters and Servants,*" with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18 February, 1857.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Robertson, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, to be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

4. Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Macarthur,
*Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Jones,
*Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.

Noes, 6.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. R. Campbell, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold,

Whereupon Bill read a third time.

Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law as to the Qualification for certain Judicial and other Offices and to authorize the admission of certain persons to the Bar.*"

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Law as to the Qualification for certain Judicial and other Offices and to authorize the admission of certain persons to the Bar,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20 February, 1857*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

5. Sydney Municipal Council Bill :—Mr. Parker moved, That the consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill, be postponed until a later hour to-day,—taking precedence of all other Business on the Paper.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Hargrave,
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Mr. Jones,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Egan, } Tellers.

Noes, 7.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Forster, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold,

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until to-day, at Three o'clock, p.m.

NOTICES

*So in Tellers' List.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Municipal Council Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th instant, from certain Inhabitants of Albury and its vicinity, praying the immediate settlement of the Land Question, by throwing the Crown Lands open to selection in allotments of from fifty to one thousand acres, at a maximum price of one pound per acre, payable by instalments of four shillings per acre per annum, be printed.
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 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the best means of improving the alluvial lands of the Hunter, by a system of Drainage;—and the legal provisions under which such a system may be carried out.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Jones, Mr. Scott, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Flood, Mr. Pye, Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Piddington.
8. MR. SCOTT to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all moneys, or authorities to receive moneys, issued from the Government since the date of the appointment of the Northern Road Surveyor, for repairing Roads and Bridges on the line from Black Creek to the Gap at Murrurundi; shewing by whom such sums have been expended.
 - (2.) A Return of all sums issued by the Government, and by whom expended, during the same periods, for repairs of the road from Morpeth to Black Creek.
 The above Returns to specify any amounts specially for repairs of Bridges, and by whom expended.
9. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, and H. G. Black, Esquire, having reference to the character and conduct of Mr. Ascough, a Magistrate of the Territory.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill; second reading.
2. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill; second reading.
4. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.
6. Impounding Bill; second reading.
7. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all deliberative bodies, entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people in their Primary Assemblies.
2. MR. GARLAND to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Peter Rawlings, be now adopted.
3. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the total quantity of Spirits imported and warehoused from 1840 to the date of the last stock taking,—distinguishing, for each Bonded Store respectively, the quantity received, the quantity on which duty has been paid, the quantity exported, and the quantity ascertained to be remaining on hand by the last stock taking.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; second reading.
2. Masters' and Servants' Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.

Question :—

1. MR. JAMISON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken with reference to an application from Mr. Tyson, for permission to erect a Bridge over the Edward River, at Deniliquin?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Gold Fields' Management Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. County Courts Bill; second reading.
6. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
8. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; to be considered in Committee.
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13. Parramatta Domain Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Viet., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) The Return to the Address in reference to the Salaries and Localities of Stipendiary Magistrates, adopted, on motion of Mr. Holroyd, on the 28th November last.
(2.) The Return to the Address in reference to the appointment of Justices of the Peace, adopted, on motion of Mr. Martin, on the 20th January last.
(3.) The Return to the Address in reference to Gentlemen in the Commission of the Peace, adopted, on motion of Mr. Murray, on the 23rd January last.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Deepening the River Hunter:—Mr. Scott, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from the Select Committee on Deepening the Hunter River, appointed on the 4th November last, together with the Evidence of Mr. Moriarty, and the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee, in reference to the necessity for the immediate employment of the Dredging Machine, in furtherance of the works now progressing at the River Hunter.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Sydney Municipal Council Bill:—Mr. Parker moved, That the Speaker do “now” leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the Legislative Council’s Amendments in this Bill.
Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “now,” in order to add at the end the words “when the Motions on the Notice Paper for “to-day shall have been disposed of.”
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Cowper. }

Noes, 10.

Mr. Scott,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson, } Tellers.
Mr. Forster. }

Original Question put and passed;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman reporting that upon a division in the Committee it was discovered that there was not a Quorum present, the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum of Members present, the Committee resumed.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Legislative Council’s Amendments in this Bill, with Amendments upon such Amendments.

Mr. Parker moved, “That” this House do now adopt the said Amendments as so amended.

Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word “That,” in order to the insertion in their place of the words “the “ Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clauses 1, 5, “ and 6.”

Debate ensued.

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question—put and passed;—

Whereupon Original Question put and passed.

4. Opening the Crown Lands for Allotment:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th instant, from certain Inhabitants of Albury and its vicinity, praying the immediate settlement of the Land Question, by throwing the Crown Lands open to selection in allotments of from fifty to one thousand acres, at a maximum price of one pound per acre, payable by instalments of four shillings per acre per annum, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Railway Terminus and Wharves at Newcastle:—Mr. Piddington, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on the Railway Terminus and Wharves at Newcastle, appointed on the 9th December last.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Immigrant Home at Maitland:—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th instant, from certain Inhabitants of Maitland, praying the continuance of the Immigrant Home, at Maitland, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
7. Mrs. Elizabeth Wynter:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Government to take some steps to alleviate the injustice complained of by Mrs. Wynter (in a Petition presented on the 19th September, 1855), according to the desire of the Legislature, as expressed in a Resolution passed unanimously on the 23rd October, 1855.
Question put and passed.
8. Customs' Department:—Mr. Holt, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on the Customs' Department, appointed on the 31st October last.
Ordered to be printed.
9. Colonial Astronomer:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of all Correspondence between the Governor General and the Secretary of State, respecting the appointment of the Rev. W. Scott as Colonial Astronomer; also of any Instructions given by the Colonial Government to the Colonial Astronomer since his arrival in the Colony; and of all Correspondence between the Colonial Government and the Colonial Architect, relative to the erection of Buildings for the Observatory.
Question put and passed.
10. Postponements:—
 - (1.) Mr. Weekes postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
 - (2.) Mr. Robertson postponed the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
11. Alluvial Lands of the Hunter:—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to notice,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the best means of improving the alluvial lands of the Hunter, by a system of Drainage;—and the legal provisions under which such a system may be carried out.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Nichols, Mr. Jones, Mr. Scott, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Flood, Mr. Pye, Mr. Holroyd, and Mr. Piddington.
 Question—(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the best means of improving the alluvial lands of the Hunter, by a system of Drainage;—and the legal provisions under which such a system may be carried out—put and passed.
Mr. Egan then required that the Committee be appointed by Ballot;—
Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and the Speaker declared the following Members to be, with the Mover, the Committee duly appointed, viz. :—Mr. Flood, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Jones, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Scott, Mr. Robertson, Mr. F. T. Rusden, Mr. Weekes, and Mr. Gordon.
12. Road from Black Creek to Gap at Murrurundi:—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all moneys, or authorities to receive moneys, issued from the Government since the date of the appointment of the Northern Road Surveyor, for repairing Roads and Bridges on the line from Black Creek to the Gap at Murrurundi; shewing by whom such sums have been expended.
 - (2.) A Return of all sums issued by the Government, and by whom expended, during the same periods, for repairs of the road from Morpeth to Black Creek.
 The above Returns to specify any amounts specially for repairs of Bridges, and by whom expended.
Question put and passed.
13. Mr. Ascough;—a Magistrate:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, and H. G. Black, Esquire, having reference to the character and conduct of Mr. Ascough, a Magistrate of the Territory.
Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. T. G. Rusden, } Tellers.
Mr. Robertson.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
Mr. Gordon.

14. Postponements:—

(1.) The second reading of the Richmond Bridge Company's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Bowman, on behalf of Mr. Martin, until Tuesday next.

(2.) The consideration in Committee of the Titles to Land Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Darvall, on behalf of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.

15. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Jones, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next.

16. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, and with an amended Title, the House ordered the Adoption of the Report to stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

17. Postponements:—

(1.) The second reading of the Time of Prescription Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Darvall, on behalf of Mr. Manning, until Wednesday next.

(2.) The second reading of the Impounding Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Arnold, until Friday next.

(3.) The consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, until Tuesday next.

18. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, all deliberative bodies, entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people in their Primary Assemblies.
2. MR. GARLAND to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Peter Rawlings, be now adopted.
3. MR. WEEKES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the total quantity of Spirits imported and warehoused from 1840 to the date of the last stock taking,—distinguishing, for each Bonded Store respectively, the quantity received, the quantity on which duty has been paid, the quantity exported, and the quantity ascertained to be remaining on hand by the last stock taking.
4. MR. SCOTT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the Progress Report of the Select Committee on Deepening the River Hunter at those parts commonly known as the Flats, and requesting that His Excellency will cause immediate steps to be taken to carry out the recommendations of the Committee.
5. MR. WEEKES to move, That as the system of Railways in this Colony is to be carried out at the public cost, it becomes the duty of this House to exercise a strict control over undertakings of such vast magnitude and importance,—and this House therefore Resolves,—

(1.)

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed by ballot, to be called "The General Committee on Railways," to whom shall be referred the investigation into all completed and projected lines, whether railroads or tram roads; and that no work of this kind be contracted for, until full particulars of such undertaking shall previously have been submitted to this Committee, and its Report thereon considered by this House.

(2.) That such Committee be instructed to Report from time to time, and have leave to send for persons, papers, and records.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill; second reading.
2. Masters' and Servants' Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill; second reading.
4. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill; third reading.
5. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill Reported; Adoption of the Report.
6. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

Question :—

1. MR. JAMISON *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What steps have been taken with reference to an application from Mr. Tyson, for permission to erect a Bridge over the Edward River, at Deniliquin?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Gold Fields' Management Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. County Courts Bill; second reading.
6. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
8. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; to be considered in Committee.
9. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
10. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
12. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
13. Parramatta Domain Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON *to move* That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the Progress Report of the Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in Country Districts Committee, laid upon the Table of this House on the 18th instant, and requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying out the recommendations therein contained.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLS *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Vict., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Sydney Municipal Council Bill:—Mr Parker moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to re-establish a Municipal Council in the City of Sydney*," with the following Amendments upon such Amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council:—

Clause 1, Page 1—line 9, substitute "April" for "March."

Proposed Clause 13, omit "or a Minister of any Religious Denomination."

Clause 15, Page 3—line 27, substitute "April" for "March."

Clause 16, Page 3—omit proposed Clause 17, retain Clause 16.

Proposed Clause 20, insert "for the time being" after "thereupon."

Clause 20, Page 4—line 4, in the words proposed to be inserted, insert "or" after "behalf" and "any Citizen by whom he was nominated" after "absence."

Clause 23, Page 4—line 34, in the words proposed to be inserted, substitute "some" for "any" and omit "or persons."

Clause 30, Page 5—line 42, substitute "April" for "March."

Clause 32, Page 6—line 1, substitute "April" for "March."

Proposed Clause 47, after "provided that" insert "no Minister of any Religious Denomination and;"—omit "or paid the fine for not accepting such office": After "elected" insert "or shall have paid the fine for not accepting such office within the same period."

Clause 49, Page 8—line 26, omit "an officer of health and such" proposed to be inserted after "Treasurer."

Clause 49, Page 8—line 31, omit proposed addition "excepting such portions of penalties or fines as may be awarded to any such officer or he may be otherwise entitled to by law."

Proposed Clause 53 omit.

Clause 52, Page 8—line 55 retain "Aldermen."

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24 February, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

2. Elective Legislature:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all deliberative bodies, entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony, ought to be elected by the people in their Primary Assemblies.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Macarthur moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

Previous Question put,—“ Shall this Question be now put?”

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson, } Tellers.
Mr. Jones.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Manning,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Garland, } Tellers.
Mr. W. Macleay.

Whereupon Original Question put and passed.

3.

3. Cutting Timber on Crown Lands :—Mr. Gordon presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Muswellbrook, praying the House to adopt measures to authorize persons Licensed to cut Timber to remove the same from Crown Lands occupied under the pre-emptive right.
Petition received.
4. Mr. David Cross :—Mr. Hely, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed, on 9th December last, to inquire into the matter of the Petition of David Cross.
Ordered to be printed.
5. Mr. Peter Rawlings :—Mr. Garland moved, pursuant to notice, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Peter Rawlings, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. Motion Withdrawn :—Mr. Weekes withdrew the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for to-day.
7. Deepening the River Hunter :—Mr. Scott moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the Progress Report of the Select Committee on Deepening the River Hunter at those parts commonly known as the Flats, and requesting that His Excellency will cause immediate steps to be taken to carry out the recommendations of the Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. Postponement :—Mr. Weekes postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
9. Trust Funds Security Bill, on motion of Mr. Manning, read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee on Friday next.
10. Masters' and Servants' Bill :—On motion of Mr. Robertson, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in this Bill.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—
Mr. Robertson moved, That this House do now adopt the said Amendments.
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. Robertson moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to regulate the Law between Masters and Servants.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber, Speaker.
Sydney, 24 February, 1857.
Question put and passed.
11. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Martin, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
12. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill, on motion of Mr. Jones, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Jones then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate 'The Australian Mutual Provident Society.'*"
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon Mr. Jones moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to incorporate 'The Australian Mutual Provident Society.'*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Speaker.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,*
Sydney, 24 February, 1857.
Question put and passed.
13. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill, Reported :—The Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole having been adopted on motion of Mr. Oxley, the House ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Friday next.
14. Postponements :—
(1.) The consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments on the Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Robertson, on behalf of Mr. Nichols, until Friday next.
(2.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow,—taking precedence of all other Business on the Paper for that Day.
The House adjourned at a quarter before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill ; second reading.
3. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.
4. Gold Fields' Management Bill ; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Mining Companies Regulation Bill ; second reading.
6. County Courts Bill ; second reading.
7. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill ; second reading.
8. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
9. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
10. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
11. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
12. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
13. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.
14. Parramatta Domain Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Titles to Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Time of Prescription Bill ; second reading.

Question :—

1. MR. JAMISON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government have come to any decision upon the Claim of the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society to the Run called Mooki, in the District of Liverpool Plains ;—and, if not, when it is probable that such decision will be arrived at ?
 - (2.) Whether applications have been made by any and what persons, (claiming parts of the said Run), to purchase portions of the same ;—and, if so, what portions ;—and also whether such applications have been granted ?

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to raise certain sums of money by Loan, for Public Works, in the year 1857.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the Progress Report of the Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in Country Districts Committee, laid upon the Table of this House on the 18th instant, and requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying out the recommendations therein contained.
2. MR. ROBERT CAMPBELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the City Commissioners and any other parties, relative to any Lease, or Contract for any Lease, of the Hay Market, Parramatta-street, with the particulars of such Lease or Contract.
 - (2.) A Return of all Expenses incidental to the enclosures and alterations that have taken place in the said Hay Market, prior to such Lease.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, A Return of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and any other parties, relative to the suspension of a Sergeant, and the "*killing of a lot of Station Blacks by Native Troopers,*" as stated in the Evidence of R. P. Marshall, Esq., taken before the Select Committee on the Native Police.
4. MR. GORDON to move, that the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, from certain Inhabitants of Muswellbrook, praying the adoption of measures to authorize persons licensed to cut timber on Crown Lands, to remove the same from lands occupied under the pre-emptive right, be printed.
5. MR. GARLAND to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Peter Rawlings, as adopted by this House on the 24th instant, and requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained.
6. MR. WEEKES to move, That as the system of Railways in this Colony is to be carried out at the public cost, it becomes the duty of this House to exercise a strict control over undertakings of such vast magnitude and importance,—and this House therefore Resolves,—

(1.)

(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed by ballot, to be called "The General Committee on Railways," to whom shall be referred the investigation into all completed and projected lines, whether railroads or tram roads; and that no work of this kind be contracted for, until full particulars of such undertaking shall previously have been submitted to this Committee, and its Report thereon considered by this House.

(2.) That such Committee be instructed to Report from time to time, and have leave to send for persons, papers, and records.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.
2. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill; third reading.
4. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
5. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.

Question :—

1. MR. GORDON to ask the ATTORNEY GENERAL, Whether persons holding Government Land under pre-emptive right, can legally prevent other persons, holding a license, from cutting and splitting timber, and afterwards removing it from off said lands?

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Vict., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.
2. MR. HELY to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. David Cross, be now adopted.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 94

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Crown Lands at South Gundagai:—Mr. G. Macleay presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of South Gundagai and its neighbourhood—setting out the necessity for extending the Government Reserve to the Source of Adelong Creek;—for permitting the selection of Land in Allotments by persons requiring it, without waiting for such Land to be offered for Sale under the present system of Land Sales;—and praying the speedy settlement of the Land Question.
 Petition received.
2. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the evening.
3. Assent to Bills:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General, received and read:—
 1. Customs further Regulation Bill:—
 W. DENISON, *Message, No. 36.*
Governor General.
 A Bill intituled “*An Act further to amend the Act for the general regulation of Customs in New South Wales,*” 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, 24 February, 1857.
 2. Loan Bill; £150,000:—
 W. DENISON, *Message No. 37.*
Governor General.
 A Bill intituled “*An Act to empower the Government to raise a sum of money not exceeding One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds, by the sale of Terminable Annuities, or Debentures,*” 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, 24 February, 1857.
 3. Bonded Warehouses Duty Bill:—
 W. DENISON, *Message No. 38.*
Governor General.
 A Bill intituled, “*An Act to impose a duty on Bonded Warehouses*” 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, 24 February, 1857.
 4. Australian Trust Company's Bill:—
 W. DENISON, *Message No. 39.*
Governor General.
 A Bill intituled, “*An Act to enlarge the powers of the Australian Trust Company, and to remove doubts as to the validity of Deeds executed by Agents of the Company,*” as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.
Government House,
Sydney, 24 February, 1857.

5. Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company's Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 40.

Governor General.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to vest the Trust Moneys, Securities, and Property of the 'Liverpool and London Fire and Life Insurance Company' in this Colony, in the Local Trustees of the said Company for the time being," 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, 24 February, 1857.*

6. Destitute Children's Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 41.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate and otherwise promote the objects of the Society for the relief of Destitute Children," 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, 24 February, 1857.*

4. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow,—taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.
5. Sole Commissioner of Railways' Incorporation Bill:—Mr. Cowper, as Chairman, brought up a Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on the Sole Commissioner of Railways' Incorporation Bill, appointed on 19th November last, in reference to certain Petitions referred for their consideration and report.
Ordered to be printed.
The House adjourned at two minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to raise certain sums of money by Loan, for Public Works, in the year 1857.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill; second reading.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Gold Fields' Management Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. County Courts Bill; second reading.
6. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
7. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
8. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; to be considered in Committee.
9. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
10. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
11. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
12. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
13. Parramatta Domain Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to move, That the Petition presented by him on 25th instant, from certain Inhabitants of South Gundagai, praying the speedy settlement of the Land Question, be printed.

Question:—

1. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
- (1.) Whether the Government are aware of the great demand which at present exists in the Albury District for small Farms; and when the Agricultural Land in that neighbourhood, which has already been surveyed, is to be advertised for sale?
 - (2.) Whether it is the intention of the Government to proclaim a reserve at Albury for commonage purposes?

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the Progress Report of the Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in Country Districts Committee, laid upon the Table of this House on the 18th instant, and requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying out the recommendations therein contained.
2. MR. ROBERT CAMPBELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the City Commissioners and any other parties, relative to any Lease, or Contract for any Lease, of the Hay Market, Parramatta-street, with the particulars of such Lease or Contract.
 - (2.) A Return of all Expenses incidental to the enclosures and alterations that have taken place in the said Hay Market, prior to such Lease.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, A Return of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and any other parties, relative to the suspension of a Sergeant, and the "*killing of a lot of Station Blacks by Native Troopers*," as stated in the Evidence of R. P. Marshall, Esq., taken before the Select Committee on the Native Police.
4. MR. GORDON to move, that the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, from certain Inhabitants of Muswellbrook, praying the adoption of measures to authorize persons licensed to cut timber on Crown Lands, to remove the same from lands occupied under the pre-emptive right, be printed.
5. MR. GARLAND to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Peter Rawlings, as adopted by this House on the 24th instant, and requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained.
6. MR. WEEKES to move, That as the system of Railways in this Colony is to be carried out at the public cost, it becomes the duty of this House to exercise a strict control over undertakings of such vast magnitude and importance,—and this House therefore Resolves,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed by ballot, to be called "The General Committee on Railways," to whom shall be referred the investigation into all completed and projected lines, whether railroads or tram roads; and that no work of this kind be contracted for, until full particulars of such undertaking shall previously have been submitted to this Committee, and its Report thereon considered by this House.
 - (2.) That such Committee be instructed to Report from time to time, and have leave to send for persons, papers, and records.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.
2. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill; third reading.
4. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
5. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
6. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.

Questions:—

1. MR. GORDON to ask the ATTORNEY GENERAL, Whether persons holding Government Land under pre-emptive right, can legally prevent other persons, holding a license, from cutting and splitting timber, and afterwards removing it from off said lands?
2. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether it is intended by the Government to take any—and if any, what steps, during the ensuing Parliamentary recess, to carry out the expression of opinion by this House, on Tuesday last, in favor of applying the principle of direct election by the people to all deliberative bodies entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony?
3. MR. JAMISON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government have come to any decision upon the Claim of the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society to the Run called Mooki, in the District of Liverpool Plains;—and, if not, when it is probable that such decision will be arrived at?
 - (2.) Whether applications have been made by any and what persons, (claiming parts of the said Run), to purchase portions of the same;—and, if so, what portions;—and also whether such applications have been complied with?
4. MR. COWPER to ask MR. HAY,—Whether any steps have been taken by the Government, in consequence of the Address of the late Legislative Council, of the 11th July, 1855, to engage, in England, a competent person to undertake the Direction of Railways;—and when such Officer may be expected to arrive in the Colony?

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Viet., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.

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2. MR. HELY to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. David Cross, be now adopted.
3. MR. LORD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Returns of all Lands sold from 1st of January, 1855, to the present date, at West and East Molong, Wellington, Dubbo, Canowindra, and Cowra, together with the amount received for the same; also, of all moneys received from Licenses, Leases, and Assessment, in the Pastoral Districts of Wellington and Bligh; also, of the amount of all Government Expenditure at each of the above-named places during the same period,—distinguishing each place and district.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table, the Sydney Road Trust Account, for the half-year from 1 July to 31 December, 1856.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the Service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
3. Public Works Loan Bill, for 1857:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to raise certain sums of money by Loan, for Public Works, in the year 1857.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the mover and seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
4. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed,—
And Bill read a second time;—
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
5. Public Works Loan Bill, for 1857:—Mr. Donaldson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to authorise the raising of certain sums of money, by loan, for 'Public Works, for the year 1857,'*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
6. Postponement:—The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Thursday next.
7. Gold Fields' Management Bill:—On motion of Mr. Manning the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—
Mr. Manning moved, That this House do now adopt the said Amendments.
Question put and passed;—
Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Gold 'Fields.'*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber, *Speaker.*
Sydney, 26 February, 1857.
Question put and passed.
8. Mining Companies Regulation Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
9. Postponements:—
(1.) On motion of Mr. Manning, the Orders standing from five to twelve inclusive on the paper for to-day, postponed until Tuesday next.
(2.) The second reading of the Parramatta Domain Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Hay, until Wednesday next.
10. Crown Lands at South Gundagai:—Mr. George Macleay moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on 25th instant, from certain Inhabitants of South Gundagai, praying the speedy settlement of the Land Question, be printed.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
The House adjourned at twenty minutes before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the Progress Report of the Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in Country Districts Committee, laid upon the Table of this House on the 18th instant, and requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying out the recommendations therein contained.
2. MR. ROBERT CAMPBELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the City Commissioners and any other parties, relative to any Lease, or Contract for any Lease, of the Hay Market, Parramatta-street, with the particulars of such Lease or Contract.
 - (2.) A Return of all Expenses incidental to the enclosures and alterations that have taken place in the said Hay Market, prior to such Lease.
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, A Return of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and any other parties, relative to the suspension of a Sergeant, and the "*killing of a lot of Station Blacks by Native Troopers*," as stated in the Evidence of R. P. Marshall, Esq., taken before the Select Committee on the Native Police.
4. MR. GORDON to move, that the Petition presented by him on the 24th instant, from certain Inhabitants of Muswellbrook, praying the adoption of measures to authorize persons licensed to cut timber on Crown Lands, to remove the same from lands occupied under the pre-emptive right, be printed.
5. MR. GARLAND to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Peter Rawlings, as adopted by this House on the 24th instant, and requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to carry into effect the recommendations therein contained.
6. MR. WEEKES to move, That as the system of Railways in this Colony is to be carried out at the public cost, it becomes the duty of this House to exercise a strict control over undertakings of such vast magnitude and importance,—and this House therefore Resolves,—
 - (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed by ballot, to be called "The General Committee on Railways," to whom shall be referred the investigation into all completed and projected lines, whether railroads or tram roads; and that no work of this kind be contracted for, until full particulars of such undertaking shall previously have been submitted to this Committee, and its Report thereon considered by this House.
 - (2.) That such Committee be instructed to Report from time to time, and have leave to send for persons, papers, and records.
7. MR. JONES to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the amounts received from passengers, and for goods and parcels, on the Sydney and Liverpool Railway, from the 1st July to the 26th September, and from the 27th September to the 31st December, 1856, respectively; the expenditure incurred during those respective periods on account of working the line, specifying the items of such expenditure, and including the cost, if any, of renewing or repairing permanent way, buildings, and rolling stock; and the net balance of receipts from traffic on said Railway during each of these periods, paid into the Colonial Treasury.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill; second reading.
2. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill; third reading.
4. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill; third reading.
5. Deserted Wives and Children's Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
6. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill; third reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. GORDON to ask the ATTORNEY GENERAL, Whether persons holding Government Land under pre-emptive right, can legally prevent other persons, holding a license, from cutting and splitting timber, and afterwards removing it from off said lands?
2. MR. ROBERTSON to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, Whether it is intended by the Government to take any—and if any, what steps, during the ensuing Parliamentary recess, to carry out the expression of opinion by this House, on Tuesday last, in favor of applying the principle of direct election by the people to all deliberative bodies entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony?
3. MR. JAMISON to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government have come to any decision upon the Claim of the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society to the Run called Mooki, in the District of Liverpool Plains;—and, if not, when it is probable that such decision will be arrived at?
 - (2.) Whether applications have been made by any and what persons, (claiming parts of the said Run), to purchase portions of the same;—and, if so, what portions;—and also whether such applications have been complied with?

4. MR. COWPER to ask MR. HAY,—Whether any steps have been taken by the Government, in consequence of the Address of the late Legislative Council, of the 11th July, 1855, to engage, in England, a competent person to undertake the Direction of Railways;—and when such Officer may be expected to arrive in the Colony?
5. MR. WILLIAM MACLEAY to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether the Government have, in accordance with their expressed intention, taken any steps towards the erection of a Bridge over Jugiong Creek?
6. MR. DENIEHY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 - (1.) Whether the Government have directed or are aware of the Admeasurement for Sale at Goulburn, by the Local Surveyor, Mr. Mann, of a certain parcel of Land formerly set apart by Government, in that Town, for purposes of Water Supply?
 - (2.) If so, Whether it is the intention of the Government to make Sale of the same?

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Vict., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.
2. MR. HELIX to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. David Cross, be now adopted.
3. MR. LORD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Returns of all Lands sold from 1st of January, 1855, to the present date, at West and East Molong, Wellington, Dubbo, Canowindra, and Cowra, together with the amount received for the same; also, of all moneys received from Licenses, Leases, and Assessment, in the Pastoral Districts of Wellington and Bligh; also, of the amount of all Government Expenditure at each of the above-named places during the same period,—distinguishing each place and district.
4. MR. HOLT to move, That the Sums of £20,000 and £17,350, voted by this House, in a Committee of the whole, for Educational purposes, be appropriated rateably by the Government to the Denominational and National Schools, according to the average daily attendance of Scholars at their respective Schools.
5. MR. ARNOLD to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, the sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds, for the construction and repair of the Road from the Ferry at Hinton, northward, on the Paterson and Williams River thoroughfare.
6. MR. COWPER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £—, to be expended under the supervision of Road Trustees, Wardens, Benches of Magistrates, and Road Surveyors, in constructing, upholding, and repairing the Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries of the Colony, in accordance with the principle affirmed in Committee of Supply on the 25th February, 1857.
7. MR. FLOOD to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Further Additional Estimate for 1857, the sum of £20,000, to be applied in the following proportions, to meet the expense of Improving the Streets of the undermentioned Towns, viz. :—

Parramatta	£2,000
Windsor, £1,000; Richmond, £500	1,500
Penrith... ..	500
Bathurst	2,000
Liverpool	500
Campbell Town	500
Camden... ..	500
Berrima	500
Goulburn	2,000
Yass	500
Queanbeyan	500
Newcastle	1,500
Raymond Terrace	500
East and West Maitland	2,000
Paterson	500
Wollongong	1,000
Armidale	500
Eden, Twofold Bay	500
Albury	1,000
For all Towns not named	1,500

£20,000

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. County Courts Bill; second reading.
2. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
3. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
4. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
6. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
8. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.

Questions:—

1. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Why the whole Temporary Increase to the Clergy, voted under the Schedule A., part 3, 13 and 14 Victoria, ch. 59, of £100 each, as an additional amount to their Salaries, has not been paid to the Rev. G. N. Wood, a Clergyman of the Church of England?
2. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL *to ask* THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE,—When it is the intention of Government to publish separately in the *Gazette*, the Assets of the New South Wales Bank from their Branch Bank at Melbourne, Port Phillip, so that the true Bank Liabilities of this Colony may be ascertained?

 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Works' Loan Bill, for 1857; second reading.
2. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Parramatta Domain Bill; second reading.

 THURSDAY, MARCH 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the Return to the Address in reference to the Massacre of the Crew and Passengers of the Brig "Gazelle," at Woodlark Island, adopted, on motion of Mr. Dalley, on the 10th instant.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Administration of Justice and Conduct of Official Business in Country Districts:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, transmitting a copy of the Progress Report of the Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in Country Districts Committee, laid upon the Table of this House on the 18th instant, and requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to take steps for carrying out the recommendations therein contained.
Question put and passed.
3. Motion dropped:—Mr. R. Campbell not moving the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
4. Alleged Killing of Station Blacks by Native Police:—Mr. T. G. Rusden moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, A Return of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and any other parties, relative to the suspension of a Sergeant, and the "killing of a lot of Station Blacks by Native Troopers," as stated in the Evidence of R. P. Marshall, Esq., taken before the Select Committee on the Native Police.
Question put and passed.
5. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill:—
(1.) Mr. Cowper, as Chairman, brought up a Second Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 19th November last, together with the said Bill as amended by the Committee.
Ordered to be printed.
(2.) Mr. Hay then moved, That the second reading of this Bill stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
Question put and passed.
6. Motion dropped:—Mr. Gordon not moving the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
7. Mr. Peter Rawlings:—Mr. Garland offering to move the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, the Speaker ruled that the motion could not be entertained in its present form, inasmuch as the Report it was proposed to adopt contains a request that His Excellency the Governor General will make a direct appropriation of a sum of money out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, without the intervention of the Committee of Supply, or even of a Committee of the whole House;—the motion therefore dropped.
8. Proposed General Committee on Railways:—Mr. Weekes moved, pursuant to notice, That as the system of Railways in this Colony is to be carried out at the public cost, it becomes the duty of this House to exercise a strict control over undertakings of such vast magnitude and importance,—and this House therefore Resolves,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed by ballot, to be called "The General Committee on Railways," to whom shall be referred the investigation into all completed and projected lines, whether railroads or tram roads; and that no work of this kind be contracted for, until full particulars of such undertaking shall previously have been submitted to this Committee, and its Report thereon considered by this House.
(2.) That such Committee be instructed to Report from time to time, and have leave to send for persons, papers, and records.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
9. Messages:—The Speaker reported that during the Debate of the Motion just withdrawn, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council:—
(1.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill:—
Mr. Speaker,
The Legislative Council having received from the Legislative Assembly, a Private Bill, intituled, "*An Act to Incorporate the Australian Mutual Provident Society*," requests that the Legislative Assembly will furnish a copy of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of that House upon such Bill.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25 February, 1857.

Copy'

Copy of the said Report and Proceedings, on motion of Mr. Parker, ordered to be communicated accordingly.

(2.) Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill:—
Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to facilitate the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes,*" without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 25 February, 1857.

10. Railway Traffic:—Mr. Jones moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the amounts received from passengers, and for goods and parcels, on the Sydney and Liverpool Railway, from the 1st July to the 26th September, and from the 27th September to the 31st December, 1856, respectively; the expenditure incurred during those respective periods on account of working the line, specifying the items of such expenditure, and including the cost, if any, of renewing or repairing permanent way, buildings, and rolling stock; and the net balance of receipts from traffic on said Railway during each of these periods, paid into the Colonial Treasury.

Question put and passed.

11. Impounding Bill:—Mr. Arnold moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed,—And Bill read a second time;—

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Arnold, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

12. Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill:—Mr. Parker moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly begs to communicate a copy of the Report and Proceedings of its Select Committee on the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to Incorporate 'The Australian Mutual Provident Society,'*" as requested by the Legislative Council's Message of the 25th instant.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27 February, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

13. Postponement:—The consideration in Committee of the Trust Funds Security Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Tuesday next.

14. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill, on motion of Mr. Jamison, on behalf of Mr. Martin, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Jamison then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to Incorporate a Company to be called the Richmond Bridge Company, and to erect and maintain a Bridge over the River Hawkesbury at the Richmond Ferry, in direct continuation of the public road, and to take Tolls thereat for a term of years and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Jamison moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to Incorporate a Company to be called the Richmond Bridge Company, and to erect and maintain a Bridge over the River Hawkesbury at the Richmond Ferry, in direct continuation of the public road, and to take Tolls thereat for a term of years and for other purposes therein mentioned,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27 February, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

15. Postponements:—

(1.) The third reading of the Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, on behalf of Mr. Oxley, until Tuesday next.

(2.) The consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Tuesday next.

(3.) The consideration in Committee of the Titles to Land Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Tuesday next.

(4.) The second reading of the Time of Prescription Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Friday next.

(5.) The Resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Wednesday next,—taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for that Day.

(6.) The third reading of the Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Tuesday next.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. NICHOLS to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Viet., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.
2. MR. HELY to move, That the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of Mr. David Cross, be now adopted.
3. MR. LORD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Returns of all Lands sold from 1st of January, 1855, to the present date, at West and East Molong, Wellington, Dubbo, Canowindra, and Cowra, together with the amount received for the same; also, of all moneys received from Licenses, Leases, and Assessment, in the Pastoral Districts of Wellington and Bligh; also, of the amount of all Government Expenditure at each of the above-named places during the same period,—distinguishing each place and district.
4. MR. HOLT to move, That the Sums of £20,000 and £17,350, voted by this House, in a Committee of the whole, for Educational purposes, be appropriated rateably by the Government to the Denominational and National Schools, according to the average daily attendance of Scholars at their respective Schools.
5. MR. ARNOLD to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, the sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds, for the construction and repair of the Road from the Ferry at Hinton, northward, on the Paterson and Williams River thoroughfare.
6. MR. COWPER to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £—, to be expended under the supervision of Road Trustees, Wardens, Benches of Magistrates, and Road Surveyors, in constructing, upholding, and repairing the Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries of the Colony.
7. MR. FLOOD to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Further Additional Estimate for 1857, the sum of £24,250, to be applied in the following proportions, to meet the expense of Improving the Streets of the undermentioned Towns and Places, viz. :—

Parramatta	£1,500
Windsor, £1,000; Richmond, £500	1,500
Penrith... ..	250
Bathurst	2,000
Liverpool	500
Campbell Town	500
Camden... ..	500
Berrima	250
Goulburn	1,500
Yass	500
Queanbeyan	500
Newcastle	1,500
Raymond Terrace	250
East and West Maitland	2,000
Paterson	250
Wollongong	1,000
Armidale	500
Eden, Twofold Bay	500
Albury	1,000
Dungog... ..	500
For all Towns not named	3,000
	£20,000
Sydney Hamlets, viz. :—	
Glebe, Camperdown, O'Connelltown, Chippendale, Redfern, Paddington, St. Leonard's and Bal- main, each £500	4,000
Surry Hills	250
	£4,250
	£24,250

8. MR. ROBERT CAMPBELL to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 (1.) A Return of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the City Commissioners and any other parties, relative to any Lease, or Contract for any Lease, of the Hay Market, Parramatta-street, with the particulars of such Lease or Contract.
 (2.) A Return of all Expenses incidental to the enclosures and alterations that have taken place in the said Hay Market, prior to such Lease.
9. MR. IRVING to move, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to recommend to this House to grant the sum of £431 by way of Compensation to Mr. Peter Rawlings for the loss and damage which he has sustained by carrying the line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta, through his landed property at or near Ashfield.
10. MR. EGAN to move,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Offices of Clerk of the Legislative Assembly and Secretary to the Treasury, ought, in point of emolument, to be respectively placed on an equality with the respective Offices of Under Colonial Secretary, and Under Secretary for Lands and Public Works.
 (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor General.
11. MR. GORDON to move, that the Petition presented by him on the 24th ultimo, from certain Inhabitants of Muswellbrook, praying the adoption of measures to authorize persons licensed to cut timber on Crown Lands, to remove the same from lands occupied under the pre-emptive right, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Trust Funds Security Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill ; third reading.
3. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill ; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
4. Titles to Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in 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 1856-7.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. County Courts Bill ; second reading.
2. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill ; second reading.
3. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; second reading.
4. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
5. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
6. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
7. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
8. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.
9. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill ; third reading.

Questions :—

1. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Why the whole Temporary Increase to the Clergy, voted under the Schedule A., part 3, 13 and 14 Victoria, ch. 59, of £100 each, as an additional amount to their Salaries, has not been paid to the Rev. G. N. Wood, a Clergyman of the Church of England ?
2. MR. JOHN CAMPBELL to ask THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE,—When it is the intention of Government to publish separately in the *Gazette*, the Assets of the New South Wales Bank from their Branch Bank at Melbourne, Port Phillip, so that the true Bank Liabilities of this Colony may be ascertained ?
3. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) Why the Office of Commissioner of Crown Lands (or of Police Magistrate, Armidale) for New England and Macleay was left so long unfilled after Mr. Merewether left the District ?
 (2.) Why Mr. Moriarty, whose appointment to the Office was Gazetted early in January last, has not yet entered upon the duties of this Office ?
4. MR. FAUCETT to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether a fee of One Guinea, in addition to the ordinary fee of One Guinea, is charged on Grants of Land that are not taken out for a period of two years from the date of purchase—and if so, by what authority such additional fee is charged—and how the money derived from this source is appropriated ?

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Public Works' Loan Bill, for 1857 ; second reading.
3. Mining Companies Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Parramatta Domain Bill ; second reading.
5. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, MARCH 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum of money for the support of a Police Magistrate for the Richmond River.
2. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year; the sum of £6,500, to be expended and applied in the following manner, viz. :—

Road from Grafton to Armidale, additional	...	...	£ 500
Road from Warwick to Ipswich	...	...	2,000
Road from Drayton to Ipswich	...	...	2,000
Road from Grafton to Tenterfield	...	...	500
For the erection of a Bridge over the Condamine at			
Warwick	1,000
Road from Clarence to Richmond	500
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			£6,500

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 MARCH, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Deepening the River Hunter:—The Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to make to the Address adopted by this House on the 24th ultimo, in reference to Deepening the River Hunter, the following answer:—
W. DENISON,
Governor General.
With reference to the Address of the Legislative Assembly of the 24th February, requesting that His Excellency would cause immediate steps to be taken to carry out the recommendations of the Select Committee on Deepening the River Hunter, the Governor General assures the Assembly that the matter will receive the immediate attention of the Government.
Government House,
Sydney, 3 March, 1857.
2. Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in Country Districts:—The Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to make to the Address adopted by this House on the 27th ultimo, in reference to the Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in Country Districts, the following answer:—
W. DENISON,
Governor General.
The Progress Report of the Select Committee on the Administration of Justice and conduct of Official Business in Country Districts, which was submitted with the Address of the Legislative Assembly of 27 February, will receive the immediate consideration of the Government.
Government House,
Sydney, 3 March, 1857.
3. Clerks in Immigration Agent's Department:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from the Clerks in the Department of the Agent for Immigration, representing the insufficiency of their reduced Salaries, and praying the adoption of such course as to the House may seem fit for alleviation of their reduced positions.
Petition received.
4. Motion dropped:—Mr. Nichols not moving the motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
5. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Hely withdrew the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day,—giving notice of another motion on the same matter for Tuesday next.
6. Revenue from Land Sales, Leases, and Assessment in Western Districts:—Mr. Lord moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Returns of all Lands sold from 1st of January, 1855, to the present date, at West and East Molong, Wellington, Dubbo, Canowindra, and Cowra, together with the amount received for the same; also, of all moneys received from Licenses, Leases, and Assessment, in the Pastoral Districts of Wellington and Bligh; also, of the amount of all Government Expenditure at each of the above-named places during the same period,—distinguishing each place and district.
Question put and passed.
7. Motion Withdrawn:—Mr. Holt withdrew the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, (for informality), giving notice of another motion on the same matter for Friday next.
8. Postponements:—
(1.) Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Arnold, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Arnold fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
(2.) Mr. Cowper postponed the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next—filling the blank with the figures "£28,000."

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9. Improving the Streets in the Sydney Hamlets and Country Towns :—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Further Additional Estimate for 1857, the sum “of” £24,250, to be applied in the following proportions, to meet the expense of Improving the Streets of the undermentioned Towns and Places, viz. :—

Parramatta	£1,500
Windsor, £1,000; Richmond, £500	1,500
Penrith... ..	250
Bathurst	2,000
Liverpool	500
Campbell Town	500
Camden... ..	500
Berrima	250
Goulburn	1,500
Yass	500
Queanbeyan	500
Newcastle	1,500
Raymond Terrace	250
East and West Maitland	2,000
Paterson	250
Wollongong	1,000
Armidale	500
Eden, Twofold Bay	500
Albury	1,000
Dungog... ..	500
For all Towns not named	3,000
	£20,000
Sydney Hamlets, viz. :—	
Glebe, Camperdown, O’Connelltown, Chippendale, Redfern, Paddington, St. Leonard’s and Bal- main, each £500	4,000
Surry Hills	250
	£4,250
	£24,250

Debate ensued.

Mr. Piddington moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the figures and words following the word “of” in the fifth line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the figures and words following :—“£30,000, to be applied “by the Executive Government, upon the principle of an equitable division among “the Sydney Hamlets, and the proclaimed Country Towns, in proportion to the “population of such Hamlets and Towns respectively, as shewn in the Census “Returns of 1856”

Debate continued.

Proposed Amendment by leave withdrawn.

Original Question by leave withdrawn.

10. Lease of Hay Market, Parramatta-street :—Mr. Robert Campbell moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of all Correspondence that may have taken place between the City Commissioners and any other parties, relative to any Lease, or Contract for any Lease, of the Hay Market, Parramatta-street, with the particulars of such Lease or Contract.
 - (2.) A Return of all Expenses incidental to the enclosures and alterations that have taken place in the said Hay Market, prior to such Lease.
- Question put and passed.
11. Mr. Peter Rawlings :—Mr. Irving 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 General, requesting His Excellency to recommend to this House to grant the sum of £431 by way of Compensation to Mr. Peter Rawlings for the loss and damage which he has sustained by carrying the line of Railway from Sydney to Parramatta, through his landed property at or near Ashfield.
- Question put and passed.
12. Mr. William Henry Whyte :—Mr. Flood presented a Petition from William Henry Whyte, representing that the Commissioners of Railways have, for Railway purposes, taken possession of that portion of his land known as Wickham Paddock, which abutts upon the Maitland Road, and have thereby cut off the free use and convenient approach to that part of the land which remains in his occupation, and praying that measures may be adopted to protect his interests and the public safety.
- Petition received.
13. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Egan withdrew the motion standing in his name tenth on Notice Paper for to-day.
14. Motion dropped :—Mr. Gordon not moving the motion standing in his name eleventh on the Notice Paper for to-day, it dropped.
15. Postponement :—The consideration in Committee of the Trust Funds Security Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Friday next.

16. Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill :—Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed ;—and Bill read a third time.

Mr. Cowper moved that this Bill do now pass.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Cowper then moved, That the Title of this Bill be, "*An Act to encourage the use of Broad Wheels, and to define the limits without the City of Sydney within which Toll-bars may be erected.*"

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to encourage the use of Broad Wheels, and to define the limits without the City of Sydney, within which Toll-bars may be erected,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 3 March, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

17. Postponements :—

(1.) The consideration in Committee of the Legislative Council's Amendments in the Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Friday next.

(2.) The consideration in Committee of the Titles to Land Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until Friday next.

18. Appropriation Bill :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in 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 1856-7.

Question put and passed ; *Ordered* that the mover and seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.

19. County Courts Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee on Thursday next.

20. Postponements :—The Orders standing from two to eight inclusive, on the Paper of Government Business for to-day postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Thursday next.

21. Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill :—On motion of Mr. Manning, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Manning then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to provide for the discharge of the duties of Clerks of Petty Sessions in districts for which no such Officer shall be appointed, and to withdraw certain special powers now possessed by Police Magistrates.*"

Question put, and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein ;—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to provide for the discharge of the duties of Clerks of Petty Sessions in districts for which no such Officer shall be appointed, and to withdraw certain special powers now possessed by Police Magistrates,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 3 March, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put, and passed ;—

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill for applying certain sums raised, or to be raised, under the Sydney Sewerage Act of 1853, and the Sydney Water Act of 1853, for the service of the year 1857.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Public Works' Loan Bill, for 1857 ; second reading.
3. Mining Companies Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Parramatta Domain Bill ; second reading.
5. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill ; second reading.

OTHER

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition presented by him yesterday, from the Clerks in the Immigration Agent's Department, praying the adoption of measures to alleviate their reduced positions, be printed.
2. MR. HOLROYD to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A Return of all monies expended on the Buildings at present in use by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, including monies expended on additions, alterations, and repairs to the said Buildings, from 1st January 1843 to 1st March, 1857, and specifying the Expenditure in each year.
 - (2.) A Return of the unexpended balance of the sum of £15,000, voted in 1855, for additions, alterations, and repairs to the same Buildings.
 - (3.) An Account of the manner in which the said sum of £15,000, or any part of it, has been expended.
3. MR. FLOOD to move, That the Petition presented by him, yesterday, from Mr. William Henry Whyte, praying the adoption of measures to protect his interests, and the public safety, in the matter of a portion of his land, known as Wickham Paddock, which abutts upon the Maitland Road, which has been taken for Railway purposes by the Commissioners of Railways, be printed.

Questions:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to ask MR. HAY,—Whether the Government have taken any, and if any, what steps to carry out the Resolutions passed by this House on the 31st October last, viz.:—
 - “ (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, in all cases where there are suitable unalienated Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of any proclaimed town, a liberal portion of the same should be reserved for the use, health, and enjoyment of the inhabitants.
 - “ (2.) That, under fair and judicious regulations, provision should be made to authorize parties holding Licenses to cut or remove Timber from Crown Lands, to do so, notwithstanding that such Lands may be held by other persons on Lease for Pastoral purposes.”
2. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—When the Census Tables of the Colony, taken Twelve months since, will be printed and delivered to the Honorable Members of the House?

THURSDAY, MARCH 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. County Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
4. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
5. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
7. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
8. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
9. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum of money for the support of a Police Magistrate for the Richmond River.
2. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £6,500, to be expended and applied in the following manner, viz.:—

Road from Grafton to Armidale, additional	...	...	£ 500
Road from Warwick to Ipswich	...	...	2,000
Road from Drayton to Ipswich	...	...	2,000
Road from Grafton to Tenterfield	...	...	500
For the erection of a Bridge over the Condamine at Warwick	...	...	1,000
Road from Clarence to Richmond	...	...	500
			£6,500.

3. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Railway Terminus and Wharfs at Newcastle be now adopted.
4. MR. HOYT to move, That any sums of money voted by this House, for Educational purposes, be appropriated rateably by the Government to the Denominational and National Schools, according to the average daily attendance of Scholars at their respective Schools.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £28,000, to be expended under the supervision of Road Trustees, Wardens, Benches of Magistrates, and Road Surveyors, in constructing, upholding, and repairing the Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.
3. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for compensation.
4. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
6. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask MR. HAY, when a Return to an Address of the 4th of November, 1856, relative to Land taken from Squattages, and purchased by various parties, will be laid on the Table of this House?
2. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask MR. DONALDSON, when a Return to an Address of the 23rd of January last, relative to the number of sheep, the amounts of assessment and of compensation paid in the Murrumbidgee and other Districts, will be laid on the Table of this House?
3. MR. ROBERT CAMPBELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the statement, authoritatively made in the public prints, that the Governor General had prohibited the landing of the Bishop of New Zealand on Norfolk Island, be true; and, whether, if any correspondence has taken place upon the subject, there is any objection to lay it on the Table of this House?

TUESDAY, MARCH 10.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the reply of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on Friday, the 27th February, to the Question, "Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any, and if any, what steps, during the ensuing Parliamentary recess, to carry out the expression of opinion by this House, on Tuesday last, in favour of applying the principle of direct election by the people to all deliberative bodies entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony?" is most unsatisfactory.
2. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the following Resolution:—
That on and after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, in lieu and instead of the Duties payable by law, on Sugar, Molasses, and Tea, the several Duties of Customs as follows, viz.:—
Candy or Refined Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality thereto, for every hundred weight, Three shillings and four-pence.
Bastard Sugar not being refined, or equal in quality to refined, for every hundred weight, Two shillings and sixpence.
Molasses and Treacle, for every hundred weight, One shilling and eight-pence.
Tea, per pound, One penny half-penny.
3. MR. HELY to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 13th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on a Further Additional Estimate for 1857, the sum of £150 to be paid to Mr. Cross out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to compensate him for the loss of the buildings erected by him at Wiseman's Ferry.
4. MR. ARNOLD to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, the sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds, for the construction and repair of the Road from the Ferry at Hinton, northward, on the Paterson and Williams River thoroughfare.
5. MR. WEEKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Vict., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

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No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Sydney Sewerage and Water Appropriation Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for applying certain sums raised, or to be raised, under the Sydney Sewerage Act of 1853, and the Sydney Water Act of 1853, for the service of the year 1857.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the mover and seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
 2. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions, and to report the same to-morrow, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow, taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.
 3. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill:—The Speaker reported that, while the House was in Committee of Supply, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council:—
Mr. Speaker,
The Legislative Council having received from the Legislative Assembly a Private Bill, intituled, "*An Act to Incorporate a Company, to be called the Richmond Bridge Company, and to erect and maintain a Bridge over the River Hawkesbury at the Richmond Ferry, in direct continuation of the Public Road, and to take Tolls thereat for a term of years and for other purposes therein mentioned,*" requests that the Legislative Assembly will furnish a copy of the Report and Proceedings of the Select Committee of that House upon such Bill.
Legislative Council Chamber, J. H. PLUNKETT,
Sydney, 1857. President.
- Whereupon Mr. Jamison moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
- The Legislative Assembly begs to communicate a copy of the Report and Proceedings of its Select Committee on the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to incorporate a Company to be called the Richmond Bridge Company, and to erect and maintain a Bridge over the River Hawkesbury at the Richmond Ferry, in direct continuation of the Public Road, and to take Tolls thereat for a term of years and for other purposes therein mentioned,*" as requested by the Legislative Council's Message (without date) received this day.
Legislative Assembly Chamber, Speaker.
Sydney, 4th March, 1857.
- Question put and passed.
4. Public Works Loan Bill, for 1857, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with an Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
 5. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Mining Companies' Regulation Bill postponed, on the motion of Mr. Manning, until Tuesday next.
 6. Parramatta Domain Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be "now" read a second time.
Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now," with a view to add at the end the words "this day six months."
Debate ensued.
Question put—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

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The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Marks, } Tellers.
Mr. Garland, }

Noes, 10.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. R. Campbell, } Tellers.
Mr. Forster, }

Whereupon Original Question put and passed;—

And Bill read a second time.

Mr. Hay then moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.

7. Postponement:—The second reading of the Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Hay, until to-morrow.

8. Clerks in Immigration Agent's Department:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him yesterday, from the Clerks in the Immigration Agent's Department, praying the adoption of measures to alleviate their reduced positions, be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

9. Expenditure upon Legislative Council and Assembly Buildings since 1843:—Mr. Holroyd moved, pursuant to notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return of all monies expended on the Buildings at present in use by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, including monies expended on additions, alterations, and repairs to the said Buildings, from 1st January 1843, to 1st March 1857, and specifying the Expenditure in each year.

(2.) A Return of the unexpended balance of the sum of £15,000, voted in 1855, for additions, alterations, and repairs to the same Buildings.

(3.) An Account of the manner in which the said sum of £15,000, or any part of it, has been expended.

Question put and passed.

10. Mr. William Henry Whyte:—Mr. Flood moved, pursuant to amended notice,—That the Petition presented by him, yesterday, from Mr. William Henry Whyte, praying the adoption of measures to protect his interests, and the public safety, in the matter of a portion of his land, known as Wickham Paddock, which abuts upon the Maitland Road, which has been taken for Railway purposes by the Commissioners of Railways, be referred to the Select Committee on Railways.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Ten o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Supply; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
3. County Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; second reading.
6. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
8. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.

10. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
11. Public Works' Loan Bill, for 1857; third reading.
12. Parramatta Domain Bill; third reading.
13. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill; second reading.

Questions:—

1. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
 (1.) If any answer has been received from the Government of Victoria, to the communication respecting the Bridge proposed to be thrown over the River Murray at Albury?
 (2.) Whether the Government has entered into any arrangement with the Governments of Victoria and South Australia, for clearing the channel of the River Murray, at the joint expense of the three Colonies?
2. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY *to ask* THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL TREASURER,—Whether any communication has taken place between the Government of this Colony and the Governments of Victoria and South Australia respecting the adoption of a uniform Tariff?
3. MR. MARKS *to ask* MR. HAY,—When the Government intends taking steps to construct a Bridge over the Macquarie River, Illawarra, for which purpose a sum of money was granted by the late Council?
4. MR. DALLEY *to ask* THE HONORABLE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether any Correspondence has taken place between the Crown Law Officers and a Member of the Bar (who is also a Member and an Officer of this House) with reference to the appointment of Master in Equity; and, if so, whether the Government will feel disposed to furnish this House with the substance of such correspondence?

FRIDAY, MARCH 6.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum of money for the support of a Police Magistrate for the Richmond River.
2. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £6,500, to be expended and applied in the following manner, viz.:—

Road from Grafton to Armidale, additional	...	...	£ 500
Road from Warwick to Ipswich	...	...	2,000
Road from Drayton to Ipswich	...	...	2,000
Road from Grafton to Tenterfield	...	...	500
For the erection of a Bridge over the Condamine at Warwick	...	...	1,000
Road from Clarence to Richmond	...	...	500
			£6,500

3. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Railway Terminus and Wharfs at Newcastle be now adopted.
4. MR. HOLT to move, That any sums of money voted by this House, for Educational purposes, be appropriated rateably by the Government to the Denominational and National Schools, according to the average daily attendance of Scholars at their respective Schools.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £28,000, to be expended under the supervision of Road Trustees, Wardens, Benches of Magistrates, and Road Surveyors, in constructing, upholding, and repairing the Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.
3. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for compensation.
4. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; consideration of J.egislative Council's Amendments.
6. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.

Questions:—

1. MR. T. G. RUSDEN *to ask* MR. HAY,—When a Return to an Address of the 4th of November, 1856, relative to Land taken from Squattages, and purchased by various parties, will be laid on the Table of this House?

2. MR. T. G. RUSDEN *to ask* MR. DONALDSON,—When a Return to an Address of the 23rd of January last, relative to the number of sheep, the amounts of assessment and of compensation paid in the Murrumbidgee and other Districts, will be laid on the Table of this House?
3. MR. ROBERT CAMPBELL *to ask* THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the statement, authoritatively made in the public prints, that the Governor General had prohibited the landing of the Bishop of New Zealand on Norfolk Island, be true; and, whether, if any correspondence has taken place upon the subject, there is any objection to lay it on the Table of this House?

TUESDAY, MARCH 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON *to move*, That, in the opinion of this House, the reply of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on Friday, the 27th February, to the Question, “Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any, and if any, what steps, during the ensuing Parliamentary recess, to carry out the expression of opinion by this House, on Tuesday last, in favour of applying the principle of direct election by the people to all deliberative bodies entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony?” is most unsatisfactory.
2. MR. PIDDINGTON *to move*, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the following Resolution:—
That on and after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, in lieu and instead of the Duties payable by law, on Sugar, Molasses, and Tea, the several Duties of Customs as follows, viz.:—
Candy or Refined Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality thereto, for every hundred weight, Three shillings and four-pence.
Bastard Sugar not being refined, or equal in quality to refined, for every hundred weight, Two shillings and sixpence.
Molasses and Treacle, for every hundred weight, One shilling and eight-pence.
Tea, per pound, One penny half-penny.
3. MR. HELY *to move*, That this House will, on Friday, the 13th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on a Further Additional Estimate for 1857, the sum of £150 to be paid to Mr. Cross out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to compensate him for the loss of the buildings erected by him at Wiseman’s Ferry.
4. MR. ARNOLD *to move*, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, the sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds, for the construction and repair of the Road from the Ferry at Hinton, northward, on the Paterson and Williams River thoroughfare.
5. MR. WEEKES *to move*, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Vict., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town; or place in the Colony.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 MARCH, 1857.

- I. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
 Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty for the service of the year 1856-7.
 The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolutions;—

(Chargeable upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund.)

- (1.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £733 6s. 8d., in the year 1857, to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule (B) to Schedule (1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic., Cap. 54.,—being £200 to Lady Forbes, widow of Sir Francis Forbes, formerly Chief Justice; £200 to Lady Dowling, widow of Sir James Dowling, late Chief Justice; £100 to Mrs. Anne Kinchela, widow of the late Mr. Justice Kinchela; £133 6s. 8d. to Mr. Edward Robert Stack, late master of the Benevolent Asylum, at Sydney; and £100 to Mrs. Anne Petrie, the daughter of the late Captain Flinders.
- (2.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,328 8s., in the year 1857, to meet necessary additional expenditure under Schedule (C) to Schedule (1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 18 and 19 Vic., Cap. 54.
- (3.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,088 9s. 9d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of His Excellency the Governor General's Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (4.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,825, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Council Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,712, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,327, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Legislative Council, and Assembly, for the year 1857.
- (7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,023, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Executive Council Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,810 17s. 6d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Principal Secretary's Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £980, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Government Resident at Moreton Bay, for the year 1857.
- (10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,490 to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,999, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Post Office Department, for the year 1857.
- (12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £59,950, to defray the Expense of Conveyance of Mails, for the year 1857.
- (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1857, a sum not exceeding £20,000, for the support of National Schools and Incidental Expenses of the Board of Management of such Schools, including the allowances of the Teachers.
- (14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1857, a sum not exceeding £17,350, for the support of Denominational Schools and Incidental Expenses of the Board of Management of such Schools, including the allowances of the Teachers.
- (15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,454 9s. 4d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Protestant Orphan School, at Parramatta, for the year 1857.

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- (16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,721 4s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, at Parramatta, for the year 1857.
- (17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,469 to defray the expense of Immigration Establishments, for the year 1857.
- (18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100,000, during the year 1857, to be expended on the Passage Money and other charges incidental to the removal of Emigrants from the United Kingdom.
- (19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,365, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Judicial Department of the Sydney Police Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,841 15s. 10d. to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Water Police Establishment, at Sydney, for the year 1857.
- (21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,782 14s. 1d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of the Sydney Police Establishment, under the control of the Inspector General and Metropolitan Superintendent, for the year 1857.
- (22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,676 7s. 11d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Sydney Horse Patrol, for the year 1857.
- (23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,504 17s. 11d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Sydney District Police, for the year 1857.
- (24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,553 15s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of Police Magistrates, in Country Districts, for the year 1857.
- (25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,670 12s. 6d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of Clerks of Petty Sessions for the year 1857.
- (26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,870 to defray the salaries of Chief Constables for the year 1857.
- (27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,676 11s. 3d., to defray the salaries of District Constables for the year 1857.
- (28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £37,044 9s. 2d., to defray the salaries of Ordinary Constables for the year 1857.
- (29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,665 3s. 9d., to defray Contingencies of Police generally for the year 1857.
- (30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £12,025 3s. 9d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of Horse Patrol in Country Districts for the year 1857.
- (31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, during the year 1857, for the general service of the Police, to meet claims for length of service and good conduct.
- (32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, in the year 1857, a sum not exceeding £16,519 16s. 4d., to defray the expense of the Native Police,—being £16,011 7s. 6d., for salaries and contingencies; and £508 8s. 10d., to cover the claims for Provisions and other Supplies furnished to the Native Police, while under the charge of Mr. Frederick Walker.
- (33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,524 12s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of Gold Guards, and the expense of Conveyance of Gold, Money, and Escorts, for the year 1857.
- (34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,500, during the year 1857, to meet unforeseen expenses in cases of emergency in the Gold Fields, to be hereafter accounted for.
- (35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,387 11s. 3d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Sydney Gaol Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,964 13s. 9d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Parramatta Gaol Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,537 18s. 9d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Bathurst Gaol Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,862 18s. 9d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Maitland Gaol Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,160 16s. 3d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Goulburn Gaol Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,369 19s. 9d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Brisbane Gaol Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,395 17s. 6d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Penal Establishment at Cockatoo Island, for the year 1857.
- (42.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,747

- £11,747 10s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Printing and Book-binding Department, for the year 1857.
- (43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Observatory Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,164 15s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of Health Officers and Medical Boards, for the year 1857.
- (45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £443, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Vaccine Establishments, for the year 1857.
- (46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22,600, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Lunatic Asylums, for the year 1857; being £9,533 for such Establishment at Tarban, and £13,067 for such Establishment at Parramatta.
- (47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding One Shilling to defray the expense of the Naval Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £19,111 11s. 9d., to defray the expense of Military Establishments for the year 1857, being £10,103 0s. 6d. for Two Companies maintained at the expense of the Colony; and £9,008 11s. 3d. for the General Service of the Military.
- (49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,871 14s. 2d., to defray the expense of the Royal Artillery, for the year 1857.
- (50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, in aid of Public Institutions for the year 1857,—being £200 in aid of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts; £100 in aid of Goulburn School of Arts, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscription; £100 in aid of Brisbane School of Arts, on like condition; £300 in aid of an Outfit for the Maitland School of Arts; and £150 in aid of a Building for a Mechanics' School of Arts at Tamworth, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions.
- (51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,834 13s. 4d., to defray Charitable Allowances, for the year 1857,—being £1,800 for the support of Paupers in the Colonial Hospitals; £700 in aid of the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions; £4,936 3s. 6d. in support of the Establishment of the Benevolent Society at Sydney, on condition of £1,000 being raised by voluntary contributions; £1,500 in aid of the Asylum for Destitute Children at Sydney, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £1,000 in aid of Hospitals at Windsor, Bathurst, Newcastle, Port Macquarie, and Yass, at £200 each, on condition of sums to an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions; £300 in aid of the Hospital at Parramatta, on the like condition; £300 in aid of the Hospital at Brisbane, on the like condition; £300 in aid of the Hospital at Goulburn, on the like condition; £150 in aid of the Armidale and New England Hospital, on the like condition; £500 in aid of the erection of a Benevolent Asylum at Penrith, on the like condition; £100 in aid of the Benevolent Society at Parramatta, on the like condition; £200 for an Outfit for the Hospital at Maitland; £150 towards the completion of the Hospital at Tamworth; £150 towards the Current Expenses of the Benevolent Society at Tamworth; £200 in aid of the Wide Bay and Burnett District Hospital; £500 for the outfit for an Hospital at Ipswich, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions; £200 in aid of the said Hospital at Ipswich, on the like condition; £500 in aid of the Maitland Hospital, on the like condition; and £348 9s. 10d. to meet deficiency in the amount voted for Paupers in the Colonial Hospitals, to 31 December, 1856.
- (52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1857, a sum not exceeding £1,500, to provide for Colonial Agency in Great Britain.
- (53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000 for the Aborigines, during the year 1857.
- (54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26,421 6s. 6d., to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1857,—being £3,000 for Paper and Parchment for Printing; £1,200 for expenses attending the preparation of the Electoral Lists; £50 as an Allowance to the Secretary to the Returning Officer, at Sydney; £100 for erecting Pounds, and allowances to Poundkeepers; £30 for Provisions to be left at Booby Island for the relief of Shipwrecked Persons; £10,000 in aid of the City Funds; £1,000 to provide Compensation for Public Officers whose situations may be abolished; a further sum of £4,000, to provide Compensation for Public Officers whose situations are abolished, in terms of the Minute of the Executive Council of 2nd February, 1857, transmitted in the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, No. 29; a further sum of £500, to defray expenses of Elections and Electoral Lists for the year 1856; £426 0s. 3d. to meet loss on the sale of the Gold transmitted to the Paris Exhibition; £325 6s. 3d. as Compensation to Mrs. Redman, in lieu of Land required for the line of Road to Glebe Island; £300 to reimburse the Owners of the cutter "Oberon," for expenses incurred by that vessel's search for Mr. Benjamin Boyd, in 1854; £240 for the establishment of Meteorological Stations, twelve at £20 each; £250 for repairs to the Great Circle of the Transit Instrument; a further sum of £3,000, to meet deficiency in the sum voted to pay off the Debentures, amounting to £69,600, which fell due in November, 1856; and £2,000 to meet Unforeseen Expenses, to be hereafter accounted for.

- (55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,727, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Law Officers of the Crown, for the year 1857.
- (56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,517, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1857.
- (57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,276, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Moreton Bay Court Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £4,000, to defray the expense of County Courts, for the year 1857.
- (59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,032, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Sheriff's Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (60.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,317 15s. 6d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Insolvent Court Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,890, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarter Sessions Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,289, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Court of Requests Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,189, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of Coroners, for the year 1857.
- (64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,207, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Treasury Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44,422, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Customs' Department, for the year 1857.
- (66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,717, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of Colonial Distilleries, for the year 1857.
- (67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,261 17s. 4d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Sydney Branch of the Royal Mint, for the year 1857.
- (68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100 to defray the salaries of Gold Receivers at Bathurst, Goulburn, Braidwood, and Orange, at £25 each, for the year 1857.
- (69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,465 6s., to defray the contingencies of the Postage Stamp Printing Office, for the year 1857.
- (70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,923, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Storekeeper's Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £436 4s. 4d., to defray the expense of the Gunpowder Magazine Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,520 to defray the expenses of Shipping Masters' Establishments, for the year 1857,—being £1,390 for such Establishment at Sydney; £80 for such Establishment at Newcastle; and £50 for such Establishment at Moreton Bay.
- (73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,710, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board, for the year 1857.
- (74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,048, to defray the expense of the Port Master's Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £798, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Telegraph Stations, for the year 1857.
- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £932, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Light House Establishment at South Head, for the year 1857.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £816, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Floating Light Establishment in Port Jackson, for the year 1857.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,234, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Floating Light Establishment at Moreton Bay, for the year 1857.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,190, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Light House Establishment at Moreton Bay, for the year 1857.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,492, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Light House Establishment at Gabo Island, for the year 1857.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, during the year 1857, as a contribution of one-third of the probable expense of maintaining the Light House at Kent's Group.

- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,025, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Light House Establishment at Newcastle, for the year 1857.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,234, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Harbour Master at Newcastle, for the year 1857.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,519, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Harbour Master at Moreton Bay, for the year 1857.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,200, during the year 1857, for supplementing the Incomes of the Pilots at Port Jackson.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £204, to defray the salary of the Pilot in charge of the Basin at Wollongong, and for keeping in repair the Moorings at Wollongong, Kiama, and Ulladulla, for the year 1857.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £728, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Pilot Station at the Manning River, for the year 1857.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £928, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Pilot Station at the Macleay River, for the year 1857.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £104, during the year 1857, to defray the salary of the Pilot in charge of the Moorings, and for preventing improper deposition of ballast, at Kiama.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £779, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Pilot Station at Port Macquarie, for the year 1857.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £874, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Pilot Station at the Clarence River, for the year 1857.
- (92.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £778, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Pilot Station at the Richmond River, for the year 1857.
- (93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £389 to defray the salaries and contingencies of Telegraph Stations at Moreton Bay, for the year 1857.
- (94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,114 14s., to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Secretary for Lands and Public Works, for the year 1857.
- (95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,050, to defray the salaries of the Establishment of the Board of Works for the year 1857.
- (96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £58,806 17s., to defray the salaries, contingencies, and other expenses of the Establishment for the Survey and Management of Crown Lands, for the year 1857,—being £47,003 for the salaries and contingencies of the Survey, and £11,803 17s., for the expense of Management of such Lands.
- (97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,250, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of Roads and Bridges, for the year 1857.
- (98.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,824, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Architect's Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,250, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Port Curtis Establishment, for the year 1857.
- (100.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11,392 4s. 7d., to defray the salaries and contingencies of Gold Fields Establishments within the Settled Districts, for the year 1857; being £8,110 0s. 5d., for the Western, and £3,282 4s. 2d., for the Southern District.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,250, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Gold Fields Establishments beyond the Settled Districts, for the year 1857.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,579, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Botanic Gardens Establishments, for the year 1857; being £2,029 for such Establishment at Sydney, and £550 for such Establishment at Brisbane.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,169, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of Government Domains and Hyde Park, for the year 1857.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £680, to defray the expense of the Establishment of the Examiner of Coal Fields and Coal Mines, for the year 1857.
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,605 11s., to defray the expense of Public Works, for the year 1857,—being £2,000 for repairs at the Semi-Circular Quay; £100 for casual repairs to the Semi-Circular Quay; the further sum of £200 for constructing a Dam at Tarban Creek; £250 for forming an Entrance into the Government Domain from Palmer-street; £1,000 to be expended under the superintendence of the Hyde Park Committee of Management; £200

£200 for keeping in repair the Gates and Fences of the Domains and Botanic Gardens; £500 for laying down Buoys in the Channel at the entrance of Moreton Bay; £36 for attending to the Sluices at Cook's River Dam; £869 11s. to defray the expense of covering a portion of the Tank Stream, preparatory to the sale of certain allotments of land in Pitt-street North; £150 towards completing and levelling a portion of the Outer Domain; £1,000 for the erection of the Wharf at Eden; £300 for surveying and improving the Navigation of the Shoalhaven River; and £2,000 for repairs and alterations to the Steam Dredge and building two new Punts.

(106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25,595 to defray the expense of Public Buildings, for the year 1857,—being £1,000 for repairing and maintaining the Buildings at the Quarantine Station, Spring Cove; £1,500 for additions to the Protestant Orphan School at Parramatta; £1,000 for repairs at the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta; £1,500 for repairs to the Victoria Barracks, and the various Military Buildings in Sydney and the Country Districts; £500 for lighting Lamps, sweeping Chimneys, and emptying Privies, at Victoria Barracks; £350 for the erection of Police Buildings at Stoney Creek; a further sum of £130 for the erection of a Court and Watch House at Condamine; a further sum of £400 for the erection of a Court and Watch House at Wingham; £1,000 for the erection of a Court and Watch House at Paterson; £450 for the erection of a Watch House at Dungog; £450 for the erection of a Watch House at Gundaroo; £450 for the erection of a Watch House at West Kempsey; £2,000 for providing Materials and Implements for the employment of Prisoners sentenced to hard labor on works in Darlinghurst Gaol; £12,000 for additions, alterations, and repairs to Public Buildings; £2,050 for Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices; a further sum of £315 for repairing and replacing furniture in the Public Rooms at Government House; and £500 to provide materials and implements for the employment of Prisoners sentenced to hard labour in Parramatta Gaol.

(107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £55,548 3s. 8d., for constructing, upholding, and repairing the Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries for the year 1857,—being £42,000 to be expended under the supervision of Road Trustees, Wardens, Benches of Magistrates, and Road Surveyors, rateably upon the Main Leading and Secondary Thoroughfares of the Colony; £50 for keeping in repair the Bridge over Yass River; £50 for keeping in repair the Bridge over Mulwarree Ponds, Goulburn; £50 for keeping in repair the Bridge over Urangalla River; £50 for keeping in repair the Bridge over Belubula River, Carcoar; £50 for keeping in repair the Bridge over the Nepean River, Menangle; £50 for keeping in repair the Victoria Bridge, Maitland; £50 for keeping in repair the Denison Bridge, Bathurst; £200 for the erection of a Bridge over a Creek between Bathurst and Carcoar; £1,200 towards the completion of the Botany and Mudbank Road; £572 for the repair of the Road from Bathurst to Wellington; £1,200 for the repair of the Roads and Bridges in the Wollombi District; £1,500 for the repair of the Road from Morpeth to Hinton Ferry; £450 for the completion of the Randwick and Coojee Road; £250 for the employment of Prisoners on the Streets of Brisbane; £150 for the employment of Prisoners at Ipswich; £35 as allowance to the Keeper of the Punt at George's River; £350 for lighting the Government lamps in the streets of Sydney; £1,000 for the continuation of the George's River Road, to Bulli; £6,177 12s. for the completion of the line of road from Braidwood to the Clyde River; and £113 11s. 8d. to meet deficiency in the amount appropriated for the construction of a Bridge over Yass River.

(108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray the expense of the Court of Claims for the year 1857.

(109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,302, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Auditor General's Establishment, for the year 1857.

To be provided by Loan.

(110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £71,113 18s. 11d., to defray the expense of Public Works for the year 1857,—being £6,000 for the formation of a Dockyard, and the erection of Buildings and Machinery, at the Dry Dock, Cockatoo Island; a further sum of £2,500 for the erection of a Light House at Newcastle; a further sum of £1,000 for removing obstructions to the Navigation of the Rivers Brisbane and Bremer; £500 for the construction of the Electric Telegraph at Brisbane; £500 for improving the Navigation of the Bar Entrance of the River Mary, from the Mouth to the Township; £500 for the construction of a Public Wharf at Maryborough; £38,000 towards meeting the expense of connecting the Cities of Sydney and Melbourne by Electric Telegraph; a further sum of £12,113 18s. 11d., for the Defences of Port Jackson; and £10,000 towards the erection and maintenance of the Light Houses on the Australian Coast.

(111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £21,790, to defray the expense of Public Buildings for the year 1857,—being £5,000 for providing additional accommodation for Patients at the Sydney Infirmary; £1,500 for the erection of a Custom House Station at the mouth of Moreton Bay; £3,500 for the erection of a Court House at East Maitland; £1,000 for the erection of Court and Watch House at Maryborough; £500 for the erection of Court and Watch House at Nanango, Wide Bay; £500 for the erection of Court and Watch House at Tarrome, Wide Bay; £450 for the erection of a Watch House at Gatton; £5,000 for the erection of an Asylum for Destitute Children; £1,500 towards the erection

erection of an Hospital at Ipswich; £2,590 for repairs and additions to the Immigration Depôt at Brisbane; and £250 for an Immigration Depôt at Maryborough.

(112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,814, to defray the expense of Roads, and Bridges, for the year 1857; being £1,500 for a Bridge over Breakfast Creek, Moreton Bay; £1,000 for a Bridge over Norman Creek, Moreton Bay; £150 for the erection of a Bridge at Ipswich, Moreton Bay; £500 for the erection of a Bridge at the Western Suburbs, North Brisbane; £1,000 for the erection of a Bridge over Lockyer's Creek, Moreton Bay; £1,000 for the erection of a Bridge over other Crossings, Moreton Bay; £500 for the erection of a Bridge over Laidley's Creek, Moreton Bay; £1,064 for the repair of the Roads, Little Liverpool Range, Moreton Bay; £2,000 for the repair of the Streets at Brisbane; £2,000 for the repair of the Streets at Ipswich; £500 for the formation of a Roadway, and the construction of a Tank, at Drayton; £3,000 for the formation of the Road between Brisbane and Ipswich; £400 for constructing a Road between Maryborough and Brisbane; and £200 for Road purposes between the Upper Dawson and the Fitz Roy Rivers, Leichhardt District.

(113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, in the year 1857, a sum not exceeding £25,843 5s. 8d., to defray the amount paid by the City Commissioners as Compensation for Land resumed for the Supply of Water to Sydney.

(114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, in the year 1857, a sum not exceeding £35,575, to defray the Expenditure of the City Commissioners under the Sydney Sewerage Act, 17 Vict., No. 34.

(115.) Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, in the year 1857, a sum not exceeding £93,413, to defray the Expenditure of the City Commissioners under the Sydney Water Act, 17 Vict., No. 35,—

And obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the evening.

Mr. Donaldson then moved, That this House do now adopt these Resolutions.

Question put and passed.

2. Appropriation Bill:—Mr. Donaldson having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain sums to make good the Supplies granted for the service of the year 1856-7,*" read a first time, ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow,—taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.
3. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported no progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow,—taking precedence next after the Appropriation Bill.
4. Postponements:—
 - (1.) The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until Wednesday next.
 - (2.) The consideration in Committee of the County Courts Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until the sixth Order on the Paper for to-day, shall have been disposed of.
 - (3.) The second reading of the Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until the Order for consideration in Committee of the County Courts Bill shall have been disposed of.
5. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill:—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Barker,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Wilshire,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Sutor, } Tellers.
Mr. Irving. }

Nocs, 12.

Mr. Holt,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. F. T. Rusden,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Forster, } Tellers.
Mr. Cowper. }

Whereupon Bill read a second time, and ordered to be considered in Committee at a later hour of the evening.

6. Sydney Municipal Council Bill :—The Speaker reported, that during the Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council :—

Mr. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having referred to their Standing Orders Committee the Message from the Legislative Assembly (dated the 24th, and received the 25th ultimo), with further amendments upon the amendments made by the Council on the " Sydney Municipal Council Bill ;" with instructions to consider and report the proper course to be now pursued with respect to the Bill ; having reference to the Standing Rules and Orders of Proceedings of this House, and to the practice of the Imperial Parliament in analogous cases,—have received from the Committee the following Report, viz. :—

" This Committee having taken into consideration the questions submitted to them, and having referred both to May's Practice of Parliament and to various precedents in the Journals of the House of Commons, have the honor to report as follows.

" For greater convenience of reference, they have numbered the Amendments proposed by the Assembly on the Council's amendments from 1 to 14 inclusive.

" With respect to amendments 5, 6, and 7, they see no objection, in point of form, to their being entertained by the Council.

" With respect to amendments 1, 3, 8, and 9, although they find that in analogous cases reasons have been assigned by the Commons in returning Bills to the Lords, they are of opinion that it may be possible, by some latitude of construction, to regard them as falling under the head of amendments consequent upon amendments made by this House; and, considered in this point of view, might be entertained.

" With respect to the amendments, 2, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, which are clear and unmistakable disagreements to amendments proposed by the Council, the Committee consider that the Council is imperatively precluded by the rules and usage of Parliament, and their own Standing Orders, founded thereon, from entertaining them, unless the Council be furnished, by Message, or, in conference, with the reasons of the Assembly for their disagreement."

The Council having adopted that Report, begs, for the reasons embodied therein, to signify its inability to entertain such portion of the Assembly's amendments as involves a disagreement with the amendments made by the Council, unless the Council be furnished, by Message, or, in conference, with the reasons of the Assembly for their disagreement.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5 March, 1857.*

Mr. Parker then moved, That this Message be referred to the Standing Orders Committee, with an Instruction to that Committee to report whether, in their opinion, reasons ought to be given by this House for its disagreement to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Sydney Municipal Council Bill ;—and, if it should be their opinion that reasons ought to be given, to prepare and report the reasons they would recommend this House to give.

Question put and passed.

7. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, which it was desired to have decided with the Speaker in the Chair, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the Point of Order shall have been so decided.

The Chairman then stated the Point of Order as follows :—It was proposed in the Committee to add a Proviso to the reviving part of the Bill, which proviso contained a provision for an appropriation of the moneys to be raised under the Act to be revived, which was inconsistent with the Appropriation Clause in that Act ;—and he had declined to put the Question on that proviso, on the ground that it was inconsistent with the 10th-section of the Act 19 Vict., No. 26, which had been revived by a previous vote in the Committee and could not therefore be entertained by the Committee unless that Section were first repealed.

The Speaker ruled that the proposed proviso was not inconsistent with the object of the Bill, and might therefore be received and put to the Question ;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.

8. Wholesale Spirit Merchants' Fee Bill :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, Mr. Donaldson moved, " That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted

Mr. Manning moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words following the word " That," at the commencement, in order to the insertion in their place of the words " this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clause I."

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

Question

- Question—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be so inserted—put and passed.
- Question—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clause 1—put and passed ;—
- Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
- The Chairman having reported the Bill with further Amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
9. Postponements :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Orders which stood 3 and 4 on the Paper for to-day further postponed, and the Orders which stand 7, 8, 9, and 10, on the same Paper postponed, respectively, until to-morrow.
10. Public Works Loan Bill, for 1857, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, read a third time and passed.
- Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the execution of certain Public Works, of a permanent character, by means of Loans secured on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony.*"
- Question put and passed ;—
- Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the execution of certain Public Works, of a permanent character, by means of Loans secured on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber, Speaker.
Sydney, 5 March, 1857.
- Question put and passed.
11. Parramatta Domain Bill, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to provide for the Disposal of the Parramatta Domain.*"
- Question put and passed ;—
- Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to provide for the Disposal of the Parramatta Domain,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber, Speaker.
Sydney, 5 March 1857.
- Question put and passed.
12. Postponement :—The second reading of the Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow.
- The House adjourned at a quarter before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Appropriation Bill ; second reading.
2. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That this House will, at its rising from its sitting appointed for to-day, adjourn until Monday next, at three o'clock P. M.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum of money for the support of a Police Magistrate for the Richmond River.
2. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £6,500, to be expended and applied in the following manner, viz. :—

Road from Grafton to Armidale, additional	... ..£ 500
Road from Warwick to Ipswich	... .. 2,000
Road from Drayton to Ipswich	... .. 2,000
Road from Grafton to Tenterfield	... .. 500
For the erection of a Bridge over the Condamine at Warwick	... .. 1,000
Road from Clarence to Richmond	... .. 500
	£6,500

3. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Railway Terminus and Wharfs at Newcastle be now adopted.
4. MR. HOLZ to move, That any sums of money voted by this House, for Educational purposes, be appropriated rateably by the Government to the Denominational and National Schools, according to the average daily attendance of Scholars at their respective Schools.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £28,000, to be expended under the supervision of Road Trustees, Wardens, Benches of Magistrates, and Road Surveyors, in constructing, upholding, and repairing the Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Impounding Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.
3. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for compensation.
4. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
6. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill; third reading.
2. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill; third reading.
3. County Courts Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.
5. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
6. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
8. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
9. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill; second reading.

Questions:—

1. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask MR. HAY,—When a Return to an Address of the 4th of November, 1856, relative to Land taken from Squattages, and purchased by various parties, will be laid on the Table of this House?
2. MR. T. G. RUSDEN to ask MR. DONALDSON,—When a Return to an Address of the 23rd of January last, relative to the number of sheep, the amounts of assessment and of compensation paid in the Murrumbidgee and other Districts, will be laid on the Table of this House?
3. MR. ROBERT CAMPBELL to ask THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the statement, authoritatively made in the public prints, that the Governor General had prohibited the landing of the Bishop of New Zealand on Norfolk Island, be true; and, whether, if any correspondence has taken place upon the subject, there is any objection to lay it on the Table of this House?
4. MR. GARLAND to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—Whether it is in contemplation to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to make the present bridle-track from Appin to Lupton's Inn available for the passage of drays and carriages, in compliance with the prayer of the Petition presented by him on 7th November last?

TUESDAY, MARCH 10.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the reply of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on Friday, the 27th February, to the Question, "Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any, and if any, what steps, during the ensuing Parliamentary recess, to carry out the expression of opinion by this House, on Tuesday last, in favour of applying the principle of direct election by the people to all deliberative bodies entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony?" is most unsatisfactory.
2. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the following Resolution:—
That on and after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, in lieu and instead of the Duties payable by law, on Sugar, Molasses, and Tea, the several Duties of Customs as follows, viz. :—
Candy or Refined Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality thereto, for every hundred weight, Three shillings and four-pence.
Bastard Sugar not being refined, or equal in quality to refined, for every hundred weight, Two shillings and sixpence.
Molasses and Treacle, for every hundred weight, One shilling and eight-pence.
Tea, per pound, One penny half-penny.
3. MR. HELY to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 13th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on a Further Additional Estimate for 1857, the sum of £150 to be paid to Mr. Cross out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to compensate him for the loss of the buildings erected by him at Wiseman's Ferry.

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5. MR. WEEKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Vict., No. 32, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 6 MARCH, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill:—Mr. Cowper, as Chairman, brought up a Third Progress Report from the Select Committee on the Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill, appointed on 19th November last, in reference to the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, No. 11, which was referred to that Committee on the 10th December last.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Appropriation Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill without amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time on Tuesday next,—taking precedence of all other business on the Paper for that day.
3. Supply:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1856-7.
The Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to a certain Resolution, and to report the same on a future day, and obtained leave to sit again on the day to which this House, at its rising, shall stand adjourned.
4. Common Law Proceedings Bill:—The Speaker reported that whilst the House was in Committee of Supply, the following Message was received from the Legislative Council:—
Mr. Speaker,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled,
“*An Act for the further amendment of the Process, Practice, and Mode of Pleading at Law in the Supreme Court, and enlarging its Jurisdiction in Common Law Proceedings,*” with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
Legislative Council Chamber, J. H. PLUNKETT,
Sydney, 6 March, 1857. President.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parker, the consideration of the said Amendments ordered to stand an Order of the Day for the day to which this House, at its rising, shall stand adjourned.
5. Adjournment:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, at its rising from its sitting appointed for to-day, adjourn until Monday next, at three o'clock P. M.
Debate ensued.

And the House having continued to sit till after midnight;—

SATURDAY, 7 MARCH, 1857.

Question put.

The House divided

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lord,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Faucett,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Irving,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.
Mr. Marks. }

Noes, 10.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Martin, } Tellers.
Mr. Dalley. }

The House adjourned at twenty minutes after Twelve o'clock a.m., until *Monday next*, at Three o'clock p.m.

NOTICES

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, MARCH 9.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Government to raise certain sums of money, by Loan, to be expended in the extension of Railways in New South Wales, in the year 1857.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Government to raise certain sums of money, by Loan, to be applied, in the year 1857, in meeting claims for compensation for Land resumed for the purpose of securing a supply of water to the City of Sydney.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Supply ; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Common Law Proceedings Bill ; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
3. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill ; third reading.
4. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill ; third reading.
5. County Courts Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
6. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill ; second reading.
7. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
8. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
9. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
10. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.
11. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill ; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum of money for the support of a Police Magistrate for the Richmond River.
2. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £6,500, to be expended and applied in the following manner, viz. :—

Road from Grafton to Armidale, additional	... ..£ 500
Road from Warwick to Ipswich	... .. 2,000
Road from Drayton to Ipswich	... .. 2,000
Road from Grafton to Tenterfield	... .. 500
For the erection of a Bridge over the Condamine at Warwick	... .. 1,000
Road from Clarence to Richmond	... .. 500
	£6,500

3. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Railway Terminus and Wharfs at Newcastle be now adopted.
4. MR. HOLT to move, That any sums of money voted by this House, for Educational purposes, be appropriated rateably by the Government to the Denominational and National Schools, according to the average daily attendance of Scholars at their respective Schools.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £28,000, to be expended under the supervision of Road Trustees, Wardens, Benches of Magistrates, and Road Surveyors, in constructing, upholding, and repairing the Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Impounding Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Time of Prescription Bill ; second reading.
3. Mr. Peter Rawlings ; consideration in Committee of an Address for compensation.
4. Trust Funds Security Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
5. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill ; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
6. Titles to Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, MARCH 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Appropriation Bill ; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the reply of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on Friday, the 27th February, to the Question, " Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any, and if any, what steps, during the ensuing Parliamentary recess, to carry out the expression of opinion by this House, on Tuesday last, in favour of applying the principle of direct election by the people to all deliberative bodies entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony?" is most unsatisfactory.
2. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the following Resolution :—
That on and after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, in lieu and instead of the Duties payable by law, on Sugar, Molasses, and Tea, the several Duties of Customs as follows, viz. :—
Candy or Refined Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality thereto, for every hundred weight, Three shillings and four-pence.
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Molasses and Treacle, for every hundred weight, One shilling and eight-pence.
Tea, per pound, One penny half-penny.
3. MR. HELY to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 13th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on a Further Additional Estimate for 1857, the sum of £150 to be paid to Mr. Cross out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to compensate him for the loss of the buildings erected by him at Wiseman's Ferry.
4. MR. ARNOLD to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, the sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds, for the construction and repair of the Road from the Ferry at Hinton, northward, on the Paterson and Williams River thoroughfare.
5. MR. WEEKES to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to grant or proclaim, in terms of the Act of Council, 18 Viet., No. 33, all lands heretofore reserved or dedicated as Parks or other places of public recreation, for the convenience, health, and enjoyment, of the Inhabitants of any City, Town, or place in the Colony.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it would be expedient that the Court of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove should be removed to Glen Innes, and that the appropriations for the former should be applied in payment of the Establishment and other Police purposes at Glen Innes.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr PARKER to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Establishment of Municipal Institutions in the Country Towns and Rural Districts.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Ways and Means ; Resumption of the Committee.

DANIEL COOPER,
Speaker.

1911

The Government of the State of New York
 has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
 your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to
 the proposed amendments to the
 Constitution of the State of New York.
 The same have been referred to the
 Committee on the Constitution and
 the report thereon will be submitted
 to the Legislature at its next session.

Question put and passed.
 Albany, N.Y.
 1881

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 9 MARCH, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Railway Loan Bill, for 1857 :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Government to raise certain sums of money, by Loan, to be expended in the extension of Railways in New South Wales, in the year 1857. Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
2. Motion withdrawn :—Mr. Donaldson withdrew the motion standing in his name second on the Notice Paper for to-day.
3. Electric Telegraph Bill :—Mr. Manning moved, without previous notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to establish and regulate Electric Telegraphs. Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
4. Railway Loan Bill, for 1857 :—Mr. Donaldson having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to authorize the Government to raise certain sums of money by Loan, to be expended in the extension of Railways in New South Wales, in the year 1857,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
5. Electric Telegraph Bill :—Mr. Manning having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled "*A Bill to establish and regulate Electric Telegraphs,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
6. Supply :—On motion of Mr. Donaldson the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, further to consider the supply to be granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year 1857.
The Chairman having reported the following Resolution :—
Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, in the year 1857, *to be provided by Loan*, a sum not exceeding £300,000, to defray the expenses of Railway extension; being £138,000 for Campbelltown extension, 12 miles, at £11,500 per mile; £1,560 for Sydney terminus (store); £5,000 for incidental works at Sydney; £5,000 for materials, spare fittings, and tire iron; £8,000 for two tank engines, two composite carriages, nine horse boxes, and six carriage trucks; £107,000 for rails for extensions, say 53½ miles; £11,000 for establishment; and £24,500 for compensation for land and other contingencies ;—
Mr. Donaldson moved, That this House do now adopt the said Resolution ;—
Question put and passed.
7. Common Law Proceedings Bill :—On motion of Mr. Manning the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—
Mr. Manning moved, That this House do now adopt the said amendments.
Question put and passed ;—
Whereupon, Mr. Manning moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council,—
The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act for the further amendment of the Process, Practice, and mode of Pleading at Law in the Supreme Court, and enlarging its Jurisdiction in Common Law Proceedings.*"

Speaker.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th March, 1857.*

Question put and passed.

8. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "An Act to Revive, for One Year, the Act to Authorize the Levy of an Assessment upon Sheep and Cattle depastured upon Crown Lands beyond the Settled Districts."

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein,—

The Legislative Assembly, having this day passed a Bill, intituled "An Act to Revive, for One Year, the Act to Authorize the Levy of an Assessment upon Sheep and Cattle depastured upon Crown Lands beyond the Settled Districts," begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 9th March, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

9. Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill, On motion of Mr. Donaldson, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "An Act to impose a Fee upon the Registration of Spirit Merchants."

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein;—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to impose a Fee upon the Registration of Spirit Merchants," begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber, Sydney, 9th March, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

10. County Courts Bill:—On motion of Mr. Manning the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of this Bill. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow,—taking precedence next after the Appropriation Bill.

11. Postponements:—

(1.) The second reading of the Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until to-morrow.

(2.) The second reading of the Crown Lands Sales Bill (No. 2) postponed, on motion of Mr. Hay, until Wednesday next.

(3.) The second reading of the Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until Wednesday next.

(4.) The Consideration in Committee of the Auditor General's Office Definition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until Wednesday next.

(5.) The second reading of the Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parker, until Wednesday next.

(6.) The second reading of the Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Hay, until Wednesday next.

(7.) Mr. Robertson, on behalf of Mr. Clark Irving, postponed the motions standing in the name of Mr. Clark Irving first and second on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until to-morrow week.

(8.) Mr. Jones, on behalf of Mr. Piddington, postponed the motion standing in the name of Mr. Piddington third on the Notice Paper of Other Business for to-day, until tomorrow.

12. Motion dropped:—Mr. Holt not moving the motion standing in his name fourth on the Notice Paper of other business for to-day, it dropped.

13. Postponement:—Mr. Cowper postponed the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.

14. Impounding Bill:—On the Order of the Day being read for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that upon a division in the Committee it was discovered that there was not a quorum present, the Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House, at a quarter before Eleven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

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NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Appropriation Bill; third reading.
2. County Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the reply of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on Friday, the 27th February, to the Question, "Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any, and if any, what steps, during the ensuing Parliamentary recess, to carry out the expression of opinion by this House, on Tuesday last, in favour of applying the principle of direct election by the people to all deliberative bodies entrusted with legislative functions in this Colony?" is most unsatisfactory.
2. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the following Resolution:—
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6. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Railway Terminus and Wharfs at Newcastle be now adopted.
7. MR. COWPER to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £28,000, to be expended under the supervision of Road Trustees, Wardens, Benches of Magistrates, and Road Surveyors, in constructing, upholding, and repairing the Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries of the Colony.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.
2. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for compensation.
3. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it would be expedient that the Court of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove should be removed to Glen Innes, and that the appropriations for the former should be applied in payment of the Establishment and other Police purposes at Glen Innes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Railway Loan Bill, for 1857; second reading.
3. Electric Telegraph Bill; second reading.
4. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PARKER to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Establishment of Municipal Institutions in the Country Towns and Rural Districts.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
3. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill ; second reading.
4. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
5. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill ; second reading.
6. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum of money for the support of a Police Magistrate for the Richmond River.
2. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £6,500, to be expended and applied in the following manner, viz. :—

Road from Grafton to Armidale, additional	...	...	£ 500
Road from Warwick to Ipswich	...	...	2,000
Road from Drayton to Ipswich	...	...	2,000
Road from Grafton to Tenterfield	...	...	500
For the erection of a Bridge over the Condamine at Warwick	...	...	1,000
Road from Clarence to Richmond	...	...	500
			£6,500

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 MARCH, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Appropriation Bill, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Donaldson 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 1856-7.*"

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—

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 1856-7,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10 March, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

2. Sydney Sewerage and Water Appropriation Bill:—Mr. Donaldson having presented this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill for applying certain sums raised or to be raised under the Sydney Sewerage Act of 1853, and the Sydney Water Act of 1853, for the Service of the Year 1857,*" read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.

3. Sydney Municipal Council Bill:—Mr. Parker, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the Report of the Standing Orders Committee on the Legislative Council's Message of the 5th instant, respecting the disagreement of this House to certain Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council, which was referred to that Committee on the same day,—

And it being required that the Report be read, the Clerk read the same at length by order of the Speaker;—

Whereupon Report ordered to be printed;—

Mr. Parker then moved, That this House do now adopt the Report as read.

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Parker moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

In answer to the Message of the Legislative Council, dated 5th March, instant, the Legislative Assembly begs to assign the following reasons for its disagreement to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Sydney Municipal Council Bill which are numbered, in the said Message, 2, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, viz:—

2. The Legislative Assembly disagrees to so much of the Clause proposed by the Legislative Council to stand Clause * * 13 of the Bill as includes the words "or a Minister of any Religious Denomination," because, to retain those words would be an unnecessary restraint upon the choice of the body of Citizens.

4. The Legislative Assembly disagrees to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council which proposes the omission of Clause 16 and the substitution of proposed Clause * * 17, because, the provision in Clause 16 for determining the mode in which Aldermen shall annually retire from Office is capable of uniform application to all cases, whether the election of the retiring Aldermen may have been contested or not, whilst the corresponding provision in the proposed Clause would be inapplicable to cases where the retiring Aldermen had been returned without a contest.

10. The Legislative Assembly proposes to add after the two first words, "Provided that," in the Clause proposed by the Legislative Council to stand Clause * * 47 of the Bill, the words, "no Minister of any Religious Denomination and," because, whilst it would not disable Ministers of Religion to serve, it would nevertheless protect them from penalty for declining to serve these Offices.

The Legislative Assembly disagrees to so much of the said proposed Clause as contains the words, "or paid the fine for not accepting such Office," before the words, "within five years," and proposes to add, after the word "elected," the words, "or shall have paid the fine for not accepting such Office within the same period," because, these words, there placed, carry out more clearly the intention of both Houses.

11. The Legislative Assembly disagrees to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in Clause 49, page 8, line 26, by adding the words "an Officer of Health and such" after "Treasurer," because, the Corporate Body has power under the Clause to appoint such an Officer at any time it shall in its discretion see fit, and it was not thought expedient to fetter that discretion.

12. The Legislative Assembly disagrees to the other Amendment made by the Legislative Council in Clause 49, page 8, line 31, by adding after the word "whatever" at the end, the words "excepting such portions of penalties or fines as may be awarded to any such Officer or he may be otherwise entitled to by law," because, these words involve an interference with the money part of the Clause, and because they are unnecessary, inasmuch as they would give to the Officers and servants of the Corporation no more than they would by law be entitled to without them.

13. The Legislative Assembly disagrees to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council, by the addition of the proposed Clause, * * 53, because, having disagreed to the Amendment by which it was sought to make it compulsory on the Corporation to appoint a Health Officer, this proposed Clause, which relates exclusively to that appointment, is unnecessary.

14. The Legislative Assembly disagrees to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in clause 52, page 8, line 55, by the omission of the word "Aldermen" because the Assembly had agreed that the office of Alderman ought to be a paid office.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 10 March, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

4. County Courts Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow,—taking precedence of all Other Business on that day.

5. Elective Legislature:—Mr. Robertson moved, pursuant to notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the reply of the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, on Friday, the 27th February, to the Question, "Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any, and if any, what steps, during the ensuing Parliamentary recess, to carry out the expression of opinion by this House, on Tuesday last, in favor of applying the principle of direct election by the people to all deliberative bodies entrusted with Legislative functions in this Colony?" is most unsatisfactory.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.
Mr. Robertson, }

Noes, 22.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
Mr. Lang, }

And the House having continued till after mid-night,—

WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH, 1857.

6. Tariff:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to amended notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the purpose of considering the following Resolution:—

That on and after the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid unto Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, in lieu and instead of the Duties payable by law, on Sugar, Molasses, and Tea, the several Duties of Customs as follows, viz:—

Candy or Refined Sugar, or Sugar rendered by any process equal in quality thereto, for every hundred weight, Three shillings and four-pence.

Bastard Sugar not being refined, or equal in quality to refined, for every hundred weight, Two shillings and sixpence.

Molasses and Treacle, for every hundred weight, One shilling and eight-pence.

Tea, per pound, One penny half-penny.

Debate ensued.

Motion

Motion made by Mr. T. G. Rusden, and Question put, That this Debate be adjourned until a later hour to-day.
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Martin,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Piddington. } Tellers.

Noes, 21.
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson,

Debate continued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Dalley,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Piddington. } Tellers.

Noes, 20.
Mr. Parker,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Hay, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson.

7 Postponement:—Mr. Hely postponed the motion standing in his name third on the Notice Paper for yesterday, until a later hour to-day.

8. Road from Hinton, Northward:—Mr. Arnold moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, the sum of Seven hundred and fifty pounds, for the construction and repair of the Road from the Ferry at Hinton, northward, on the Paterson and Williams River thoroughfare.

Debate ensued.
Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. J. Campbell,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Arnold. } Tellers.

Noes, 22.
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. R. Campbell, } Tellers.
Mr. Hay.

9. Motion Dropped:—Mr. Weekes not moving the motion standing in his name fifth on the Notice Paper for yesterday, it dropped.

10: Postponement:—Mr. Piddington postponed the motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for yesterday, until Friday next.

11. Repair of Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to amended notice, That this House will, at a later hour to-day, resolve itself into a Committee

mittee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £28,000, to be expended under the supervision of Road Trustees, Wardens, Benches of Magistrates, and Road Surveyors, in constructing, upholding, and repairing the Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries of the Colony.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at ten minutes after One o'clock, a.m., until to-day, at Three o'clock, p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. County Courts Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr PARKER to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Establishment of Municipal Institutions in the Country Towns and Rural Districts.
2. Mr. PARKER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it would be expedient that the Court of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove should be removed to Glen Innes, and that the appropriations for the former should be applied in payment of the Establishment and other Police purposes at Glen Innes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
2. Crown Lands Sale Bill (No. 2); second reading.
3. Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Light, Navigation, and Pilot Board Bill; second reading.
6. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill; second reading.
7. Sydney Sewerage and Water Appropriation Bill; second reading.
8. Mining Companies Regulation Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Railway Loan Bill, for 1857; second reading.
10. Electric Telegraph Bill; second reading.
11. Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill; second reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. HOLT to move,—
 - (1.) That all future grants of money for purposes of Denominational and National Education, ought, in the opinion of this House, to be appropriated in proportion to the average daily attendance of scholars at the Denominational and National Schools respectively.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause any future Estimate for Educational purposes, to be framed in conformity with the above Resolution.
2. Mr. ARNOLD to move,—
 - (1.) That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to move that this House will thereupon resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Impounding Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 9th instant.
 - (2.) That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the Impounding Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 9th instant.
3. Mr. HELY to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 13th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on a Further Additional Estimate for 1857, the sum of £150 to be paid to Mr. Cross out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to compensate him for the loss of the buildings erected by him at Wiseman's Ferry.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries; consideration in Committee of an Address for Supplementary Grant for Repair of.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Railway Terminus and Wharfs at Newcastle be now adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.
2. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for compensation.
3. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, MARCH 17.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum of money for the support of a Police Magistrate for the Richmond River.
2. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £6,500, to be expended and applied in the following manner, viz.:—

Road from Grafton to Armidale, additional	£1,500
Road from Warwick to Ipswich	2,000
Road from Drayton to Ipswich	2,000
Road from Grafton to Tenterfield	500
For the erection of a Bridge over the Condamine at Warwick	1,000
Road from Clarence to Richmond	500
	£6,500

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 103.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the Return to the Address respecting Mr. Ascough, a Magistrate of the Territory, adopted, on motion of Mr. Robertson, on the 20th February last.
2. County Courts Bill:—Upon the Order of the Day being read, for the further consideration of this Bill in Committee, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House ordered the adoption of the Report to stand an Order for a later hour to-day.
3. Messages from the Governor General:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General received and read:—

1: Assent to Bills:—

(1.) Masters and Servants Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 42.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to regulate the Law between Masters and Servants,*" 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, 11 March, 1857.

(2.) Gold Fields Management Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 43.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Gold Fields,*" 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, 11 March, 1857.

(3.) Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes Facilitation Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 44.

Governor General.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to facilitate the Remedies on Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes,*" 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, 11 March, 1857.

(4.) Insolvent Acts Amendment Bill:—

W. DENISON.

Message No. 45.

Governor General.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend so much of the Insolvent Acts now in force as relates to directions of Creditors to Assignees,*" 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, 11 March, 1857.

(5.)

(5.) Postage Acts Amendment Bill:—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 46.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Postage Acts,*" 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, 11 March, 1857.*

(6.) Supreme Court Registration Transfer Bill:—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 47.

A Bill intituled "*An Act for transferring to the Registrar General the duties of the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court as Registrar of Deeds and other Instruments,*" 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, 11 March, 1857.*

(7.) Moreton Bay District Court Bill:—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 48.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to provide for the better administration of Justice, in the District of Moreton Bay,*" 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, 11 March, 1857.*

2. Reserved Bill:—

(1.) Stamps on Conveyances Bill:—

W. DENISON,
Governor General.

Message No. 49.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to declare that Instruments affecting Real Estate in this Colony, executed out of the Colony, are admissible in Evidence therein, although not stamped,*" 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, 11 March, 1857.*

4. County Courts Bill Reported:—Mr. Manning moved, "That" the Report of this Bill from the Committee of the whole House be now adopted.

Mr. Donaldson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words following the word "That" at the commencement, in order to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clauses 1, 8, and 60."

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 so inserted—put and passed.

Question—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clauses 1, 8, and 60—put and passed;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with further amendments, the House adopted the same.

Mr. Manning moved, That the third reading of this Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for "to-morrow,"—taking precedence of all other Business for that day.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Cowper moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "to-morrow" with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "Friday next." Debate continued.

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

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Holroyd, } Tellers.

Noes, 15.

Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. T. G. Rusden, } Tellers.

Whereupon Original Question put and passed,—with the understanding that the Bill, as amended in Committee, be printed and circulated in the meantime.

5. Messages from the Legislative Council :—The following Messages from the Legislative Council received and read :—

(1.) Judicial Offices and Barristers' Admission Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Law as to the Qualification for certain Judicial and other Offices and to authorize the admission of certain persons to the Bar,*" with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11 March, 1857.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Manning, to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.) Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to provide for the discharge of the duties of Clerks of Petty Sessions in districts for which no such Officer shall be appointed, and to withdraw certain special powers now possessed by Police Magistrates,*" without any amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10 March, 1857.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

6. Postponements :—

(1.) Mr. Parker postponed the motions standing in his name first and second on the Notice Paper of Government Business for to-day, until to-morrow.

(2.) The Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until to-morrow.

7. Crown Lands' Sale Bill (No. 2.); Mr. Hay moved that this Bill be "now" read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Flood moved that the Question be amended by the omission of the word "now" with a view to add at the end the words "this day three months."

Debate continued.

Mr. Arnold moved "That the Debate be adjourned until this day week.

Debate continued.

Question put on the Motion for Adjournment of the Debate until this day week.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.

Noes, 23.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.

Debate

Debate continued.

Mr. Arnold moved That the Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

Debate continued.

Question, on the Motion for Adjournment of the Debate until Tuesday next, put and negatived.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.

Noes, 14.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Cowper, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold, }

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson, } Tellers.

Noes, 14.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.
Mr. Cowper, }

Whereupon Bill read a second time.

8. Paper :—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table part (1) Return to the Address in reference to Sheep Assessment and Compensation Returns, adopted; on motion of Mr. T. G. Rusden, on the 23rd January last.
Ordered to be printed.
9. Discharged Orders :—
 1. Mr. Donaldson moved, That the following Orders be discharged from the Paper :—
 - (1.) Steam Navigation Laws Amendment Bill; Second Reading.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Auditor General's Office Definition Bill; To be considered in Committee.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 - (3.) Light Navigation and Pilot Board Bill; Second Reading.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
 2. Mr. Hay moved, That the following Order be discharged from the Paper :—
 - (4.) Sole Commissioner of Railways' Incorporation Bill; Second Reading.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. Sydney Sewerage and Water Appropriation Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.
11. Discharged Order :—The Order for the further consideration in Committee of the Mining Companies Regulation Bill discharged from the Paper, on motion of Mr. Manning.
12. Railway Loan Bill, for 1857 :—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued
Question put.

The

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
Mr. Donaldson, }

Noes, 6.

Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Forster, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold. }

And Bill read a second time;—

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill without Amendment, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time to-morrow.

13. Postponement:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electric Telegraph Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, until the next following Order shall have been disposed of.
14. Order Discharged:—The Order for the second reading of the Licensed Boatmen's Regulation Bill discharged from the Paper, on motion of Mr. Donaldson.
15. Electric Telegraph Bill:—Mr. Manning moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Flood,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Lang, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd, }

Noes, 8.

Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Forster, } Tellers.
Mr. Weekes, }

And Bill read a second time;—

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after mid-night,—

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And the Chairman having reported the Bill with Amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time at a later hour to-day.

The House adjourned at half-past Twelve o'clock a.m., until Three o'clock p.m. to-day.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. County Courts Bill; third reading.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr PARKER to move for leave to bring in a Bill for the Establishment of Municipal Institutions in the Country Towns and Rural Districts.

2.

2. MR. PARKER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, it would be expedient that the Court of Petty Sessions at Wellingrove should be removed to Glen Innes, and that the appropriations for the former should be applied in payment of the Establishment and other Police purposes at Glen Innes.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
2. Ways and Means; Resumption of the Committee.
3. Sydney Sewerage and Water Appropriation Bill; third reading.
4. Railway Loan Bill, for 1857; third reading.
5. Electric Telegraph Bill; third reading.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. HOLT to move;—
 - (1.) That all future grants of money for purposes of Denominational and National Education, ought, in the opinion of this House, to be appropriated in proportion to the average daily attendance of scholars at the Denominational and National Schools respectively.
 - (2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause any future Estimate for Educational purposes, to be framed in conformity with the above Resolution.
2. MR. ARNOLD to move;—
 - (1.) That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to move that this House will thereupon resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Impounding Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 9th instant.
 - (2.) That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the Impounding Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 9th instant.
3. MR. HELY to move, That this House will, on Friday, the 13th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to place on a Further Additional Estimate for 1857, the sum of £150 to be paid to Mr. Cross out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to compensate him for the loss of the buildings erected by him at Wiseman's Ferry.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—

1. Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries; consideration in Committee of an Address for Supplementary Grant for Repair of.

Questions:—

1. MR. FLOOD to ask THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, in reference to the promise made by the Head of the late Government, on the withdrawal of the following Notice, on the 17th December, 1855, viz:—

“ (1.) That the system hitherto and at present existing in the Colonial Treasury, as to the receipt and accounting for the public moneys, is calculated to excite general dissatisfaction and distrust.”

“ (2.) That, in the opinion of this House, a Commission of Inquiry should be at once appointed, to investigate and report upon the past and present condition of that Department;—such Commission to consist of three gentlemen not holding office under Government, and to have power to examine witnesses, and refer to and examine books, papers, and all other documents having reference to the subject.”

“ (3.) That an Address, embodying the foregoing Resolutions, be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the necessary measures for carrying the same into effect.”

Whether a Board of Inquiry was appointed, and if so, whether the Report of that Board, and the Evidence taken before it can be laid upon the Table of this House before the close of the present Session?
2. MR. JAMISON to ask MR. PARKER,—Why the following Resolution of the House, passed on the 19th August last, has not been complied with, viz:—“That there be laid upon the table of this House—

“ (1.) A Return of all Sums of Money appropriated for the Construction or Repair of Roads and Bridges in the several Districts of the Colony, from the 1st January, 1850, to the 1st July, 1856;”

“ (2.) The Names of the different Wardens, Road Trusts, or other persons entrusted with the expenditure of the said several Sums of Money, and the Names of the different Districts, and places in each, on which such Moneys have been expended;”

“ (3.) The Balance of any Moneys unappropriated, still in the hands of the Government, and not applied to such purposes?”
3. MR. ARNOLD to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE,—
 - (1.) Whether any agreement with any other parties has been made or is contemplated by the Government, by which their control (temporary or otherwise) of the Steam Dredge will be surrendered?
 - (2.) If so, what are the terms of such agreement?

FRIDAY, MARCH 13.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Railway Terminus and Wharfs at Newcastle be now adopted.
2. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th ultimo, from certain Inhabitants of Muswellbrook, praying the adoption of measures to authorize persons licensed to cut timber on Crown Lands, to remove the same from lands occupied under the pre-emptive right, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.
2. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for compensation.
3. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum of money for the support of a Police Magistrate for the Richmond River.
2. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £6,500, to be expended and applied in the following manner, viz. :—

Road from Grafton to Armidale, additional	... £ 500
Road from Warwick to Ipswich	... 2,000
Road from Drayton to Ipswich	... 2,000
Road from Grafton to Tenterfield	... 500
For the erection of a Bridge over the Condamine at Warwick	... 1,000
Road from Clarence to Richmond	... 500
	£6,500

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

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No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Paper:—Mr. Manning laid upon the Table the Return to the Address in reference to the Business of the Supreme Court adopted, on motion of Mr. Forster, on the 7th November last.
Ordered to be printed.
2. Postponement:—The third reading of the County Courts Bill, postponed, on motion of Mr. Manning, until a later hour to-day.
3. Rural Districts Municipal Bill:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the Establishment of Municipal Institutions in the Country Towns and Rural Districts.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed; *Ordered*, That the Mover and Seconder prepare and bring in the Bill.
4. Removal of Wellingrove Petty Sessions to Glen Innes:—Mr. Parker moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it having been determined by Government to remove the Court of Petty Sessions from Wellingrove to Glen Innes, the appropriations for the former should be applied in payment of the Establishment and other Police purposes at Glen Innes.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
5. County Courts Bill:—Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill be now "read a third time." Mr. Manning moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "read a third time," in order to the insertion in their place of the words and figures—"re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of clauses 7, 28, 30, and 88." Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived;—
And the proposed Amendment being stated, That the words and figures proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted, be so inserted,—
Mr. Arnold moved, That the proposed Amendment be amended, by the insertion of the figures "61" between the figures "30" and "88."
Debate continued.
Question,—That the proposed Amendment be so amended,—put and passed.
Mr. T. G. Rusden then moved, That the proposed Amendment be further amended, by the insertion of the figures "75" between the figures "61" and "88."
Debate continued.
Question,—That the proposed Amendment be so further amended,—put and passed;—
Question,—That the words and figures, in the proposed Amendment, as so amended, proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted, be so inserted,—put and passed.
Question,—That this Bill be now re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of Clauses 7; 28, 30, 61, 75, and 88,—put and passed;—
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported the Bill with further Amendments, the House adopted the same, and ordered the Bill, as so reported, to be read a third time at a later hour to-day.
6. Rural Districts Municipal Bill:—Mr. Parker having *presented* this Bill, Bill intituled, "*A Bill for the establishment of Municipal Institutions in the Country Towns and Rural Districts in New South Wales*," read a first time, and ordered to be printed.
7. Deepening the River Hunter:—Mr. Scott, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on Deepening the River Hunter, appointed on the 4th November last.
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Appendix.
8. Judicial Offices and Barristers Admission Bill:—On motion of Mr. Manning, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council.
The Chairman having reported, That the Committee had disagreed to the amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—
Mr. Cowper moved, That this Bill be now laid aside.
Question put and passed.

9. Discharged Order :—The Order of the Day for the Resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means, discharged from the Paper, on motion of Mr. Donaldson.
10. Sydney Sewerage and Water Appropriation Bill, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to appropriate and apply certain sums raised or to be raised under the Sydney Sewerage Act of 1853, and the Sydney Water Act of 1853, for the service of the Year 1857.*"

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to appropriate and apply certain sums raised or to be raised under the Sydney Sewerage Act of 1853, and the Sydney Water Act of 1853, for the service of the Year 1857,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12 March, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

11. Railway Loan Bill, for 1857 :—Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Barker, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd. }

Noes, 6.

Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Forster, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold. }

Whereupon Bill read a third time.

Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Donaldson then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the Government to raise certain sums of money by loan, to be expended in the extension of Railways in New South Wales, in the year 1857.*"

Question put and passed :—

Whereupon Mr. Donaldson moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein :—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to authorise the Government to raise certain sums of money by loan, to be expended in the extension of Railways in New South Wales, in the year 1857,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12 March, 1857.

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

12. Electric Telegraph Bill :—Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Manning,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Holt,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Barker, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd. }

Noes, 8.

Mr. Weekes,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Forster, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold. }

Whereupon

Whereupon Bill read a third time.

Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill do now *pass*.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Parker then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to establish and regulate Electric Telegraphs.*"

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to establish and regulate Electric Telegraphs,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12 March, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

13. Appropriation of Future Grants for Education:— Mr. Holt moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That all future grants of money for purposes of Denominational and National Education, ought, in the opinion of this House, to be appropriated in proportion to the average daily attendance of scholars at the Denominational and National Schools respectively.

(2.) That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause any future Estimate for Educational purposes, to be framed in conformity with the above Resolution.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Bowman, } Tellers.
Mr. Holt.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Denichy,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Gordon, } Tellers.
Mr. Jones.

14. Messages from the Legislative Council:—The Speaker reported that during the Debate of the last Question, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council:—

(1). Parramatta Domain Bill:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to provide for the disposal of the Parramatta Domain,*" without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12 March, 1857.*

(2). Public Works Loan Bill, for 1857.:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to authorize the execution of certain Public Works, of a permanent character, by means of Loans secured on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony,*" without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12 March, 1857.*

(3). Sydney Municipal Council Bill:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Messages from the Legislative Assembly dated respectively the 24th February and 10th March proposing certain amendments upon the amendments made by the Council in the Sydney Municipal Council Bill, and assigning their reasons for their disagreeing to certain of those amendments insist upon the following amendments to which the Legislative Assembly has disagreed, namely:—

In clause 49 page 8, line 26, by adding the words, "an Officer of Health and such" after "Treasurer—" and by the addition of the proposed clause * * 53 for the following reasons,—

Because the sanitary condition of the City is such as to render it imperatively necessary that a Health Officer should be immediately appointed, and because it admits of doubt whether the Municipal Body would have the power, without express authority to appoint such an Officer.

Because

Because any delay in making such appointment would be calculated to occasion a serious sacrifice of human life

Because such an appointment under direct Legislative enactment is in conformity with the example of English Legislation in analogous cases during the last ten years and upwards.

With the preceding exceptions, the Legislative Council do not insist upon the other amendments, made by the Council and disagreed to by the Assembly, and agree to such other amendments of the Assembly as are proposed in their Message of 24th February.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12 March, 1857.*

Mr. Parker moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the Message of the Legislative Council, in which it insists upon certain of its amendments in the Sydney Municipal Council Bill disagreed to by this House.

Question put and passed:—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported, That the Committee had agreed to a resolution not to insist on its disagreement to the amendments in the Sydney Municipal Council Bill insisted on by the Legislative Council;—

Mr. Parker moved, That this House do now adopt this resolution.

Debate ensued;

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Parker moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly having taken into consideration the Message of this date in which the Legislative Council insists on the amendments made by it in the Sydney Municipal Council Bill, by adding, in Clause 49, page 8, line 26, the words "an Officer of Health and such" after "Treasurer" and by the addition of the proposed Clause * * * 53, begs to acquaint the Legislative Council that it does not insist upon its disagreement to the said amendments.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12 March, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

15. County Courts Bill:—Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill be now "read a third time." Mr. Arnold moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "read a third time," in order to the insertion in their place of the words "re-committed, with a view to the further consideration of clause 61."

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. G. Macleay,
Mr. W. Macleay,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Donaldson. } Tellers.

Noes, 13.

Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Heily,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Cowper,
Mr. T. G. Rusden, } Tellers.
Mr. Arnold.

Whereupon Original Question put and passed,—

And Bill read a third time.

Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Question put and passed.

Mr. Parker then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for establishing District Courts.*"

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon Mr. Parker moved, That this Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message desiring its concurrence therein:—

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act for establishing District Courts,*" begs now to present the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber
Sydney, 12 March, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

16. Impounding Bill:—Mr. Arnold moved, pursuant to notice,—

(1.) That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable him to move that this House will thereupon resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for the further consideration of the Impounding Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 9th instant.

Question put and passed.

(2.) That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the Impounding Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 9th instant.

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported the Bill with amendments, the House adopted the same.

Mr. Arnold then moved, That the third reading of this Bill, as so reported, stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

17. Mr. David Cross:—Mr. Hoyle moved, pursuant to amended notice, That this House will, on Friday, the 13th instant, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor-General, requesting His Excellency to place on the Supplementary Estimates for 1857, the sum of £150 to be paid to Mr. David Cross out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, to compensate him for the loss of the buildings erected by him at Wiseman's Ferry.

Question put and passed.

18. Repair of Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries:—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, to have placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1857 the sum of £28,000, for Repair of the Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £18,000, to be expended under the Supervision of Road Trustees, Wardens, Benches of Magistrates, and Road Surveyors, in constructing, upholding, and repairing the Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries of the Colony,—

Mr. Cowper moved, That this House do now adopt the said Address.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned at a quarter before Twelve o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Report from the Select Committee on the Railway Terminus and Wharfs at Newcastle be now adopted.
2. MR. GORDON to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th ultimo, from certain Inhabitants of Muswellbrook, praying the adoption of measures to authorize persons licensed to cut timber on Crown Lands, to remove the same from lands occupied under the pre-emptive right, be printed.
3. MR. PARKER to move, That this House, at its rising to-day, do adjourn to Monday next, at Three o'clock p.m.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That in the opinion of this House, the state of the Public Business demands that the Parliament should be called together not later than the middle of the month of June next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.
2. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for compensation.
3. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Impounding Bill; third reading.
7. Mr. David Cross; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.

Questions:—

1. MR. PIDDINGTON to ask THE HONORABLE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—
What course the Executive Government intend to pursue with respect to the further consideration of the Lands Sale Bill, No. 2, read a second time on Wednesday the 11th instant?
2. MR. DENIEHY to ask THE HONORABLE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,—Whether it is the intention of the Government, under the provisions of the District Courts Act, (about to be passed,) to take steps for the establishment of Courts of Quarter Sessions at Albury and Armidale?
3. MR. DENIEHY to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to include, in the new Commission of the Peace, the names of Professional Gentlemen actually practising their Professions?
4. MR. COWPER to ask MR. PARKER,—Whether the Government is prepared to state when the Parliament will be summoned for the next Session?

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, MARCH 17.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum of money for the support of a Police Magistrate for the Richmond River.
2. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £6,500, to be expended and applied in the following manner, viz. :—

Road from Grafton to Armidale, additional	...	...	£ 500
Road from Warwick to Ipswich	...	...	2,000
Road from Drayton to Ipswich	...	...	2,000
Road from Grafton to Tenterfield	...	...	500
For the erection of a Bridge over the Condamine at			
Warwick	...	...	1,000
Road from Clarence to Richmond	...	...	500
			£6,500

3. MR. ARNOLD to move, That in the opinion of this House, the conduct by the Government of the Public Business of the Country, especially in reference to the Land Question, has been calculated to disappoint the just and reasonable expectations of the people.

Question :—

1. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What the Government intend to do in the matter of the Bridge proposed to be thrown over the Murray at Albury, seeing that the Government of Victoria have returned no answer to the communication addressed to them on the subject?

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 13 MARCH, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment. The Speaker took the Chair.
Papers:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) Report of the Board appointed to inquire into the Amount of Deficiency alleged to have existed in the Iron Chest kept in the Receiving Room of the Colonial Treasury, by the late Dugald M'Pherson, together with observations in explanation by E. W. Hollinworth.
(2.) The Return to the Order made by this House, on motion of Mr. Holroyd, on the 10th ultimo, for Papers in reference to the Senate of Sydney University and Fellows of St. Paul's College.
Ordered to be printed.
(3.) The Return to the Address in reference to the Inspection of Lunatics by the Medical Adviser to the Government, adopted, on motion of Mr. Forster, on the 12th December last.
2. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill:—Mr. Cowper, as Chairman, brought up a Fourth Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on the Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill, in reference to the Petition of Mr. William Henry Whyte, which was referred to that Committee on the 4th instant.
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Appendix.
3. Proposed Library Arrangements:—Mr. Cowper having, on behalf of the Chairman, brought up the Report of the Library Committee, on the Message of the Legislative Council, of 12th February last, in reference to certain proposed Library arrangements, which was referred to that Committee on the 18th February last,—the same was, by the Clerk, read at length by order of the Speaker.
Mr. Cowper then moved,—That the Report, as read, be now adopted by this House.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Mr. Cowper moved,—That the Report be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Cowper then moved,—That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

The Legislative Assembly being of opinion that it is most undesirable either to disturb the present arrangement of the Buildings appropriated to the two Houses of Legislature, or to make any addition to them, but such as may be absolutely indispensable, temporarily and inexpensively, to meet some pressing emergency, begs to communicate to the Legislative Council, for its concurrence, the following Resolutions in lieu of those communicated to this House for concurrence, by its Message of 12th February last, viz. :—

- (1.) That a Building be erected, according to the accompanying Plan, at the back of Committee Room No. 1, the basement floor of which shall communicate with the Legislative Council Chamber, in the same manner as the present Library communicates with the Legislative Assembly Chamber, and shall be appropriately fitted up as a Reading Room and Library for use of the Legislative Council.
- (2.) That the floor over this be appropriated as a Committee Room and Shorthand Writers' Office for use of the Legislative Assembly.
- (3.) That half the Books, Periodicals, and Works of Reference in the present Library, be transferred to the shelves of the Legislative Council Library, with the distinct understanding that the Members of each House shall be at liberty to use the Books, Periodicals, and Works of Reference in either Library.
- (4.) That an Assistant Librarian be placed in the Legislative Council Library to carry out this arrangement, in correspondence with the Librarian to be continued in the Legislative Assembly Library.
- (5.) That the annual vote of £300, to provide Books for the present Library, be increased to £450, to provide Books for both Libraries.
- (6.) That it be a Sessional Order that the Library Committee of the Legislative Assembly have power, by a Sub-Committee or otherwise, to confer and act with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in all matters relating to one or both of the Libraries.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th March, 1857.

Speaker.
Debate

Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Barker,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Pye,
Mr. Jamison,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. R. Campbell, } Tellers.
Mr. Cowper.

Noes, 8.
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.
Mr. Holroyd.

4. Papers:—

1. Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—

- (1.) The Return to the Address in reference to the Expenditure upon the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly Buildings since 1843, adopted, on motion of Mr. Holroyd, on the 4th instant.
- (2.) The completion of the Return to the Address in reference to Sheep Assessment and Compensation Returns, adopted, on motion of Mr. T. G. Rusden, on 23rd January last, being parts 2, 3, and 4.
- (3.) Messrs. Rountree and Co.'s Letter of 9th January last, offering to rent the Steam Dredge, on certain conditions.

Ordered to be printed.

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

- (4.) The Return to the Order made by this House, on motion of Mr. Martin, on the 20th January last, for Papers in reference to Expenditure for Railway Extension.
- (5.) The Return to the Order made by this House, on motion of Mr. Murray, on the 19th December last, for Papers respecting the Travelling Expenses and Retirement of Mr. Deputy Surveyor General Thompson.
- (6.) The Return to the Order made by this House, on motion of Mr. Piddington, on 30th December last, for papers respecting the Lochinvar Road.
- (7.) Report made by the Chief Commissioner of Railways to the Honorable the Secretary for Lands and Public Works, dated 25th February, 1857.
- (8.) The Deputy Surveyor General's Report to the Surveyor General, dated 10th June, 1856, on the Railway Lines in the Southern Districts.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Railway Terminus and Wharfs at Newcastle:—Mr. Piddington moved, pursuant to notice, That "the" "Report" from the Select Committee on the Railway Terminus and Wharfs at Newcastle, be now adopted.

Mr. Arnold moved, That the Question be amended by the insertion, between the words "the" and "Report" of the words "concluding paragraph of the."

Debate ensued;—

Question put, That the words proposed to be inserted between the said words "the" and "Report," be so inserted;—

The House divided.

Ayes 4.
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold, } Tellers.
Mr. Weekes,

Noes 24.
Mr. Parker,
Mr. Hay
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Oxley,
Mr. Osborne,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Lang,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Suttor,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Buckley, } Tellers.
Mr. Cowper,

Whereupon Original Question put and passed.

6. Messages from the Legislative Council:—The Speaker reported, That during the Debate of the last Question the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council:—

(1.)

(1.) Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, 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 1856-7,*" without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13 March, 1857.

(2.) Wholesale Spirit Merchants' Fee Bill.

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to impose a Fee upon the Registration of Spirit Merchants,*" without any amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13 March, 1857.

(3.) Richmond Bridge Company's Bill.

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to Incorporate a Company to be called the 'Richmond Bridge Company,' and to erect and maintain a Bridge over the River Hawkesbury at the Richmond Ferry, in direct continuation of the public road, and to take Tolls thereat for a term of years; and for other purposes therein mentioned,*" with the amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. PLUNKETT,
President.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13 March, 1857.

Mr. Oxley moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council, in the Richmond Bridge Company's Bill.

Question put and passed;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Richmond Bridge Company's Bill,

Mr. Oxley moved, That this House do now adopt the said Amendments.

Question put and passed.

7. Cutting Timber on Crown Lands:—Mr. Gordon moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th ultimo, from certain Inhabitants of Muswellbrook, praying the adoption of measures to authorize persons licensed to cut timber on Crown Lands, to remove the same from lands occupied under the pre-emptive right, be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Ordered to be printed.

8. Nichols' Admission Bill:—Mr. Deniehy moved, without previous notice, That the Standing Orders be suspended for the purpose of bringing in a Bill to provide for the admission of the Honorable George Robert Nichols, Esquire, to be a Barrister-at-Law of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and to enable this House to pass the said Bill through all its stages this evening.

Debate ensued,—

And a Debate arising on the points of Order whether the proposed Bill is not in the nature of a Private Bill, and if so, whether it can be introduced except upon Petition, the Speaker said that the motion before the House being for the suspension of the Standing Orders, these points of Order were involved in it, and would necessarily be determined with it;—

Whereupon Question put,—

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Garland, } Tellers.

Noes, 6.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Jones,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. T. G. Rusden, } Tellers.

Mr.

Mr. Deniehy then accordingly moved for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the admission of the Honorable George Robert Nichols, Esquire, as a Barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided:—

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Garland. } Tellers.

Noes, 5.

Mr. T. G. Rusden,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.

Ordered That the mover and seconder prepare and bring in the Bill,—
And Mr. Deniehy,—having *presented* the Bill,—

Moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Robertson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Garland. } Tellers.

Noes, 4.

Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.

Whereupon Bill read a first time,—

And it being required that the Bill be read at length, the Clerk, by order of the Speaker, read the same at length accordingly;—

Whereupon Mr. Deniehy moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Parker,
Mr. Donaldson,
Mr. Buckley,
Mr. Macarthur,
Mr. Hargrave,
Mr. Sandeman,
Mr. Weekes,
Mr. Marks,
Mr. Garland,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Scott,
Mr. Gordon,
Mr. Darvall,
Mr. Hely,
Mr. Holroyd,
Mr. Bowman,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Deniehy,
Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Egan,
Mr. Robertson, } Tellers.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Jones,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. R. Campbell,
Mr. Arnold,
Mr. Piddington, } Tellers.

Whereupon Bill read a second time.

Mr. Deniehy then moved that the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.

Debate

Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

<p>Ayes, 21.</p> <p>Mr. Parker, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Macarthur, Mr. Denichy, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Garland, Mr. Sandeman, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Scott, Mr. Weekes, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Hely, Mr. Darvall, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Lee, Mr. Egan, Mr. Marks, Mr. Hay, Mr. Robertson, } Tellers. Mr. Holroyd. }</p>	<p>Noes, 3.</p> <p>Mr. Forster, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Piddington. } Tellers.</p>
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Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, accordingly.

And the Committee having continued to sit till after midnight—

SATURDAY, 14 MARCH, 1857.

The Chairman having reported that a point of order had arisen in the Committee, which it was desired to have decided with the Speaker in the Chair, obtained leave to sit again so soon as the said point of Order shall have been so decided;—

The Chairman then stated the point of Order, as follows: The Standing Orders having been suspended to permit of the passage of this Bill through all its stages *this evening*, and it being now past midnight, the point in question is, whether the standing Orders are not now again in force, notwithstanding that the Bill has not yet passed through all its stages,—

And the Speaker having ruled that the suspension of the Standing Orders for the passage of the Bill through all its stages *this evening*, must be understood, according to Parliamentary practice, to extend throughout this sitting of the House, or until the Bill shall have passed,—

The Committee resumed.

The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum of Members present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum of Members then present,—

The Committee resumed.

The Chairman having reported that there was not a Quorum of Members present in the Committee, the Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen members then present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at a quarter before Seven o'clock, a.m., until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock, p. m.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum of money for the support of a Police Magistrate for the Richmond River.
2. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £6,500, to be expended and applied in the following manner, viz :—

Road from Grafton to Armidale, additional	...	...£	500
Road from Warwick to Ipswich	...	...	2,000
Road from Drayton to Ipswich	...	...	2,000
Road from Grafton to Tenterfield	...	...	500
For the erection of a Bridge over the Condamine at			
Warwick	...	...	1,000
Road from Clarence to Richmond	...	...	500
			£6,500

3. MR. ARNOLD to move, That in the opinion of this House, the conduct by the Government of the Public Business of the Country, especially in reference to the Land Question, has been calculated to disappoint the just and reasonable expectations of the people.
4. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and their Honors the Judges, or any other Officers of the Supreme Court, on the subject of certain Returns, having reference to the Business of the Supreme Court, and laid upon the Table of this House on Thursday, March 12, in pursuance of an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, agreed to by this House on November 7, 1856.
5. MR. SUTOR to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Petition from certain Inhabitants of the District of Bathurst, praying that a sum of money might be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, for the purpose of founding and endowing a Grammar School in the Town of Bathurst, together with any correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and Petitioners, upon the subject.
6. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the Proceedings taken before the Cassilis Bench of Magistrates, in the years 1855 and 1856, relating to the destruction, at their instance, of a number of sheep, the property of Mr. William Bowman; also all correspondence in the matter, having reference to Mr. Bowman's claim for compensation for such sheep.
7. MR. COWPER to move, That in the opinion of this House, the state of the Public Business demands that the Parliament should be called together not later than the middle of the month of June next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.
2. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.
3. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Impounding Bill; third reading.
7. Mr. David Cross; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.

Questions :—

1. MR. GEORGE MACLEAY to ask THE HONORABLE THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND PUBLIC WORKS,—What the Government intend to do in the matter of the Bridge proposed to be thrown over the Murray at Albury, seeing that the Government of Victoria have returned no answer to the communication addressed to them on the subject?
2. MR. FORSTER to ask THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,—Whether the Master in Equity resigned his office in consequence of this House having declined to vote him a salary of £1200 a year, as proposed by the Government in Committee of Supply;—and whether the same gentleman has been since re-appointed, at the rate of salary above specified, and refused by this House on the occasion referred to?

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 106.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 MARCH, 1857.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.
Repair of Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries:—The Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to make to the Address voted by this House on the 12th instant, in reference to repairing and upholding the Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries of the Colony, the following Answer:—
W. DENISON,
Governor General.
In accordance with the request of the Legislative Assembly, contained in their Address of the 12th March, the Governor General will give directions for the insertion in a Supplementary Estimate, for the service of the present year, of the sum of £18,000, to be expended upon the Repair and Maintenance of the Public Roads, Bridges and Ferries throughout the Colony.
Government House,
Sydney, 17 March, 1857.
2. Papers:—Mr. Parker laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) The Return to the Address in reference to the appointment of Colonial Astronomer, adopted, on motion of Mr. Cowper, on the 20th ultimo.
(2.) The Return to the Address in reference to the number of Electors in New South Wales, adopted, on motion of Mr. Jones, on the 31st October last.
(3.) The Return to the Order made by this House, on the 3rd instant, on motion of Mr. R. Campbell, for copies of Correspondence in reference to the Lease of the Hay Market, Parramatta-street.
(4.) The Report of the Proceedings of the University of Sydney, for the year 1856.
Ordered to be printed.
3. Richmond Bridge Company's Bill:—Mr. Bowman moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to Incorporate a Company to be called 'the Richmond Bridge Company,' and to erect and maintain a Bridge over the River Hawkesbury at the Richmond Ferry, in direct continuation of the public road, and to take Tolls thereat for a term of years, and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17 March, 1857.
Speaker.
Question put and passed.
4. Entrance to the Moruya River:—Mr. Egan presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the Police District of Broulee, representing the necessity for, and the practicability of, opening the entrance to the Moruya River, and praying the House to take the matter into favorable consideration.
Petition received.
5. Papers:—Mr. Hay laid upon the Table the undermentioned Papers:—
(1.) The Report of the Director of the Botanic Gardens, for the year 1856.
(2.) The Return to the Order made by this House, on 9th December last, on motion of Mr. Sandeman, for Returns of Tenders for new Runs.
(3.) Captain Hawkins' Report of the Railway Explorations of the Detachment of Sappers and Miners.
(4.) The Return to the Order made by this House, on 4th November last, on motion of Mr. T. G. Rusden, for Papers relating to Reserves and Sales of portions of Squattages.
(5.) The Return to the Address in reference to the Land Claim of Commander William Caswell, R.N., adopted, on motion of Mr. Weekes, on 3rd February last.
(6.) The Return to the Order made by this House, on 14th January last, on motion of Mr. Cowper, for Papers in reference to the Abattoirs on Glebe Island.
(7.) The Return to the Address in reference to the Claim of Mr. William Nowland to Wolalla Station, adopted, on motion of Mr. Jones, on 31st October last.
Ordered to be printed.
6. Mr. Joseph Sheridan Moore:—Mr. Piddington presented a Petition from Mr. Joseph Sheridan Moore, praying inquiry into alleged illegal proceedings in and dismissal of a charge of false and malicious libel preferred by Petitioner against Mr. Gilbert Wright, at the Sydney Police Office.
Petition received.

7. Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill :—Mr. Cowper, as Chairman, brought up the Final Report from, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before, the Select Committee on the Sole Commissioner of Railways Incorporation Bill, appointed 19th November last.
Ordered to be printed.
8. Paper :—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table a Letter from the Collector of Customs, dated 15th instant, reporting the result of the Stock-taking in the several Bonding Warehouses in Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.
9. Police Magistrate for the Richmond River :—Mr. Clark Irving moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, a sum of money for the support of a Police Magistrate for the Richmond River.
Debate ensued.
Motion by leave withdrawn.
10. Messages from the Legislative Council :—The Speaker reported, that during the Debate on the motion just withdrawn, the following Messages were received from the Legislative Council :—
- (1.) Electric Telegraphs Bill :—
Mr. Speaker,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to Establish and Regulate Electric Telegraphs,*" without any Amendment.
J. H. PLUNKETT,
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17 March, 1857.
President.
- (2.) Sydney Sewerage and Water Appropriation Bill :—
Mr. Speaker,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to appropriate and apply certain sums raised or to be raised under the Sydney Sewerage Act of 1853, and the Sydney Water Act of 1853, for the service of the year 1857,*" without any Amendment.
J. H. PLUNKETT,
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17 March, 1857.
President.
- (3.) Railway Loan Bill for 1857 :—
Mr. Speaker,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Government to raise certain sums of money by loan, to be expended in the extension of Railways, in New South Wales, in the Year 1857,*" without any Amendment.
J. H. PLUNKETT,
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17 March, 1857.
President.
- (4.) Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill :—
Mr. Speaker,
The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled "*An Act to Revive for one year the Act to authorize the levy of an Assessment upon Sheep and Cattle depastured upon Crown Lands beyond the Settled Districts,*" with the Amendment indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.
J. H. PLUNKETT,
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16 March, 1857.
President.
- Mr. Parker moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the Legislative Council's Amendment in this Bill.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.
The Chairman having reported that the Committee had disagreed to the Amendment made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—the same being already made in the Bill :—
Mr. Parker moved, That this Report be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed :—
Whereupon Mr. Parker moved, That the Bill, with the following Message, be carried to the Legislative Council :—
The Legislative Assembly disagrees to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled, "*An Act to Revive for one year, the Act to authorize the levy of an Assessment upon Sheep and Cattle depastured upon Crown Lands beyond the Settled Districts,*" because it is already made in the said Bill.
J. H. PLUNKETT,
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17 March, 1857.
Speaker.
Question put and passed.

(5.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to Incorporate 'The Australian Mutual Provident Society,'*" with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17 March, 1857.*

President.

Mr. Jones moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council.

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon, the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—

Mr. Jones moved, That this House do now adopt the said Amendments.

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon, Mr. Jones moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to Incorporate 'The Australian Mutual Provident Society.'*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17 March, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

(6.) Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council has agreed to the Bill, sent herewith, intituled, "*An Act to encourage the use of Broad Wheels, and to define the limits without the City of Sydney within which Toll-bars may be erected,*" with the Amendments indicated by the annexed Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17 March, 1857.*

President.

Mr. Oxley moved, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration of the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council.

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon the Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the Amendments made in this Bill by the Legislative Council,—

Mr. Oxley moved, That this House do now adopt the said Amendments.

Question put and passed ;

Whereupon Mr. Oxley moved; That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council ;—

The Legislative Assembly has agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled, "*An Act to encourage the use of Broad Wheels, and to define the limits without the City of Sydney, within which Toll-bars may be erected.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17 March, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

(7.) Proposed Library Arrangements :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council begs to transmit to the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Copy of a Report from the Library Committee, respecting the proposed Library arrangements, which has been adopted by the Council, and to request the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly in the propositions therein contained.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17 March, 1857.*

President.

Mr. Parker moved, That this House do now agree to the modification of the Resolutions of the Assembly, suggested in this Message from the Legislative Council.

Question put and passed ;—

Whereupon Mr. Parker moved, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

The Legislative Assembly agrees to the modification of its Resolutions, in reference to the Proposed Library Arrangements, suggested in the Message of the Legislative Council, of this date.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17 March, 1857.*

Speaker.

Question put and passed.

11. Roads in Northern Districts:—Mr. Clark Irving moved, pursuant to notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, respectfully requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed upon a Supplementary Estimate for the present year, the sum of £6,500, to be expended and applied in the following manner, viz. :—

Road from Grafton to Armidale, additional	...	...	£ 500
Road from Warwick to Ipswich	...	...	2,000
Road from Drayton to Ipswich	...	...	2,000
Road from Grafton to Tenterfield	...	...	500
For the erection of a Bridge over the Condamine at Warwick	...	...	1,000
Road from Clarence to Richmond	...	...	500
			£6,500

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

12. Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Message of the Legislative Assembly, dated this day, assigning their reason for disagreeing to an Amendment proposed by this House, by the insertion of the words "advice and" in the preamble of the "Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill," begs to acquaint the Legislative Assembly that it does not insist upon the said Amendment.

J. H. PLUNKETT,

Legislative Council Chamber,

President.

Sydney, 17 March, 1857.

13. Paper :—Mr. Donaldson laid upon the Table a statement shewing the sums proposed to meet the probable Expenditure of the Colonial Government in 1857, and the disposal of the same after progress of the Estimates through Committee of the Assembly, with a summary of the same.
Ordered to be printed.
14. Conduct of Public Business by the Government :—Mr. Arnold addressing the House upon the motion standing in his name third on the notice Paper for to-day, and notice being taken that there was not a Quorum present, the Speaker counted the House, and there being only fourteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, the Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-five minutes after Seven o'clock, until to-morrow, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.

OTHER BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. EGAN to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th instant, from the Inhabitants of the district of Broulee, be printed.
2. MR. HOLT to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Copy of all Correspondence (if any) on the part of the Commissioners for National Education, with respect to the building or establishing a School, and the appointment of a Schoolmaster, at Gundaroo.
3. MR. HOLT to move,—
 - (1). That, although it is the duty of the Government to economize, to the utmost practicable extent, the Expenditure of the Public Moneys, it is, nevertheless, the duty of the Government to carry out the provisions of the Appropriation Act, and more especially those appropriations for general or local purposes, such as Roads, Bridges, Buildings, &c., which are most urgently required, and with the least possible delay.
 - (2). That, in case it should appear to the Government, that there are reasonable grounds for withholding the Expenditure of any Moneys appropriated by the Legislature, it is, in the opinion of this House, the duty of the Government to communicate the same to this House, at the beginning of each Session, or earlier, if possible,—in order that any Appropriations, which, in the opinion of this House, are not required, may be cancelled.
 - (3). That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, embodying the above Resolutions.
4. MR. PIDDINGTON to move, That the Petition of Mr. Joseph Sheridan Moore, presented by him yesterday, be printed.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, A Return of all Sums expended by the National School Board, during the Years 1855 and 1856, from Moneys Voted by the Legislature, for the erection of School Houses,—specifying the locality where the School Houses are situated, and distinguishing the actual Amount of Money voluntarily contributed by the public towards each School House from the estimated value of land or other donations not of a pecuniary character.

6. MR. CLARK IRVING to move, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor General, acquainting His Excellency that the Committee of Supply had refused to make any provision whatsoever for maintaining the Volunteer Corps of New South Wales, for the year 1857, and requesting that His Excellency's Government will expend in the maintenance of the said Corps, for the year 1857, the following sums to be made good to Her Majesty in the next Session, viz. :—

Adjutant, 15s. per diem	£273	15	0
Sergeant, 5s. per diem	91	5	0
Ammunition '... ..	100	0	0
Contingencies	50	0	0
	<u>£515</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

7. MR. ARNOLD to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the conduct by the Government of the Public Business of the Country, especially in reference to the Land Question, has been calculated to disappoint the just and reasonable expectations of the people.
8. MR. FONSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and their Honors the Judges, or any other Officers of the Supreme Court, on the subject of certain Returns, having reference to the Business of the Supreme Court, and laid upon the Table of this House on Thursday, March 12, in pursuance of an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, agreed to by this House on November 7, 1856.
9. MR. SURTOR to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Petition from certain Inhabitants of the District of Bathurst, praying that a sum of money might be placed on the Supplementary Estimate for 1857, for the purpose of founding and endowing a Grammar School in the Town of Bathurst, together with any correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and Petitioners, upon the subject.
10. MR. ROBERTSON to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the Proceedings taken before the Cassilis Bench of Magistrates, in the years 1855 and 1856, relating to the destruction, at their instance, of a number of sheep, the property of Mr. William Bowman; also all correspondence in the matter, having reference to Mr. Bowman's claim for compensation for such sheep.
11. MR. COWPER to move, That, in the opinion of this House, the state of the Public Business demands that the Parliament should be called together not later than the middle of the month of June next.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Time of Prescription Bill; second reading.
2. Mr. Peter Rawlings; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.
3. Trust Funds Security Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Deserted Wives' and Children's Bill; consideration of Legislative Council's Amendments.
5. Titles to Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Impounding Bill; third reading.
7. Mr. David Cross; consideration in Committee of an Address for Compensation.

DANIEL COOPER,

Speaker.

No. 107.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH, 1857.

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

Assent to Bills :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor General received and read :—

- (1.) Sydney Municipal Council Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 50.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to re-establish a Municipal Council in the City of Sydney,*" 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, 18 March, 1857.

- (2.) Wholesale Spirit Merchants Fee Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 51.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to impose a Fee upon the Registration of Spirit Merchants,*" 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, 18 March, 1857.

- (3.) Common Law Proceedings Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 52.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act for the further amendment of the Process, Practice, and mode of Pleading at Law in the Supreme Court, and enlarging its Jurisdiction in Common Law Proceedings,*" 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, 18 March, 1857.

- (4.) Clerks of Petty Sessions Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 53.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled, "*An Act to provide for the discharge of the duties of Clerks of Petty Sessions in Districts for which no such Officer shall be appointed, and to withdraw certain special powers now possessed by Police Magistrates,*" 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, 18 March, 1857.

(5.)

(5.) Public Works Loan Bill, for 1857 :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 54.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the execution of certain Public Works of a permanent character, by means of Loans secured on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony,*" 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, 18 March, 1857.*

(6.) Parramatta Domain Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 55.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to Provide for the Disposal of the Parramatta Domain,*" 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, 18 March, 1857.*

(7.) Railway Loan Bill, for 1857 :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 56.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Government to raise certain sums of Money by Loan, to be expended in the extension of Railways, in New South Wales, in the year 1857,*" 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, 18 March, 1857.*

(8.) Toll Duties Act Amendment Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 57.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to encourage the use of Broad Wheels, and to define the limits without the City of Sydney within which Toll-bars may be erected,*" 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, 18 March, 1857.*

(9.) Electric Telegraph Bill :—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 58.

Governor General.

A Bill, intituled, "*An Act to establish and regulate Electric Telegraphs,*" 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, 18 March, 1857.*

(10.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Bill.

W. DENISON,

Message No. 59.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to incorporate 'The Australian Mutual Provident Society,'*" 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, 18 March, 1857.*

(11.) Assessment on Stock Act Continuation Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 60.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to revive for one year the 'Act to authorize the 'levy of an Assessment upon Sheep and Cattle depastured upon Crown Lands 'beyond the Settled Districts,'*" 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, 18 March, 1857.*

(12.) Richmond Bridge Company's Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 61.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to Incorporate a Company to be called the Richmond Bridge Company, and to erect and maintain a Bridge over the River 'Hawkesbury at the Richmond Ferry, in direct continuation of the public road, and 'to take Tolls thereat for a term of years, and for other purposes therein mentioned,'*" 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, 18 March, 1857.*

(13.) Sydney Sewerage and Water Appropriation Bill:—

W. DENISON,

Message No. 62.

Governor General.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply certain sums raised 'or to be raised under the Sydney Sewerage Act of 1853, and the Sydney Water 'Act of 1853, for the service of the year 1857,'*" 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, 18 March, 1857.*

2. Question of Privilege:—Mr. Cowper moved, without previous notice, That the Ministry, in having omitted to announce to this House the intention of His Excellency the Governor General to prorogue the Parliament this day—such communication having been made to the Legislative Council—have not treated the Assembly with that courtesy to which it is entitled as a co-ordinate branch of the Legislature. Debate ensued.
3. Assent to Appropriation Bill:—The Usher of the Black Rod being admitted, delivered a Message,—“That it is the pleasure of the Governor General that this Honorable House do attend His Excellency forthwith in the Legislative Council Chamber.” The House attended accordingly, and the Speaker presented to the Governor General 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 1856-7,'*" to which His Excellency was pleased to subscribe and declare His assent in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty.
4. Prorogation Speech:—After which His Excellency was pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament the following Speech;—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

1. After an unusually protracted and laborious Session, I am happy to be enabled to release you from further attendance.

2. It was not to be expected that the inauguration of the New Constitution would be accomplished without some delays and difficulties.—I trust that the zealous and disinterested devotion of so much of your time and attention to the public service has not been productive of serious inconvenience to yourselves; and that in some measure it will be compensated by the consideration that your energies have been wisely and usefully exerted to promote the happiness and prosperity of the Colony.

3. Unavoidable delays, consequent upon the Ministerial changes which have taken place in the Government of the Country, have partially interfered with the fulfilment of the intentions expressed in the Speech, with which I opened the present Session; but it affords me great satisfaction to be able to congratulate you upon the perfecting of various useful and highly important measures.

4. Amongst the earliest questions which engaged the attention of the Government was a change in the Departmental Arrangements for the conduct of official business, and I believe that by the distribution of responsibility, which has already been introduced, the efficiency and convenience of the Public Service has been considerably promoted.

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5. An Act to repeal so much of the Constitution Act as renders necessary, for certain Constitutional changes, the consent of unusual majorities in both Houses of Parliament, has received your concurrence; and this Act, which, in compliance with the Royal Instructions, has been reserved for the signification thereon of Her Majesty's pleasure, has been recommended by me for Her Majesty's gracious allowance.

6. I have had much satisfaction in giving my assent to the Act for the re-establishment in Sydney of a Municipal Council, and I earnestly hope that this recurrence to the ordinary form of Municipal Institutions will be justified by the success which I trust may attend the alteration of the system of local government of the City.

7. The several Acts which have been passed for the better management of the Gold Fields, and the raising of a Revenue to defray the attendant expense, upon a more equitable principle than that hitherto in force, will tend, I feel assured, to promote the further development of the important interests involved.

8. Until a period of sufficient leisure to admit of careful deliberation is afforded, it has been considered necessary to postpone any general measures relating to the administration of the Waste Lands of the Crown. It must be acknowledged, I think, that this is a question which will require to be approached with the greatest caution and deliberation, in order that it may be settled upon a sound and satisfactory basis.

9. The numerous and important Acts affecting the Administration of Justice, which have been passed during this your first Session, cannot fail to be productive of very great benefit to the Public.

10. The reasonable demands of the Northern Districts of the Colony have been amply met by the establishment at Moreton Bay of a Court, possessing the most comprehensive Jurisdiction both Civil and Criminal.

11. I regret that it has been found impossible to complete the measure which had for its object the establishment of District Courts. I cannot, however, prolong the Session for the further consideration of that measure, without imposing unreasonable inconvenience on the Members of both branches of the Legislature. But the short delay which will thus be interposed, will not, I trust, be productive of any serious practical injury to the public interests; inasmuch as the preliminary arrangements for bringing such an Act into operation, may, to a considerable extent, be proceeded with during the recess, in anticipation of the passing of this important measure in the early part of next Session.

12. Amongst the many measures of Law Reform which you have passed, that for the improvement of Common Law Procedure is one of the most important.

13. I regret that it has been found impossible in this Session to introduce a Bill for the general amendment of the Insolvent Acts. Some prominent defects have been remedied, and I hope another Session may not pass without a comprehensive revision of a branch of law so seriously affecting the trade and commercial honor of the country.

14. To the numerous other subjects of legislation which have occupied your attention, and amongst which are many of great practical utility, it is unnecessary for me to make particular allusion.

15. I regret that in consequence of the delays to which I have already adverted, some subjects of great importance must remain for future consideration.

16. Bills have been laid upon the Table for the regulation of Railways, and for the establishment in the Country Towns, and Rural Districts of a system of Municipalities. These measures will, during the recess, be open for deliberation and the expression of public opinion, which may be ultimately of great advantage in bringing them to maturity.

17. A liberal amount has been granted for the promotion of Immigration; and, as this question is one of very vital interest to the Colony, it will, during the recess, engage the most anxious consideration of the Government.—I feel justified in anticipating that such a system may be devised as will tend to the further encouragement of assisted Immigration, and lead to the introduction of a steady and continuous supply of useful labour—especially by affording greater facilities than at present exist to the employers of labour in this Colony, in the selection, in the United Kingdom, of such Immigrants as they may desire to engage in their own service.

18. Another subject which deeply concerns the welfare of the Colony, and demands the cordial co-operation of every member of the community, is the establishment of an enlightened and comprehensive system of Education. It will be the earnest endeavour of the Government to overcome the great difficulties which beset this important question.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

19. I thank you for the liberality with which you have voted the Supplies. It will be my duty to administer them with a due regard to economy, and the efficiency of the Public Service.

20. The credit of the Colony is in a highly satisfactory position, and it is a matter of congratulation that the state of the Revenue is such as to have rendered it unnecessary to resort, in the present Session, to any extraordinary increase of taxation.

21. I have every confidence, from the indications of commercial prosperity, that the Revenue of Customs will fully realize the Estimate which has been laid before you.

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GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

22. No time will be lost in issuing the necessary instructions to the proper Departments, for carrying out the recommendations of the Commission of Delegates from the Australian Colonies and Tasmania, for the erection of additional Light Houses on the Coast, so far as the duty devolves on this Government.

23. Arrangements for the construction of a line of Electric Telegraph between Sydney and Melbourne, in co-operation with the Government of Victoria, are in a state of active progress. This rapid inter-communication between the Cities of Sydney and Melbourne, in connexion with the recent establishment of the regular and speedy Steam Postal arrangement with the Parent State, may be regarded as subjects of more than ordinary congratulation, and will, doubtless, be productive of great public advantage.

24. Under Divine Providence, the Country has been blessed with a season of abundance and prosperity; and I earnestly hope that a profound sense of gratitude to Almighty God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon all classes, may lead to increased exertion on their part to contribute according to the ability of each to the well-being and happiness of the whole Community.

25. I now declare this Parliament to stand prorogued to Tuesday, the 28th day of April next.

