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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER, 1873.

1. **OPENING OF THE SESSION**:—The House met at Twelve o'clock at noon, pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the fourth day of August, 1873.

Mr. Speaker took the Chair.

The Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker, read a copy of the said Proclamation, as follows:—

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

“WHEREAS the Parliament of New South Wales now stands prorogued to Tuesday, the nineteenth day of August instant: Now I, SIR HERCULES GEORGE ROBERT ROBINSON, in pursuance of the power and authority in me vested as Governor of the said Colony, do hereby further prorogue the said Parliament to Tuesday, the ninth day of September next ensuing: And I do hereby further announce and proclaim that the said Parliament shall assemble for the dispatch of business on the aforesaid ninth day of September next, at Twelve o'clock at noon, in the buildings known as the Council Chambers, situate in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney: And the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, are hereby required to give their attendance at the said time and place accordingly.

“Given under my Hand and Seal, at Government House, Sydney, this fourth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and in the thirty-seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign.

“By Command,
“HENRY PARKES.

“GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!”

2. **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**:—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission in favour of Laurence Joseph Harnett, Esquire, who has been appointed by the Governor and Executive Council, Sergeant-at-Arms to the Legislative Assembly, in the room of Charles Wray Finch, Esquire, deceased.

Mr. Speaker then administered to Laurence Joseph Harnett, Esquire, the Oaths of Allegiance and of Office, respectively, as Sergeant-at-Arms to the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

3. **VACANT SEAT**:—Mr. Speaker reported that during the recess the Honorable Joseph George Long Innes, Esquire, had resigned his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee; and that, in pursuance of the 30th clause of the Electoral Act of 1858, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member in the room of the said Honorable Joseph George Long Innes, Esquire, which Writ was made returnable on the 22nd instant.

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

“MR. SPEAKER,

“It is the pleasure of the Governor that this Honorable House do attend His Excellency immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber.”

The House went, and being returned, adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty-six minutes before One o'clock, until Four o'clock This Day.

The House resumed, pursuant to adjournment.

5. **PAPERS**:—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table:—

- (1.) Further Despatch respecting Communists transported to New Caledonia.
(2.) Return to an Order, made on 23rd April, 1873, in reference to Volunteer Land Orders.

(3.)

- (3.) Report from the Trustees of the Australian Museum, for 1872.
- (4.) By-laws of the Municipal District of Prospect and Sherwood.
 " of the Borough of Shellharbour.
 " of the Municipal District of Leichhardt.
 " of the Borough of Windsor.
- (5.) By-laws under the Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table:—

- (1.) Despatch respecting Sydney Branch Royal Mint.
- (2.) General Abstracts of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarters ended 31st March and 30th June, 1873.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table:—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 18th March, 1873, in reference to the Crookhaven River.
- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 21st January, 1873, in reference to Homebush and Burwood Railway Stations.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Butler laid upon the Table:—

- (1.) Rules of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, dated 19th May and 8th July, 1873.
- (2.) Annual Returns under the 103rd section of the District Courts Act of 1858.
 Ordered to be printed.

6. **ASSENT TO SUPERANNUATION ACT REPEAL BILL:—**The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 1.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal the Superannuation Act of 1864 and to provide for terminating the system of allowances and gratuities established thereunder,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st May, 1873.

7. **ORDNANCE LANDS TRANSFER BILL:—**Mr. Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for confirming the Transfer to the Secretary at War in England from the Principal Officers of Ordnance there of certain Lands in New South Wales and for amending the Ordinance Land Act of Council 1840,*"—which was read a first time *pro forma*.
8. **THE GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—**Mr. Speaker reported that the House had this day attended the Governor in the Legislative Council Chamber, when His Excellency was pleased to deliver an Opening Speech to both Houses of Parliament, of which, for greater accuracy, he had obtained a copy,—which he read to the House, as follows:—

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

1. I have called you together at a period sufficiently early to enable provision to be duly made for the Public Service in accordance with constitutional practice, and to afford the necessary time for the transaction of other legislative business without inconveniently protracting the Session into next year.

2. I congratulate you on the continued prosperity of the Colony, and the steady extension of commerce and industrial enterprise in new directions. It must be gratifying to you to learn that the general progress which is everywhere to be seen is accompanied by a marked improvement in the Public Revenue.

3. Since you were released from attendance upon your Parliamentary duties in April, the Government, I am happy to inform you, has succeeded under the Act of last Session in making separate Conventions with the neighbouring Colonies of Victoria and South Australia, by which the impediments so much complained of have been removed from the trade of the river Murray, while the Revenue of this Colony has been carefully protected. These important measures have been received with much satisfaction by the Border Settlers, and they may be confidently expected to foster a feeling of friendly relationship between the three conterminous Colonies.

4. The serious disagreements that have arisen on proposals for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails between Great Britain and the Australasian Colonies have surrounded the Government with difficulties entirely new, and it became necessary to adopt decisive measures to guard the Colony from the injurious consequences of proceedings beyond its immediate control, and to vindicate its position in the Australian group, and its ample ability to maintain its own interests. The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company having concluded an exclusive Contract with the Government of Victoria for the Postal Service after the end of this year between Melbourne and Point de Galle, in which this Colony was only permitted to participate by a branch steamer, it was considered most advisable to retire altogether from that Service, and to employ every proper means to establish a line of fast mail packets between Sydney and San Francisco. A Contract was entered into for the Pacific Service under satisfactory securities for its efficient performance. As there was little prospect of securing at that time the co-operation of the other Colonies, and the reasons for a speedy decision were urgent, the Government felt it to be its duty to incur the responsibility of engaging the Colony to a larger subsidy than had been sanctioned by the Legislative Assembly, relying upon the merits of the course pursued to secure your approval. It was calculated, however, that the postages receipts would reduce the cost of the Service within the limits authorized. It is with much satisfaction that I am now enabled to inform you that an agreement has since been made

in

New South Wales.

No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER, 1873.

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

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO GOVERNOR'S OPENING SPEECH:—On motion of Mr. Parkes, the Assembly proceeded to Government House, there to present to the Governor their Address in reply to the Speech His Excellency had been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament on Opening the Session,—

And, being returned,—

Mr. Speaker reported that the Assembly had presented to the Governor their Address in reply to His Excellency's Opening Speech, and that His Excellency had been pleased to give thereto the following Answer:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

I beg to thank you for the loyal Address which you have just presented to me. It is very gratifying to me to feel that I may confidently rely upon your cordial support in all measures calculated to develop the growing prosperity of the Country, and to promote the permanent interests and welfare of the people.

*Government House,
Sydney, 10th September, 1873.*

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Prisoner Henderson:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that the prisoner Henderson, found guilty of aiding and abetting one Roberts in fraudulent Insolvency, has been liberated?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Yes.

(2.) Court House, Gundaroo:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government received any letter, petition, or other memorial from the Bench of Magistrates or Residents of Gundaroo, respecting the Court House there?

(2.) Will the Minister state the nature of such communication, and what are the intentions of the Government respecting the same?

(3.) Have the Government acknowledged the receipt of any such communication from the Bench, or any Petition from the inhabitants, or have the Government made provision for the holding of the Court until a suitable place is built or found?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) A memorial, dated June, 1873, has been received.

(2.) It points out that a Court of Petty Sessions has been held at Gundaroo for some years, but that the accommodation for holding the same is inadequate; the erection of a Court House on a reserve in a central position is requested. The papers were referred to the Inspector General of Police, who, in consideration of the small amount of business transacted there, recommends an addition to the lock-up, but considers a heavy expenditure undesirable. The Government has authorized the expenditure of £350 for additions, and the necessary steps are being taken to carry out the works.

(3.) The receipt of the memorial was not acknowledged, and no special provision has been made for carrying on the business.

(3.) Customs Seizure at Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—When is the Order of this House, of 18th February, 1873, for the production of all Papers relative to the seizure by Custom House Officers of Mr. Wilson's buggy, to be complied with?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The Papers referred to will be laid upon the Table to-morrow.

(4.)

(4.) Colonial Wines :—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to the following extract from the Votes and Proceedings of this House, of date 16th January, 1873,—

“(10.) Colonial Wines :—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, now that the Commercial Treaty of 1860 between France and England has been terminated by the former power, and the latter has consequently been released from any restrictions in respect of her own duties on wine and other imports, to make any application to the Imperial Government to have the Wines of this Colony admitted for consumption into Great Britain at the same rates of duty as French Wines of any alcoholic strength, in order that the disadvantages under which Colonial Wines have laboured for some years past may be removed?”

“Mr. Parkes answered,—Until the Honorable Gentleman gave notice of this question the attention of the Government had not been directed to this subject; since he gave notice we have paid some attention to it, and we find that, by the late Treaty, French Wines are admitted at 1s. 6d. per gallon, the duty charged upon Australian Wines being 2s. 6d. It would obviously be a public benefit if our Wines were admitted into England under the same duty as that placed upon French Wines. I have consulted with my colleagues, and I think I may say that a representation on the subject will be made to the Imperial Government.”—

What has been done by the Government in this matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A memorial to the Secretary of State from the Conference of the Australian Colonies on this subject, signed by Mr. Samuel and myself, on behalf of this Government, and by the Representatives of all the other Australian Governments, was transmitted, through His Excellency the Governor, on the 14th February last. A copy of the memorial was laid upon the Table of this House on the 19th of the same month.

3. PERMISSIVE LIQUOR BILL :—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to restrain the common retail sale of fermented and spirituous liquors.
Question put and passed.
4. BUSINESS DAYS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, this House shall meet for dispatch of Business at Four o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in each week.
Question put and passed.
5. PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Wednesday and Thursday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, Government Business shall take precedence of General Business.
Question put and passed.
6. PRECEDENCE OF GENERAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That on Tuesday and Friday in each week, unless otherwise ordered, General Business shall take precedence of Government Business; and that on Fridays, General Orders of the Day shall take precedence of Motions.
Question put and passed.
7. FORMAL BUSINESS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That it shall be a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session :—
 - (1.) That every Motion or Order of the Day for the third reading of a Bill, to which on the Question being put from the Chair—“Whether there is any objection to its being a ‘Formal’ Motion or Order of the Day?” no objection shall be taken, shall be deemed to be a “Formal” Motion or Order of the Day.
 - (2.) That before the Ordinary Business of each day shall be entered upon, Mr. Speaker shall call over the various Notices of Motions and Orders of the Day for third reading of Bills; and on any such Motion or Order being called, it shall be competent for the Member otherwise entitled to move it, to have the above question put with reference thereto; and such “Formal” Motions or Orders of the Day shall be disposed of in the relative order in which they stand on the Business Paper, taking precedence of all the other Motions and Orders of the Day.
 - (3.) That no Debate shall be allowed upon any of such “Formal Motions or Orders of the Day,” or upon the further proceedings consequent on the reading of such Orders; but the House may proceed to division thereupon, without amendment or debate, as in the case of the motion for the first reading of a Bill.
 - (4.) That, in consequence of any such “Formal” Orders of the Day having been disposed of as aforesaid, it shall not be held that the House has proceeded to the Orders of the Day upon the Business Paper, so as to exclude thereafter the presentation of Petitions, or the reception of Notices of Motions.
 Question put and passed.
8. COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Supply shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
9. COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That, unless otherwise ordered, the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means shall stand an Order of the Day, as of course, on each day on which Government Business shall have precedence.
Question put and passed.
10. TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO HOUSES (*Sessional Order*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order respecting the Transmission of Messages agreed to by the two Houses during the Session of 1856-7 shall stand as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session.
Question put and passed.

11. **BALLOTING FOR SELECT COMMITTEES** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the following Rules shall be observed as a Sessional Order of this House for the present Session:—
 (1.) Members balloting for a Select Committee shall place the Balloting Papers, after completion, in the hands of the Clerk of the House (or in his absence the officer acting in his stead), giving time for him to note one paper (as hereinafter mentioned) before another is presented.
 (2.) The Clerk shall have before him a complete printed list of the Members of the House; and on the presentation of any Balloting Paper, shall place his initials against the entry in such list of the name of the Member presenting such Balloting Paper; and the Clerk shall place such list, so initialed, on record, with the other proceedings of the Ballot.
 Question put and passed.
12. **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Clerk of the House shall enter upon the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings the Questions—of which formal notice shall have been given—put to the Members representing the Government in this House, and the Answers returned to the same.
 Question put and passed.
13. **VOTE OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Chairman of a Select Committee on a Private Bill shall be entitled to vote on all questions in the same way as other Members of such Committee, and in case of an equality of votes, exercise a second or-casting vote.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
14. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Library Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Greville, Sir James Martin, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Lackey, Captain Onslow, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862.
 Debate ensued.
 And Mr. Lucas requiring that the said Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
 Question,—That a Library Committee be appointed for the present Session, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and power to act jointly with the Library Committee of the Legislative Council, in accordance with the Assembly's Resolution of the 6th August, 1862,—put and passed.
 Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. Speaker, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Sir James Martin, Mr. Piddington, Captain Onslow, Mr. Greville, Mr. John Robertson, and Mr. Lackey.
15. **PAPERS**:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table:—
 (1.) Despatch in reply to Parliamentary Address respecting Terminus of Suez Postal Service.
 (2.) Return to an Address adopted on 22nd April, 1873, in reference to Female Teachers employed in Roman Catholic Schools.
 Ordered to be printed.
16. **STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Standing Orders Committee for the present Session shall consist of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Lackey, Sir James Martin, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Thomas Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Captain Onslow, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority and power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to examine witnesses, and to report in any matter or thing referred to, or pending before, the said Committee; and to confer upon subjects of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
 Question put and passed.
17. **REFRESHMENT ROOM COMMITTEE** (*Sessional Order*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That a Refreshment Room Committee be appointed for the present Session, to consist of Mr. Macleay, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Wearne, Mr. John Robertson, Sir James Martin, and the Mover, with leave to sit during any adjournment, and authority to act in matters of mutual concernment with any Committee appointed for similar purposes by the Legislative Council.
 Question put and passed.
18. **NEWSPAPER POSTAGE ABOLITION BILL**:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the imposition of Postage Rates on Newspapers.
 Question put and passed.
19. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL**:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, tomorrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Friendly and other Mutual Benefit Societies.
 Question put and passed.
20. **DISTRICT COUNCILS BILL**:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish District Councils.
 Question put and passed.
21. **MR. MOODY, LATE RAILWAY TRAFFIC MANAGER**:—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the dismissal or removal of Mr. Moody from the office of Railway Traffic Manager.
 Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rails for Railway Extensions:—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have Rails been ordered from England for the Railway Extensions-sanctioned by Parliament during last Session, and if so—
- (1.) When was the order sent?
 - (2.) What was the quantity ordered?
 - (3.) At what periods are the Rails to be delivered?
 - (4.) What is the description and weight of Rail?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Rails have been ordered from England for the length from Goulburn to Yass.

- (1.) On the 13th day of July last.
 - (2.) 6,600 tons.
 - (3.) 1,000 tons within four months from the date of signing the contract; 1,000 tons during each succeeding month, for a period of five months; and 600 tons in the tenth month.
 - (4.) Single-headed rails, weighing 70 lbs. per yard.
- (2.) Mr. J. H. Thomas:—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to offer Mr. J. H. Thomas an appointment equivalent to that which he held when his office was abolished?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—At the time when the office held by Mr. Thomas was abolished he was offered an appointment as a Railway Trial Surveyor, with a salary of £300 and an equipment allowance of £200 a year. Mr. Thomas declined to accept this situation, and the Government have no other to offer.

- (3.) Railway from Goulburn to Yass:—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What time has been allowed to the Contractor for the completion of the Railway from Goulburn to the neighbourhood of Yass?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The time allowed to the Contractor for the completion of the Railway from Goulburn to the neighbourhood of Yass, is until 31st December, 1875.

- (4.) Railway from Bathurst to Orange:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Are the surveys of the Great Western line of Railway from Bathurst to Orange completed?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to adopt the line passing through Blayney?
 - (3.) When will the plans, &c., be laid upon the Table of this House?
 - (4.) When do the Government intend to invite tenders for the construction of the same?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) No decision can be arrived at until the completion of the surveys.
- (3.) In about six weeks.
- (4.) As soon as the necessary working plans and sections are ready, which will be not later than January next.

(5.)

(5.) The Reverend Mr. Currey :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—If he will lay upon the Table all Correspondence between the Rev. Mr. Currey and himself in reference to the Registrar General's refusal to place him on the list of persons authorized to celebrate marriages?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I do not find that there is in my office any correspondence whatever, in addition to that already laid before Parliament, in reference to the Registrar General's refusal to place Mr. Currey amongst the persons authorized to celebrate marriages. There is other correspondence with Mr. Currey, relating to entirely different subjects, and it is possible the Honorable Member's question is not on the subject on which he wants information.

2. RETURN OF WRIT :—The Speaker reported that the Writ issued by him on the 13th August, 1873, for the election of a Member to serve for the Electoral District of Mudgee, in the room of the Honorable Joseph George Long Innes, Esquire, resigned, had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon of the election of Joseph Graham O'Connor, Esquire, to serve as such Member.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table :—

(1.) Regulation under authority of the Funded Stock Act of 1873.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 18th February, 1873, in reference to Customs Seizure at Wagga Wagga.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table, Road Trust Accounts for the half-year ended 31st December, 1872.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table :—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 2nd April, 1873, in reference to the Parramatta Park.

(2.) Additional Regulations under the Crown Lands Occupation Act of 1861, and amendment Act of 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

4. NEWSPAPER POSTAGE ABOLITION BILL :—Mr. Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to abolish the imposition of Postage Rates on Newspapers*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hoskins, to be printed.

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

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

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

"George Wigram Allen, Esquire,
"Stephen Campbell Brown, Esquire,
"Richard Driver, Esquire,
"Richard Hill, Esquire,

"John Lackey, Esquire,
"James Henry Neale, Esquire, and
"John Stewart, 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 eleventh day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three.

"W. M. ARNOLD,
"Speaker."

7. EQUITY CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Butler moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Procedure and Practice of the Supreme Court in its Equitable and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, and in matters of Lunacy and Infancy.
Question put and passed.
8. CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Butler moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend in certain respects the Criminal Law.
Question put and passed.
9. LUNACY BILL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Insane.
Question put and passed.
10. WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY WATER-FRONTAGE COMPENSATION BILL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize certain grants of land to be made by way of compensation for losses of water-frontage in Woolloomooloo Bay.
Question put and passed.

11. **IMPORTED STOCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871.
Question put and passed.
12. **MINING BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the Regulation of Mining.
Question put and passed.
13. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
Question put and passed.
14. **LAW OF EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law of Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases.
Question put and passed.
15. **GOLD FIELDS BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the laws relating to the Gold Fields.
Question put and passed.
16. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
17. **LAW OF EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
18. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Friendly and other Mutual Benefit Societies;—and that *Mr. Driver* do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole for this day only.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Driver* reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Friendly and other Mutual Benefit Societies.
On motion of Mr. Parkes that Report was adopted.
19. **HISTORY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this "House," the non-teaching of History in our Public Schools is a defect well calculated to impair the usefulness and efficiency of our system of public education.
(2.) That the Government should forthwith adopt means by which instruction in History shall be imparted in all schools subsidized by the State, particularly the History of England.
(3.) That the above Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words of the first Resolution after the word "House," and by the omission of the whole of the second Resolution,—with a view to the insertion of the words "the Government should bring under the notice of the Council of Education the defect in the system of primary instruction which is caused by the omission of the teaching of History, and obtain a Report from the Council on the subject, to be laid before Parliament."
Debate continued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should bring under the notice of the Council of Education the defect in the system of primary instruction which is caused by the omission of the teaching of History, and obtain a Report from the Council on the subject, to be laid before Parliament.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—put and passed.
20. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL**:—Mr. Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Friendly and other Mutual Benefit Societies,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
21. **CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES**:—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That Richard Driver, Esquire, be Chairman of Committees of the Whole House during the present Session.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Driver made his acknowledgments to the House.
The House adjourned, at a quarter before Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Orphan Schools:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When, and how, do the Government intend carrying into effect the Resolution of this House of Tuesday, February 25, 1873, relative to Orphan Schools?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find that, in answer to a similar question on the 9th April last, I stated that the Government had decided to introduce, during this Session, a Bill to deal with this subject.

- (2.) Religious Services on Hyde Park:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the police interfered with a gentleman who was engaged conducting an open air religious service in Hyde Park, on a Sunday some short time ago, by ordering him to move on?

(2.) If the Colonial Secretary knows nothing of this, will he make such inquiry as to enable him either to admit or deny the truth of it?

(3.) In the event of its being true, will the Colonial Secretary adopt such precautions as will prevent a repetition of such interference?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Inspector General of Police informs me that he has no knowledge of any such interference, and all the police recently on duty in Hyde Park deny having interfered with any gentleman conducting a religious service.

(2.) The police have occasion frequently to request persons to move on, and prevent obstruction, when they congregate on the footways in the park to engage in controversial disputes.

- (3.) The Divorce Court:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place any sum of money on the Estimates for payment of the officers of the Divorce Court?

Mr. Butler answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to place any sum on the Estimates until they have some experience of the working and requirements of this Court.

- (4.) Road from Bathurst to Tambaroora and Hill End:—Mr. Cummings asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—The amount of money (if any) that has been expended for the repairs of the road from Bathurst *via* Kellosheel to Tambaroora and Hill End, out of the amount voted by this House last Session for the repairs of said road?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—£2,009 0s. 6d. has been expended on the road from Bathurst *via* Kellosheel to Tambaroora and Hill End out of the amount voted by this House last Session.

- (5.) Free Railway Passes:—Mr. Webb asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has a free Railway pass been issued to the Proprietor, Editor, Reporter, or Agent of any of the Western Newspapers; if so, when, to whom, for what length of time, and under what circumstances?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Free passes for single journeys have been issued, on application, to gentlemen connected with the Western newspapers, in accordance with a practice which has prevailed since the opening of the Railway. I find that the *Bathurst Times*, the *Western Independent*, and the *Mudgee Times* have received these passes.

(6.)

- (6.) Trust Funds :—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Whether any Trust Funds in the hands of the Government were, in July last, or at any other time, invested in the purchase of Funded Stock created by the "Funded Stock Act of 1873?"
 - (2.) If so, what particular Trust Funds were used in such purchase, and what was the amount so used?
 - (3.) Were the funds so used already held by the Government without any liability to pay interest for their use?
 - (4.) To what persons or funds is the interest on the stock so purchased payable?
 - (5.) By what authority were these Trust Funds so invested?
 - (6.) By what authority did the Government incur a liability to pay interest in respect of these funds?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) Yes, on 10th July last.
- (2.) £30,000 on account of "Government Savings Banks Deposits;" £90,000 (proceeds of land sold) on account of "Clergy and Schools Estates Fund."
- (3.) In the case of the Savings Bank Deposits, a liability to pay interest to depositors, at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, is created by the 7th section of the "Government Savings Bank Act of 1870." In the other case the liability is created by the authority of the Government.
- (4.) The interest on the Savings Bank Deposits will be credited to the account of that fund, to meet the interest payable to depositors. The interest on the "Clergy and School Estates Fund" investment is payable to those interested, in the following proportions, viz. :—
Five-sevenths among the Religious Denominations provided by the Charter.
Two-sevenths in aid of Public Instruction.
- (5.) The Savings Bank Deposits were invested under the authority of the 5th section of the Government Savings Bank Act of 1870; the other Trust Funds by the authority of the Government.
- (6.) In the one case under an Act of Parliament, in the other by the authority of the Government.

- (7.) Kiama Harbour :—Sir James Martin asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any contract been made for the enlarging, deepening, and completing Kiama Harbour, for which the sum of £21,560 was appropriated last Session; and, if so, when was such contract made?
- (2.) What amount of money has been paid to the Contractor out of the said sum of £21,560?
- (3.) How many men are now engaged on the works?
- (4.) How many officers, paid by the Government, are superintending these works at Kiama, and what are their names and salaries?
- (5.) What is the nature of the work now in progress?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) An offer has been received from Mr. Wakeford, and accepted, for the enlarging and completing of Kiama Harbour Works, but no formal contract has as yet been signed.
- (2.) No money has been as yet paid to Mr. Wakeford on account of this work.
- (3.) Twenty-six men, but a much larger number will be immediately employed on the works.
- (4.) Mr. Anderson is the only officer in charge of this work, but he has also to attend to all the other works carried on by the Department of Harbours and Rivers to the South of Sydney. His salary is £550 per annum.
- (5.) Excavation, for deepening new basin and lowering road or quay on southern side of basin.

- (8.) Menangle Bridge :—Mr. John Hurley (*Narellan*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What steps have been taken for the re-construction of the Menangle Bridge?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—There has not been any money at the disposal of the Government for the re-construction of the Menangle Bridge, but the sum of £500 will be placed on the Estimates for 1874 for this work.

- (9.) Great Western Railway :—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What steps the Government have taken with reference to the completion of Nos. 8 and 9 contracts of the Great Western Railway?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No. 8 contract is completed. For the completion of No. 9, and the extension into Bathurst (contract No. 10), tenders are invited in this day's *Gazette*.

- (10.) Colonial Wines :—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What reply (if any) has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the memorial transmitted to him, through His Excellency the Governor, on the 14th of February last, from the Representatives of the Governments of all the Australian Colonies, on the subject of the duty charged on Australian Wines imported into the United Kingdom?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No despatch on this subject has reached the Colonial Secretary's office.

2. RAILWAY LABOURERS :—Sir James Martin presented a Petition from certain Railway Labourers, praying that the remaining works connected with the extension of the Railway to Bathurst may be proceeded with at once.
Petition received.
3. PAPER :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to an Address, adopted on 15th April, 1873, in reference to the Volunteer Artillery Force—Gunner Williamson.
Ordered to be printed.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence, for eight days, be granted to Joseph George Raphael, Esquire, a Member for West Sydney, on account of illness.
Question put and passed.

5. **PERMISSIVE LIQUOR BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Wearne Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to restrain the common retail sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to restrain the common retail sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors.
On motion of Mr. Wearne that Report was adopted.
6. **GOLD FIELDS BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Buchanan Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Gold Fields.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the laws relating to the Gold Fields.
On motion of Mr. Buchanan that Report was adopted.
(2.) Mr. Buchanan then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Laws relating to the Gold Fields*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 3rd October.
7. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL**,—on motion of Mr. Buchanan read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Buchanan Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Buchanan, that the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
8. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Law of Evidence Amendment Bill postponed; on motion of Mr. Buchanan, until Friday, 26th September.
9. **ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND LAW**:—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the administration and working of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts of 1861.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Creed, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Rodd, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Stewart, and the Mover.
(3.) That the Progress Reports and Evidence on the same subject, laid upon the Table of this House, and ordered to be printed on the 6th August, 1872, and 24th April, 1873, be referred to the said Committee.
Question put and passed.
10. **THE CASE OF HENDERSON**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Petitions, Letters, Minutes of the Executive Council, and all papers in any way bearing upon the liberation of the prisoner Henderson, found guilty of aiding and abetting one Roberts in Fraudulent Insolvency, and sentenced to imprisonment in Darlinghurst Gaol for a period of one year.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL**:—
(1.) The Order of the day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Butler, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend in certain respects the Criminal Law.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend in certain respects the Criminal Law.
On motion of Mr. Butler that Report was adopted.
(2.) Mr. Butler then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend in certain respects the Criminal Law*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at sixteen minutes before Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 5.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Passenger Trains:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Lucas*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What is the cost per mile of running the following passenger trains, viz.:—From Sydney to Goulburn; from Sydney to Raglan; and from Newcastle to Murrurundi?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

From Sydney to Goulburn, 3s. 4d. per mile.

From Sydney to Raglan, 3s. 1d. per mile.

From Newcastle to Murrurundi, 3s. 1½d. per mile.

(2.) Public Charities Commission:—*Mr. Stewart* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When, and for what period, was the Commission appointed to inquire into Public Charities?

(2.) What extensions of time have been granted?

(3.) Are members of the Commission paid for their services; and, if so, at what rate?

(4.) When is the final report expected?

(5.) What expenditure has already been incurred on account of this Commission?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Commission was appointed on the 8th April, with instructions to report within a period of four months, or as soon after as could be conveniently done, using all diligence. The Commission, however, did not commence business till the 1st May, in order to secure the attendance of two Members of this House, after the prorogation of Parliament.

(2.) No extension of time has been granted; but on the 26th August the Commission were requested to send in their Report on the Infirmary at once, and their final Report within a month from that date, or as soon after as possible.

(3.) Yes. The President receives fees at the rate of £4 4s., the non-official members at the rate of £3 3s., and the official members at the rate of £1 11s. 6d. for each sitting. Those members of the Commission who are also Members of Parliament receive no fees.

(4.) The Report on the Infirmary will probably be laid upon the Table within a week, and the final Report will be furnished by the Commission as speedily as possible.

(5.) Fees to members, up to the present date, have amounted to £751 16s.; salary to the secretary and incidental expenses to £123 11s. 8d.; and the expenses of short-hand writing to £466 4s.

(3.) Road between Adelong and the Great Southern Road:—*Mr. Hoskins* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What amount of money has been disbursed by the Roads Department, between January 1st and August 31st, 1873, in forming and repairing the road between the Township of Adelong and the Great Southern Road?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—£178 1s. 2d. Works to the full amount of money voted are now in progress.

(4.)

- (4.) Road between Gundagai and Tumut:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What amount of money has been disbursed by the Roads Department in forming and repairing the road between the Townships of Gundagai and Tumut, between January 1st and August 31st, 1873?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—£478 Gs. 7d. Works to the full amount of money voted are now in progress.
- (5.) Coal from Lithgow Valley Mines:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—How many tons of Coal were brought by Rail from the Lithgow Valley Mines to Sydney, from the date of their first opening to the 5th instant?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—There have been 1,393 tons so brought.
- (6.) Railway Extensions:—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) When are the plans of the railway extensions to Wagga Wagga, Orange, and Tamworth to be submitted to Parliament for approval?
(2.) When are the rails required for these extensions to be ordered from England?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—
(1.) It is expected that the plans and sections of the extensions named will be submitted to Parliament as follows:—Extension to Wagga Wagga, by the middle of October; extensions to Orange and Tamworth, by the end of October.
(2.) An order for a portion of the rails required will be sent to England by next mail. It is not considered advisable to place the whole in the market at once.
- (7.) Volunteer Rifle Corps, Bulli:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Has any application or memorial been made to, or received by, the Government, or at the Brigade Office, from or on behalf of Residents at or in the neighbourhood of Bulli, for permission to form a corps or sub-division of Volunteer Rifles?
(2.) If so, what course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
Mr. Parkes answered,—Such an application has been received by the Government, and the matter is now under consideration.
- (8.) Liverpool Reservoir:—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What time has already been consumed in re-constructing the Reservoir at Liverpool; the name of the Engineer or other party who designed the plan of re-construction; the cost of the work up to the present time; the probable total cost, and when it is likely to be finished?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—About the 27th of February the natural bank of the river, at the east end of the dam at Liverpool, was carried away by the flood. Tenders were invited to be opened on the 6th May following, for the extension of the dam across the new portion of the channel, and the tender of D. Sheehy was accepted on the same day. Subsequently the contractor refused to proceed with his contract, and fresh tenders were invited, to be opened on the 27th May, and the tender of Mr. Chowne was accepted on the 10th June. The new portion of the dam is to be constructed on the same plan as the former one, which withstood the flood, and which was designed and constructed by the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers. The total cost to the present time has been £1,850 5s. 9d.; the work is to be finished by the 10th December, 1873, at an estimated cost of £4,500 for the whole. A temporary dam had also to be made to preserve fresh water for the Town of Liverpool and the manufactories in its neighbourhood, in the construction of which many difficulties were encountered from the friable nature of the sand in the bed and banks of the river, as well as from the frequent floods (seven in all) which occurred during the progress of the work.
- (9.) Volunteer Land Orders:—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Volunteer Land Orders for this year be issued?
Mr. Parkes answered,—The Volunteer Land Orders, the claims for which have accrued this year, cannot, under the Volunteer Regulations, section 57, be issued until after the 31st December next, in consequence of the Certificate of Efficiency not being obtainable until after the 31st December of every year.
2. PERMISSIVE LIQUOR BILL:—Mr. Wearne presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to restrain the Common Retail Sale of Fermented and Spirituous Liquors*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 26th September.
3. BATHURST CATTLE SALE YARDS BILL:—Mr. Combes presented a Petition from the Borough Council of Bathurst, the promoters of this Bill, praying for leave (*under Standing Order 64^b*) to proceed with the Bill in this Session of Parliament.
Petition received.
4. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, Report from the Examiner of Coal Fields on the condition and prospects of the Coal Fields, together with the Reports of the Inspector of Collieries on the state of the various Coal and Kerosene Shale Mines in New South Wales and accidents therein,—for the year 1872.
Ordered to be printed.
5. MRS. ISABEL BARON:—Mr. Rodd presented a Petition from Isabel Baron, wife of William Henry Baron, at present a patient in the Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville, representing that her husband held the appointment of Resident Engineer, Clarence River, which office was abolished in the year 1865 without any compensation being awarded for loss of office; and praying the House to take the case into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.
6. WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY WATER-FRONTAGE COMPENSATION BILL:—Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize certain Grants of Land to be made by way of compensation for losses of Water-frontage in Woolloomooloo Bay*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 24th September.

7. MINERAL SELECTIONS OF BARNES, PHILLIPS AND Co.—Mr. Macleay moved, pursuant to Notice That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and other documents relating to the claim of Messrs. Barnes, Phillips & Co. to certain mineral lands, selected by them on the 23rd and 24th of July, 1872, in the Burril Ranges, County of Wellington.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
8. JAMES BURNS, LATE RAILWAY STATION MASTER AT EAST MAITLAND :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, and all papers or other documents, having reference to the removal of James Burns, late Railway Station Master at East Maitland.
Question put and passed.
9. DEPUTY SPEAKER'S COMMISSION TO ADMINISTER THE OATH :—Mr. Speaker reported that he had received a Commission, under the Seal of the Colony, dated 15th September, 1873, and signed by His Excellency the Governor, empowering Richard Driver, Esquire, Chairman of Committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the absence of the Speaker, to administer to Members the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance required by law.
10. BATHURST CATTLE SALE YARDS BILL (*See entry 3 on page 2*) :—Mr. Combes moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a first time.
Ordered, that the second reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 26th September.
11. TOLLS ON PUBLIC ROADS :—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish the collection of Tolls on all the public roads throughout the Colony under the control of the Government.
Question put and passed.
12. CLAIM OF MR STEPHEN SCHOLEY :—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed "to inquire into and report upon the Claim of Mr. Stephen Scholey," brought up and ordered to be printed on the 21st April, 1873, be now adopted.
Debate ensued.
- Interruption.*
13. MEMBER SWORN :—Joseph Graham O'Connor, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and Subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of Mudgee.
14. CLAIM OF MR. STEPHEN SCHOLEY :—The Debate on this Question,—interrupted by the proceeding recorded in entry 13,—resumed.
Question put and passed.
15. FEMALE TEACHERS IN ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS :—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of Instructions to Inspectors, Minutes of Council, Reports, Correspondence, and other documents relating to or consequent upon any objections raised against the examination of females employed as Teachers in Roman Catholic Schools under the Public Schools Act.
Question put and passed.
16. PAPER :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the Time-Table of the India, China, Australia, and Japan Mail Packet Services, for the Half-year ending December, 1873.
Ordered to be printed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 6.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Denison Bridge, Bathurst:—Mr. Webb asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is he aware that the approaches to the Denison Bridge at Bathurst are dangerous, and that the fence lately erected for protection has been placed at the foot of the embankment?
 (2.) Will the Government take immediate steps to widen the said approaches, and cause a fence to be erected on each side of the roadway, on the top of the embankment?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that the approaches to Denison Bridge are dangerous; the fence lately erected is to prevent cattle and horses injuring the embankment.
 (2.) It has been recommended by the local officer of the Roads Department that a substantial fence be erected, which will be done when funds are available.
- (2.) Clarence River and Chambigne Gold Fields:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) When will the leases on the Clarence River Gold Fields be issued?
 (2.) When will the Chambigne Gold Field be proclaimed?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) As soon as possible after the receipt of survey.
 (2.) The Proclamation of the Chambigne Gold Field having been approved by the Executive Council, will appear in the *Gazette* of Friday next.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table:—

- (1.) Returns under Real Property Act,—for 1872.
 (2.) Return to an Address, adopted on 12th September, 1873, in reference to Henderson's case.
 (3.) Conventions with Victoria and South Australia relative to Murray River Customs Duties.
 (4.) Correspondence respecting Intercolonial Commercial Reciprocity.
 (5.) Correspondence relating to Investment of Trust Funds in Colonial Government Securities.
 (6.) Regulations for the promotion of Immigration.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table, Regulations for keeping the Public Account by a Bank or Banks in London.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table:—

- (1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1,—from 20th April to September, 1873.
 (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale, until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply, or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1.
 (3.) Report from Messrs. Richardson and Wrench on the Valuation of the Field of Mars Common.

Ordered to be printed.

3. DENILIQUIN AND MOAMA RAILWAY BILL :—
 (1.) Mr. Hay presented a Petition from the promoters of this Bill, praying for leave (*under Standing Order 64th*) to proceed with this Bill in this Session of Parliament.
 Petition received.
 (2.) Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Hay, Bill read a first time.
 (3.) Mr. Hay then moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 Ordered to be read a third time on Friday, 17th October.
4. JAMES DAW :—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from James Daw, of Kent-street, Sydney, claiming to be the first discoverer of Tin in this Colony; and praying the House to take the allegations of his Petition into consideration, with a view to his being rewarded for his exertions in connection with such discovery.
 Petition received.
5. PAPER :—Mr. Speaker laid upon the Table, Abstracts of the Public Accounts for the year 1872, together with the Auditor General's Report thereon, transmitted to the Legislative Assembly in conformity with the provisions of the 38th clause of the Audit Act, 33 Vic. No. 18.
 Ordered, on motion of Mr. Stewart, to be printed.
6. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Newspaper Postage Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill.
7. EQUITY CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL :—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Butler, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Procedure and Practice of the Supreme Court in its Equitable and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, and in matters of Lunacy and Infancy.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Procedure and Practice of the Supreme Court in its Equitable and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, and in matters of Lunacy and Infancy.
 On motion of Mr. Butler that report was adopted.
 (2.) Mr. Butler then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the law respecting the Procedure and Practice of the Supreme Court in its Equitable and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, and in matters of Lunacy and Infancy*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
8. LUNACY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Insane.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Insane.
 On motion of Mr. Parkes that report was adopted.
9. IMPORTED STOCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—
 (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871.
 On motion of Mr. Farnell that report was adopted.
 (2.) Mr. Farnell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Imported Stock Act of 1871*,"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 25th September.
10. MINING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the Regulation of Mining.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Regulation of Mining.
 On motion of Mr. Farnell that report was adopted.
11. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Friendly Societies Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Newspaper Postage Abolition Bill.
12. CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Butler moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until To-morrow.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.

13. **NEWSPAPER POSTAGE ABOLITION BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tecco,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Warden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. R. B. Smith.
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Thomas Robertson.
Mr. Terry,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hurley (*Central
Cumberland*),

Tellers.

Mr. Hill,
Mr. Hannell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

14. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and negatived.

Original Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

15. **LUNACY BILL**:—Mr. Parkes *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Insane*,"—which was read a first time.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Toll-bars at Campbell's Hill and Black Creek :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The amount received during the year 1872, and the amount received during the half-year ending the 30th June, 1873, respectively, from the Toll-bars at Campbell's Hill and Black Creek ?

(2.) The amount expended during the like periods, and in what localities, in repairs and other improvements on the Great Northern Road, between Campbell's Hill and Black Creek ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

Amounts received for the year 1872—

From Campbell's Hill Toll-bar	...	...	...	...	£953	0	0
From Black Creek Toll-bar	...	...	...	...	254	0	0

For the half-year ending 30th June, 1873—

From Campbell's Hill Toll-bar	...	...	...	...	401	10	0
From Black Creek Toll-bar	...	...	...	...	102	10	0

The amount expended in maintenance and repairs at Victoria Bridge, Anvil Creek Bridge, Campbell's Hill, Lochinvar, West Maitland to Lochinvar, and Red House to Black Creek, has been

804 5 8

And works are now in progress to the amount of

433 15 0

(2.) Volunteer Land Orders :—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that numerous applications for certificates for Land Orders by Volunteers of five years efficient service, lodged with the Commandant within the last two months, have not been complied with ; and, if so, is it the intention of the Government to cause the said certificates to be issued ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have been informed by Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson that numerous applications have been received, but certificates of efficiency cannot be issued to the applicants until after the 31st December next.

(3.) Free Railway Passes :—Mr. Webb asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The dates, respectively, on which free railway passes were given to any person connected with the *Western Independent*, from the earliest to the latest date inclusive ?

(2.) The name of each person so obtaining such passes ?

(3.) The journeys, respectively, for which such passes were given ?

(4.) The name of the officer who authorized the issue of such passes ?

(5.) The amount of money which would have been paid for such journeys if they had been charged for ?

(6.) The like information in respect of the *Bathurst Times* and the *Mudgee Times* ?

(7.) What was the particular " opening of the Railway " since which free passes have been given to persons connected with the Western newspapers ?

(8.) When did the practice of giving free passes to Western newspapers begin, who authorized such practice, and who first received a free pass under it ?

(9.) Has a communication been received from the proprietors of the *Bathurst Times*, to the effect that the free pass issued to a gentleman on their staff was applied for and obtained without their consent or knowledge. Have they requested the Minister or Commissioner to cancel the said pass ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will lay upon the Table, either to-morrow or on Tuesday, a Return giving in detail the information which the Honorable Member desires.

(4.)

- (4.) The Circular Quay :—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have tenders for the proposed improvements to the Circular Quay been advertised for by the Government?
 - (2.) If so, has the Colonial Secretary any objection to lay upon the Table of this House the plan and specification adopted as the basis of such tender?
 - (3.) When is this important work likely to be entered upon?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—
- (1.) Tenders for the construction of proposed jetties at the Circular Quay, according to one set of plans and specifications, were called for on the 4th August, and on the second of this month six tenders were received. Other plans are in course of preparation for carrying out the projected improvements by works essentially different in design and construction; and it is proposed to call for tenders upon this second set of plans, in order to ascertain the difference of cost between the two proposals.
 - (2.) The plans will be laid upon the Table before the tenders are accepted.
 - (3.) The commencement of the work will not be delayed beyond the time necessary to satisfy the Government as to the best and most economical of the several proposals that have been submitted for consideration; and probably the work will be commenced in November or December.
2. PAPER :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, First Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into, and report upon, the working and management of the Public Charities of the Colony.
Ordered to be printed.
3. JAMES DAW (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 17th September, from James Daw, be printed.
Question put and passed.
4. MRS. ISABEL BARON (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Rodd moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 16th September, from Mrs. Isabel Baron, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. RAILWAY LABOURERS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th September, from certain Railway Labourers, praying that the incompleting works on the Great Western Railway may be proceeded with at once, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS :—
- (1.) *Maturity of Warrant, Reported*:—Mr. Speaker reported that his Warrant appointing the Committee of Elections and Qualifications for the present Session, laid upon the Table on Thursday, 11th September, 1873, not having been disapproved by the Assembly in the course of the three next sitting days on which the Assembly met for the dispatch of business, had now taken effect as an appointment of such Committee, and intimated that it was therefore open to Members of the Committee to be sworn at the Table by the Clerk, in accordance with the 70th section of the Electoral Act of 1858.
 - (2.) *Members of Committee Sworn*:—Whereupon Richard Driver and John Stewart, Esquires, came to the Table, and were sworn by the Clerk as Members of the said Committee.
7. CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill,—
Debate resumed.
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Butler, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next.
8. NEWSPAPER POSTAGE ABOLITION BILL,—on motion of Mr. Parkes, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to abolish the imposition of Postage Rates on Newspapers.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to abolish the imposition of Postage Rates on Newspapers,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th September, 1873.
9. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*) that Report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the Report from a Committee of the Whole on the Matrimonial Causes Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Stewart, until Friday, 26th September.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 8.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Rev. J. S. Hassall:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Has any Government stipend been paid to the Rev. J. S. Hassall, or on his account, since he became insolvent?

(2.) If so, to whom, and when?

(3.) Is it true that Mr. Hassall has left this Colony and is now officiating in Queensland?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find that the last payment to Mr. Hassall, as Chaplain to the Berrima Gaol, was for the month of July last. Since then he has not held that office. Whether any stipend has been paid to him by the Bishop I am not at present able to ascertain. The Colonial Secretary's Office has communicated with the Bishop's Registrar, but has not yet obtained any answer. I will make inquiry at the Treasury on Monday, but I doubt whether I can get the necessary information there. I believe it is quite true that Mr. Hassall is now officiating in the Colony of Queensland.

- (2.) Obstructions on Road from Nine-mile Creek to Singleton:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What action has been taken by the Government towards removing the obstructions caused by fallen timber on the road from Nine-Mile Creek to Singleton?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Complaints having been made of the road in question, Mr. Loder, who felled the timber, was asked, on the 21st February last, to remove it. He replied, denying the total obstruction, and offered to clear the road for £25. This offer was accepted, subject to certain conditions—subsequently modified—which Mr. Loder refused to comply with, except in a way which could not be permitted. Some action will be immediately taken by the Government in reference to this matter.

- (3.) Immigration Regulations:—*Mr. Cunneen*, on behalf of Mr. Jacob, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to the existing Immigration Regulations, and the Treasury notice of 13th June last relative thereto,—

How many nominations have been received under the former, up to the present time, by persons intending to remit the necessary deposits themselves to the Agent General; and how many nominations have been made by persons under the notice who at the same time paid the required deposits to the Agent for Immigration here; specifying in both class of cases the residences of the nominators and the number of nominees?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) No nominations, as far as I am able to ascertain, have been made by persons intending to remit the necessary deposit to the Agent General.

(2.) 128 nominations have been made by 74 persons who have paid the required deposit to the Agent for Immigration. Of these persons 45 reside in the City and Suburbs, and 29 in the Country Districts.

(4.)

- (4.) Volunteer Land Orders :—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is a person who has selected Crown Land in virtue of a Volunteer Land Order regarded by the Government as a holder of land in fee simple within the meaning of the 22nd section of the Act 25 Victoria No. 1, before such selection has been approved and the grant actually issued?
 - (2.) What is the nature or duration of the residence required of a person selecting under a Volunteer Land Order to enable him to select adjoining land in terms of the said clause?
 - (3.) Will the Government take cognizance of the breach or alleged breach of the residence condition, in cases of selections of adjoining lands by the holders of Volunteer Land Orders, before the expiration of three years from the date of selection?
 - (4.) If so, when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) No; because the selection may in the meantime prove to be unavailable, and be disallowed. If approved, and the grant actually issued, they then come within the meaning of the 22nd section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1, and not otherwise.
 - (2.) There is no distinction between the residence required on fee simple lands acquired by Volunteer Land Orders and lands acquired otherwise. The residence required is *bona fide* residence within the meaning of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1.
 - (3.) The Government take cognizance of breach of the conditions of the Act, and will require *bona fide* residence by the holders.
 - (4.) On the facts becoming known.
2. PETITION OF JAMES TWADDELL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the recommendations of the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of James Twaddell, brought up on the 17th March, 1873.
Question put and passed.
3. LETTERS OF REGISTRATION OF INVENTIONS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Letters of Registration of Inventions.
Question put and passed.
4. UNLAWFUL PROMISES BILL (*Formal Motion*):—
- (1.) Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to render certain promises unlawful and void.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Stewart then *presented* the Bill, intituled "*A Bill to render certain Promises unlawful and void*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 3rd October.
5. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—Stephen Campbell Brown, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
6. TOLLS ON PUBLIC ROADS ABOLITION BILL:—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Nelson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish the collection of Tolls on all the public roads throughout the Colony under the control of the Government.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to abolish the collection of Tolls on all the public roads throughout the Colony under the control of the Government.
On motion of Mr. Nelson that Report was adopted.
 - (2.) Mr. Nelson then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to abolish the collection of Tolls on certain Public Roads*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 10th October.
7. WORKING OF MUNICIPALITIES:—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the present working and financial position of the Municipalities as now incorporated; such inquiry to include the Municipal Council of Sydney.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Tunks, Mr. Thomas Robertson, Mr. Webb, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Teece, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Burns, Mr. Hannell, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at five minutes after Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Accommodation, Singleton Show:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has any satisfactory report been received from the Traffic Manager at Newcastle with reference to complaints as to the bad provision made for Railway accommodation on the occasion of the last Singleton Show; and, if so, has he any objection to lay the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A report, which is considered to be satisfactory, has been received from the Assistant Traffic Manager, and I have no objection to lay a copy of the same upon the Table of the House.

- (2.) Light Houses, Barrenjoey and Seal Rocks:—*Mr. Booth* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it the intention of the Government to erect the permanent Light Houses on Barrenjoey, and also the proposed Light House in the vicinity of Seal Rocks?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Tenders will be invited for the permanent Light House on Barrenjoey as soon as the money to be placed on the Estimates for 1874 is voted by this House; and those for the proposed Light House in the vicinity of the Seal Rocks will be called for as soon as the site is finally determined upon. There is a difference of opinion between the Government and the Marine Board as to the best site for the Light House.

- (3.) Leased Lands, Patrick's Plains:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return ordered on 11th February, 1873, relative to leased lands in the District of Patrick's Plains, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Farnell answered,—To-morrow.

2. RAILWAY FROM THE CLARENCE TO NEW ENGLAND:—*Mr. Bawden* presented a Petition from certain Residents of the Clarence District, praying the House to take into consideration the expediency of constructing a Railway from the Clarence to New England.
Petition received.

3. TRIAL BAY AS A HARBOUR OF REFUGE:—*Mr. R. B. Smith* presented a Petition from *Mr. E. W. Rudder*, praying the House to consider the question of forming a Harbour of Refuge at Trial Bay. And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of *Mr. Speaker*,—*Mr. Smith* moved, That the Petition be received.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS:—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table:—

- (1.) Report from the Assistant Traffic Manager of the Great Northern Railway with reference to complaints as to the bad provision made for Railway accommodation on the occasion of the late Singleton Show.

- (2.) Return of Free Railway Passes issued to members of the Press, from September, 1868, to 23rd September, 1873.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, made on 8th April, 1873, in reference to the case of *W. J. Steere* and *John Quinn*.
Ordered to be printed.

5. **ROADS BILL** ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the management of the Roads of the Colony.
Question put and passed.
6. **THE RAILWAY DEPARTMENT** :—Captain Onslow moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Evidence given before the Select Committee on the Civil Service, during the last Session, by Mr. Moody, Mr. Byrnes, and the Honorable Mr. Sutherland and other witnesses (one of whom has since been removed from his office), together with the Correspondence on the same subject between the Honorable Secretary for Works, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Holroyd, which was published in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, is of so extraordinary a nature as to necessitate a searching investigation into the management and working of the Railway Department.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 3.
Mr. Forster,
Tellers.
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Macleay.

Noes, 33.
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Butler,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hurley, (*Narellan*)
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Booth,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Moscs,
Mr. Warden,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Lucas,
Tellers.
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Stephen Brown.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put,—
And Division called for,—
But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the affirmative.
Bill read a third time, and, on motion of Mr. Parkes, *passed*.
Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Friendly and other Mutual Benefit Societies.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Friendly and other Mutual Benefit Societies,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd September, 1873.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Californian Mail Service:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. John Robertson, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When does the Government intend to lay upon the Table of this House copies of the Correspondence on the subject of the Californian Mail Service, and copies of the various tenders received by the Government for its performance, and of all other communications connected therewith?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The only cause of delay in laying these papers before Parliament is a desire to complete them, by including a communication which is being daily expected. The probability is, that during this week that communication will be received, when the papers, in a complete form, will be laid before Parliament; but should any further delay take place in the receipt of that communication, the papers shall be laid before Parliament without it next week.

- (2.) Roadway from George-street to Pitt-street:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the propriety of opening for public traffic a path or roadway from George-street to Pitt-street, by the north side of the new General Post Office?

(2.) If so, what determination (if any) has been arrived at?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Requests have been made for the opening of a road by the Post Office from George-street to Pitt-street, but as yet no determination has been arrived at.

- (3.) Public Charities Commission:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Report from the Commission on Charities been received?

(2.) Did any of the Commissioners refuse to sign it?

(3.) If so, their names?

(4.) Did the members of the Commission who refused to sign the Report give their reasons for so doing?

(5.) Did any of the members of the Commission put in a protest against the Report?

(6.) Did the Chairman refuse to publish this protest with the Report?

Mr. Parkes answered;—In reply to the first section of the Honourable Member's questions, a report, described as the First Report from the Commission on the Sydney Infirmary, has been received, and was laid upon the Table of this House last Friday. In reply to the second section,—two Members of the Commission did not sign the report; their names do not appear to it. Those gentlemen are Mr. Samuel Goold and Mr. Wearne. I notice by the proceedings that Mr. Goold has appended a protest, which will be found entered there. With regard to the question as to whether the Chairman refused to publish the protest, I—not being a member of the Commission—am not in a position to say; but I find that a protest from Mr. Goold is entered upon the proceedings.

(4.)

- (4.) Road between Adelong and Tumut:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What amount of money was disbursed by the Roads Department, between January 1st and August 31st, 1873, in forming and repairing the road between the Townships of Adelong and Tumut?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—£340 15s.
- (5.) Valuation of land for Southern Railway:—Mr. Thomas Robertson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When the Government Valuator will be sent to inspect and appraise the land, being private property, through which the Southern Railway is about to pass?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—The usual notices in respect of the taking of these lands will be served in about three weeks, and as soon thereafter as the claims are made the land valuator will report upon them.
2. ELECTORATE OF THE BOGAN:—Mr. Lord presented a Petition from certain Electors, Freeholders, Householders, and Ratepayers of the Municipality of Forbes, praying that, in the event of a subdivision of the Electorate of the Bogan, a new Electorate may be created, to be called the "Electorate of Forbes."
Petition received.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Report of the Registrar General on the Statistical Results of the Census of 1871.
Ordered to be printed.
4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Jacob moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and negatived.
5. REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly.
Question put and passed.
6. RAILWAY FROM THE CLARENCE TO NEW ENGLAND ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 23rd September, from Residents of the Clarence District, relative to Railway communication from the Clarence River to New England, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. LEAVE OF ABSENCE ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for one month be granted to Richard Hill, Esquire, a Member for Canterbury.
Question put and passed.
8. TRIAL BAY AS A HARBOUR OF REFUGE ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Lucas, on behalf of Mr. R. B. Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. R. B. Smith on 23rd September, from Mr. E. W. Rudder, of East Kempsey, relative to the formation of a Harbour of Refuge at Trial Bay, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. WALKER AND CARLOW STREETS ENCLOSURE BILL ("Formal" Motion):—
(1.) Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the enclosure of part of Walker-street and a part of Carlow-street in the Town of St. Leonards.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Tunks then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the enclosure of part of Walker-street and part of Carlow-street in the Town of Saint Leonards,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 3rd October.
10. COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:—George Wigram Allen, John Lackey, and James Henry Neale, Esquires, came to the Table and were sworn by the Clerk as members of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.
11. REPRESENTATION OF THE COLONY IN LONDON:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Representation of the Colony in London.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. GENERAL ELECTIONS BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the issue of Writs for General Elections, and to limit the period during which it shall be lawful to delay the meeting of new Parliaments.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Parkes then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the issue of Writs for General Elections and to limit the period during which it shall be lawful to delay the meeting of Parliament thereafter,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
13. WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY WATER-FRONTAGE COMPENSATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Farnell (*with the concurrence of the House*) that Report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

14. **EQUITY CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Butler moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued,—and, on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, adjourned until to-morrow.
15. **LUNACY BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday, 2nd October.

The House adjourned, at a quarter after Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Flood-boats for Singleton:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Flood-boats, ordered to be built under the supervision of the local officer for Harbours and Rivers at Newcastle, for the town of Singleton, be completed?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No orders were given to build Flood-boats for the town of Singleton; but four Flood-boats are at present being built by the Maitland Council, under the supervision of a local officer of the Harbours and Rivers Department, for West Maitland and the Hunter River District.

- (2.) Samuel Baker, late Postmaster at Singleton:—*Mr. Scholey* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What amount of money did Samuel Baker, late Postmaster at Singleton, contribute to the Superannuation Fund?

(2.) Has his money been refunded?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) £42 13s. 4d.

(2.) No; under the 9th section of the "Superannuation Act Repeal Act" of this year, Mr. Baker is debarred from any claim for this refund, he "not being an officer in the Public Service at the time of the passing of the Act."

- (3.) Pilotage, Port Jackson:—*Mr. Booth* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to revise the present system of Sea-pilotage at Port Jackson, and provide a Steam-boat for the same?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—In answer to the Honorable Member, I beg to say that the subjects referred to have not been brought under my consideration by the Marine Board, which has now the cognizance of these matters.

- (4.) Deepening Entrance to Sydney Harbour:—*Mr. Booth* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Are the Government in possession of any more papers or reports in reference to the question of deepening the entrance of the Harbour, than those already laid upon the Table of the House; if so, have they any objection to lay them upon the Table?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes; and further information has been asked for. When this has been received there will be no objection to lay the whole of the papers upon the Table of the House.

- (5.) Reserves between Jerry's Plains and Breeza:—*Mr. Bennett*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Crown Lands Bailiff at Tamworth taken any proceedings against the persons who are still in unlawful possession of some of the Reserves between Jerry's Plains and Breeza?

(2.) When will a notice be posted at the corner of each Reserve to indicate its situation?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Proceedings have been initiated, and within a few days the Crown Lands Bailiff will be in a position to report the result.

(2.) Mr. District Surveyor Evans was instructed to mark the reserves on the 12th of May, 1873. As yet no report of such marking has been received from him.

(6.)

(6.) Vice-Regal Country Residence:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Estimates for the erection of a Vice-Regal Country Residence for the use of His Excellency the Governor?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The matter brought under notice by the Honorable Member's question has not received such consideration as would justify me in saying that the Government have any intention whatever on the subject.

(7.) Volunteer Corps, Mudgee:—Mr. Buchanan asked the the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Volunteer Corps at Mudgee?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to ask Parliament to make provision for the establishment of a Volunteer Corps at Mudgee.

(8.) Bridge over Parramatta River:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to take whatever steps may be necessary for constructing a bridge over the lower portion of the Parramatta River?

(2.) If so,—

(1.) Will a Bill be introduced for the purpose, and when?

(2.) At what place is it intended that such bridge shall cross the river?

(3.) Is it intended that such bridge shall admit of being used for Railway purposes, and of being easily connected with the existing Railway line?

(4.) If so, at what point is it intended that such bridge shall be connected by a branch Railway with the Railway line?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) It is the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps for constructing a bridge over the Parramatta River.

(2.) A Bill to enable this to be done will be introduced in a short time. The Government is not in a position at the present moment to state the details of the projected improvement.

(9.) Payment of Members of Parliament:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, in dealing with the question of Electoral Reform, to make any provision for payment of the expenses of Members of Parliament?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is not the intention of the Government to make any such provision.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Statistical Register of New South Wales, for the year 1872.

(2.) Further and Final Return to an Order, made 23rd July, 1872, in reference to Quarters, &c., for Public Officers.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1. (List 4 of 1873).

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 11th February, 1873, in reference to Leaseholders of Crown Lands in District of Patrick's Plains.

Ordered to be printed.

3. AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB BILL:—Mr. Stephen Brown presented a Petition from Thomas Strettell Clibborn, of Sydney, Secretary of the Australian Jockey Club, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the period for which the Trustees of the Randwick Race Course are authorized to grant leases thereof, and also to enable the Members of the Australian Jockey Club to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman for the time being of the Committee of the said Club, and for other purposes.

And Mr. Brown having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Empire*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY BILL:—Mr. Stephen Brown presented a Petition from Alexander Campbell, Christopher Rolleston, and William Duncan Stewart, Esquires, of Sydney, Directors of the Mercantile Bank of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company called "The Mercantile Bank of Sydney," and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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

5. DISTILLATION BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws regulating Distillation; for granting Duties on Colonial Spirits; for the protection of the Revenue derivable therefrom, and for other purposes.

Question put and passed.

6. WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY WATER-FRONTAGE COMPENSATION BILL ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Farnell read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize certain grants of Land to be made by way of compensation for losses of Water-frontage in Woolloomooloo Bay.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize certain grants of Land to be made by way of compensation for losses of Water-frontage in Woolloomooloo Bay*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 25th September, 1873.*

7. ELECTORATE OF THE BOGAN ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Lord, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Lord on 24th September, from the Electors of Forbes, for a division of the Bogan Electorate, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 - (1.) Imported Stock Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
 - (2.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—
To follow after the Order of the Day respecting the Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill.
9. EQUITY CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill,—
And the Debate not being resumed,—
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Butler, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
10. IMPORTED STOCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued,—and, on motion of Mr. Oakes, adjourned to Thursday next.
11. CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 12.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Stamps on Transfers of Shares:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Under what provision of the law relating to Stamps on Transfers does the Commissioner for Stamps refuse to allow postage stamps to be used in lieu of duty stamps in the transfer of shares in public companies?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—Under the 10th section of the "Stamp Act of 1865" the use of adhesive stamps is expressly limited to the following instruments, namely:—Agreements, Bills of Lading, Policies of Insurance, Bills of Exchange, Drafts or Orders, Promissory Notes, Receipts or Discharges for the payment of money. Under the provisions of the "Postage Stamps Extension Act of 1873," the extended use of postage stamps is governed by the 10th section of the Act first before referred to; and these sections, read together, constitute the law upon which the Commissioner of Stamps acts.

(2.) Volunteer Corps, Shoalhaven:—Mr. Warden asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—(1.) What course have the Government taken in respect to the applications made during the last three or four years, by the residents of Shoalhaven, for permission to form Volunteer Corps in that district?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to comply with the requests of the memorialists?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find that a Petition in favor of the establishment of a Volunteer Corps at Shoalhaven, dated June 18th, 1872, was received at the Colonial Secretary's Office, to which the Commandant of the Force suggested a reply declining the proffered service. This reply was not sent, as it was intended to give further consideration to the application. Since then the matter has been lost sight of, but no subsequent communication on the subject has been received.

(3.) Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act of 1862:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government had under its consideration the desirableness of repealing the "Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act of 1862?"

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The question raised by the hon. Member has not come under the consideration of the Government.

(4.) Tank Engines:—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was the Article on "Tank Engines," which appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of the 23rd instant, and which was mainly compiled from unpublished official documents, written by any officer of the Works Department?

(2.) If so, was it done with the sanction or by authority of the Minister at the head of the Department?

(3.) If not written by any officer of the Works Department, by whose authority were the official documents quoted from lent to the person who did write it?

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—In answer to questions 1 and 2, the House is informed that the article alluded to by the Honorable Member was not written by any officer of the Works Department. The matter was principally taken from published documents laid upon the Table of this House. In answer to question 3, I wish to explain that one of the reporters of the *Sydney Morning Herald* called at my office and asked for information respecting the Tank Engines, when, being much occupied, I permitted him to look at the papers in an adjoining room, but I was not aware that the papers would have been made use of so largely until I read the published article, and I regret that I incautiously permitted them to be so used, though I can see no injury done by the publication.

(5.) Mr. Joseph Cross, late Railway Station Master :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Has Mr. Joseph Cross, late Station Master at the Parramatta Junction Railway Station, received refund of his contributions under the late Superannuation Act?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—No.

2. MINING BILL :—Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Mining,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 15th October.
 3. INCORPORATION OF SHOALHAVEN ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Warden moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, and all papers and other documents having reference to the inquiry held by Mr. A. O. Moriarty, under the 12th section of the Municipalities Act of 1867, in the matter of the Petitions for and against the incorporation of Shoalhaven.
Question put and passed.
 4. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Booth moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
 5. LAW OF EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued,—and, on motion of Mr. Nelson, adjourned to Friday, 10th October.
 6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
 1. Permissive Liquor Bill; second reading;—on motion of Mr. Wearne, until Friday, 24th October.
 2. Bathurst Cattle Sale Yards Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading; on motion of Mr. Combes, until Friday, 10th October.
 7. MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, "That" the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.
Mr. Thomas Robertson moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view to inserting in their place the words "the Bill be now re-committed."
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be now re-committed,—put and passed.
Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Thomas Robertson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2^o with further amendments. On motion of Mr. Buchanan (*with the concurrence of the House*) that Report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
 8. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day respecting the Report on the Petition of James Twaddell postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Friday, 31st October.
 9. LETTERS OF REGISTRATION OF INVENTIONS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the law relating to Letters of Registration of Inventions.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Letters of Registration of Inventions.
On motion of Mr. Burns that Report was adopted.
 10. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day respecting the Roads Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.
- The House adjourned, at twelve minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 13.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Volunteer Land Orders:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What number of Volunteer Land Orders have been issued since the 1st of January, 1873?
- (2.) What are the names of the Volunteers to whom the same were issued, and the date of issue?
- (3.) What are the respective dates on which these Volunteers joined the Force?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A Return containing the information required by the Honorable Member has been furnished to me by Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson, which I will lay upon the Table this afternoon.

(2.) Marriage Laws:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session, or at an early period, to propose any alteration of the laws relating to marriage?
- (2.) If so, when, and to what extent?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Since the Honorable Member gave notice of his questions, the attention of the Government has been directed to this subject; but, as yet, no decision has been arrived at. If the Honorable Member will ask a similar question two or three weeks hence, I could probably give a definite answer.

(3.) Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act of 1862:—Mr. Oakes, on behalf of Mr. Jacob, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill to repeal the "Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act of 1862?"

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The matter referred to by the Honorable Member has not been brought under the notice of the Government.

(4.) Duty on Grass Seeds:—Mr. Combes asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—The total amount that has been paid to the Customs Department as duty on Grass Seeds during the entire period the impost has been levied?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The total amount of Duty, as far as can be ascertained, is £130.

(5.) Telegraph Office, Grenfell:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Minister for Works aware of the great delay which is taking place in his Department in the matter of the repairs to the Grenfell New Telegraph Office, viz., that the tender for the repairs was accepted over three months ago—the contract specifying that such repairs should be completed by the present time, but that the work is not as yet commenced, and that the contractor can get no reply to any communication made by him to the Government on the subject of his contract?

(2.) Will the Minister cause some action to be taken respecting these repairs and alterations?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Mr. Farbrother was informed, on 3rd May last, that his tender for alterations to Post and Telegraph Offices, Grenfell, had been accepted, and on the 17th the Bond was forwarded for signature. On the 23rd June the Contractor asked for an extension of time to 31st October, on the ground that he could not obtain suitable bricks. The extension was granted. I was not aware of the delay in carrying out the work until the matter was brought under my notice; but, as I now find that the Contractor has failed to carry out the work as agreed to, the Contract will be cancelled, and fresh tenders invited without delay.

2. **ELECTION FOR MUDGEES**:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from certain Electors of the District of Mudgee, alleging that, at the late election for this Electorate, personation and double voting was practised; and praying that in any Bill introduced for the amendment of the Electoral Law, some provision may be embodied for preventing a repetition of these practices.
And the same having been read at length by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
3. **THE CLERK SUMMONED**:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had received a Summons to attend at the Police Court at Gulgong, in a case for personation at an Election, to produce “the Writ issued by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales for an Election of a Member for Mudgee, on the 8th day of September instant, also the Lists of Voters used by the Returning Officers, Voting Papers, and all other proceedings used.”—
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 the officers of his Department, as may be most convenient to the business of this House,—
which passed in the affirmative.
4. **ELECTORATE OF MONARO**:—Mr. Grahame presented a Petition from H. M. Joseph, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Electors of the Bombala division of the Monaro Electorate, praying that, in any alteration of the present Electoral Law, this Electorate may be divided into two Electorates, each returning a Member to Parliament.
Petition received.
5. **WILLIAM FRANCIS XAVIER BAILEY, LL.D.**:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from William Francis Xavier Bailey, Doctor of Laws, Clerk in Holy Orders, officiating Minister of the Free Church of England, in New South Wales, complaining of the course taken by the Registrar General in refusing to grant him authority to celebrate marriages; and praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House in reference to the matter.
Petition received.
6. **PAPER**:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table a Return showing the number of Volunteer Land Orders issued since the 1st January, 1873; the names of the Volunteers to whom the same were issued; the date of issue; and the dates on which these Volunteers joined the Force.
Ordered to be printed.
7. **TURNER'S AND SHARP'S LAND SELECTIONS** (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications, minutes, reports, declarations, and other documents having reference to Turner's and Sharp's selections of land at the Rylstone Land Office.
Question put and passed.
8. **AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB BILL** (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to extend the period for which the Trustees of the Randwick Race-course are authorized to grant leases thereof, and also to enable the members of the Australian Jockey Club to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman for the time being of the Committee of the said Club, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
9. **MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY BILL** (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company called the “Mercantile Bank of Sydney,” and for other purposes therein mentioned.
Question put and passed.
10. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE** (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence be given to J. S. Smith, Esquire, Member for Wellington, for one month.
Question put and passed.
11. **MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (“*Formal*” *Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Buchanan, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Buchanan then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.*”
Question put and passed.
Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Law relating to Divorce and Matrimonial Causes,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 30th September, 1873.
12. **AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB BILL**:—Mr. Stephen Brown having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to extend the period for which the Trustees of the Randwick Race-course are authorized to grant leases thereof and to enable the members of the Australian Jockey Club to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman for the time being of the Committee of the said Club and for other purposes,*”—read a first time.
13. **MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY BILL**:—Mr. Stephen Brown having *presented* this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, Bill, intituled “*A Bill to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company called the ‘Mercantile Bank of Sydney’ and for other purposes therein mentioned,*”—read a first time.
14. **COMMITTEE OF ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS**:—Richard Hill, Esquire, came to the Table, and was sworn by the Clerk as a Member of the Committee of Elections and Qualifications.

15. LAND ADJOINING THE NEW SCHOOL OF INDUSTRY :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government, in dealing with that piece of land at Darlinghurst next the new School of Industry, should at once either dispose of it by Public Auction or re-dedicate it to its original purpose, or proclaim it as a public recreation ground.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Hannell,
 Mr. Clarke,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. Oakes,

Tellers.

Mr. Buchanan,
 Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Farnell,
 Mr. Butler,
 Mr. Sutherland,
 Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
 Mr. Bennett,
 Mr. Grahame,
 Mr. Thomas Brown,
 Mr. O'Connor,
 Mr. Cunneen,

Mr. Hay,
 Mr. Terry,
 Mr. Driver,
 Mr. Fitzpatrick,
 Mr. Moses,

Tellers.

Mr. Nelson,
 Mr. Rodd.

And so it passed in the negative.

16. RAILWAY TO MUDGE:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, any Railway policy that the Government may adopt should include the construction of a Railway to Mudgee.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
17. SEATS IN THE CHAMBER :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Seats of this House be restored to their original state.
 Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 14.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER, 1878.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Police Magistrate, Hartley:—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) How many applicants were there for the office of Police Magistrate at Hartley during the late vacancy?
 (2.) What were their names?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is very difficult to answer the question which the Honorable Member has put, and it appears to me to be one of a very unusual character. For instance, as far as my experience goes, applicants are generally of two classes,—persons who apply by written application, and persons who apply by their friends or personally. We have no record of the latter class in any case. Then, with regard to the second question, it seems to involve the question whether every person who applies for employment under Government is to have his name published, whether he gets employment or not. It seems to imply this; and I hardly think that this is a course which ought to be pursued. I have no objection to the Honorable Member making any motion with regard to this appointment, or in any way exercising his right to inquire into and criticise it. I could not at this moment state the number of applicants. The number of the applicants, whose applications are recorded in my office, is fourteen; but I have a distinct recollection that several persons made application, whose applications are not recorded. It does not appear to me that the names of those whose applications are recorded should be given without the decision of the House as to whether it is proper that the names of unsuccessful applicants—who do not receive, and may never receive, employment—ought to be made public. I may state that the gentleman who received this appointment was not amongst the persons who sent in written applications.

- (2.) Case of G. U. Grimes:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Attorney General, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Was a person named G. U. Grimes committed for fraudulent insolvency, on the prosecution of John Gorman, at the Water Police Office in April last?
 (2.) Was an information filed against him?
 (3.) If so, with what result?

Mr. Butler answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) No.
 (3.) He was not placed upon his trial, because the evidence against him did not establish a criminal offence.
2. "DUMMY" SELECTIONS:—Mr. Baker presented a Petition from certain Free Selectors and Farmers of Tumbleton Creek, near Young, praying that the Land Act may be carried out in its integrity, and that all lands taken up by "Dummy Selectors" may be cancelled, and that the lands so cancelled may be open for fresh selection.
 Petition received.

3. PAPER:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, made on 18th April, 1873, in reference to the destruction of a Bonded Store at Newcastle.
Ordered to be printed.
4. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the “Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862.”
Question put and passed.
5. ELECTION FOR MUDGEE (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 30th September, from certain Electors of Mudgee, relative to personation and double voting at the late Election for Mudgee, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. WILLIAM FRANCIS XAVIER BAILEY, LL.D. (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 30th September, from William Francis Xavier Bailey, LL.D., relative to his being refused authority to celebrate marriages, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. ELECTORATE OF MONARO (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Grahame moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 30th September, from certain Electors in the Southern division of the Electorate of Monaro, respecting additional representation, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB BILL (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Bill to extend the period for which the Trustees of the Randwick Race-course are authorized to grant leases thereof, and to enable the members of the “Australian Jockey Club” to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman for the time being of the Committee of said Club, and for other purposes, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Driver, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Moses, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Clarke, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
9. MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY BILL (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Bill to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company called “The Mercantile Bank of Sydney,” and for other purposes therein mentioned, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Driver, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Moses, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the General Elections Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday, 9th October.
11. DISTILLATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws regulating Distillation; for granting Duties on Colonial Spirits; for the protection of the Revenue derivable therefrom, and for other purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to reduce into one Act and to amend the Excise Regulations relating to the distilling, rectifying, and dealing in Spirits, and to the granting Duties of Excise upon Spirits distilled in New South Wales, and to regulate the brewing of Beer, and the sale of fermented and spirituous Liquors in certain cases.
On motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, that Report was adopted.
12. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Butler, to follow after the Order of the Day respecting the Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill.
13. CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 15.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) East Maitland Reserve :—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The names of the Trustees of the East Maitland Reserve, and the date of their appointment?

(2.) The amount received, and amount expended, annually by the Trustees in improvements to the Reserve, since the time of the first appointment of Trustees?

(3.) The names of any person or persons to whom the commonage, or any part of the same, has been rented, the purpose or purposes for which rented, and at what rate of rent in each and every instance?

(4.) The names of the present tenants, their rents, and the period for which any portion or portions of the Reserve are let?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Alexander Dodds, Joseph Chambers Enoch Cobcroft, James M'Loughlin, and Edward Sparke. The four former were appointed on 9th March, 1861, and the last-named gentleman was appointed on 29th September, 1871, in lieu of Mr. Joseph O'Meagher, deceased.

(2.)

Year.	Amount Received.		Amount Expended.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
1861	143 0 0	in loan	143 0 0
1862	.....		.....
1863	.....		.....
1864	35 0 0		73 3 6
			and 11 12 0 in repayment of loan.
1865	11 0 0		12 4 0 do. do.
1866	47 10 0		102 5 0
			and 8 6 0 in repayment of loan.
1867	67 0 0		5 0 0
			and 7 14 0 in repayment of loan.
1868	74 0 0		7 2 0 do do.
1869	87 0 0		1 10 0
1870	76 0 0		.....
1871	69 0 0		7 0 0
1872	51 10 0		54 10 0
1873	10 0 0		71 16 4

(3.)

(3.)

Names.	Purpose for which rented.	Rate of rent.
Charles Atkinson	Slaughter-house and paddock ...	£ s. d. 12 0 0
Sylvester Byrne	do.	12 0 0
Edmund Auckett	Brickfield	15 0 0
Frederick Baker	do.	15 0 0
Patrick Bourke	Pasturage	20 0 0
do.	do.	12 0 0
do.	do.	10 0 0
James Dodds, junior	do.	14 0 0
James Mayo	do.	35 0 0
Owen O'Brien	do.	25 0 0
do.	do.	17 0 0
do.	do.	15 0 0
do.	do.	14 0 0

(4.)

Names of present Tenants.	Rent.	Leases expire.
Edmund Auckett	£ s. d. 15 0 0	June 1st, 1880.
Frederick Baker	15 0 0	April 20th, 1879.
Sylvester Byrne	12 0 0	April 1st, 1875.
Patrick Bourke	12 0 0	April 1st, 1874.

(2.) Superannuation Act Repeal Act:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, a Bill for such an amendment of the "Superannuation Act Repeal Act" as will enable persons who were not in the Civil Service at the time of its passing, but who had contributed towards the Superannuation Fund, to obtain the return of their contributions?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government have no intention of introducing a Bill to amend the Act in this particular. The persons alluded to under the Superannuation system would have been entitled to no allowance, and it is scarcely reasonable that they should be now that the system has been abolished.

(3.) Claim of Mr. Stephen Scholey:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government considered the Resolution, adopted by this House on the 16th September, having reference to the claim of Mr. Stephen Scholey?

(2.) If so, what decision (if any) has been arrived at respecting it?

(3.) If not, what action is intended to be taken upon the said Resolution?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes; the amount of costs, as taxed by the Crown Solicitor, will be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1878.

(4.) Extra Clerks, Audit Office:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What amount has been paid to extra clerks in the Audit Office, out of the Vote for extra clerical assistance and carrying out the provisions of the Audit Act of 1870, since the passing of that Act?

(2.) The names of the clerks so employed, and the amount paid to each?

(3.) Under what authority the clerks were employed?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I will presently lay upon the Table a Return giving the information asked for by the Honorable Gentleman.

(5.) Roads, Liverpool Plains District:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will tenders be invited for clearing and forming the following lines of road,—

From Nundle to Hanging Rock?

From Cockburn River, Tamworth, to Bowling Alley Point, and on to Nundle?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A survey of the road from Nundle to Hanging Rock was made and handed to an officer of the Roads Department, who is now in that locality, to examine and report on the best line; when his report is received, tenders will be invited without delay. A sum of money will be appropriated for clearing the road from Cockburn River, Tamworth, to Bowling Alley Point, and on to Nundle, when the line is marked out by the Survey Department, in whose hands it is at present.

(6.) Volunteer Corps, Gulgong:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Volunteer Corps at Gulgong?

Mr. Parkes answered.—I am informed that no application for the establishment of a Volunteer Corps at Gulgong has reached the Colonial Secretary's office.

(7.) Post Office, Gulgong:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of erecting a Post Office in the Town of Gulgong?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to make provision for this work.

(8.)

- (8.) Telegraph Office, Mudgee:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make such alterations and additions to the Telegraph Office, Mudgee, as to render it suitable also as a Post Office?
- Mr. Parkes* answered,—I answer this question because it really belongs to the Post Office, and not to the department of the Minister for Works. The matter is under consideration. I think the decision will be to convert the Telegraph Office into a Post Office and Telegraph Office.
- (9.) Mudgee Gaol:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to build an outer wall to the Mudgee Gaol, and to erect workshops in the present enclosure, so that that establishment may be made self-supporting?
- Mr. Parkes* answered,—I answer this question because it relates to a matter which belongs to my own office, and not to the office of the Minister for Works. The decision as to alterations in Gaols rests with the Colonial Secretary, and the carrying out of the works with the Works Office. Provision will be made on the Estimates for carrying out extensive alterations in the Gaol at Mudgee.
- (10.) Mail Delivery at Gulgong:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is he aware that great delay takes place at Gulgong in the delivery of the Mail after its arrival?
 - (2.) If the Colonial Secretary is not aware of this, will he cause an inquiry to be made; and if matters are as stated, will he adopt measures to cure the evil?
- Mr. Parkes* answered,—No complaint has been made to me of any unnecessary delay having taken place in the delivery of the Mail at Gulgong after its arrival, but I have directed inquiries to be made on the subject.
- (11.) Land adjoining New School of Industry:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Will the Secretary for Lands inform the House when it is likely that the Darlinghurst piece of land will be finally dealt with?
 - (2.) Will the Secretary for Lands carry out his own wishes on the subject, which I believe are the wishes of a majority of the House, and proclaim the ground a public recreation ground?
- Mr. Farnell* answered,—The Honorable Member recently made a motion in this House in reference to this subject. If I could have my wish, it would be that this land should be dedicated to myself, and that I should have a residence erected upon it. But the Honorable Gentleman is desirous of having this land dedicated to public purposes. I shall consider this matter; and, as soon as possible, dedicate this land to that purpose which I think, in the interests of the public, most desirable.
- (12.) Case of Dr. Bailey:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Last Session, towards the end of it, Mr. Buchanan moved that all the Papers in the case of Dr. Bailey's claim to be placed on the list of clergymen entitled to celebrate marriage be laid upon the Table of this House?
 - (2.) As these Papers have never been laid upon the Table, he has now to ask the Colonial Secretary if he will lay upon the Table of the House, as soon as possible, all Papers in connection with the Bishop of the Free Church of England's claim to be placed on the list of clergymen entitled to celebrate marriage?
- Mr. Parkes* answered,—I find that the Honorable Gentleman did not make any motion at all last Session on this subject; but he did ask a question, and in reference to his question and the answer I then gave,—I will lay the Papers upon the Table in the course of a few days.
- (13.) Prosecutions for Kidnapping:—*Mr. Macleay*, on behalf of Mr. Forster, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to prosecutions, by or through the Crown Law Officers of this Colony, before the Admiralty Court, or any other Court in this Colony, for alleged or suspected kidnapping, or illegal seizure or detention of any native of Fiji, or of any Island in the Pacific Ocean, or other person, or for complicity therewith, or with reference to defences by or through the said Crown Law Officers against actions brought before any such Court for illegal seizure or detention of any vessel, or of any of Her Majesty's subjects, by any Vessel of War, or by any Imperial authority, for or in connection with any of the causes above-mentioned, real or supposed,—
- (1.) In what manner, and from what funds, are the expenses of such prosecutions, or of defending such actions, provided for or defrayed?
 - (2.) Have the expenses of any such prosecutions, or of defending any such actions, been provided for or defrayed from the Public Funds of this Colony?
 - (3.) If so, in what cases, under what circumstances, and by what authority?
 - (4.) Has the Colony been reimbursed, or is it intended or expected that the Colony will be reimbursed in any case, and to what extent?
- Mr. Parkes* answered,—
- (1.) The expenses of such suits have to be paid by the Home Government.
 - (2.) The Crown Solicitor has acted in some suits in the Vice-Admiralty Court, the costs of which will be defrayed by the Imperial Government.
 - (3.) The prosecutions for kidnapping and other crimes committed within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, upon the high seas, have been defrayed by the Government of this Colony in the usual manner.
 - (4.) So far as expense has been incurred on account of the Imperial Government, the Colony will be reimbursed.
- (14.) Public Schools Act:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Mr. Stewart, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Whether or not Government intends to propose any amendment of the Public Schools Act, with a view to discontinue State-aid to Certified Denominational Schools?
- Mr. Parkes* answered,—The Government have no intention, during the present Session, of introducing any Bill to amend the Public Schools Act.

(15.) Government Savings Banks :—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is any per-centage allowance given to Postmasters on the amount of the Savings Bank transactions ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No ; but the matter is under consideration, with a view to a per-centage allowance being granted.

(16.) Court-house and Lock-up at Bingera :—Mr. Rodd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether a Petition has been received from the Residents of Bingera, praying for the erection of a Court-house and Lock-up at that place ?

(2.) A communication has been received from the Bench of Magistrates of Bingera, urging upon the Government the necessity of removing the business of the Bench from the public-house where it is now held to more suitable premises ?

(3.) If so, what is the intention of the Government with reference to the same ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No Petition appears to have reached my office from the Residents of Bingera, praying for the erection of a Court and Watch-house at that place.

(2.) A communication has been received from the Police Magistrate, stating that he was obliged to take business in a public-house for want of proper accommodation.

(3.) The sum of £1,000 will be included in the Estimates for 1874, for the erection of a Court and Watch-house at Bingera.

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

(1.) By-Law—Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.

(2.) Return shewing the amount paid to Extra Clerks in the Audit Office out of the Vote for extra Clerical Assistance and carrying out the provisions of the Audit Act of 1870 ; the names of the Clerks so employed ; the amount paid to each ; and the authority under which they were employed.

(3.) Correspondence respecting proceedings of Intercolonial Conference on the subject of Postal Communication between England and the Australasian Colonies.

Ordered to be printed.

3. PATENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Burns presented a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Law in reference to Patents of Inventions,* ”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 31st October.

4. PUBLIC PROSECUTORS BILL (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish the office of Coroner, and to provide for the appointment of Public Prosecutors.

Question put and passed.

5. “ DUMMY ” SELECTIONS (“ *Formal* ” Motion) :—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 1st October, from certain Free Selectors at Tumbleton Creek, near Young, respecting “ Dummy ” Selections, be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. CAMPBELLTOWN WATER RESERVOIR BILL :—Mr. Parkes, on behalf of Mr. Farnell, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the better protection of the Water Reservoir at Campbelltown.

Question put and passed.

7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Lunacy bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

(2.) Imported Stock Act Amendment Bill ; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Farnell, “ That this Bill be now read a second time,—

To follow after the Order of the Day respecting the Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill.

(3.) Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the “ Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862 ” ;—
• until Wednesday next.

8. CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 16.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Police Act, Berrima:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is the Police Act in force in the Town of Berrima?
- (2.) If so, are the police allowed to permit cattle and horses to stray about the Town, to the danger of the lives and properties of the inhabitants?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Police Act is in force in the Town of Berrima. Upon inquiry of the Police Magistrate and also of the Police, I find that no complaint has been made by the townspeople of the Act not being enforced with sufficient strictness.

- (2.) Border Duties:—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any information or complaint reached the Government, to the effect that the Government of Victoria has, since the making of the Agreement under the "Border Duties Act of 1873," levied at Echuca duties on goods about to be exported thence into this Colony?
- (2.) Has any information or complaint reached the Government, to the effect that, since the making of the said Agreement, facilities for the transport under bond of goods destined for consumption in New South Wales have not been afforded by the Government of Victoria?
- (3.) Has any information or complaint reached the Government, to the effect that, since the making of the said Agreement, duties have been levied by the Government of Victoria on goods manufactured in New South Wales, and carried through Victoria for consumption in this Colony?
- (4.) If so, what is the nature of the information or complaint in each case?
- (5.) Has the Government caused any inquiry to be made into the truth of any such information or complaint?
- (6.) What steps (if any) have the Government taken in reference to any of the foregoing matters?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) No information or complaint of the kind stated has reached the Government.
- (2.) Yes.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) There are only two cases since the making of the Agreement.

1st. The Sub-Collector at Albury reported to the Government, on the 22nd ultimo, that the Victorian Customs authorities were requiring special bonds for goods destined for consumption in New South Wales, to prevent their being sent again across the Murray into Victorian territory, after having paid the New South Wales or lower rate of duty, to the injury of Victorian revenue.

2nd. A manufacturer in this city complained personally yesterday, that a shipment of boots and shoes sent to Melbourne, and passed thence by permit to the river Murray, had to pay there the New South Wales duty.

- (5.) Inquiry is about to be made in reference to the matters complained of.
- (6.) Any steps considered to be necessary will depend upon the result of the inquiry.

(3.)

(3.) Investment of Clergy and School Estates Fund:—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) With reference to the Public Accounts for the year 1872, recently laid upon the Table,—Out of what principal sums did the sum of £1,580, stated to have been collected by the Agent for Clergy and School Lands arise; what was the rate of interest; and how long was such interest accruing?

(2.) Except the sum of £15,800, invested in debentures, as stated in those accounts, was there any portion of the Clergy and Schools Estates Revenue Fund, and if so what portion, invested at interest during any part of the year 1872?

(3.) Was any portion of such funds, except the said sum of £15,800, invested at interest, or held under liability to pay interest, previously to 10th day of July last, when £90,000, part of such funds, were invested in Funded Stock?

(4.) Previously to such investment of the said sum of £90,000, was not such sum of £90,000 held by the Government free of interest?

(5.) Has not such investment had the effect of increasing the expenditure of the country at the rate of £3,600 per annum?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) Out of the principal sum of £15,800 invested in Government Debentures, at the rate of 5 per cent. interest, and for the period from 1st July, 1870, to 30th June, 1872.

(2.) None was invested at interest in 1872.

(3.) No portion of such funds was held under any specific legal liability to pay interest thereon; but when it was decided to sell the fee simple of lands which were producing a rental, the Governor and Executive Council, by Minute of 9th September, 1861, directed the investment from time to time of the proceeds of such sales in Government securities, the interest to be distributed ratably among the four principal religious denominations in accordance with the Census of 1851.

(4.) Yes; but under the provisions of the Audit Act the money could not be used or applied for any other purposes than those relating to the fund itself.

(5.) No, inasmuch as the interest now paid on this investment in Funded Stock would be paid to some other holder had that investment not been made.

(4.) Post Office, Greta:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What course have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in reference to the applications for a Post Office at the new Township of Greta?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The usual inquiries have already been made in this case, but no decision has yet been arrived at.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the Seventeenth Annual Report from the Registrar General on Vital Statistics.
Ordered to be printed.

3. CLAIM OF MR. STEPHEN SCHOLEY:—Mr. Stewart presented a Petition from Joseph Eckford, praying that in the event of a sum of money being placed on the Estimates to reimburse Mr. Scholey for certain losses sustained by him, the House will refuse to grant such money until further inquiry be made into the case.
Petition received.

4. ELECTORATE OF THE BOGAN:—Sir James Martin presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal Council of Forbes, praying that the present Electorate of the Bogan may be divided, and that Forbes may have a Representative of its own.
Petition received.

5. LAW OF EVIDENCE FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. R. B. Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the further amendment of the Law of Evidence.
Question put and passed.

6. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the 59th Standing Order be suspended, to permit of the introduction of a Bill to enable Messrs. William Scott and George Scott to grant Leases for Mining and other purposes of certain lands devised by the Will of the late Mr. William Scott, of Mulloon.
Question put and passed.

7. GOLD FIELDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
And a Debate ensuing thereon,—
Mr. Speaker called attention to certain clauses of the Bill which contravened the 54th clause of the Constitution Act.
Whereupon Mr. Buchanan withdrew the Bill.

8. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Papers relating to Ocean Mail Communication.
Ordered to be printed.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Unlawful Promises Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Stewart, until Friday, 17th October.

10. WALKER AND CARLOW STREETS ENCLOSURE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Tunks moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Thomas Robertson.
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cunneon,	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Fiddington,	Mr. Wearne,

Noes, 8.

Mr. Jacob,	<i>Tellers</i>
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Warden,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Tunks then moved, That the consideration in Committee of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for this day week.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 3.
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Burns,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. W. C. Browne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Driver,	Mr. Buchanan.
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Jacob,		
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Wearne.	
Mr. Piddington,		

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

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 17.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Examinations in History:—*Mr. Stewart*, on behalf of *Mr. Buchanan*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is History one of the subjects in which candidates for appointment to the Civil Service are examined?
 (2.) Has any Public School boy been appointed to any office in the Civil Service since the passing of the Public Schools Act?
 (3.) If so, did he pass an examination in History?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find it is not possible to answer these questions. It is not possible to trace whether Public School boys have obtained appointments in the Public Service or not. No inquiry was instituted as to where any boys received into the Public Service were educated. I find also, from the Principal of the University, that the other information asked for cannot be supplied; but History is one of the subjects of the examination.

- (2.) Nuisance in Town of Parramatta:—*Mr. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it the intention of the Government to cause the necessary works to be done to abate the nuisance now running into the centre of the Town of Parramatta from the Lunatic Asylum and other Government establishments in that Town?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Plans and estimates are in course of preparation by the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, who expects to complete them in six weeks. As soon as the plans are received and approved of the work will be commenced.

- (3.) Post Office at Parramatta:—*Mr. Taylor* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of erecting a Post Office in the Town of Parramatta?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The attention of the Government has not been called to this matter. The building used as a Post Office at the present time is a very substantial building, and is conveniently situated. No representation has been made to me on the subject.

- (4.) Roads in the Braidwood District:—*Mr. Baker* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the attention of the Secretary for Public Works been drawn to the state of the Roads in the Braidwood District, and to the great necessity which exists for an increase of money for their maintenance and repair?
 (2.) If the Minister has not yet considered this matter, will he do so before the Schedule for Subordinate Roads is prepared to be placed before Parliament, in order that the classification of the Roads in the Braidwood District may be raised, and an additional sum of money be granted to that voted last Session?

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The Honorable Member for Braidwood, and the Honorable Member for the Southern Gold Fields, have on several occasions urged the necessity for an increase to the Grants for the maintenance of Roads in the Braidwood District.
- (2.) Reports have been received from the Road Superintendent, and it is the intention of the Government to propose an increase in the classification of several Roads in the Braidwood District.
- (5.) Bridge at Marsden's Crossing, Wollondilly River:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have Tenders been received for the erection of Stone Piers for the Bridge at Marsden's Crossing, on the Wollondilly River?
- (2.) If so, what is the amount of each Tender?
- (3.) Has any Tender been accepted?
- (4.) What course do the Government intend to pursue with regard to this matter?
- (5.) Will the Minister lay copies of all Correspondence concerning this Bridge upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Tenders have been received for the erection of Stone Piers for this Bridge.
- (2.) It is not usual, nor is it considered advisable, to make public the amounts of Tenders received before any one has been accepted.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) A Tender for Timber Piers has been recommended by the Commissioner for Roads for adoption, and is now under consideration.
- (5.) There will be no objection to lay copies of all Correspondence concerning this Bridge upon the Table of the House, as soon as the matter has been determined.
- (6.) Common for Gulgong:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend proclaiming a suitable piece of Land at or near Gulgong for a Common for that Town?

Mr. Farnell answered,—I cannot find that any application has been made for a Common. Should any representation be received on the subject, it will of course be duly attended to.

- (7.) Missing Letters:—*Mr. Stewart*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Member of the Government representing the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) The number of complaints that have been made to the Post Office authorities as to missing letters within the last two months?
- (2.) The number of letters that have gone astray during the last two months, and as to which complaints have been made to the Post Office authorities at Sydney?
- (3.) Were any of those missing letters money letters, and, if so, how many?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) One hundred and seventy-four complaints have been made during the last two months of letters alleged to be missing.
- (2.) I cannot state, as a matter of fact, that any letters "have gone astray" during the period mentioned, with the exception of some that were lost by a recent mail robbery. Of the one hundred and seventy four letters alleged to have been missing, seven were found to have been misdirected, and fifty-one more were otherwise accounted for. Of the remaining one hundred and sixteen, it is supposed that the greater number were either not posted at all, or were incorrectly addressed, or duly delivered; and as thirty-two of them are said to have been posted in, or addressed to, places beyond the Colony, the loss of these (if they really miscarried) may have occurred elsewhere than here,—leaving only eighty-four inland ones unaccounted for, notwithstanding that the Inland letters dealt with are seven times as many as the Foreign ones, thus showing that the proportion of complaints is greater with regard to Foreign than Inland letters.
- (3.) Of the one hundred and sixteen not accounted for, fifty were stated by the persons who alleged having sent them to have contained money; but six of these are admitted by the complainants not to have been duly posted, but to have been placed on board steamers, sent in private bags, or entrusted to a second party to post. I am informed that the number of letters unaccounted for has been actually less during the last two months than during the earlier months of the year. The total number of letters posted within the Colony, and received here from places beyond the Colony, is over 8,500,000 per annum, so that, assuming that every letter unaccounted for was actually lost, and that the loss occurred in this Colony, it would give a miscarriage of only one in every 12,000 letters dealt with by the Department; but it is a well-known fact that numbers of letters alleged to be missing, especially those said to contain money, are not posted; others are duly delivered; whilst others are wrongly addressed, or posted unstamped; but in the two latter cases the Department has frequently succeeded in tracing them.
2. SCOTT'S LEASING BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from William Scott, Robert Scott, and others, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize and empower William Scott and George Scott to grant leases for mining and other purposes of certain lands devised by the Will of the late William Scott.
- And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Empire*, the *Goulburn Herald and Chronicle*, and the *Braidwood Dispatch*, newspapers, containing Notices of the intention to apply for such Bill,—
- Petition received (*under suspension of 59th Standing Order*).
3. PAPER:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table a Return respecting Pilots employed on the Coast of New South Wales.
- Ordered to be printed.
4. REGISTRATION OF DOGS ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the registration and keeping of Dogs.
- Question put and passed.

5. CLAIM OF MR. STEPHEN SCHOLEY ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd October, from Mr. Joseph Eckford, respecting the Claim of Mr. Stephen Scholey, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. ELECTORATE OF THE BOGAN ("Formal" Motion):—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd October, from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Municipal Council of Forbes, respecting the division of the Bogan Electorate, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
8. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICES OF JOHN DUNMORE LANG:—Mr. John Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the expediency of bringing in a Bill to confer an annuity upon John Dunmore Lang; or for conferring upon that gentleman some other pecuniary recognition for his public services.
Question put and passed.
9. MINERAL LEASE AT TOGO:—Mr. John Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of Messrs. M'Grath, Larmer, and Bennison, to a Mineral Lease at Togo, County of St. Vincent.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Burns, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Terry, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Moses, Mr. Teece, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. CROSS BENCHES:—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Cross Benches should be restored.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. John-Robertson,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Warden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Nelson.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Sutherland,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Farnell.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS:—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Immigration Regulations should be amended so as to empower Clerks of Petty Sessions throughout the Colony to receive applications and deposits thereunder.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
12. EVIDENCE FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the further amendment of the Law of Evidence*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the management of the Roads of the Colony;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*
(2.) Public Prosecutors Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish the office of Coroner, and to provide for the appointment of Public Prosecutors;—*on motion of Mr. Stewart, until Friday, 31st October.*
(3.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee. } *on motion of Mr. Parkes, until to-morrow.*
(4.) Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
14. IMPORTED STOCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill,—
Debate resumed.
Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The

The House divided.

Ayes 18.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Tece,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Webb,	
Mr. Oakes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Central Cumberland</i>),	Mr. Baker,
	Mr. Jacob,

Noes, 5.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Burns,

Tellers.
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday, 16th October.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 18.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Investment of Church and School Estates Fund:—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) When was the sum of £15,800, portion of the Church and School Estate Fund, invested in Government Debentures; and, if this amount was not invested in one sum, what was the amount of each of such investments, and when did each of such investments take place?

(2.) Has the interest on such investment or investments been regularly divided and paid in each year from the time of investment, in accordance with the terms of the Minute of the Governor and Executive Council of the 9th September, 1861; and how much has been paid in each year to the Church of England, the Church of Rome, the Church of Scotland, and the Wesleyan Methodist Society, respectively?

(3.) When was the sum of £1,580, which was credited to the Church and School Estate Fund in 1872 as being the proceeds of interest on the principal sum of £15,800 from 1st July, 1870, to 30th June, 1872, paid over, and in what sums respectively, to the Churches and the Society above-mentioned?

(4.) Has the interest on the principal sum of £15,800 been paid to the Churches and Society for the year from 1st July, 1872, to 30th June, 1873; and, if so, what was the amount of each payment, respectively, and the date of payment?

(5.) At the time of the investment of the sum of £15,800, was there any other sum in the hands of the Government arising from the sale of Church and School lands; and, if so, how much?

(6.) Since this investment of £15,800, what sums, being the proceeds of the sale of Church and School lands, were held by the Government on the 30th June and 31st December in each year, respectively?

(7.) Were any of these last-mentioned sums, or any portion thereof, invested in any way until the 10th July last?

(8.) Has any interest been paid to the above Churches and Society, or any of them, in respect of these last-mentioned sums; and, if so, when, and in what amounts, respectively?

(9.) Have these last-mentioned sums been kept by the Government in a separate and distinct account in the Government Bank, or have they been kept in such Bank as part of the general public account there?

(10.) With reference to the fifth answer given by the Treasurer to my questions on this subject on the 3rd October instant,—To whom, or to what body, would interest on the sum of £90,000, part of the Church and School Funds, invested on the 10th July last, have been paid had such investment not been made?

(11.) Until such investment of this sum of £90,000, was any interest paid in respect of it, or in respect of any Church and School Funds, except the sum of £15,800; and, if so, at what times, in what sums, and by what authority, were such payments made, respectively?

(12.) Has not the investment of the sum of £90,000 made the Government liable, until an Act is passed for the disposal of the Church and School Estate Funds, to pay the Churches and the Society above-mentioned five-sevenths, and for public education two-sevenths, of the interest in accordance with the said Minute of the 9th September, 1861, and is not the public expenditure thus increased by this interest amounting to £3,600 per annum for moneys which the Government already had at its credit at the Bank, and liable only to the disposal of Parliament?

Mr.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) £12,400 on 12th October, 1865; £3,400 on 21st October, 1869. Total, £15,800.
- (2.) The interest, from the dates of the several investments, has been credited, together with the rents, in one account, and the joint sums have been divided annually, save for the period from 1st July, 1870, to 30th June, 1872, the interest for which period was omitted to be collected until April and July, 1872. It has since been divided. One half-year's interest (from July to December, 1869) has been lost by the defalcation of the late accountant. The particulars of the various distributions will be found in the abstracts of the Public Accounts laid annually upon the Table.
- (3.) The amount referred to, together with the rents collected, was ready for distribution on the 14th February last, and has since been paid to the parties concerned, with the exception of £32 9s. 4d. still available for the Church of England, and £205 3s. 6d. for the Roman Catholic Church. A Return showing the amounts paid, respectively, will be prepared and laid upon the Table.
- (4.) No; the distribution will take place next year.
- (5.) Yes; after the investment of £12,400 on the 12th October, 1865, £72 4s. 1d. remained in hand, and after the investment of £3,400 on the 21st October, 1869, £6,622 14s. 8d. remained in hand.
- (6.) A Return giving the required information will be prepared and laid upon the Table.
- (7.) No.
- (8.) No.
- (9.) As part of the General "Public Account."
- (10.) To any investor in a similar portion of the Funded Stock.
- (11.) No.
- (12.) Yes, such a liability is incurred, but the public expenditure is not increased thereby.

(2.) Road from Carcoar to Tea-pot Swamp:—*Mr. Stewart*, on behalf of *Mr. Buchanan*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that the allowance of £10 a mile for a fourth-class Road—"from Carcoar to Tea-pot Swamp, *viâ* the Village of Shaw"—has been diverted to the road from Carcoar to Tea-pot Swamp direct?
- (2.) Has any reply been sent to a Petition from 133 Settlers, residing at Coombing Creek, No. 1 Swamp, and Mount Macquarie—presented to the Honorable the Premier while on his visit to Carcoar?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No vote has been diverted in this case, as the amount taken on Schedule was simply for the road from Carcoar to Tea-pot Swamp, without specifying either the direct line or that *viâ* the Village of Shaw. I find that a grant of £150 was made in 1871, and placed at the disposal of Trustees for repairs to road from Carcoar to Tea-pot Swamp, and that the amount was expended by them on line *viâ* Shaw. In 1872, two of the three Trustees resigned, and the Department took charge of the road, but before expending the vote of £130 for that year a very full report was obtained from the local officer as to which line should be adopted, and in accordance with his recommendation the expenditure has since been made on the road *viâ* Regan's Falls and Mallow Grove.

(2.) No reply has yet been forwarded, as the papers in the case were only finally returned by the local officer this day. An answer will, however, be dispatched in the course of a few days.

2. AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB BILL:—*Mr. Stephen Brown*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 1st October, 1873, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brown then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 17th October.

Question put and passed.

3. MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY BILL:—*Mr. Stephen Brown*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 1st October, 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brown then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 17th October.

4. PAPERS:—*Mr. Parkes* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report on Nautical School Ship "Vernon," for the year ended 30 June, 1873.

(2.) By-Law of the Borough of Albury.

(3.) By-Law of the Municipal District of Prospect and Sherwood.

Ordered to be printed.

5. NEWSPAPER POSTAGE ABOLITION BILL:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to abolish the imposition of Postage Rates on Newspapers*,"—with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 8th October, 1873.

JOHN HAY,
President.

NEWSPAPER

NEWSPAPER POSTAGE ABOLITION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 8th October, 1873.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 2, line 9. *Omit* "the General Post Office" *insert* "any Post Office Pillar place or
"other receptacle within the boundaries of the City of Sydney appointed for the posting of
"newspapers or letters"
" " *after* "within the" *insert* "said"
" " lines 9 and 10 *omit* "of the City of Sydney"
" " line 10 *after* "any" *insert* "such"
" " *after* "office" *insert* "Pillar place or other receptacle as aforesaid"

Examined,—

J. DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, that the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

6. MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK:—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from Robert Martin and others, alleging that they have been unjustly removed from certain land selected by them as a Mineral Conditional Purchase; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.

7. SCOTT'S LEASING BILL ("Formal" Motion):—

(1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to authorize and empower William Scott and George Scott to grant leases for mining and other purposes of certain lands devised by the Will of the late William Scott.
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Burns having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize and empower William Scott and George Scott to grant leases for mining and other purposes of certain lands devised by the Will of the late William Scott,*"—read a first time.

8. OCEAN MAIL COMMUNICATION:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House approves of the course adopted by the Government in respect to the Mail Service between Australia and Great Britain, *vid* Galle.

(2.) That this House approves of the Agreement made by the Government with the Government of New Zealand for the establishment and maintenance of a Mail Service between Sydney and Great Britain, *vid* San Francisco.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Mr. John Robertson moved, That the Debate on this Question be adjourned until to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Garrett requested the ruling of the Speaker, whether the Question before the House—involving an expenditure of money—should not be considered in a Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. Speaker said, that if the motion involved an expenditure of money beyond that sanctioned by Parliament, then it should originate in a Committee of the Whole.

Whereupon Mr. Parkes gave notice of an amended Motion for to-morrow.

9. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to amend the "Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862."

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

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the "Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862."

On motion of Mr. Sutherland that Report was adopted.

(2.) Mr. Sutherland then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862,*"—which was read a first time.

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

10. CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 19.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Ventilation of Coal Mines :—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. Hannell*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How often, within the past two years, has the Government Inspector reported upon the defective ventilation of the respective Coal Mines in the District of Newcastle—giving the name of the mine in each instance ?
 - (2.) Has there been any objection on the part of the owners or agent of any of the Coal Mines to remedy the defect complained of ; if so, the name or names of such owner or agents ?
 - (3.) What steps, (if any) consequent upon such objection, have been taken to obtain a compliance with the provisions of the 14th clause of the “ Coal Fields Regulation Act of 1862 ” ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Several times in the New Lambton, Lambton, Australian Agricultural, Wallsend, Co-operative, and Anvil Creek Collieries.
- (2.) The Woodford, and *Mr. Farthing's* Colliery at Anvil Creek.
- (3.) Summons taken out against the Woodford Colliery proprietor and *Mr. Farthing* of Anvil Creek, and letters written to the Colliery proprietors.

- (2.) Road from Orphan School Creek to Parramatta Road :—*Mr. Allen* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is the Minister aware of the state of disrepair of that part of the road lately purchased by the Government leading from Orphan School Creek to the Parramatta Road, and will he take measures for its repair ?
- (2.) What provision will be made for maintaining in repair the whole of the road bought from the Pymont Bridge Company ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that the portion of road referred to requires some repairs, and they will be effected as soon as funds are available.
- (2.) It is proposed to hand over the different portions of the road to the respective Municipalities through which the whole length extends.

- (3.) Medical Practitioners :—*Mr. W. C. Browne* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to amend and consolidate the laws relating to Medical Practitioners in New South Wales ?
- (2.) If so, when ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The subject of the Honorable Member's question has been brought under the notice of the Government, and it is very probable that a Bill of the kind will be introduced, but the Cabinet has not arrived at any definite decision.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Mail Service *via* San Francisco :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 2.

With reference to the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the expediency of making provision to meet the necessary expenses of establishing and maintaining regular mail communication between Sydney and San Francisco,

Government House,
Sydney, 9th October, 1873.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on Ocean Mail Communication.

(2.) Mining Bill :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 3.

With a view to the consolidation and amendment of the laws relating to the auriferous and mineral lands, and the creation of certain offices in connection therewith, the Governor recommends for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, under the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the expediency of making provision for the expenses consequent upon the passing of a Bill for the regulation of mining and for other purposes.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th October, 1873.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Farnell, to be printed.

3. JAMES BROMLEY BAMFORD :—Mr. Tunks presented a Petition from James Bromley Bamford, late Captain commanding No. 8, or "Prince Alfred's Own" Battery Volunteer Artillery, relative to his dismissal from the Volunteer Service; and praying the House to inquire into the matter of his Petition.
Petition received.

4. LITHGOW VALLEY COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL :—Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from John Busby, Esquire, of Bathurst, and Edward Combes, Esquire, of Glanmire, near Bathurst, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction by Patrick Higgins, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, John Busby, of Bathurst, in the said Colony, Esquire, Edward Gell, of the same place, Esquire, Thomas Talbot Wilton, of Sydney, aforesaid, Esquire, and Edward Combes, of Glanmire, near Bathurst, aforesaid, Esquire, of a Railway from land belonging to them over a road known as Bell's Line of Road, so as to form a connection with the Great Western Railway. And Mr. Lackey having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Bathurst Times* newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

5. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Raphael moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1857.
Question put and passed.

6. MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th October, from Robert Martin and others, be printed.
Question put and passed.

7. SCOTT'S LEASING BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Bill to authorize and empower William Scott and George Scott to grant leases for Mining and other purposes of certain lands devised by the Will of the late William Scott, be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Hay, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Combes, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Lee, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

8. PAPER :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Tenders for Mail Service *via* San Francisco.
Ordered to be printed.

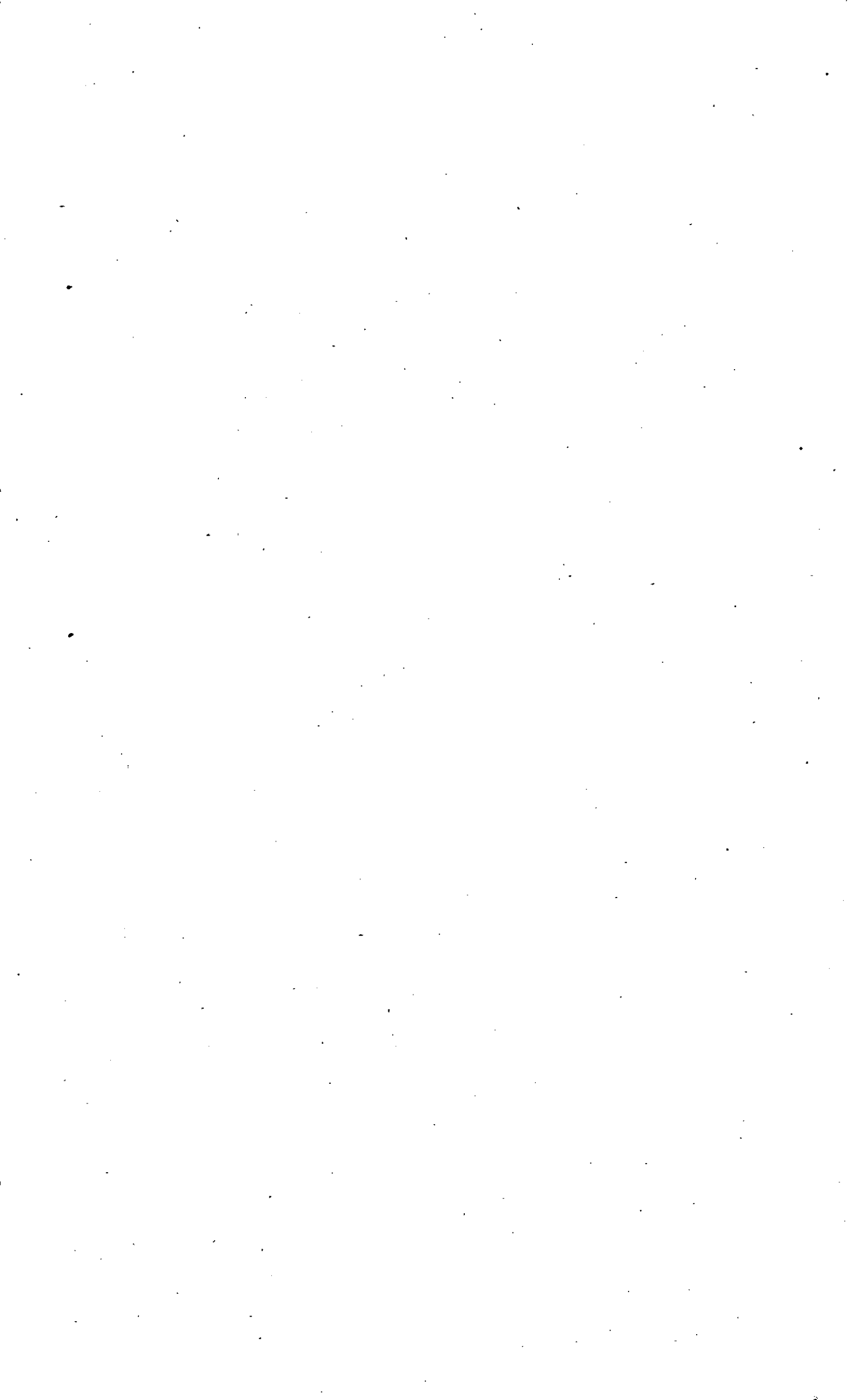
9. OCEAN MAIL COMMUNICATION :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of adopting the following Resolutions :—
(1.) That this House approves of the course adopted by the Government in respect to the Mail Service between Australia and Great Britain, *via* Galle.
(2.) That this House approves of the Agreement made by the Government with the Government of New Zealand for the establishment and maintenance of a Mail Service between Sydney and Great Britain, *via* San Francisco.
(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

10. PAPERS :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Circular Despatch respecting Appeals to the Privy Council.
(2.) Further Papers in reference to Ocean Mail Communication.
Ordered to be printed.

11. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Raphael *presented* a Bill, intituled “ *A Bill to amend the Sydney Corporation Act of 1857,*”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the General Elections Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday next.
13. NEWSPAPER POSTAGE ABOLITION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council’s Amendments.
On motion of Mr. Parkes that Report was adopted.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled “ *An Act to abolish the imposition of Postage Rates on Newspapers.*”
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 9th October, 1873.
14. CRIMINAL LAW CONSOLIDATION AND AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at six minutes after Eleven o’clock, until To-morrow, at Four o’clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 20.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Volunteer Land Orders:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What length of time does the Government require to approve of a selection made by virtue of a Volunteer Land Order?
 - (2.) How is a person making such a selection informed of the Government's approval?
 - (3.) Is a selection made by virtue of a Volunteer Land Order regarded by the Government as land held in fee simple immediately it has been approved of?
 - (4.) In case of a person selecting land under a Volunteer Land Order and improving it, and the Government subsequently disallowing such selection, will the Government compensate the selector for his loss by reason of his having improved the land?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) It simply depends on the length of time that elapses between the selection being reported by the local Land Office, and the same being reported by the Survey Department as unobjectionable.
 - (2.) No formal intimation of approval is made, or considered necessary. Should the selection be disapproved, the applicant is informed at once.
 - (3.) No.
 - (4.) No; unless under very special circumstances.
- (2.) Purchase of Land at Currumbene Creek:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) The reason Mr. Geo. Hill was allowed to purchase that portion of land on Currumbene Creek, Parish of Currumbene, near Tomerong, Shoalhaven District, area 2 acres 3 roods 20 perches, fronting the navigation of the Currumbene?
 - (2.) If in virtue of improvements, what did the improvements consist of, and who were the arbitrators to value said improvements according to the Land Act?
 - (3.) What amount did they value said improvements at?
 - (4.) What amount did Mr. Hill pay for said land?
 - (5.) Were the improvements made by Mr. Hill; if not, by whom?
 - (6.) When was the application to purchase by virtue of improvements made to the Lands Department?
 - (7.) When were the improvements made—before or after the passing of the Land Act of 1861?
 - (8.) What interpretation does the Minister for Lands place on the 8th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, in regard to applications to purchase by virtue of improvements made on Crown Land?
 - (9.) Will he entertain applications to purchase by virtue of improvements which have not been made within twelve months after the passing of the Land Act; or will he entertain any claim to purchase by virtue of improvements which have been made since the passing of said Act?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) I suppose Mr. Hill's reason was that he wanted to purchase the land. In reply to the first question: in virtue of improvements.
- (2 and 3.) The improvements were stated in the application to be House, Stable, Huts, Workshop, and Sheds, and were reported on by the Government Surveyor as being of sufficient value to entitle Mr. Hill to purchase under the 8th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act. Therefore there was no necessity to have their value determined by appraisement, unless such value was disputed, which, in this case, it was not.
- (4.) Six pounds (£6).
- (5.) No; it is not necessary that the applicant should have erected the improvements himself; it is sufficient that he should have become the proprietor of them.
- (6.) On the 20th May, 1873.
- (7.) It is not known when the improvements were made.
- (8.) It is impossible for me to answer this question, as it involves matters of legal opinion.
- (9.) Applications will be entertained and dealt with on their merits.

(3.)

- (3.) Nautical School Ship "Vernon":—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Would the Government have any objection to make arrangements whereby the parents and friends of boys on board the "Vernon" could visit them without incurring the expense of boat hire, which they necessarily now have to do?

Mr. Parkes answered,—In some cases it would be very desirable to afford every facility for parents to visit boys on board the "Vernon," but there are cases where it is scarcely desirable that they should be visited, and I can see no objection to one of the boats of the ship being at stated periods—say twice a week—at some particular place, just to take parents on board.

- (4.) Immigration Regulations:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Do the existing Immigration Regulations allow of husbands, who have left their wives in the Mother Country, nominating them for passages to this Colony in such cases where, if both husband and wife were at home, they would be eligible?

(2.) If not, is it the intention of the Government so to amend the said Regulations as to permit nominations to be made under the circumstances adverted to?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Regulations, as they exist, do not admit of families, whose husbands are out of England, coming out to the Colony; but the Agent General has—by the mail before last, I think—been instructed in any such case, if he is satisfied that the parties in other respects conform to the Regulations, and is satisfied that the husband is in this Colony, to treat the family as if the husband were in England.

2. POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANKS ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of Post Office Savings Banks in the Colony.

(2.) The number of depositors, and the total amount deposited in each Bank, on the 30th September, 1873.

(3.) The salary and other remuneration of each and every official employed, and any other expenses that are incurred in connection with the said Banks.

Question put and passed.

3. LITHGOW VALLEY COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL ("Formal" Motion):—

(1.) Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Patrick Higgins, John Busby, Edward Gell, Thomas Talbot Wilton, and Edward Combes, Esquires, to construct a Railway from land belonging to them over a road known as Bell's Line of Road, so as to form a connection with the Great Western Railway.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Lackey having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the construction by Patrick Higgins of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales Esquire John Busby of Bathurst in the said Colony Esquire Edward Gell of the same place Esquire Thomas Talbot Wilton of Sydney aforesaid Esquire and Edward Combes of Glanmire near Bathurst aforesaid Esquire of a Railway from land belonging to them over a Road known as Bell's Line of Road so as to form a connection with the Great Western Railway,*"—read a first time.

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Tolls on Public Roads Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Nelson (after Debate), until Friday, 24th October.

5. LAW OF EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill,—Mr. Stewart moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until Friday, 31st October.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Bill then resumed.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Garrett,

Tellers.

Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. O'Connor,	Sir James Martin,
Mr. Piddington,	Tellers.
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Hurley, (Central Cumberland)	Mr. Allen.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. BATHURST CATTLE SALE YARDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Combes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Combes, that the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

7. DOGS BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Nelson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the registration and keeping of Dogs.

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

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to regulate the registration and keeping of Dogs.

On motion of Mr. Nelson that Report was adopted.

(2.) Mr. Nelson then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the Registration and Keeping of Dogs*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 7th November.

8. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICES OF JOHN DUNMORE LANG :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to confer an Annuity upon John Dunmore Lang; or for conferring upon that gentleman some other pecuniary recognition for his public services.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. John Robertson, that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Evidence further Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, until Tuesday next.*

(2.) Roads Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the desirability of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the management of the Roads of the Colony;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 21.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Railway Passenger Traffic:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of passengers who travelled to the different Stations by the several Railway Trains running to and from Sydney and Raglan, Sydney and Goulburn, and Newcastle and Murrurundi, during the week ending Saturday, 28th September?

(2.) The amount received from the passengers by each train?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

Line.	Train.	No. of Passengers.	Amount Received.	Remarks.
	h. m.		£ s. d.	
Sydney to Raglan	8.50 a.m.	183½	181 2 1	
Do.	5.10 p.m.	199¼	190 18 9	
Raglan to Sydney	10.30 a.m.	330½	270 7 8	
Do.	11.20 p.m.	233¼	228 6 4	
Sydney to Goulburn	9.5 a.m.	232¼	158 0 0	
Do.	5.0 p.m.	160½	124 9 6	
Goulburn to Sydney	1.0 a.m.	149	119 5 7	
Do.	11.35 a.m.	158½	118 4 2	
Newcastle to Murrurundi	7.0 a.m.	579	168 19 7	
Do.	9.15 a.m.	100½	28 17 3	Goods Train.
Murrurundi to Newcastle	4.15 a.m.	788½	180 8 4	
Do.	10.15 a.m.	114¼	33 1 8	Goods Train.

(2.) Pre-leases of Conditional Purchases:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that certain conditional purchasers, who have obtained pre-leases in virtue of their conditional purchases, have failed to pay, or have not been charged rent by, the Government upon any such pre-lease, for any period since the first year of such rent being due?

(2.) If so, how many of such conditional purchasers are in arrears of such rent for the years 1870, 1871, 1872, and to what amounts, respectively?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes, there are a great many who are in arrear with their rents.
 (2.) As pre-leases are granted not only in virtue of conditional purchases, but also in virtue of holdings of which the fee simple has been acquired under the several modes of sale prescribed by the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861; and as it has not been found necessary, either as regards the public or the Department, to specify in the Pre-lease Registers the particular class of holding in virtue of which each lease has been granted, it will be impossible to supply the information required by the question without considerably interfering with the current duties of the lease Branch, which are at the present time more than ordinarily pressing. If, however, the Honorable Gentleman desires it, a Return will be prepared as soon as possible, and will be laid upon the Table of the House.

(3.) Reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp:—Mr. Allen asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Government yet approved of a plan for the reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp; if so, will the Minister lay the same upon the Table of this House?
- (2.) When was the reclamation commenced?
- (3.) What proportion of the whole area of the Swamp has yet been reclaimed?
- (4.) When is it expected that the work will be completed?
- (5.) How much of the Vote for £10,000 remains to be expended?
- (6.) Will provision be made on the Estimates for the further necessary expenditure?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The Government has approved of a plan, and has no objection to lay a copy of the same upon the Table.
- (2.) In January, 1872.
- (3.) About one-fifth. 88,525 tons of silt have been already deposited, and about 354,100 tons remain to be deposited.
- (4.) In about four years.
- (5.) £7,581 4s. 1d.
- (6.) Yes, when the proper time arrives.

(4.) By-laws for Regulating Public Vehicles:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Governor and Executive Council further considered the By-laws for regulating Public Vehicles, numbered respectively 10, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 23, 31, 33, 38, 39, and part of 49, as stated in a letter from the Colonial Secretary's Office, of date the 17th July last, addressed to the Metropolitan Transit Commissioners; if not, when will this matter receive the attention of the Government?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Objections were raised to the By-laws which are numbered in the Honorable Gentleman's question, and for that reason they were not passed with the others. Since then they have not been further considered by the Executive Council, but the attention of the Government shall be given to them, and further communication made on the subject to the Transit Commissioners.

(5.) Public School Teacher, Wallabadah:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the vacancy in the office of Public School Teacher at Wallabadah yet been filled up?
- (2.) If not, when will an appointment be made?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished to me by the Secretary of the Council of Education:—

- (1.) The vacancy in the office of Teacher has not yet been filled up.
- (2.) An appointment will be made as soon as the services of a suitable Teacher can be obtained.

(6.) Bridge at Manilla Crossing, Namoi River:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place on the Supplementary Estimates a sum for the erection of a Bridge over the river Namoi, at the Manilla Crossing?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—An officer from the Roads Department has been despatched to inspect this and other localities in the district. On receipt of his report and estimate the subject will be taken into consideration.

(7.) Bridge over Cockburn River:—Mr. Bennett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the land been purchased for the approaches to the new Bridge over the Cockburn River, Tamworth?
- (2.) Has the site been marked where it is intended to erect the said Bridge?
- (3.) If not, when will the site be determined?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Land has not been purchased for the approaches to the Cockburn River Bridge.
- (2 and 3.) The site has been determined at Johnson's Farm, between the Five-mile Swamp and Swain's Flat.

(8.) Mail Service *via* San Francisco:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Whether any reply has been received from the Honorable Saul Samuel to the telegram forwarded to him by the Colonial Secretary on the 28th August last, as to arrangements being made by "Hall" as to the temporary mail service between this Colony and San Francisco, and as to "the new ships being built" for the permanent service; and also, to the telegram sent to the Honorable Saul Samuel by the Colonial Secretary on the 29th September last, as to leaving of boats for the interim service?
- (2.) If replies have been received, when were they so received, and what is their nature?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A reply has been received by me from Mr. Samuel, a copy of which I will lay upon the Table of the House during the evening.

- (9.) Water Supply, Hill End :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has a copy of certain Resolutions, passed at a Public Meeting held on Wednesday, October 1, at the Court House, Hill End, having reference to the necessity for an immediate supply of Water in that locality, and intimating a desire or intention on the part of the inhabitants to endeavour to obtain from the Government a grant of money for the purpose, reached the Government?
 (2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I understand that my Honorable Colleague, the Secretary for Public Works, proposes to place the £400 granted for this purpose in the hands of the Municipality of Hill End.

- (10.) Church and School Estates Fund :—*Mr. Stewart*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the interest of the £90,000, referred to in a question put the other day to the Treasurer by Sir James Martin, is divided among what the Treasurer in his answer called the four principal religious denominations?

(2.) If this is so, will the Treasurer state how much the interest comes to, and what sum comes to each of the four sects in the division, and if they get this over and above their allowance from the State?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) No, the interest referred to is not yet divided, but will be included in the annual distribution of Rents and Interest in 1874.

(2.) The amount of interest received up to this date on the investment of £90,000, is £808 15s. 3d., which is divisible as follows, on the basis of the Census of 1851, namely :—

	£	s.	d.
Church of England	301	18	8
Roman Catholic Church	184	9	0
Presbyterian Church	58	17	2
Wesleyan Church	32	8	11
And the Council of Education	231	1	6

These moneys are over and above the allowance by the State.

£808 15 3

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Merchant Shipping Act Amendment Act, 1862.—(Despatch respecting Tonnage of French Vessels.)

(2.) Despatch, with copy of Merchant Shipping and Passengers Acts Amendment Act, 1872.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table a Return showing the quantity of Land selected in the different Gold Fields of the Colony, for the purpose of working Gold Minerals, during the period from 1st April, 1872, to 30th June, 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Despatch covering Treaty with Denmark for Mutual Extradition of Fugitive Criminals.

(2.) Telegram from the Postmaster General relative to performance of Mail Service *via* San Francisco.

Ordered to be printed.

3. WALKER AND CARLOW STREETS ENCLOSURE BILL :—Sir James Martin presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of the North Shore, praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House against the passing of this Bill.
 Petition received.

4. LITHGOW VALLEY COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Bill to authorize the construction by Patrick Higgins, of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquire, John Busby, of Bathurst, in the said Colony, Esquire, Edward Gell, of the same place, Esquire, Thomas Talbot Wilton, of Sydney, aforesaid, Esquire, and Edward Combes, of Glanmire, near Bathurst, aforesaid, Esquire, of a Railway from land belonging to them over a road, known as Bell's Line of Road, so as to form a connection with the Great Western Railway, be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hill, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Webb, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Watson, Mr. Single, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. GOULBURN VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS :—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" the Report of the Select Committee on the Goulburn Volunteer Rifle Corps, brought up on the 22nd April, 1873, be now adopted.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House shall, on Friday, November 24, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the recommendation of the Select Committee on the Goulburn Volunteer Rifle Corps

'That immediate steps should be taken to remove Captain Rossi from the position of Captain of the Volunteer Rifle Corps,'

"and also to allow Captain Rossi an opportunity of being heard at the Bar in his defence."

Debate continued.

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

Original

Original Question then put,—That the Report of the Select Committee on the Goulburn Volunteer Rifle Corps, brought up on 22nd April, 1873, be now adopted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Macintosh.	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Hurley, (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Baker,	<i>Cumberland</i>)
Mr. Tcece,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Nelson.
Mr. Oakes,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Butler,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Forster,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Combes.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. WALKER AND CARLOW STREETS ENCLOSURE BILL:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Question for the consideration in Committee of the Whole of Walker and Carlow Streets Enclosure Bill, which lapsed on Friday, 3rd October, for want of a Quorum (on Division), be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. JAMES BROMLEY BAMFORD:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 9th October, from J. B. Bamford, be printed.
Question put and passed.

8. FREE RAILWAY PASSES:—Mr. Webb moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion that the granting of Free Railway Passes on the Western Railway to Mr. Thatcher, of the *Western Independent*, on twelve different occasions, from the 5th July, 1872, to the 10th September, 1873, inclusive, was improper.

(2.) That this House is further of opinion that the granting of Free Railway Passes to persons connected with the Press, as such, ought to be discontinued.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Burns moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

On motion of Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) Debate adjourned to Friday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 22.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) East Maitland Reserve :—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Trustees for the East Maitland Reserve given all the information demanded from them by the Government in reference to the management of the Reserve ?

(2.) If not, what course do the Government intend to take in reference to the matter ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—All information asked for has been supplied, as far as the Government is aware. The matter of the leasing of the Reserve will be inquired into by the Government.

(2.) Affiliated Colleges :—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many matriculated, and how many non-matriculated, students were resident on the 30th of September last at each of the Affiliated Colleges—St. Paul's, St. John's, and St. Andrew's ?

(2.) How many non-resident students were in attendance at each of these Colleges on the same date ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have received the following answer, supplied from the heads of these Colleges, to the Honorable Member's question :—At St. Paul's College the matriculated students are eleven ; non-matriculated, none. At St. John's College there are two resident students not matriculated. There are two non-student graduates reading philosophy. And then there is a note appended by the Rector to this effect : The month of September is a vacation month in the University.

(3.) St. Andrew's College :—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What sums have been paid on account of St. Andrew's College ?

(2.) For what purposes, and on what dates ?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) The sums paid amount to £264 15s. 8d.

(2.) For the salary of the Reverend Principal Adam Thomson, on the following dates, namely—

	£	s.	d.
April 21	14	15	8
May 8	41	13	4
June 6	41	13	4
July 7	41	13	4
August 7	41	13	4
September 6	41	13	4
October 9	41	13	4

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(4.) The case of Gunner Williamson :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government had the printed documents relating to the dismissal of Gunner James Williamson from the Artillery Volunteer Force under consideration ?

(2.) If so, what steps (if any) do the Government intend to take with regard to the said dismissal ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government have had the papers in this case under consideration, and instructions have been given for the restoration of Mr. Williamson to the position he formerly occupied in the Volunteer Force.

(5.)

- (5.) The Rev. Charles Currey:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Whether the Government intend to supply the Rev. Charles R. Currey with copies of the documents and papers connected with his conviction and imprisonment for illegally solemnizing a marriage, and the conduct of Mr. District Court Judge Meymott in reference to the case?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find that the Rev. Mr. Currey asks for a copy of the Judge's Report upon his petition; and a copy of that Report will be supplied to him.

- (6.) Denominational School, Petersham:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—If he will cause to be laid upon the Table, as early as possible, copies of all Documents, not already tabled, relating to the applications for a Certificate to a Denominational School at Petersham?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I see no objection to copies of these papers being laid upon the Table. I will cause application to be made for them, and will produce them on an early day.

- (7.) Telegraphic Messages:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to his Resolution of the 18th February, 1873,—“That, in the opinion of this House, the charge for the transmission of Messages by Electric Telegraph throughout New South Wales ought to be reduced to one shilling for private Messages not exceeding ten words, with a penny for each additional word, and that Press Messages ought to be transmitted for fifty per cent. less than private Messages.” And to his Question of the 10th March, 1873,—“From what date do the Government propose to establish the reduced charges for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages within the Colony?”—and the reply thereto of the Colonial Secretary, that “the decision of the late Conference, in relation to the whole of the Colonies, was that the reduced Tariff should commence on the 1st October.”—

(1.) Whether any, and if any, what reductions have been made in the Telegraphic charges, either for within the Colony, or for between the Colony and any other Colony or Colonies?

(2.) If the reductions contemplated in February and March last, to be introduced on the 1st instant, have not been made, when they are likely to be effected?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) No reductions have yet been made.

(2.) The necessary sanction of His Excellency the Governor and the Executive Council has been obtained, and the necessary arrangements made with the neighbouring Colonies, for bringing the reduced rates, agreed to at the Intercolonial Conference, into operation on the 1st proximo, in accordance with the Report of the Conference, dated 14th February last.

- (8.) The Marine Board:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Does the Engineer for Harbours and Rivers act under the direction of the Marine Board; if not, then under what instrumentality does the Board carry out its duties (in accordance with the 19th clause of the Navigation Act) with regard to the preservation of Ports, Harbours, Havens, and Navigable Creeks and Rivers?

(2.) Does any other Department release the Marine Board of this portion of its duty; and, if so, under what authority is it done?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) The Engineer for Harbours and Rivers does not act under the directions of the Marine Board. It is presumed that the Board carry out their duties under the clause referred to by the instrumentality of their own officers.

(2.) No.

- (9.) The Fiji Islands:—Mr. Hay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he any objection to state what course the Executive Council has decided to take in regard to communicating with the Home Government respecting the present state of affairs in Fiji?

(2.) What other steps (if any) have been decided on?

Mr. Parkes answered,—In answer to the Honorable Member's question, I desire to say that a telegraphic despatch has been transmitted by His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State representing the state of things bordering upon anarchy which now exists in the Fiji Islands, and that, in the view of His Excellency's advisers, the native chiefs of those islands would be favourable to the annexation of them by Great Britain, and urging the Imperial Government to take possession and colonise those islands. The despatch transmitted also urges that, in the event of any armed collision, instructions may be given to the commanders of Her Majesty's Ships of War to protect British subjects now resident in those islands.

- (10.) Treatment of Criminal Lunatics:—Mr. Macleay, on behalf of Captain Onslow, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—If he has received a Report from the Board of Visitors of Lunatic Asylums enclosing a Report from Mr. Alfred Roberts upon the mode of treating and dealing with the Criminal Lunatics of England and Ireland, and if he has any objection to lay such Report upon the Table before the Lunacy Bill is considered?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A Report by Mr. Alfred Roberts of the character described in this question has been transmitted to me by the Board of Visitors of Lunatic Asylums, and there is no objection whatever to laying a copy of that Report upon the Table of this House.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir James Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. LITHGOW VALLEY COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Lackey, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee, for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 14th October, 1873, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table, Returns in reference to the investment of the Church and School Estates Fund. (*See Answer to Question 1, sections (3) and (6) in Votes and Proceedings of 8th October instant.*)

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Correspondence respecting Temporary Mail Service, *via* San Francisco.

Ordered to be printed.

5. ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1874 AND SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1873 AND PREVIOUS YEARS :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the provisions of the 54th Clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Estimates of the Expenditure of this Government for the year 1874, with Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1873 and previous years.

*Government House,
Sydney, 15th October, 1873.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates.

6. WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY WATER-FRONTAGE COMPENSATION BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An act to authorize certain grants of Land to be made by way of compensation for losses of water-frontage in Woolloomooloo Bay,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 15th October, 1873.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

7. WAYS AND MEANS ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.
Question put and passed.8. WALKER AND CARLOW STREETS ENCLOSURE BILL ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 14th October, from certain Inhabitants of the North Shore, praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House against the passing of the Walker and Carlow Streets Enclosure Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.9. SUPPLY :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, and that the Governor's Message No. 4, together with the accompanying Estimates, be referred thereto.
Question put and passed.

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

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

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

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

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

(1.) *Resolved*, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £29 6s. 3d., to defray Travelling Expenses of Police Magistrates, &c., further sum, for the Service of 1871.

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

10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes :—

(1.) Mining Bill; second reading ;—*until Thursday, 23rd October.*

(2.) Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill; second reading ;—*until to-morrow.*

11. OCEAN MAIL COMMUNICATION :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of adopting the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That this House approves of the course adopted by the Government in respect to the Mail Service between Australia and Great Britain, *via* Galle.

(2.) That this House approves of the Agreement made by the Government with the Government of New Zealand for the establishment and maintenance of a Mail Service between Sydney and Great Britain, *via* San Francisco.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 23.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Maitland District Council:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has his attention been drawn to the last published accounts of the Maitland District Council, especially an item of expenditure of £7 7s. for preparing an Address to the late Warden?
 (2.) If not, will he direct his attention to this subject, and cause inquiry to be made as to the propriety of this expenditure of the funds of the Council?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The accounts referred to in the first question have not been received at the Lands Department. I have, however, made inquiry, and ascertained from the Works Department that the Maitland District Council receive local punt revenue from the Hinton and Largs ferries, out of which the amount referred to appears to have been paid.

- (2.) Trigonometrical Survey:—Mr. Hill, on behalf of Mr. Lackey, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has the survey and laying down of the Base Line at Lake George been completed?
 (2.) Will the Minister state what the cost of this work has been up to the present time?
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to carry out the proposed Trigonometrical Survey?
 (4.) Are there any records in the Survey Department of a Base Line said to have been marked out by Mr. Surveyor White some years back?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Not yet.
 (2.) £2,205 4s. 4d. since the Surveyor General took charge of the work in September, 1870; and £2,500 previous to that date, under the management of the late Mr. Smalley, on a line now submerged.
 (3.) Yes.
 (4.) No records can be traced.

- (3.) Conditional Purchases within Proclaimed Gold Fields:—Mr. Single asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Whether the conditional purchase of land within proclaimed gold-fields has been permitted recently in the district of Mudgee?
 (2.) Have the opinions of the Crown Law Officers been obtained on the legality of such purchases?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) The 14th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act admits of conditional purchases being made within proclaimed gold-fields, unless within areas specially reserved by proclamation from conditional purchase. If any conditional purchases are found to be within such areas, they will be, of course, cancelled.
 (2.) No; the law on the subject being so specific, there was no necessity for obtaining any such opinions.

2. **ASSENT TO NEWSPAPER POSTAGE ABOLITION BILL** :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 5.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to abolish the imposition of Postage Rates on Newspapers*,"—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, 16th October, 1873.

3. **LITHGOW VALLEY COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL** ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Hill, on behalf of Mr. Lackey, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the second reading of the Lithgow Valley Colliery Railway Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday, 21 October. Question put and passed.
4. **PAPER** :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, By-Laws of the Municipal District of Liverpool. Ordered to be printed.
5. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Imported Stock Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Thursday next.*
(2.) General Elections Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next.*
6. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
7. **PAPERS** :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Estimates of the Ways and Means of the Government of New South Wales, for the year 1874.
(2.) Statements with reference to the Public Debt of the Colony of New South Wales, to the 30th September, 1873.
Ordered to be printed.
8. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Wednesday next :—
(1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee;—*on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd.*
(2.) Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Parkes.*
9. **OCEAN MAIL COMMUNICATION** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, further to consider the expediency of adopting the following Resolutions :—
(1.) That this House approves of the course adopted by the Government in respect to the Mail Service between Australia and Great Britain, *via* Galle.
(2.) That this House approves of the Agreement made by the Government with the Government of New Zealand for the establishment and maintenance of a Mail Service between Sydney and Great Britain, *via* San Francisco.
(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1873, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions.

Ordered that the reception of the said Resolutions stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

10. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL** :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Friendly and other Mutual Benefit Societies*,"—with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th October, 1873.

JOHN HAY,
President.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 16th October, 1873.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 1, line 6. Omit "Government"

Page 3, clause 7, lines 48 and 49. Omit "in such manner as shall from time to time be directed by the Colonial Secretary" insert "as provided by the third section hereof"

Page 4, clause 8, line 32. After "whatsoever" omit remainder of clause.

Page 5, clause 12. Omit clause 12 insert new clause :—

" 12. The provisions of an Act passed in the thirty-ninth year of the reign of King George the Third intituled '*An Act for the more effectual suppression of Societies established for seditious and treasonable purposes and for better preventing treasonable and seditious practices*' and also of another Act passed in the fifty-seventh year of King George the Third intituled '*An Act for the more effectually preventing seditious meetings and assemblies*' shall not extend to any Society or branch established under this Act in which benefits are assured to the members depending on the laws of sickness and mortality or to any meeting of the members or officers thereof in which Society or branch or at which meeting no business whatever is transacted other than that which directly and immediately relates to the objects of the Society or branch as declared in the rules thereof as they are set forth in the certified copy thereof Provided always that the Trustees or other officers of such Society or branch when required under the hand of two Justices of the Peace shall give full information to such Justices of the nature objects proceedings and practices of such Society or branch and in default thereof the provisions of the said recited Acts shall be in force with regard to such Society or branch"

Page 6, clause 15, line 35. Omit "may now" insert "might before the commencement of this Act"
 " " line 36. After "Supreme" insert "or any other"
 Page 7, clause 18, line 52. Omit "the" insert "such"
 Page 8, " line 8. Omit "five" insert "two"
 " clause 19, line 14. Omit "five" insert "two"
 Page 9, clause 21, line 7. Omit "numbers" insert "members"
 " " line 23. Omit "stock" insert "funds or property"
 Page 10, clause 24, line 14. Omit "Government"
 Page 11, clause 30, line 13. After "of" insert "not less than"
 " clause 31, line 19. After "list" add "Provided always that any such charges may be altered from time to time by resolution of not less than three-fourths of such members"
 Page 14, clause 40, line 1. After "applicable" insert "the tables or scales of payment"
 Page 15, clause 44, line 23. Omit "one hundred" insert "fifty-two"
 " " line 32. Omit "one hundred" insert "fifty-two"
 " " line 38. After "of" insert "a"
 Page 18, clause 57, line 43. After "purposes" omit remainder of clause.
 Page 20, clause 67, line 18. After "office" insert "situate in this Colony"
 Page 21, clause 74. Omit clause 74.
 Page 22. After clause 81 insert new clause:—

" 81. No copy of rules nor power warrant or letter of attorney granted by any person as Trustee of any Friendly Society within meaning of Part III established under this Act or the Act hereby repealed for the transfer of any share in any Colonial funds or debentures standing in the name of such Trustees nor any order or receipt for money contributed to or received from the funds of any such Society by any person liable or entitled to pay or receive the same by virtue of the rules thereof or of this Act nor any bond to be given to or on account of any such Society or by the treasurer or any officer thereof nor any draft or order nor any form of policy nor any appointment of any agent nor any certificate or other instrument for the revocation of any such appointment nor any other document whatever required or authorized by or in pursuance of this Act or the rules of any Society shall be liable to stamp duty Provided that no exemption from any of the duties granted by any Act relating to stamp duties shall be deemed to extend to any Society which shall assure the payment of money in excess of the limit or in favour of any persons other than those mentioned in the eighteenth section hereof"

Page 23, second schedule, line 30, in column 3 omit "£5 5s. 0d"

Examined,—

J. DOCKER,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, that the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
 Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 24.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Shipping Coal at Newcastle:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that large vessels have either left, or are about leaving, the Colony of Victoria for ports in India and America in ballast, the masters of said vessels refusing to load coal at Newcastle, consequent on the delay incident on the insufficiency of the shipping facilities at that port?

(2.) Has the Government taken any steps towards improving the facilities for the shipment of coal?

(3.) If so, when will the work be commenced?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Government has not been made aware that this is the case; but it is known that complaints have been made that the shipping facilities at the Port of Newcastle are insufficient.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) As regards the improvement of deep water anchorage for ships of large tonnage, the work is being proceeded with night and day. Tenders will be invited in next *Gazette* for the construction of four additional cranes and further wharf accommodation, and improved regulations for shipping and trimming the coal on board vessels have been prepared, and are now under the consideration of the Government. A sum of £9,000 has also been placed on the Loan Estimates for 1874 for two more Steam-cranes.

(2.) Free Railway Passes:—Mr. Stewart asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Doctor Quinn, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Bathurst, travels free by train?

(2.) If so, by whose authority is he allowed to do so?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is not a fact that Doctor Quinn travels free by train, nor has he ever received a free pass from the Railway Office.

(3.) Railway Passes to Members of the Press:—Mr. Webb asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have any Free Railway Passes been issued to members of the Press between the 14th September, 1873, and the 16th instant?

(2.) If so, what are the names of the persons to whom such passes were issued?

(3.) The journeys, respectively, for which such passes were given?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) Editor, *Critic*, Sydney to Raglan, and Return; Mr. Vane, Sydney to Raglan, and Return; Mr. Heaton, Newcastle to Murrurundi, and Return.

(4.)

(4.) Fencing on Great Southern Railway :—Mr. Combes asked The Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that the contractors of the Yass Extension of the Great Southern Railway are to be permitted to use white gum for posts in the fencing required on that Line?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes, if it be the best timber in the district. The specification states “the timber to be of the best quality in the district through which the Railway passes.”

2. DENILIQVIN AND MOAMA RAILWAY BILL (“*Formal*” *Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Hay, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Hay then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to incorporate a Company under the name of the ‘Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company’ for the purpose of making constructing and maintaining a Railway between Deniliquin and Moama and for other purposes.*”

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to incorporate a Company under the name of the ‘Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company’ for the purpose of making constructing and maintaining a Railway between Deniliquin and Moama and for other purposes,*”—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th October, 1873.*

3. BREDBO BRIDGE (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Rodd moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Mr. Richard Hannaford, of Braidwood, having reference to the construction of the Bredbo Bridge, together with all correspondence, including Minutes, Letters, &c., relating to Mr. Hannaford’s claim upon the Government in connection with the same.
Question put and passed.

4. WILLIAM HENRY BARON (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Rodd moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence having reference to the abolition of the office of William Henry Baron, as Resident Engineer, Clarence River, together with copies of applications made by him for compensation for loss of such office.
Question put and passed.

5. PAPER :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to an Address, adopted on 16th September, 1873, in reference to the employment of Female Teachers in Roman Catholic Schools.
Ordered to be printed.

6. UNLAWFUL PROMISES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stewart moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.

Question put,—

And Division called for,—

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

7. AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Brown that report was adopted.

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

8. MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

9. ROADS BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Lucas, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the desirability of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the management of the Roads of the Colony.

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

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the management of the Roads of the Colony.

On motion of Mr. Lucas that report was adopted.

(2.) Mr. Lucas then presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to make better provision for the making repairing and management of the Common Roads of the Colony,*”—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 7th November.

10. FREE RAILWAY PASSES:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Webb,—
- “ (1.) That this House is of opinion that the granting of Free Railway Passes on the Western Railway to Mr. Thatcher, of the *Western Independent*, on twelve different occasions, from the 5th July, 1872, to the 10th September, 1873, inclusive, was improper.
- “ (2.) That this House is further of opinion that the granting of Free Railway Passes to persons connected with the Press, as such, ought to be discontinued.
- “ (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.”
- Upon which Mr. Burns had moved the previous Question,—
- Debate resumed.
- Previous Question, by leave, withdrawn.
- Original Question, by leave, withdrawn.
11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday, 31st October.
12. BATHURST CATTLE SALE YARDS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Combes moved, That the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, on motion of Mr. Combes, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Recognition of Public Services of John Dunmore Lang; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole;—*on motion of Mr. John Robertson, until Friday, 31st October.*
- (2.) Evidence further Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*

The House adjourned, at two minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 25.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Employment of Females in the Telegraph Department:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to employ Female Operators in the Telegraph Department; and, if so, do they purpose to provide a separate operating room for their accommodation in the new building?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The matter of the Honorable Member's question has been brought under the consideration of the Government, but no definite conclusion has been arrived at; but in the arrangements of the new Post Office provision will be made to enable a room to be set apart for this purpose, if it should be found desirable.

- (2.) Metropolitan Railway Extension:—Mr. Greville asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has he been informed that a deputation from the Metropolitan Railway Extension Committee is desirous of an interview with him; and, if so, would he name a day for the interview?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes; and in reply the Committee were informed that I would fix a day for the interview. Tuesday the 28th instant has now been fixed for the purpose, and the Committee apprised.

- (3.) Duty on Tobacco:—Mr. Watson asked The Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—The name or names of any person or persons who paid Duty on manufactured or unmanufactured Tobacco from the 13th to 16th instant inclusive, with the amount paid by each?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

On the 13th October:—

		<i>Manufactured Tobacco.</i>	
Barnard & Hinton	...	£49	6 0
		<i>Unmanufactured Tobacco.</i>	
E. T. Penfold	...	181	17 0
G. E. Austin	...	0	12 0
T. Saywell	...	184	10 0
Parbury, Lamb & Co.	...	257	13 0
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		£624	12 0
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14th October:—

		<i>Manufactured Tobacco.</i>	
J. J. Curran	...	23	16 0
C. W. Sutton	...	84	6 0
J. Jacobs & Co.	...	22	16 0
E. T. Penfold	...	46	10 0
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		£177	8 0
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		<i>Unmanufactured Tobacco.</i>	
Parbury, Lamb & Co.	...	1,529	19 0
E. T. Penfold	...	2	8 0
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		£1,532	7 0
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15th

15th October:—

Manufactured Tobacco.

	£	s.	d.
Sippel Bros.	25	10	0
D. Cohen & Co.	122	14	0
Church & Hills	42	4	0
Dangar, Gedye & Co.	65	6	0
J. Barlow	22	18	0
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	£278	12	0
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Unmanufactured Tobacco.

Parbury, Lamb & Co.	5,575	8	0
T. Saywell	1,938	4	0
Dixson & Sons	3,302	9	0
E. T. Penfold	275	9	0
Cameron & Dunn	170	4	0
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	£11,261	14	0
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16th October:—

Manufactured Tobacco.

Barnard & Hinton	50	4	0
Eggers & Bartlett	27	16	0
Dalton Bros.	375	0	0
Parbury, Lamb & Co.	132	10	0
Dangar, Gedye & Co.	26	0	0
Learmonth, Dickinson	12	12	0
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	£624	2	0
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Unmanufactured Tobacco.

Dixson & Sons	814	8	0
Parbury, Lamb & Co.	773	7	0
T. Saywell	35	14	0
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	£1,623	9	0
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2. THE ELECTORATE OF THE BOGAN:—Mr. Lord presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Bushman's Lead, Currajong, and the surrounding District, praying that in any Bill amending the present Electoral Law this Electorate may be divided, and return two Members to Parliament.
Petition received.
3. SCOTT'S LEASING BILL:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 9th October, 1873, together with Appendix. Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 24th October.
4. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Stephen Brown presented a Petition from the Directors of the Australian Mutual Provident Society, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Australian Mutual Provident Society.
And Mr. Brown having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, the *Empire*, the *Town and Country Journal*, and the *Sydney Mail*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
5. PAPERS:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1. List No. 5 of 1873.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1. From 1st to 30th September, 1873.
Ordered to be printed.
6. AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB BILL ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Brown then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to extend the period for which the Trustees of the Randwick Racecourse are enabled to grant Leases thereof and to enable the Members of the 'Australian Jockey Club' to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman for the time being of the Committee of the said Club and for other purposes.*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the period for which the Trustees of the Randwick Racecourse are enabled to grant Leases thereof and to enable the Members of the 'Australian Jockey Club' to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman for the time being of the Committee of the said Club and for other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 21st October, 1873.

7. MERCANTILE BANK OF SYDNEY BILL, ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Brown then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company called 'The Mercantile Bank of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company called 'The Mercantile Bank of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 21st October, 1873.

8. BATHURST CATTLE SALE YARDS BILL ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Combes, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Combes then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale Yards on a portion of the Bathurst Common by the Borough Council of Bathurst.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale Yards on a portion of the Bathurst Common by the Borough Council of Bathurst,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 21st October, 1873.

9. "DUMMY" SELECTIONS:—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the systematic evasion of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, by means of "dummy" selections and otherwise, is, to a great extent, frustrating the intention of the Legislature in regard to the alienation of the Crown Lands of the Colony, and requires to be checked by Legislative enactment or Executive action.

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

Debate ensued.

Mr. Farnell moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Watson,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Greville,

Tellers.

Mr. Baker,
Mr. Rodd.

Noes, 37.

Mr. Butler,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Single,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Neale,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Lackey.
Mr. Clarke,	
Mr. Warden,	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. INVESTMENT OF CHURCH AND SCHOOL ESTATES FUND:—Sir James Martin moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House disapproves the investment, on the 10th July last, of £90,000, proceeds of the sale of Church and School Lands, in the purchase of Funded Stock created by the "Funded Stock Act of 1873."

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

Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. Lucas moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to this day week.

Debate ensued.

Question put on the motion for the adjournment of the Debate,—and negatived.

Debate on Original Question continued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Lord,
Sir James Martin,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Warden,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Lackey,

Tellers.

Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Lucas.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Grabame,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. W. C. Browne,

Tellers.

Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

And so it passed in the negative.

11. WALKER AND CARLOW STREETS ENCLOSURE BILL:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the consideration in Committee of the Whole House of Walker and Carlow Streets Enclosure Bill, stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 31 October.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Butler,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Nelson.
Mr. Cunneen,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. John Robertson,

Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Stewart.

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

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-four minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 26.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

2. QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Imported Unmanufactured Tobacco :—Mr. John Robertson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—The weight in pounds of unmanufactured Tobacco imported into the Colony between the 10th and the 15th days of October instant?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—Nil.

(2.) Duty on Tobacco :—Mr. John Robertson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—The names of all persons who paid Customs Duty for Tobacco from the 29th day of August last to the 17th day of October instant, inclusive, distinguishing manufactured from unmanufactured Tobacco, and showing the weight in pounds withdrawn, and the amounts in money paid by each person or firm operating?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—I am informed by the Collector of Customs that this information cannot be ready before to-morrow, as some time is required for its preparation. When prepared I will lay it upon the Table.

(3.) Mail Service *via* San Francisco :—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The names of the "Contractors" who were stated by him in a letter, dated 23rd July last, and addressed to the Colonial Secretary, New Zealand, to "represent large firms in Sydney, Melbourne, London, Liverpool, and in New Zealand"?

(2.) The names of the firms so "represented" by the "Contractors"?

(3.) The names of the firms or persons with whom, according to Mr. Samuel's telegram to the Colonial Secretary, dated at London the 11th instant, "preliminary agreements" for a permanent and temporary mail service were then just signed?

(4.) Whether the Australasian Steam Navigation Company of this Colony is, to his knowledge or belief, in any way, directly or indirectly, party to, or concerned in these preliminary agreements, or either of them, or in any other agreement relating to a mail service between London and this Colony or San Francisco and this Colony?

(5.) Whether, during the last two months, there have been any conferences, negotiations, discussions, or interviews between him and any member or agent of the Australasian Steam Navigation Company, relating in any way to the question of that Company being or becoming interested in a mail service between London or San Francisco and this Colony?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—The persons meant by the word "Contractors" in my letter to the Colonial Secretary of New Zealand, were Mr. Hall and the persons known to be associated with him. The firm in Sydney to which I alluded was the firm of Cameron, Dunn, and Co. I have this morning applied to Mr. Cameron to know whether he will authorize me to mention the other firms. As he has not done so, I do not feel at liberty to mention the other firms. With regard to the third question, I have no information that will enable me to answer it. With regard to question four, I have no knowledge that the Australasian Steam Navigation Company are directly or indirectly interested in the San Francisco mail contract, and I do not believe that they are in any way whatever. With respect to question five, no conference, or negotiation, or discussion, or interview has been held by me with any person connected with the Australasian Steam Navigation Company, with this exception,—in May last, I think, I sent for the Manager of that Company, to ask him whether his Company could provide a temporary service between Sydney and Galle, and his answer was that they could not.

(4.) Duty on Tobacco:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The amount of Duty paid on manufactured Tobacco from 1st January, 1871, to 30th September, 1873, showing the amount paid in each quarter during the period named.

(2.) The amount of Duty paid on unmanufactured Tobacco during the same period, showing the amount paid each quarter?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

<i>Manufactured Tobacco.</i>			<i>Unmanufactured Tobacco.</i>		
1871.			1871.		
First Quarter	...	£13,058 10 9	First Quarter	...	£2,849 1 3
Second do	...	11,909 13 1	Second do	...	2,665 0 0
Third do	...	13,244 1 5	Third do	...	3,425 15 0
Fourth do	...	10,833 2 3	Fourth do	...	4,369 12 8
Total	...	<u>£49,045 7 6</u>	Total...	...	<u>£13,309 8 11</u>
1872.			1872.		
First Quarter	...	£10,811 9 6	First Quarter	...	£4,226 7 0
Second do	...	10,437 18 9	Second do	...	4,789 13 0
Third do	...	11,835 10 6	Third do	...	5,129 13 0
Fourth do	...	10,596 8 7	Fourth do	...	5,767 5 0
Total	...	<u>£43,681 7 4</u>	Total...	...	<u>£19,912 18 0</u>
1873.			1873.		
First Quarter	...	£10,725 6 0	First Quarter	...	£5,097 5 0
Second do	...	10,201 0 2	Second do	...	4,516 17 0
Third do	...	10,662 9 1	Third do	...	11,066 3 0
Total	...	<u>£31,588 15 3</u>	Total...	...	<u>£20,680 5 0</u>

(5.) Tobacco imported by way of the River Murray:—Mr. Watson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the Duty now charged on manufactured and unmanufactured Tobacco imported into this Colony by way of the River Murray?

(2.) Is Tobacco, on which Duty is paid in Victoria, allowed to cross the Border without payment of the Duty imposed by this Colony?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) Three shillings and two shillings, respectively.

(2.) Yes.

(6.) Dr. Bailey:—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has he received any information from the Inspector General of Police, or any other person, in reference to the so-called Bishop Bailey; if so, will he make the House acquainted with it?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have received a communication from the Inspector General of Police relating to Dr. Bailey, and the Inspector General stated in this communication that he sent it to me because he noticed that Dr. Bailey was a Petitioner before this House. The Inspector General encloses a Report from a Detective officer, which states that Dr. Bailey, after the conclusion of his so-called Divine Services in a room in Pitt-street, called the Star Bowkett Rooms, has been observed, by persons whose names are given and who are well-known, to have engaged in gross acts of impropriety. I have received a letter to-day from the Secretary of the Societies who own these rooms, in which he states that the same information—or, as they phrase it, "information of Dr. Bailey's scandalous proceedings indulged in on Sunday evenings in these rooms"—has reached them, and they will not allow him to use the room any longer. I received also a letter from Dr. Bailey, just before I came to the House, in which he appears to assume that the Honorable Member's question alludes to some foul charges,—although the question does not state that,—and he says that he is quite confident that these charges arise from his enemies, who are anxious to obstruct him in his Petition now before Parliament.

(7.) Boat Harbour at Newcastle :—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What (if any) steps are being adopted to avail of the Vote of the last Session of Parliament of £1,000, for the improvement of the Boat Harbour at Newcastle?

(2.) If no action is yet being taken for the purpose, will there be any course pursued to prevent the vote lapsing from the necessary works not being contracted for in due time?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Notice will be published in the *Gazette* of the 4th November, inviting Tenders for the works.

3. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Watson presented a Petition from the Bishop and Clergy of the Church of England in Sydney, praying the House to withhold its sanction from any Bill which proposes to legalize the sale of intoxicating drinks on the Railway lines. Petition received.

4. ASSENT TO WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY WATER-FRONTAGE COMPENSATION BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 6.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize certain grants of Land to be made by way of compensation for losses of Water-frontage in Woolloomooloo 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, 22nd October, 1873.

5. ELECTORATE OF THE BOGAN ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Lord, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Lord on 21st October, from certain Electors of Bushman's Lead and Currajong, relative to the division of the Electorate of the Bogan, be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—

(1.) Mr. Driver, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to incorporate "The Australian Mutual Provident Society."
Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Driver having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Australian Mutual Provident Society,*"—read a first time.

7. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the General Elections Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next.

8. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until to-morrow :—

(1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.

(2.) Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

10. OCEAN MAIL COMMUNICATION :—The Order of the Day having been read,—The Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolutions on this subject reported from a Committee of the Whole be now received.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Booth,	Tellers.
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Creed,	Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 5.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Macleay,

Tellers.

Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Garrett.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolutions

Resolutions then read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—

(1.) That this House approves of the course adopted by the Government in respect to the Mail Service between Australia and Great Britain, *via* Galle.

(2.) That this House approves of the Agreement made by the Government with the Government of New Zealand for the establishment and maintenance of a Mail Service between Sydney and Great Britain, *via* San Francisco.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Parkes, Resolutions read a second time and agreed to.

11. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day respecting the Friendly Societies Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday, 30th October.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 27.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Sydney Water Supply :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the pollution of the Water Supply of Sydney by or under the orders of the Corporation?
 (2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No communication of any kind has been made to the Government on this subject, and their attention has only been directed to it in the same way as the attention of other persons; but since the Honorable Member gave notice of his questions some special inquiries have been made, and it has been ascertained from the Municipal authorities of Sydney, that in the construction of the dam at Randwick the outside base of the embankment was formed of sand, and that street sweepings have been used to prevent this sand from drifting away with the wind. All objectionable matter, it is said, is separated from the sweepings and carted away daily. It appears that the water which percolates through the sand underneath this top dressing cannot be much affected by it, as it has to find its way by a most circuitous route over pure sand country to the upper dam on the Botany watershed, and thence through seven separate reservoirs before it is pumped up to Sydney. I am informed that the Mayor of Sydney has given instructions to prevent the deposit of sweepings on the embankment.

- (2.) Public Gates :—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) The number of Public Gates that have been applied for under the Public Gates Act of 1873?
 (2.) Will the Minister state whether the applications have been published in the *Government Gazette*, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act?
 (3.) In the event of erecting such Gates under the said Act, is it necessary to construct them of any particular size or pattern?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) 117.
 (2.) Two of them will be notified in next *Gazette*. The reason why none of the others have been gazetted is, that the necessary reports have not yet been furnished by the surveyors, and until these have been received the applications cannot be dealt with.
 (3.) No; but suitable designs have been approved of, and are recommended for adoption.
 (3.) Post and Telegraph Offices at Burrowa :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Have the Government fixed on a site for the new Post and Telegraphic Offices at Burrowa?
 (2.) If so, have the Government received any report from any officer in the Government service recommending the site selected?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) The Postmaster General, after having obtained a report from the Postal Inspector, recommended that allotments Nos. 1 and 20 of section 4 of the Government Reserve, next the Court House, be reserved as a site for a new Post and Telegraph Office at Burrowa.

(4.)

- (4.) Bridge at Brungle:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What time has been allowed the Contractor who undertook the erection of a Bridge at Brungle, in the Tumut District, to complete his contract?
 - (2.) Have the Government received information from the officers of the Roads Department that the said Contractor is proceeding satisfactorily with the work?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) Eight months from the 15th day of August last.
 - (2.) The Road Superintendent reports that the timber is being cut, and operations at the site will be commenced next month; the water is too high to do anything there at present.
- (5.) Road from Raymond Terrace to Hinton:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have instructions been given within the last two years for a survey of the Road from Raymond Terrace to Hinton, with the view of certain deviations being made therein, which experience has proved to be requisite?
 - (2.) If so, when were the instructions given; have they been carried out, and what stage has the question now reached?
 - (3.) Is it probable that the proclamations required by law will shortly appear?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) On the 9th July, 1872. The instructions have been carried out, and the proclamation of the Road has been approved of by the Governor and the Executive Council.
 - (3.) The notice of the proclamation will appear in the next *Government Gazette*.
- (6.) Importation of Tobacco:—Mr. John Robertson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What were the names of the vessels by which the 256,906 lbs. of unmanufactured Tobacco mentioned in the Customs Return published in Tuesday's *Gazette* as having arrived during the week preceding the 17th instant?
 - (2.) What were the ports such vessels came from?
 - (3.) What are the names of the persons to whom the Tobacco was consigned?
- Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—
- (1.) The unmanufactured Tobacco referred to as having been taken into stock on the date specified was imported in the following vessels, namely, "You Yangs,"—"Tennyson,"—"Kingsbridge,"—"Cape Clear,"—"Silver Eagle," and "Airey Force."
 - (2.) Melbourne, Liverpool, and London.
 - (3.) J. Hutchinson; Parbury, Lamb, & Co.; E. T. Penfold; Thomas Saywell; Dickson & Sons.
- (7.) Imported Tobacco:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—The quantity of Tobacco, manufactured and unmanufactured, imported into this Colony in each year from 1st January, 1863, to 30th September, 1873?
- Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

Year.	Manufactured Tobacco.	Unmanufactured Tobacco.
	lbs.	lbs.
1863	535,809	146,102
1864	1,669,119	400,556
1865	1,295,427	184,948
1866	884,393	217,222
1867	1,199,385	218,891
1868	1,174,526	169,363
1869	1,391,757	168,874
1870	1,056,866	275,480
1871	931,842	309,524
1872	789,423	621,636
To 30 Sept. 1873	547,449	610,946

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table a Report on the subject of the Treatment of Criminal Lunatics.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table a Return showing the names of all persons who paid Customs Duty for Tobacco, from the 29th August to 17th October, 1873, inclusive, distinguishing manufactured from unmanufactured Tobacco; the weight, in pounds, withdrawn; and the amounts paid by each person or firm operating.
Ordered to be printed.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Sir James Martin moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

4. MINERAL SELECTION AT TOGO:—Mr. John Robertson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition and Papers laid on the Table of the House last Session, in reference to a Mineral Selection at Togo, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.
Question put and passed.

5. IMPRISONMENT ON CIVIL PROCESS AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Butler moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Arrest and Imprisonment on Civil Process.
Question put and passed.
6. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Oakes, on behalf of Mr. Watson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Watson on Wednesday, 22nd October, from the Bishop of Sydney and Clergymen of the Church of England, against the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. IMPRISONMENT ON CIVIL PROCESS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Butler presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law of Arrest and Imprisonment on Civil Process,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Farnell:—
(1.) Mining Bill; second reading;—*until Wednesday, 5th November.*
(2.) Imported Stock Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*until Wednesday, 12th November.*
9. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1873, A.M.

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

10. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to an Order made on 26th September, 1873, in reference to the Incorporation of Shoalhaven.
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, at twenty-three minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 28.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Prison Clothing:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) The name of the Contractor for the supply of Clothing for the warders and prisoners in the various Gaols in the Colony?
 - (2.) The names of the persons who became sureties for the said Contractor, and what was the amount for which the said sureties became responsible?
 - (3.) The names of the parties who tendered for the supply of Clothing for the warders and prisoners in the various Gaols in the Colony, and the amount of their respective Tenders?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) The Clothing referred to is supplied by Mr. C. K. Moore—under his contract for cloth, &c.
 - (2.) His sureties are:—Mr. Charles Teakle, 7 Wynyard-street, and Mr. Thomas J. Skinner, 15 Macquarie Place. The amount of bond being £1,000.
 - (3.) Mr. Moore's tender was the only one received for the service in question.
- (2.) Gaol at Young:—Mr. Watson asked the the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
When will Tenders be called for the erection of the Gaol at Young?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Tenders will be called for early next month.

- (3.) Duty on Leaf Tobacco:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) On how much leaf Tobacco have Duties been paid by sight entry, without the Tobacco passing into Bond, since the 1st of January last, and by whom were those Duties paid?
 - (2.) What quantity of leaf Tobacco, in casks or hogsheads, was removed under Bond to Cameron and Dunn's Factory, on and since the 1st of May last; and have any Duties been paid on any packages made from such leaf; and, if so, how much?
 - (3.) What Duties have been paid, on and since the 1st of May last, on leaf Tobacco which had been bonded previous to that date, or has been bonded since?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) Nil.
- (2.) Removed, 76 casks, 79,029 lbs.; Duty paid, 4 packages, 851 lbs.
- (3.) £31,640 16s.

- (4.) Reserves for Travelling Stock:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many public Reserves for the accommodation of persons travelling with stock, or otherwise are there on the line of road from Wollombi to Wiseman's Ferry?
- (2.) How many acres are there in each Reserve?
- (3.) Where is each such Reserve situated?

Mr. Farnell answered,—None specifically set apart for that purpose, but Reserve 12 at Mount Manning of 1,400 acres has been gazetted for Camping and Water Supply, and a Reserve for approach to Wiseman's Ferry of 40 acres.

(5.)

- (5.) Reserves for Teamsters:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How many public Reserves for the accommodation of teamsters and other travellers are there on the line of road from Wollombi to Maitland?
 - (2.) How many acres are there in each Reserve?
 - (3.) Where is each such Reserve situated?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) Two.
 - (2.) Reserve No. 13 contains 320 acres. Reserve No. 14 contains 312 acres.
 - (3.) Reserve No. 13 is situated at Cessnock, adjoining the south boundary of A. Sparke's 640 acres. Reserve No. 14 is situated in the parish of Allandale, 36 chains south-westerly from J. Callaghan's 49 acres.
- (6.) Duty on Tobacco:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has any Petition or Memorial lately reached the Government from Merchants or others, resident in or about Sydney, against the proposed alteration of the Tariff in the matter of Tobacco?
 - (2.) If so, what are the details, and what course do the Government intend taking in the matter?
- Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) It is signed by 49 persons and firms, and the details may be seen from the Petition itself, which I will lay upon the Table on Tuesday next. It is under the consideration of the Government.
- (7.) Orphan Schools:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to his questions upon the Business Papers of September 12 and April 9, respectively, and the answers of the Colonial Secretary thereto, having reference to the Resolutions of this House of Tuesday, February 25, 1873, having reference to Orphan Schools,—When is it probable that the Bill for carrying into effect the said Resolutions will be introduced?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—I do not think that it is probable that this Bill will be introduced under three or four weeks,
- (8.) Importation of Tobacco:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. John Robertson, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Whether there was any Tobacco imported into the Colony on the 15th instant; and, if so, to whom it was consigned, and by what vessel or vessels it came, and the quantity in the case of each importer?
- Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—On the 15th instant 88 cases Tobacco were entered for Bond by Messrs. Curcier and Adet, *ex* "Strathnaver," from London, but they are not yet landed.
- (9.) Maitland Gaol:—Mr. Scholey asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) The number of prisoners in Maitland Gaol, showing how many males and how many females, on the 1st January, 1866, and on 1st January, 1873?
 - (2.) The number of Warders employed in the Maitland Gaol on the 1st January, 1866, and on the 1st January, 1873?
 - (3.) Is there any classification of prisoners in Maitland Gaol?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—
- (1.) On 1st January, 1866, 94 males and 23 females. On 1st January, 1873, 90 males and 21 females.
 - (2.) On 1st January, 1866, 1 chief warden, 10 ordinary warders, and 1 female ditto. On 1st January, 1873, 1 chief, 1 senior, 13 ordinary warders, and 2 females.
 - (3.) Prisoners are classified, so far as is practicable, according to the classification laid down in the Regulations, by cells and at messes; on the completion of the workshops and yards they will be more effectively classified at work. The increase of the staff was occasioned by the necessity for additional posts on the occupation of the new wing and the towers, and the employment of the gang in the reserve plantation, which takes the services of two warders (beside the gardener, not included above.) The Gaol was much overcrowded in January, 1866—all the prisoners confined in the one wing. It is now available to receive, if needful, many more prisoners with the same staff.
- (10.) Mail Service *viâ* San Francisco:—Sir James Martin asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Whether any telegram from Mr. Samuel has reached him since the telegram of the 11th instant, in reference to the "preliminary agreements" for a permanent and temporary Mail Service; and, if so, what is the substance of any such telegram, and does it contain a statement of the names of the Contractors?
 - (2.) If he is not yet acquainted with the names of such Contractors, has he asked by telegram for the information; and, if so, when did he send the telegram?
 - (3.) Is he aware of any objection to obtain from Mr. Samuel the names of such Contractors, or of any objection to disclose those names to this House?
 - (4.) Has there been sufficient time since the receipt of the telegram of the 11th instant to obtain the names of the Contractors, and to lay such names before this House?
 - (5.) When and in what way did he become aware of the necessity to inquire, as he did by telegram of the 11th August last, of Mr. Samuel whether Hall could take up the "interim Mail Service," which he had agreed for on the 14th June last?
 - (6.) When and in what way did he receive the information from the Australasian Steam Navigation Company which authorized him, by the telegram of the 11th August last, to say to Mr. Samuel: "If any difficulty with Hall, Australasian Steam Navigation Company will provide Service"?
 - (7.) Was the statement thus made, on the 11th August, that the Australasian Steam Navigation Company would provide the interim Service based on some assent by that Company communicated after May last, when their Manager (as stated in answer to a question put by me on Wednesday last) said that they could not "provide a temporary Service between Sydney and Galle"; and, if so, who gave that assent—was it in writing or otherwise, and when did the negotiations which led to it take place, and over what time did they extend?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—I desire to say that the only Contractor known to the Government is Mr. Hall, as has been explained on several occasions. Since the receipt of the telegram of the 11th instant, I have not received any communication as to the names of other gentlemen who may be associated with the Contractor. I have not made any inquiry for those names. With regard to question five, I hardly know what is meant by my becoming "aware of the necessity to inquire." I inquired from a desire to obtain some definite information on so important a subject. With regard to the statement I made in the telegram, that if there was any difficulty with Mr. Hall as to this temporary Service, the Australasian Steam Navigation Company would take it up,—I was assured by one of the Directors, voluntarily assured, that if there should be any failure on the part of Mr. Hall to obtain steamers—and it was all along considered a critical matter whether suitable steamers could be obtained at the moment—I was assured that, if there should be any failure in obtaining steamers for the temporary Service, rather than the Colony should be placed in a difficulty, the Australasian Steam Navigation Company would perform the temporary Service. The name of the Director who gave that assurance was Mr. J. H. Neale.

(11.) Case of Dr. Beer :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Colonial Secretary any objection to lay upon the Table of the House copies of the correspondence between the Government and Dr. Frederick Beer in reference to the case of the latter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have no objection whatever to lay upon the Table copies of any Correspondence that the Government has received from Dr. Beer.

2. LOSS OF THE "OSCAR" ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the Report of, and the Evidence taken by, the Marine Board respecting the loss of the "Oscar."
Question put and passed.
3. PERMISSIVE LIQUOR BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Wearne moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued,—and, on motion of Mr. Parkes, adjourned to Friday, 14th November.
4. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Tolls on Public Roads Abolition Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 29.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Marriage Laws:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government during the present Session, or at an early period, to propose any alteration of the laws relating to marriage?

(2.) If so, when, and to what extent?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government have given their attention to this subject in consequence of the Honorable Member's question, and they will introduce a Bill; but I cannot at present say to what extent that Bill will go.

(2.) Tobacco imported by way of the River Murray:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What quantity of Tobacco was imported into this Colony from Victoria *via* the River Murray, from the 1st January, 1863, to 30th September, 1873?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—I regret that I am unable to furnish the information asked for by the Honorable Member, as no Border Statistics were taken during the years 1866 to 1869, nor since the date of the existing Convention.

(3.) Tobacco and Cigars imported from Victoria:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What quantity of Tobacco, manufactured and unmanufactured, was imported into this Colony from Victoria *via* the Port of Sydney, from the 1st January, 1863, to the 30th September, 1873?

(2.) What quantity of Cigars was imported into this Colony from Victoria, *via* the Port of Sydney, from the 1st January, 1863, to 30th September, 1873?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.)

Year.	Manufactured Tobacco.	Unmanufactured Tobacco.
	lbs.	lbs.
1863	200,431	15,964
1864	566,624	51,169
1865	700,206	35,212
1866	516,846	Nil.
1867	390,287	2,051
1868	439,280	3,493
1869	411,972	1,565
1870	486,760	33,556
1871	416,372	40,053
1872	506,187	90,447
To 30 Sept. 1873	224,627	114,341

(2.)

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Year.	Cigars.
	lbs.
1863	13,273
1864	35,600
1865	22,972
1866	21,085
1867	17,152
1868	36,450
1869	14,249
1870	35,205
1871	23,177
1872	22,527
To 30 Sept. 1873	28,913

(4.) Public Buildings at Gundaroo:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, for the building of a Court House at or near Gundaroo?
- (2.) Is it intended that the building shall be detached, or attached to any existing building?
- (3.) Of what material will such building be constructed?
- (4.) Have the Government any information about the dilapidated character of the Lock-up at Gundaroo; and, if so, what steps have they taken, or do they intend taking, to repair the same, or supply its place with another?
- (5.) What was the cost of the Public School Buildings at Gundaroo, and are the Government satisfied with the buildings as compared with such cost?
- (6.) When is it the intention of the Government to call for tenders for new public buildings, or for additions to any existing building at Gundaroo, as asked for by Petition?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Application was made by the Magistrates in June last for erection of a new Court House, but the Inspector General of Police, to whom the matter was referred, considered the business not sufficient to justify a new building, and recommended an additional room.
 - (2.) Authority was given on 5th September last for expenditure of £350 on an enlargement of the present day-room for a Court House, and an addition of two rooms; they will not be detached, but attached to the present building.
 - (3.) It is proposed to erect the addition of rubble stone-work.
 - (4.) The building was stated, in the application for a new Court House, to be in a dilapidated condition. The necessary repairs are proposed to be effected when making the additions and alterations previously referred to.
 - (5.) £338 6s. 6d. In his Report, dated 7th December, 1871, the Inspector stated as follows:—“The buildings are almost new, constructed of stone, substantial and good.”
 - (6.) It is intended to call for tenders for the alterations and additions as soon as the plan and specification are ready, which will be shortly.
- (5.) Volunteer Corps at Bulli:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government come to any, and if so, to what decision, about the establishment of a Corps of Volunteers at Bulli, referred to in a previous question?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has decided not to accept any Volunteer services that may be offered until Parliament has had an opportunity of pronouncing an opinion upon the present system of Land Orders.

- (6.) Municipal Conference:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Having reference to the interview which took place a few weeks since between the Colonial Secretary and the representatives of the Municipal Conference on the subject of amending the Municipalities Act of 1867,—Has the Colonial Secretary received a Return from the Conference showing the state in several particulars of a number of Municipalities; and, if so, have the Government arrived at any decision on this subject; and, if not, when will the Conference receive the promised answer to their application?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A Return of the character to which the Honorable Member refers has been received, and was submitted to me a few days ago. It is an elaborate Return, and will require considerable time for its consideration. It will be brought under consideration in the course of two or three days, and an answer will be given to the Conference.

2. AMENDMENT OF THE LAND LAWS:—Mr. Stewart presented a Petition from certain Conditional Purchasers, Freeholders, and others, resident at Broughton Vale, Wood Hill, and Broger's Creek, praying the House to consider the expediency of amending the laws dealing with the alienation and occupation of the public lands of the Colony.
Petition received.
3. COHEN'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Priscilla Cohen, of Victoria-street, in the City of Sydney, widow, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to amend Cohen's Estate Act of 1873.
And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

4. **SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The following Petitions, against the passing of this Bill, were presented by the Members named:—
- (1.) From Citizens of Sydney, in Public Meeting assembled. By Mr. John Robertson. And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
 - (2.) From Office Bearers and Members of the No. 1 Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance. By Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*.)
 - (3.) From Inhabitants of Woollahra and Paddington. By Mr. Sutherland.
Petitions received.
5. **PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act intituled "An Act to regulate Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney."
Question put and passed.
6. **RESERVES ON ROAD FROM WILLOW TREE TO NARRABRI** (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return showing the number of Reserves on the road from Willow Tree to Narrabri; the extent of each Reserve; where situated; the date of Proclamation, and the purpose for which dedicated.
Question put and passed.
7. **THE CASE OF PATRICK GULLEN**:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of any Correspondence between the City Coroner and any person or persons, or between the Government and any person or persons, or of any Minute or other document having reference to the case of Patrick Gullen, alleged or supposed to have died suddenly at the Turkish Bath establishment in Bligh-street in September last?
Question put and passed.
8. **PAPER**:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table further Correspondence relating to an application for a Certificate for the Church of England School at Petersham.
Ordered to be printed.
9. **BRIDGE OVER THE PARRAMATTA RIVER**:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House is of opinion that, in the construction of a Bridge over the lower portion of the Parramatta River, between Sydney and the neighbourhood of Gladsville, such Bridge should be made capable of being used for Railway purposes, and should cross the River at such point as may be most available for connecting it by a branch Railway with the existing Southern and Western Railways, with a view to the general interests, and in particular to the interests of Railway extension.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
10. **CONTRACTS FOR PROVISIONS AND FORAGE**:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice (*as amended with the concurrence of the House*),—That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of every contract entered into by the Government, whether by tender or not, for the supply of provisions or forage during the years 1872 and 1873, specifying in each case the name of the contractor, whether by tender or not, the date and period of contract, the institution or establishment supplied, the rates paid for such provisions, whether by weight or bulk, or by the day, as the case may be, according to specification?
 - (2.) A Return showing, with reference to every such contract and contractor, any additional rates allowed, or payments made by the Government for any such provisions or forage?
- Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Evidence Further Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Lithgow Valley Colliery Railway Bill.
12. **SCOTT'S LEASING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Burns (*with the concurrence of the House*) that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
13. **LITHGOW VALLEY COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Lackey, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Lackey (*with the concurrence of the House*) that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 30.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Free Railway Passes:—
- Mr. Macleay*
- , on behalf of
- Mr. Forster*
- , asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to regulate or restrain the inordinate or illegal issue of Free Passes upon the Railway, or to prevent or remedy the evils connected therewith?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This matter has not yet been under the consideration of the Government, but the Government will give their attention to it, and inform the House of the course they propose to take.

- (2.) East Maitland Reserve:—
- Mr. Scholey*
- asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has rent been paid at any time to the Trustees of the East Maitland Reserve, as follows:—By *Mr. James Dodds*, or *Dodds and Co.*, for one year, £46, and for another year, £40; *Mr. John Downing* for one year, £25; and *Mr. B. Cook* for one year, £20, and for another year, £15?

(2.) If any, what rent has been paid to the Trustees by *Mr. Patrick Bourke* for a slaughter-house, and *Mr. Owen O'Brien* for a house?

(3.) If he will cause a balance-sheet of revenue and expenditure of the Reserve since 1861 to be prepared and laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Trustees have forwarded the following reply:—

(1.) Yes; the following amounts were received for rent of Race-course Paddock, but not on account of Park Reserve:—*Messrs. Dodds and Co.*, for one year, £40, and for a second, £36; *Mr. John Downing*, for one year, £25; *Mr. B. Cook*, for one year, £15, and three years and two months at £14 a year.

(2.) The slaughter-house used by *Mr. Patrick Bourke* is on part of the Race-course Ground, and payment for same included in rent paid by him for the portion of the Park Reserve rented by him for grazing. No rent has been received from *Mr. Owen O'Brien* for a house.

(3.) The Balance Sheet was given in answer to Question No. 2 of 2nd October instant.

- (3.) Leaf Tobacco in Bond:—
- Mr. Stewart*
- asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What quantity of leaf Tobacco was in each of the bonded stores on the morning of the 11th instant?

(2.) What quantity was taken out on that day, and by whom?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

Argyle.		Alger's.		New.		Australian.		Cameron's.		Parbury's.					
pkgs.	lbs.	pkgs.	lbs.	pkgs.	lbs.	pkgs.	lbs.	pkgs.	lbs.	pkgs.	lbs.				
61	54,406	28	7,498	65	56,916	5	836	51	48,508	167	160,056				
(2.)				Pkgs.				Lbs.				Merchant.			
				2				1,367				E. T. Penfold.			
				11				10,708				Cameron, Dunn & Co.			

(4.)

- (4.) Public Holiday—Prince of Wales's Birthday:—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim Monday, the 10th November, as a Public Holiday, to celebrate the Prince of Wales's Birthday?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—It was at first proposed to proclaim Saturday, the 8th of November, as a Public Holiday; but it has been represented to the Government that to do that would give rise to inconvenience, especially to those tradesmen who trust a good deal to Saturday for their ordinary business, and therefore Monday will be proclaimed instead of Saturday.
- (5.) Petition of Messrs. Jones, Zions, and Randerson:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has the Petition to the Governor of Messrs. Jones, Zions, and Randerson, referred by His Excellency to the Government, been taken into consideration?
 - (2.) If so, what decision has been arrived at?
 - (3.) If not, when will it be taken into consideration, and the Petitioners informed of the result?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—This Petition was referred to me, and by me referred to the Lands Department. Some inquiry has been made there, but the Petition has not yet been considered by the Cabinet. It will probably be considered in the course of next week.
- (6.) Sydney Water Supply:—Mr. Neale asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Government submit to the House the measure for securing a Supply of Water to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs—promised in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor at the opening of this Session of Parliament?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—I cannot at the present time say when this measure will be submitted; but if the Honorable Member will ask this, or a similar question, a week or ten days hence, I will then be able to inform him.
2. THE TARIFF:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from certain Timber Merchants, and others, alleging that if the Duty now being collected on Doors, Sashes, and Manufactured Galvanized Iron be removed, without that also on Timber and plain Galvanized Iron, the Manufacturers of New South Wales will be placed at a great disadvantage; and praying the House either to remove the Duty on the raw material or retain that on manufactured goods.
Petition received.
3. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUOR:—Mr. Stephen Brown presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Newtown, praying that steps may be taken to prohibit the selling of intoxicating drink on Sundays.
Petition received.
4. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Stephen Brown presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Newtown, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
5. AMENDMENT OF THE LAND LAWS ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 28th October, from certain Conditional Purchasers and others, relative to requisite amendments of the Crown Lands Alienation and Occupation Acts, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" Motions):—
- (1.) Mr. John Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 28th October, from certain Citizens of Sydney, against the passing of the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 28th October, from the Office Bearers and Members of No. 1 Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, against the passing of the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (3.) Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 28th October, from certain Inhabitants of Woollahra and Paddington, against the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT OF 1862 ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862.
Question put and passed.
8. SCOTT'S LEASING BILL ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize and empower William Scott and George Scott to grant Leases for Mining and other purposes of certain Lands devised by the Will of the late William Scott.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize and empower William Scott and George Scott to grant Leases for Mining and other purposes of certain Lands devised by the Will of the late William Scott,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th October, 1873.

9. LITHGOW VALLEY COLLIERY RAILWAY BILL ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Lackey, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lackey then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the construction by Patrick Higgins of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales Esquire John Busby of Bathurst in the said Colony Esquire Edward Gell of the same place Esquire Thomas Talbot Wilton of Sydney aforesaid Esquire and Edward Combes of Glamire near Bathurst aforesaid Esquire of a Railway from land belonging to them over a Road known as Bell's line of Road so as to form a connection with the Great Western Railway.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction by Patrick Higgins of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales Esquire John Busby of Bathurst in the said Colony Esquire Edward Gell of the same place Esquire Thomas Talbot Wilton of Sydney aforesaid Esquire and Edward Combes of Glamire near Bathurst aforesaid Esquire of a Railway from land belonging to them over a Road known as Bell's line of Road so as to form a connection with the Great Western Railway,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 29th October, 1873.

10. PAPERS :—

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table, Report of Proceedings of the Conference of the Principal Officers of the Marine Departments of the Australasian Colonies.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Circular Despatch respecting expulsion from Germany of Foreign Emigration Agents.
- (2.) Circular Despatch forwarding Act amending Extradition Act of 1870.
- (3.) By-Laws of St. Andrew's College, within the University of Sydney.
- (4.) By-Laws of the Borough of Shellharbour.
- (5.) By-Laws of the Municipal District of Numba.

Ordered to be printed.

11. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the General Elections Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next.

12. WAYS AND MEANS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

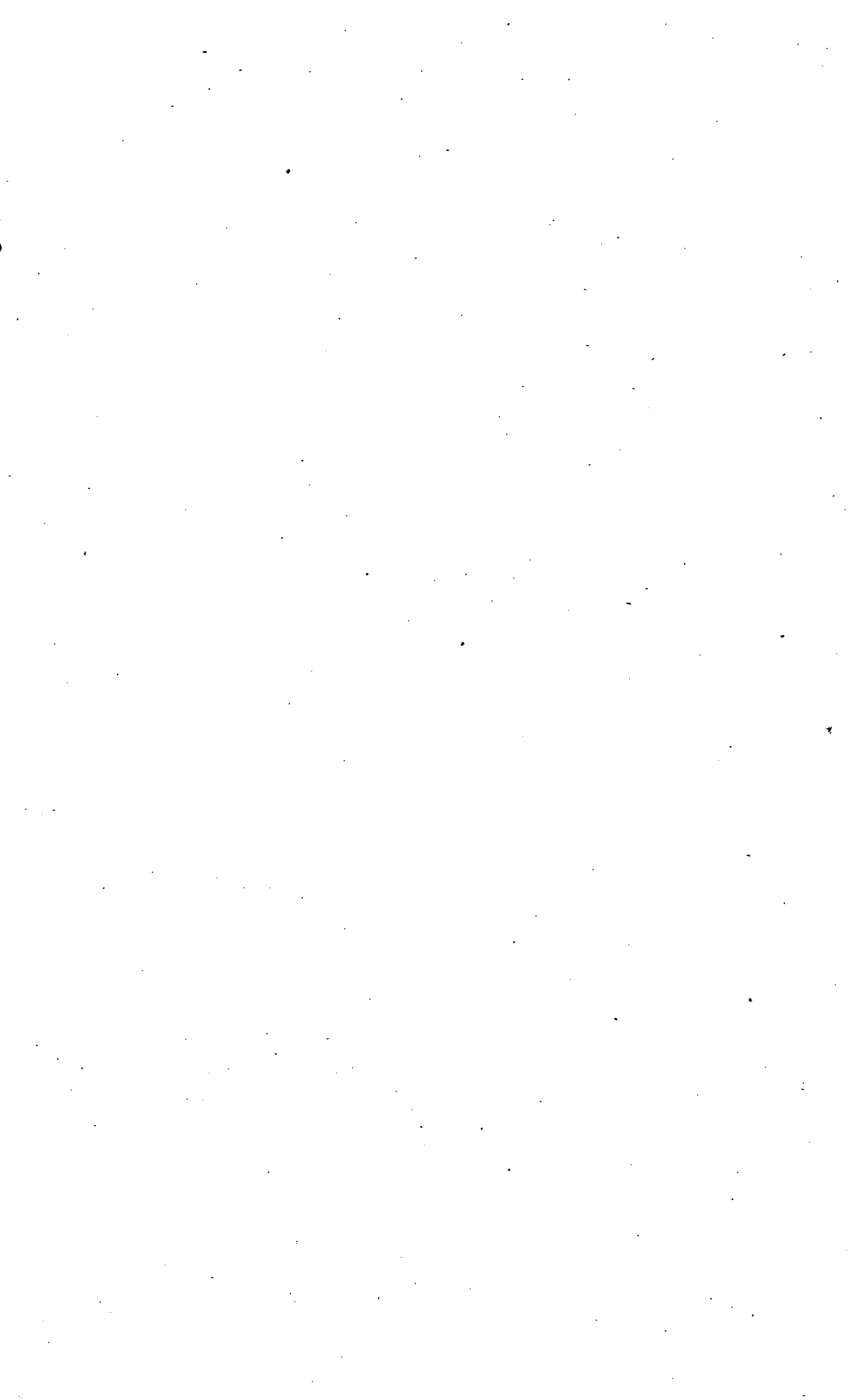
The Chairman then reported a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows :—

- (1.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the year 1871, there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the sum of £29 6s. 3d., being for travelling expenses of Police Magistrates, &c., further sum.

The Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 31.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Great Western Railway:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Whose tender has been accepted for Contract 9 and 10 of the Great Western Railway?
 (2.) The amount of the Contract, and the basis or quantity on which it has been calculated?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The tender of Mr. William Mason, junior, has been accepted.
 (2.) The amount is £36,832, calculated on the Engineer-in-Chief's estimated quantities of the work to be performed at the prices stated in the Schedule.

- (2.) The Case of George Jeffrey:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 Has it come to his knowledge that an aged man, named George Jeffrey, now said to be in the Sydney Infirmary, was confined for protection in the Lock-up at the Water Police Office, Sydney, on Sunday 5th instant, with a violent lunatic (a negro), who severely injured Jeffrey, and, amongst other things, broke his thigh or leg, without any interference on the part of the Lock-up keeper or Police; if not, will the Colonial Secretary cause a searching inquiry to be made into this matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It has been ascertained that the man Jeffrey is in the Infirmary suffering from an imperfect fracture of the femur, he was able to walk after the injury, and is now near recovery. No complaint was made by Jeffrey of having been kicked by the other prisoner when in the cell; but I will make some further inquiry respecting this case.

- (3.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Burrowa:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Government received a Petition, signed by a majority of the residents of Burrowa, representing that the site recommended for the Post and Telegraph Offices, next the Court House at Burrowa, would not afford the utmost convenience for the residents of that Township, and recommending that a site for those offices should be selected on the reserve dedicated for recreation?
 (2.) Will the Government cause inquiries to be made, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the allegations embodied in the said Petition require consideration, previous to finally deciding upon a site for the said building?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) A Petition, signed by sixty persons, in favour of the new Post and Telegraph Office being erected on the recreation reserve, was presented to the Colonial Secretary at Burrowa, on the 12th of August last; and another Petition, signed by 143 persons, was received on the 23th of the same month, in favour of the site of the Court House Reserve.
 (2.) Due inquiry was made, and consideration given to the allegations contained in both Petitions, before the decision to adopt the site next to the Court House was arrived at.

(4.)

- (4.) Boat Harbour at Raymond Terrace:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) The name of the Contractor for the Boat Harbour at Raymond Terrace, and the date when the contract was entered into?
 - (2.) The time within which (if any) he is to complete the work?
 - (3.) Has the work been commenced, beyond bringing materials to the locality?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) The name of the Contractor is Matthew Murphy; the contract was accepted on the 14th December last.
 - (2.) He was bound, under his contract, to have completed the work within three (3) months after acceptance of tender.
 - (3.) No; but the District Engineer having now returned from the Clarence River, it will be rapidly proceeded with, and completed within this year.
- (5.) Outrage in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Berrima:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Whether the Police have received any information respecting a gross outrage said to have been perpetrated upon the grave of a person recently interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Berrima?
 - (2.) If so, what are the particulars, and what steps have been taken to bring the perpetrator to justice?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—I find that about a fortnight ago it came to the knowledge of the Police that an outrage of this kind was committed at Berrima. The Police were set in motion, and the inquiry has been going on ever since, endeavouring to accumulate evidence. It would appear, from the correspondence which I hold in my hand, that the Rev. Father M'Guinn took a person named Palent, his servant, in a buggy to the grave-yard near Berrima, and directed him to demolish, with an axe, the palisading which had been erected round the grave of Mrs. Walsh, the deceased wife of a warder formerly in Berrima Gaol, and now in Darlinghurst Gaol; and, according to these reports, the reason which Father M'Guinn gave for this outrage was, that Walsh, before he left the District, did not pay the Church fees. The case is now in the hands of Sub-Inspector Ryland, and I have no doubt a case will be made out for prosecuting the person who committed this outrage.
2. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Tunks presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to regulate Public Vehicles in the City and Police District of Sydney,'"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 21st November.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, Report of Mr. Licensed Surveyor Wilkinson on the Geology of the Tin-bearing region of New England.
Ordered to be printed.
4. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return showing the names of all parties who have taken up conditional purchases since the 1st January, 1872, to present date, and which have been declared forfeited by the Secretary for Lands; the number of acres conditionally purchased; the district in which situated; and the amount of deposit forfeited in each case.
 - (2.) The number of similar cases undisposed of in the Lands Office, giving the same information as asked for in section No. 1.
- Question put and passed.
5. COHEN'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend Cohen's Estate Act of 1873.
Question put and passed.
6. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 29th October, from certain Inhabitants of Newtown, against the passing of the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 29th October, from certain Inhabitants of Newtown, relative to the restriction of the sale of Intoxicating Liquors on Sundays, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Bill to amend the Act to Incorporate "The Australian Mutual Provident Society" be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Hill, Mr. Moses, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Combes, Mr. O'Connor, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
9. THE TARIFF ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 29th October, from certain Timber and Galvanized Iron Merchants, relative to the Duties imposed on those articles, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. COHEN'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Burns having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to amend Cohen's Estate Act of 1873," read a first time.
11. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table a Circular Despatch respecting London Annual International Exhibition.
Ordered to be printed.

12. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next:—

- (1.) Friendly Societies Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments.
- (2.) Imprisonment on Civil Process Amendment Bill; second reading.

13. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—

Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Garrett moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House disapproves of the conduct of the Government in re-appointing and retaining in the Public Service persons who have been guilty of misconduct in their dealings with public moneys.

"(2.) That an Address embodying this Resolution be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Creed,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Macintosh.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Terry,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Hoskins,

Tellers.

Mr. Hill,
Mr. Garrett.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

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

14. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Mercantile Bank of Sydney Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company called 'The Mercantile Bank of Sydney' and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 30th October, 1873.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act further to amend the Act intituled 'An Act to limit the Liability of Mining Partnerships,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 30th October, 1873.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Parkes, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 7th November.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 32.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) School Boards:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Are "Local Boards of Certified Denominational Schools" appointed in the same manner as "Public School Boards?"
- (2.) If not, in what respect do the appointments differ; and how long has the difference existed?
- (3.) Do the "Local Boards" and the "Public School Boards" usually, and to the same extent, co-operate with the Council of Education?
- (4.) If not, which of the two Boards is deficient, and in what respect?
- (5.) Does the Council of Education recognize "Local Boards" as having the same standing, powers, and responsibilities as "Public School Boards?"
- (6.) Does the Council of Education hold that the 22nd section of the Public Schools Act authorizes the appointment of "Local Boards" as well as "Public School Boards?"
- (7.) If not, by what authority are "Local Boards" appointed?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Local Boards of Certified Denominational Schools are not appointed in the same manner as Public School Boards.
- (2.) Local Boards of Certified Denominational Schools are appointed by the Heads of the Denominations to which the Schools belong; and, on notification of such appointments being received, they are recognized by the Council of Education in that capacity. Public School Boards are appointed under section 22 of the Public Schools Act, by the Governor with the advice of Executive Council, at the recommendation of the Council of Education. The difference in the mode of making appointments to Local Boards and Public School Boards has existed since the passing of the Public Schools Act.
- (3.) Local Boards and Public School Boards do not usually co-operate with the Council of Education to the same extent.
- (4.) Local Boards, as a rule, do not exercise the same amount of supervision over Schools under their care as Public School Boards. In a large number of instances, meetings of Local Boards are few and irregular, the Chairman of the Board—usually the Clergyman of the District—alone taking any active interest in the School.
- (5.) The Council of Education does recognize Local Boards as having powers and responsibilities similar to those of Public School Boards, except that Public School Boards are held responsible for the collection of the necessary local funds towards the erection and keeping in repair of school buildings.
- (6.) The Council of Education does not hold that the 22nd section of the Public Schools Act authorizes the appointment of Local Boards as well as Public School Boards.
- (7.) The Council of Education knows no other authority for the appointment of Local Boards than that of the Heads of Denominations.

(2.)

- (2.) St. Andrew's College :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is the Government aware that the appeal to the Presbyterians of New South Wales and neighbouring Colonies, and the friends of Education generally, on behalf of St. Andrew's College, by the Promoters of that College, having Subscription Lists annexed thereto, upon which the funds were obtained from the public entitling the College to the Government endowment and grant of land, contained the following statements :—“The Constitution of the College as embodied in the Act which recently passed the Legislature, is, in its principal points, as follows :—The Government of the institution is vested in a Principal and twelve (12) Councillors, not more than four (4) of whom, in addition to the Principal, shall be Ministers of the Church ?”
 - (2.) Has the condition that “the Government of the institution is vested in a Principal and twelve (12) Councillors, not more than four (4) of whom, in addition to the Principal, shall be Ministers of the Church” been complied with in the Constitution of the College as it now exists ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Government is not aware.

(2.) The College was constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Law.

- (3.) Brands Registration Act :—Mr. Nelson, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Whether the Government intend taking any steps to repeal the 17th clause of the Brands Registration Act, which gives the power to any two Justices of the Peace to grant a certificate of character to drovers ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A Bill is now being prepared for the purpose of amending the Brands Registration Act.

2. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Watson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The following Petitions, against the passing of this Bill, were presented by the Members named :—

(1.) From Residents of the Borough of Hill End. By Mr. Wearne.

(2.) From J. Bowic Wilson, as Chairman of a Public Meeting held in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, Sydney. By Mr. Macintosh.

Petitions received.

4. PETITION OF JAMES TWADDELL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Garrett, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the recommendations of the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition of James Twaddell, brought up on 17th March, 1873.

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

Ordered, that the reception of the said Resolution stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

5. PATENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate on this Question adjourned, on motion of Mr. Stewart, until Friday next.

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Public Prosecutors Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish the office of Coroner, and to provide for the appointment of Public Prosecutors ;—on motion of Mr. Stewart, until Friday, 7th November.

(2.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday, 14th November.

(3.) Recognition of Public Services of John Dunmore Lang ; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole ;—on motion of Mr. John Robertson, until Tuesday next.

(4.) Tolls on Public Roads Abolition Bill ; second reading ;—on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday, 14th November.

(5.) Evidence further Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, until Friday, 21st November.

The House adjourned, at six minutes after Seven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 33.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Employment of Females in the Telegraph Department:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Whether the Government have yet arrived at any, and if any, what decision in the matter of the proposed employment of Female Operators in the Telegraph Department?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government have not arrived at any decision on this matter.

- (2.) The Funded Loan:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. Teece*, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How much of the Funded Loan of £509,780 has been taken up by the public, and at what price, exclusive of the amount subscribed for by the Government?

(2.) Has the Government in its possession any Church and School Funds other than the £90,000 invested in the Funded Stock; and, if so, how much?

(3.) If the Government has funds belonging to this Trust other than the £90,000, are such funds invested so as to bear interest; are they being used by the Government, or are they applied to any purposes; if not, do the Government intend to invest them in the Funded Stock?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) £86,104 18s. 10d., at following prices—

	£	s.	d.
@ par	1,980	0	0
„ £95 10s.	200	0	0
„ £95	83,924	18	10
Total	£86,104	18	10

(2.) Yes; at this date £11,241 0s. 2d., of which £4,045 14s. 4d. only is available for investment as proceeds of land sold.

(3.) No investment has been made since that of the £90,000 referred to; the funds are not being used by the Government, nor are they applied to any purposes, nor is it the present intention of the Government to invest the funds which they hold, arising from lands sold, in Funded Stock.

- (3.) Narrabri Temporary Common:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a Petition been received from the Inhabitants of Narrabri against the alienation of any portion of the Narrabri temporary Common?

(2.) Is it true that applications have been received for the conditional purchase of any portion of this Common?

(3.) If so, has the Minister any objection to name the applicants, and quantity applied for in each case?

(4.) What instructions have been issued to the Surveyor respecting these applications?

(5.) Is it usual, or legal, to allow these temporary Commons to be conditionally purchased?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No known applications have been made, or they would be immediately cancelled. Applications, if made for any part of the Common, and not detected in the Department, would of course be recognized by the Surveyor on the ground, and be returned at once for cancellation.

(3.) There are no applicants.

(4.) No instructions have been issued.

(5.) Reserves for Temporary Commonage are not open to conditional purchase, but may at any time be revoked for purposes of sale, either conditionally or otherwise.

(4.)

- (4.) Road and Railway to Narrabri:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have the Government considered the desirability of improved road facilities from Willow Tree to Narrabri?
 - (2.) Has the question of a line of Railway to Narrabri, in the direction of Bourke, branching off at Weir's Creek, or from some other point of the Railway line from Murrurundi and Tamworth, been under the consideration of the Government, as being the cheapest, most durable, and the only practicable road that can be made?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Yes.
2. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Jacob presented a Petition from William Tunks, Mayor of St. Leonards, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Inhabitants of North Shore, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
3. RAILWAY FROM THE CLARENCE TO NEW ENGLAND:—Mr. Abbott presented the following Petitions, praying the House to take into consideration the advisability of connecting the District of the Clarence with New England, by means of a Railway:—
- (1.) From Residents of Tenterfield and the Northern New England Districts.
 - (2.) From Residents of Glen Innes.
- Petitions received.
4. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS:—Mr. Jacob presented a Petition from William Tunks, Mayor of St. Leonards, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at North Shore, praying that steps may be taken for amending the Publicans Licensing Act, so as to prohibit the selling of intoxicating drink on Sundays, and also to provide for inspection at all times of Public Houses by the Police.
Petition received.
5. COHEN'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That the Bill to amend Cohen's Estate Act of 1873 be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Grahame, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Lee, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Combes, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
6. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motions):—
- (1.) Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*), on behalf of Mr. Wearne, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Wearne on 31st October, from certain Residents of the Borough of Hill End, against the passing of the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 31st October, from J. Bowic Wilson, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of Citizens of Sydney, against the passing of the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. EXCLUSION OF STRANGERS FROM THE HOUSE:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) "That," in the opinion of this House, the fact that any single Member can clear the House of strangers, by merely calling the attention of the Speaker to their presence, is attended with inconvenience.
 - (2.) That, in future, whenever any Member of the House calls the attention of the Speaker to the fact that strangers are present, the Speaker shall thereupon put the question without debate, and on division, if a majority affirm the proposition that strangers shall withdraw, the Speaker shall order them to withdraw accordingly.
- Debate ensued.
Mr. Parkes moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "it be referred to the Standing Orders Committee to consider the expediency of revising the 89th Standing Order, relating to the "presence of Strangers, and to report to this House thereon."
Debate continued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Booth,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Onkes,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 9.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Butler,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Rodd,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Driver.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put,—

And Division called for,—

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

8. **WALKER AND CARLOW STREETS ENCLOSURE BILL**:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the consideration in Committee of the Whole House of Walker and Carlow Streets Enclosure Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday, "7th" November.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Burns moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "7th," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "21st."
 Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question,—put and negatived.
 Question,—That the word proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
 Main Question then put,—That the consideration in Committee of the Whole House of Walker and Carlow Streets Enclosure Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 21st November,—
 And Division called for,—
 But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.
9. **PAYMENT OF DUTY ON TOBACCO**:—Mr. John Robertson moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice—
 (1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the recent large payments of Duty on Tobacco, and the publications in the *Government Gazette* of Customs Returns with reference to Tobacco.
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Booth, Mr. Nelson, Sir James Martin, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Garrett, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 And Mr. Oakes requiring that the Committee be appointed by Ballot,—
 Question,—That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the recent large payments of Duty on Tobacco, and the publications in the *Government Gazette* of Customs Returns with reference to Tobacco,—put and passed.
 Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed:—Mr. John Robertson, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Booth, Mr. Garrett, Sir James Martin, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Lucas, and Mr. Macleay.
10. **PAPER**:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table a Return showing the Customs Duties paid in anticipation of a change in the Tariff.
 Ordered to be printed.
11. **METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSIONERS BY-LAWS**:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the By-laws omitted by the Government from the Metropolitan Transit Commissioners By-laws, submitted for confirmation by His Excellency the Governor on or about the 29th May last; also a copy of the opinion of the Attorney General as to the legality of such By-laws; also a copy of all objections, forwarded or made to the Government and Attorney General, to the passing of the By-laws submitted by the Metropolitan Transit Commissioners, the names of the persons objecting, and any correspondence, minutes, or other documents, or papers, in the possession of the Government, or of the Attorney General, on this subject.
 Question put and passed.
12. **SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2)**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to amend the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862.
 On motion of Mr. Burns the Resolution was agreed to.
13. **PETITION OF JAMES TWADDELL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—the Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolution on this subject reported from a Committee of the Whole be now received.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Baker,	
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. R. B. Smith.
Mr. Cunneen,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution then read a first time, as follows:—

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Estimates for 1874, a sum of money (to be ascertained by arbitration) to compensate Mr. James Twaddell for damage sustained by him, such compensation having been recommended by the Report from the Select Committee brought up on 17th March, 1873.

The Resolution having been read a second time, was agreed to.

Noes, 11.

Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Farnoll,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Tunks.
Mr. John Robertson,	
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Piddington,	

14.

14. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICES OF JOHN DUNMORE LANG :—The Order of the Day having been read,—the Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolution on this subject reported from a Committee of the Whole be now received.
Question put and passed.
Resolution read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—

(1.) That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to confer an annuity upon John Dunmore Lang; or to confer upon that gentleman some other pecuniary recognition for his public services.

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

The Resolution having been read a second time, was agreed to.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 34.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Duty on Unmanufactured Tobacco:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. Nelson*, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit a Resolution to increase the Duty on unmanufactured Tobacco?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—I am not prepared, at the present moment, to state the intentions of the Government in this matter.

(2.) *Mr. Tebbutt*, J.P.:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any correspondence taken place between *Mr. Davis*, Auctioneer, Gulgong, and the Government, in reference to a charge made by *Mr. Davis* against *Mr. Tebbutt*, J.P., Gulgong, to the effect that *Mr. Tebbutt* had accepted money to procure *Davis* an Auctioneer's License?

(2.) Did *Mr. Tebbutt*, when called upon by the Government to explain, say that if he had been disposed to accept bribes he might have been a rich man by this time, or words to that effect?

(3.) Does the Colonial Secretary know, and if not, will he make inquiry, whether or not *Tebbutt* prosecuted any of the persons whom he as much as intimates wanted to bribe him?

(4.) Is it true that a short time ago *Tebbutt* received a Testimonial at Gulgong in consideration of his magisterial services?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Government to make any further inquiry into the charge of *Mr. Davis*, and will the Government at the same time investigate the circumstances under which a Magistrate of the Territory accepts a Testimonial in consideration of his magisterial services?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) A letter was received from *Mr. Davis*, charging *Mr. Tebbutt* with having asked him for money for procuring an Auctioneer's License.

(2.) *Mr. Tebbutt* denied the charges, and designated them as "abominable lies." He also urged that a criminal prosecution by the Crown Law Officers should be instituted against *Davis*. The Bench of Magistrates, in transmitting *Mr. Tebbutt's* explanation, bore testimony to his good faith and integrity, and characterized *Davis's* charge as an infamous falsehood.

(3.) I am not aware of any such prosecutions by *Mr. Tebbutt*.

(4.) The Government have no official knowledge of any such Testimonial.

(5.) It has not been considered necessary to make any further inquiry into *Mr. Davis's* charge.

(3.) The Circular Wharf, Sydney:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Who is the Lessee or Lessees at present of the Circular Wharf, Sydney?

(2.) Who are the Bondsmen, and the nature of the Bond for the due fulfilment of the terms of the Lease?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) *Mr. John Alger*.

(2.) The Bondsmen are Messrs. *John Alger*, *Henry Moore*, and *Alexander Stuart*. The Bond is for £7,600, and covenants for the due payment of rent, and observance of the conditions of the lease.

(4.)

- (4.) The Cosmopolitan Wharf:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have any Dutiable Goods been placed in a store on, or attached to, the Cosmopolitan Wharf, Sydney; and is such store licensed as a Bonded Warehouse?
 - (2.) Who is the Licensee of such Bonded Warehouse?
 - (3.) Who is the Locker appointed to oversee such Bond?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) Yes; a few missionary stores *in transitu* for the South Sea Islands; a small quantity of kerosene oil, for which there was no room in the Kerosene Bond; and a lot of salt belonging to the owners of the "Eastern Light," pending instructions whether it was to be sold in Sydney or taken on by the vessel. The store is not licensed as a Bonded Warehouse.

(2.) There is no Licensee.

(3.) There is no Locker. When the store is used by the Customs the key is kept by the Landing Waiter of the Wharf.

2. RAILWAY EXTENSION—MURRURUNDI TO TAMWORTH:—Pursuant to the requirement of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria, No. 19, section 9, Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only, and not to remain as Records of the House*) copies of certain Plans, Sections, and a Book of Reference, relative to a proposed Extension of the Great Northern Railway—Murrurundi to Tamworth.
3. JOHN ROCHE ARDILL:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from John Roche Ardill, a Licensed Surveyor of New South Wales, alleging that in the year 1866 he tendered for certain Crown Lands in the District of the Lachlan, that his tender was accepted, and subsequently cancelled, and that by such cancellation he suffered pecuniary loss; and praying the House to take the premises into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.
4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Garrett moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
5. AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

Mr. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the period for which the Trustees of the Randwick Racecourse are enabled to grant leases thereof and to enable the Members of the 'Australian Jockey Club' to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman for the time being of the Committee of the said Club and for other purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 5th November, 1873.

JOHN HAY,
President.

6. REGISTRATION OF BRANDS ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Registration of Brands Act of 1866.
Question put and passed.
7. REGULATION OF COAL MINES AND COLLIERIES ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the Regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries.
Question put and passed.
8. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 4th November, from William Tunks, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Residents of the North Shore, against the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 4th November, from William Tunks, as Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Residents of the North Shore, in favour of amending the Publicans Licensing Act, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. RAILWAY FROM THE CLARENCE TO NEW ENGLAND ("*Formal*" Motions):—
- (1.) Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 4th November, from certain Inhabitants of Tenterfield and the Northern New England Districts, relative to Railway construction between the Table-land of New England and the Clarence District, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 4th November, from certain Inhabitants of Glen Innes, relative to the Railway construction between Laverell and the Port of Grafton *viâ* Glen Innes, be printed.
Question put and passed.
11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Mining Bill; second reading:—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Thursday, 13th November.*
 - (2.) General Elections Bill; second reading:—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next.*
 - (3.) Friendly Societies Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments:—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, until To-morrow.*
 - (4.) Imprisonment on Civil Process Amendment Bill; second reading:—*on motion of Mr. Butler, until Wednesday next.*

12. **WAYS AND MEANS** :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,—

Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Watson moved, pursuant to *Contingent Notice*, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "this House is of opinion that the action of the Government in letting the Circular Quay " by Private Contract, and without calling for tenders, or submitting the same to Public Auction, " as hitherto, is unwise, and might lead to serious loss to the Country.

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

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question then put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

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

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

(2.) *Resolved*,—That it is desirable to repeal, from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, so much of the provisions of the Customs Duties Act of 1871 (34^o Vic. No. 21) as impose *ad valorem* Duties on certain Articles, Goods, Wares, and Merchandise imported into the Colony,—and the specific Duties on the undermentioned Articles, viz. :—

Acids
Alkali
Arrowroot
Axes
Butter
Chalk
Cider
Common Soap
Fancy Soap
Grain and Pulse of every kind not otherwise enumerated
Grain and Pulse of every kind not otherwise enumerated when ground in any way prepared or manufactured
Iron Chains
Iron Tanks
Iron Pipes
Iron—Bar, Rod, Plate, Sheet, Bundle, Hoop, and Rough Castings
Lead—Pipe and Sheet
Macaroni
Palings
Perry
Picks
Screws
Shingles and Laths
Shovels and Spades
Soda Ash and Caustic Soda
Steel
Tapioca
Vegetables—Preserved
Vermicelli
Whiting
Zinc Manufactures
Zinc—in Sheets or Rolls

(3.) *Resolved*,—That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty,—from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, there shall be raised, levied, collected, and paid upon the undermentioned article imported into the Colony (including such as may be in Bond on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four), the following duty of Customs, viz. :—

Sarsaparilla, if containing not more than 25 per cent. of proof spirit,
per liquid gallon 4s.

The Resolutions having been read a second time were agreed to.

13. **PAPERS** :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Amended Regulation under Public Schools Act of 1866.

(2.) Further amended Immigration Regulations.

Ordered to be printed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 35.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Richmond River:—*Mr. Neale*, on behalf of Mr. Bawden, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What number of vessels arrived at, and departed from, the Richmond River, specifying whether steamers or sailing vessels, from the 31st March, 1872, to the 30th June, 1873?

(2.) What was their gross tonnage?

(3.) What was the value of the exports from that River during the same period?

(4.) What was the amount of Land Revenue Receipts from the Police District of Casino from 1st January, 1872, to 30th June, 1873?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The information asked for by the Hon. Member will be obtained as soon as possible, and laid upon the Table in the shape of a Return. We have to send to the Richmond River for it.

- (2.) Telegraph from Casino to Ballina:—*Mr. Neale*, on behalf of Mr. Bawden, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will Tenders be called for, for the construction of the Telegraph Line from Casino to Ballina?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Tenders have already been invited for this work.

- (3.) Office of Chief Justice:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that Sir Alfred Stephen has resigned the position of Chief Justice of New South Wales?

(2.) If this is true, when did the resignation take place?

(3.) Has the Government filled up the vacancy, or does it intend to do so; and, if so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is true that Sir Alfred Stephen has resigned the office of Chief Justice, the letter of resignation expressing a desire that it should take effect on the 5th of November. The vacancy has not been filled up; the Government intend to fill it up in the course of two or three days.

- (4.) Comerong Island:—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether the Government have yet arrived at any, and if any, what decision in respect to Comerong Island, Shoalhaven?

(2.) In the event of the decision (if any) being against Mr. Berry, do the Government intend to sell Comerong Island; if so, do they intend to sell it under the present survey, and when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The Government decided some time ago against the claim of Mr. Berry.

(2.) There is no intention at present of selling the Island.

(5.)

- (5.) Hospital at Wellington :—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is the Hospital at Wellington in the hands of the Government, or Trustees?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Hospital at Wellington has not been proclaimed under the Hospitals Act, 11 Vict. No. 59. It appears to be in the hands of Trustees, of which Mr. H. M. Keightly is the Chairman.

- (6.) Alleged Outrage in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Berrima :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have any further reports, correspondence, or information been received by the Government as to the alleged outrage in the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Berrima, referred to in the question and reply reported in the Votes and Proceedings of this House of the 30th ultimo?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The only additional report received is a memorandum from the Police Department, enclosing a letter from Patrick Walsh, the husband of the deceased lady whose grave, it is alleged, was disturbed; and this letter merely conveys to the police authorities, in answer to their application to him, that he declines to prosecute.

- (7.) Mail Service *viâ* San Francisco :—Mr. John Robertson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government received an intimation from Mr. Cameron, one of the sureties of Mr. Hall, the Contractor for the San Francisco Mail Service, representing that he is desirous of withdrawing from the position of surety for Mr. Hall?

(2.) Have the Government received any information from the Postmaster General, or otherwise, to the effect that Mr. Hall has transferred the Contract for the San Francisco Mail Service to any other person or persons; and, if so, what are the names of the new Contractors?

(3.) Has Mr. Cameron withdrawn from the position of surety for the Contract alluded to?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No.

(3.) No.

2. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE FOR 1873 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 7.

In accordance with the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying further Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure for the year 1873.

*Government House,
Sydney, 27th October, 1873.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

4. CUSTOMS DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means Nos. 2 and 3, to repeal so much of the Customs Duties Act of 1871 as imposes *Ad Valorem* Duties, and otherwise to amend the said Act.

(2.) Mr. Lloyd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to repeal so much of the Customs Duties Act of 1871 as imposes Ad Valorem Duties and otherwise to amend the said Act,*"—which was read a first time.

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

5. DISTILLATION BILL :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws regulating Distillation—for granting Duties on Colonial Spirits—for the protection of the Revenue derivable therefrom—and for other purposes,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 19th November.

6. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Oakes presented a Petition from J. P. Sunderland, Chairman of the Congregational Union of New South Wales, against the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

7. COAL MINES REGULATION BILL :—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries.

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

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries.

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

(2.) Mr. Farnell then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the regulation of Coal Mines and Collieries,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 3rd December.

8. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Friendly Societies Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments;—*to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply.*
- (2.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee;—*to follow next after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply.*

9. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again at a later hour of the day.

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

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

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

- (2.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a further sum not exceeding £30,000 for the Service of the year 1873, to enable the Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation,—the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 31st December, 1874.

The Resolution having been read a second time, was agreed to.

10. **WAYS AND MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

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

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

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

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

- (4.) *Resolved*,—That to make good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the year 1873, there be granted, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, the further sum of £30,000 to enable the Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay Expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary Appropriation,—the whole amount to be adjusted not later than the 31st December, 1874.

The Resolution having been read a second time, was agreed to.

11. **CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL**:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 4, to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1873.

- (2.) Mr. Lloyd then *presented* a Bill, intitled "*A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1873*,"—which was read a first time.

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

12. **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to all, excepting one, of the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Parkes, that report was adopted.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having had under consideration the Legislative Council's Message dated 16 October, 1873, requesting its concurrence in certain amendments made by the Council in the Friendly Societies Bill,—Agrees to all the amendments excepting that in page 18, clause 57, line 43, which proposes to omit after the word "purposes" the remainder of the clause,—to which it disagrees,—Because it is expedient and desirable to enable the Societies referred to in the clause to engage in the working of mines and quarries, and because the state of the Law at present is defective, and would entail unnecessary expense on such Societies.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 6th November, 1873.*

13. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Wednesday next:—

- (1.) Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Sutherland.*
- (2.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- (3.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- (4.) Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

} *on motion of Mr. Parkes.*

14. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1873, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at half-past Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Raymond Terrace Mails:—Mr. Jacob asked the Minister representing the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Were the Mails for Raymond Terrace, which should have reached there on the morning of the 2nd instant, by the steamer from Sydney, received on that occasion?
 (2.) If not, what was the cause?
 (3.) Does the Postmaster at Raymond Terrace receive any allowance for having the Mails conveyed to and from the steamers and the Post Office?
 (4.) If not, is it in contemplation to provide for that duty?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Sydney Mail for Raymond Terrace did not reach that place on the 2nd instant.
 (2.) It was inadvertently carried on to Morpeth in the steamer.
 (3.) Yes; and he is expected to have a person in attendance to receive the Mails, and to see that the correct number is handed over.

- (2.) Mail Service *via* San Francisco:—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. John Robertson, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has there been any consent given by Mr. Cameron to the new Contract mentioned by Mr. Samuel in his telegram of the 11th of October last; and, if not, has not the making of such Contract, and the consequent abandonment of the one for the performance of which Mr. Cameron was surety, had the effect of releasing that gentleman from his bond?
 (2.) Has Mr. Cameron given; or joined in, any bond to secure the performance of the Contract mentioned in the above telegram?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Mr. Cameron, by a Power of Attorney, dated the 13th August last, has empowered Mr. Dunn, now in England, to execute on his behalf any new bond, to the extent of his present obligation, which may be necessary to cover certain proposed modifications of the original Contract. I am not aware whether or not that power has been exercised in England, but I feel assured that Mr. Cameron has not been released unless a new bond has been given.

2. AMENDMENT OF THE LAND LAW:—Mr. Thomas Robertson presented a Petition from certain Electors and Conditional Purchasers of the Hume District, praying that the Land Law may be amended in certain respects.
 Petition received.
3. COHEN'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up a Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 4th November, 1873.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Burns then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

4. MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to legalize Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister.
Question put and passed.
5. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Oakes, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by Mr. Oakes on the 6th November, from J. P. Sunderland, against the proposed alteration in the Licensed Publicans Act, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. JOHN ROCHE ARDILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 5th November, from John Roche Ardill, respecting the cancellation of his tender for a portion of Crown Lands in the District of the Lachlan, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to legalize Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister,*"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 28th November.
8. DOGS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Nelson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Driver moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until Friday, "21st" November.
Debate continued.
Mr. Stewart moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "21st," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "28th."
Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the word proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That this Debate be now adjourned until Friday, 28th November,—put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Roads Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Friday, 21st November.*
 - (2.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday, 21st November.*
 - (3.) Patents Act Amendment Bill; resumption of Debate on the motion of Mr. Burns, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Tuesday, 18th November.*
 - (4.) Public Prosecutors Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish the office of Coroner, and to provide for the appointment of Public Prosecutors;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*

The House adjourned, at twenty-three minutes before Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 11. NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

OFFICE OF CHIEF JUSTICE:—Mr. Speaker read to the House a Letter which he had this day received from Sir James Martin, informing him that he had accepted the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony.

Whereupon Mr. Parkes moved, and Mr. John Robertson seconded the motion, That the Letter just read by Mr. Speaker be entered on the records of this House.

Question put and passed.

“Clarens,
“11th Nov., 1873.

“Sir,

“I have the honor to inform you that, yesterday, I was offered by the Colonial Secretary, with the concurrence of His Excellency, the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and that I, the same day, accepted such offer. As this acceptance has made my election for East Macquarie void, I shall not again have the opportunity of speaking in the Assembly as one of its Members. I beg therefore to be permitted, through you, to take my farewell of the House. More than twenty-five years have passed away since my first election, and I naturally contemplate with regret my final withdrawal from scenes and duties so long familiar to me. In the vicissitudes of public life frequent collision is unavoidable, and my Parliamentary career presents no exception to the ordinary rule. Like others I have attacked and been attacked. I have had my successes as well as my defeats, and occasionally some from whom I would not willingly have been estranged, have been turned from friends into foes. Retiring now from the Parliamentary arena, I desire to thank Honorable Members, on whichever side of the House they may sit, for the consideration which they so often extended to me; and I beg all those to whom I may at any time have used offensive expressions, kindly and generously to forget them.

“I have the honor to be,

“Sir,

“Your most obedient Servant,

“JAMES MARTIN.”

“The Honorable the Speaker

“of the Legislative Assembly.”

2. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Parkes moved, That the Seat of the Honorable Sir James Martin hath become and is now vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Chief Justice of the Colony of New South Wales, since his election and return to serve in this House as a Member for the Electoral District of East Macquarie.

Question put and passed.

3. QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Pilot Service of Port Jackson:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has the Marine Board sent in any suggestions to the Government for the re-organization of the Pilot Service of Port Jackson?
 - (2.) If so, does the Marine Board suggest a steamer for the purpose of putting Pilots on board vessels requiring their services?
 - (3.) Does the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer approve of the suggestions of the Marine Board?
 - (4.) When will the re-organization of the Pilot Service take place?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3 and 4.) The suggestions of the Marine Board, as well as the general question of the re-organization of the Pilot Service of Port Jackson, are now under the consideration of the Government.

(2.)

- (2.) Deepening Entrance to Sydney Harbour:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Plans and Papers from Lieutenant Gowlland in reference to the deepening of the entrance of the Harbour, together with the Minutes of the Marine Board on the same subject, be laid upon the Table of the House, according to the Honorable the Minister's promise?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Papers promised will be laid upon the Table of the House some day next week.

- (3.) Engineer Volunteer Company:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How long has the Engineer Volunteer Company been formed?
- (2.) How many men does it consist of, including all ranks?
- (3.) How many drills and working parades has the Captain of Engineer Corps attended since its formation, for the purpose of instructing his men?
- (4.) How many Commandant's parades, battalion parades, and yearly inspection parades has the Captain of the Engineer Corps attended since its formation?
- (5.) Is the Captain of the Engineer Corps an efficient officer through complying with the Act?
- (6.) Can an inefficient Captain of a Volunteer Force sign the efficiency tickets for the men of his company?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished to me by the Commandant,—

- (1.) From 28th December, 1870.
- (2.) Ninety-five.
- (3.) 13 Company drills, and 3 working parades.
- (4.) 10 Battalion (Commandant's) parades, and 1 Inspection.
- (5.) Has received an Efficiency Certificate for 1872, but not for 1873.
- (6.) Yes.

- (4.) Wreck of the "Oscar":—Mr. Cunneen asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have any of the Pilots at South Head sent in a report or reports respecting their absence from the Station when the "Oscar" was signalled?
- (2.) If so, has he any objection to lay copies of the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) There is no objection to produce the Papers. They will be laid upon the Table to-morrow.

- (5.) Extension of Great Western Railway:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Plans and Sections of the Great Western Railway be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—In about a fortnight. The delay has arisen in consequence of having had to survey two routes.

- (6.) Reserve at Long Bay:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to dedicate, for the purposes of public recreation, the land, or some portion thereof, situated at Long Bay, which was advertised for sale on 30th and 31st October last, and withdrawn?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The land referred to forms a portion of the Church and School Estate, therefore the Government have no authority to dedicate it for the purpose of public recreation.

- (7.) Electoral Bill:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Electoral Bill be introduced?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I expect to introduce the Electoral Bill one day next week.

- (8.) Inspector of Abattoirs:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Engine-driver employed at the Abattoirs, Glebe Island, preferred a charge to the Government of gross immorality against the Inspector of the Abattoirs, Glebe Island?
- (2.) Have the Government investigated the charge (if any) preferred by the Engine-driver at the Abattoirs, Glebe Island, against the said Inspector; if so, what decision have the Government arrived at in respect to this matter?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) A charge was made against the Inspector of the Abattoirs, Glebe Island, by the Engine-driver referred to, in January last.
- (2.) The Inspector was called upon for explanations, which were furnished, and were considered satisfactory by the Government.

- (9.) Funded Stock:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that the interest on moneys invested in the Funded Stock Act from the Colony of Victoria is made payable in that Colony?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—Yes, a regulation to the effect stated was made by the Governor and Executive Council, under the authority of the Funded Stock Act of 1873, section 11. The regulation so made (as directed by the Act) was published in the *Government Gazette* of the 22nd August last, and laid before the Legislative Assembly on the 11th September, and before the Legislative Council on the 17th September, 1873.

- (10.) Commission on Investments in Funded Stock:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What amount of money is owing by the Government to Brokers for commission or brokerage in negotiating the sale of any portion of the 4 per cent. Inscribed or Funded Stock?
- (2.) What are the names of the Brokers to whom the Government are indebted for brokerage or commission for negotiating the sale of any portion of the Inscribed or Funded Stock, and what are the amounts, respectively, to which the said Brokers are entitled?
- (3.) Did the Colonial Treasurer cause a public intimation to be made, either by an advertisement in the *Government Gazette*, or any of the newspapers published in Sydney, to the effect that the Government would pay a commission to any Broker who negotiated the sale of a portion of the Inscribed or Funded Stock?

Mr.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) £79 6s.
- (2.) Mr. Mullens—£30 3s. 6d. ; Mr. Cape—£49 2s. 6d.
- (3.) No.

4. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—Mr. Thomas Robertson presented a Petition from Jorgen Daniel Larsen, on behalf of the Promoters of the City and Suburban Tramway Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company under the name of "The City and Suburban Tramway Company," to empower such Company to construct and maintain Patent Tramways in and along certain Streets and Thoroughfares in the City and Suburbs of Sydney, and for other purposes.
And Mr. Robertson having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Empire*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Butler moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
6. MINING BILL:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from Holders of Miners Rights, Gold Mining Leases, and Business Licenses, resident on the Gulgong Gold Fields, praying that this Bill may be amended in certain particulars.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
7. LEE'S PARTITION AND SALE BILL:—Mr. Combes, on behalf of Mr. Lackey, presented a Petition from George William Lord, Esquire, of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to confirm and give effect to an agreement for the partition of certain lands and hereditaments, situated in the Town of Bathurst, settled by the late William Lee, of Kelso, upon his daughters, Maria Brady and Elizabeth Lord, and also for the sale of certain other lands and hereditaments in the Town of Bathurst, devised by the said William Lee in trust for his three daughters, Maria Brady, Elizabeth Lord, and Mary Jane Austin, and their issue.
And Mr. Combes having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Bathurst Times*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
8. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from John Kinross, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
9. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from John Kinross, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, praying that steps may be taken for amending the Publicans Licensing Act, so as to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday, and also to provide for the inspection of Public Houses at all times by the Police.
Petition received.
10. AMENDMENT OF THE LAND LAW ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Thomas Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 7th November, from certain Conditional Purchasers of the Hume District, relative to amendments in the Land Law, be printed.
Question put and passed.
11. THE COMMISSION OF THE PEACE:—Mr. Raphael moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House an Alphabetical Return showing,—
(1.) The names of all gentlemen in the Commission of the Peace for the Colony of New South Wales on the 30th September last.
(2.) The number of attendances of each Magistrate at any Police Court within the Colony for the year ending on the above date.
(3.) The names of all Magistrates absent from the Colony on the same date ; and for what period.
Debate ensued
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The House adjourned, at Nine o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 38.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Sydney Water Supply:—Mr. Neale asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Government submit to the House the measure for securing a Supply of Water to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs, promised in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor at the opening of this Session of Parliament?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I do not think that the Government will be in a position to submit this measure under some four weeks from this date.

(2.) Light-houses:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What steps do the Government intend taking in reference to the Report of the Delegates of the Marine Departments of the Australasian Colonies on the subject of Light-houses?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The Report referred to is at present under the consideration of the Government.

(3.) Lake George Road:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has Mr. Bennett, Engineer for Roads, been over the Lake George Road within the last twelve months?

(2.) Has he made any report on the said Road; if so, will the Minister state the substance of that report?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to expend any money on this Road from the vote of the present Session?

(4.) Will the Minister inform the House as to the sum total that has already been granted for the Lake George Road?

(5.) Does Mr. Bennett now consider it in a fit state for traffic, and did he drive his buggy over it when inspecting it?

(6.) Who are the Trustees for this Road; what are their occupations; when were they appointed; and on whose recommendation?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes. I will lay the Report upon the Table.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) As nearly as can be ascertained, £1,589 has been issued to Trustees from 1860 to 1873, inclusive. This amount, however, has been chiefly expended on the portion of road common to this, and "the marked tree line."

(5.) The information will be found in the Report mentioned in answer (2).

(6.) Messrs. P. Donnelly, J. Parker, J.P., Joseph Styles, and James Moore. I am not aware what their occupations may be. On the 26th February last. They were first appointed by the Lands Department, but the papers on record in my office do not show upon whose recommendation the appointments were made.

(4.)

(4.) Reclamation of Blackwattle Bay :—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. Allen*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to the answers given to his questions on the 14th October,—

- (1.) When will the plan of the Blackwattle Bay reclamation be laid upon the Table?
- (2.) During the month of October how many yards of silt were deposited, and how many men were employed on the work?
- (3.) Was a proportionate amount of work done to justify the estimate that the reclamation would be completed within four years?
- (4.) Is it true that the men who have hitherto been employed have struck work, on the ground that they were compelled to pay out of their earnings the wages of two overseers?
- (5.) Is the Minister aware of the serious nuisance arising from the City Sewer, which deposits upon the Swamp the sewage of a large portion of the City, and will the Government take measures to prevent the continuance of such nuisance?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) In about a week.
- (2.) About 2,212 yards were deposited during the month, and about seventeen men were employed previously to the strike on the 7th October.
- (3.) No; the men having struck for higher wages about the 7th October.
- (4.) It is stated to be so, but as the work is being done by Contract, the Government cannot interfere between the Contractors and their men, further than to cancel the Contract if the work is not carried out satisfactorily; and a notice has been sent to the Contractors to the effect that unless the work be proceeded with in a satisfactory manner their Contract will be cancelled.
- (5.) Yes, and the matter has been under the consideration of the Government, but as this forms but part of the whole subject of the treatment of the Sewerage of the City by the Corporation, Government has not seen its way as yet to bring any pressure to bear on that body to deal effectually with the matter.

(5.) The Nepean and Cataract Rivers :—*Mr. Macintosh* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) If he will lay upon the Table of this House a statement showing the average quantity of water flowing into the Nepean River, at the Pheasant's Nest, during each month since a water-gauge has been established on that river, to the 31st October, 1873?
- (2.) If he will give the same information regarding the Cataract River, at Broughton's Pass?
- (3.) In the event of the Metropolis deriving a supply of water from those sources, what quantity of water will be allowed to escape daily for the requirements of the inhabitants on the Lower Nepean?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Yes. I will lay them upon the Table.
- (3.) The whole of the water up to ten million gallons per day will be allowed to escape daily, and when the discharge exceeded that quantity, the surplus up to ninety millions would be received into the tunnels; anything over the ninety million gallons, and under the ten million gallons per day, would pass down the Nepean for the use of the inhabitants on the lower portion of the river, to which would be added the whole of the water of the Bargo River, which, being too low to be received into the tunnels, must be allowed, as at present, to flow down the Nepean.

(6.) Police Barracks, Orange :—*Mr. Nelson* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to accept Tenders for the erection of Police Barracks in the Town of Orange; if so, when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes, when the site has been finally determined, which will be, I have no doubt, in a few days.

(7.) Petition of Messrs. Jones, Zions, and Randerson :—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Petition of Messrs. Jones, Zions, and Randerson, referred by His Excellency to the Government, been taken into consideration yet?
- (2.) If so, what decision has been arrived at?
- (3.) If not, when will it be taken into consideration, and the Petitioners informed thereof?

Mr. Farnell answered,—This matter will be considered by the Government next week.

(8.) Conditional Purchase of C. A. Kepert :—*Mr. Jacob* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any Government Surveyor professionally visited Nelson's Bay, or near there, in the District of Raymond Terrace, within this year?
- (2.) If so, has he surveyed the Free Selection of one Charles A. Kepert at Nelson's Bay, or near there?
- (3.) Has he reported, advising the extension of the Village Reserve at or near Nelson's Bay?
- (4.) If he has so reported, will the extension include any part of Kepert's selection, or necessitate the alteration of any of his boundaries?
- (5.) If it will, did Kepert select before the advice was given?
- (6.) If Kepert did so select, will it be in accordance with law to act up to the Surveyor's advice?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Instructions were issued to *Mr. Licensed Surveyor Spark*, in August last, for the survey of Charles A. Kepert's selection, made on the 10th of the preceding month. The measurement has not yet been received, owing probably to other work in the Surveyor's hands. It is possible that the selection may fall partly within a Reserve, but on this and other points I am unable to give any positive information until the Surveyor's report has been received.

2. ELECTORATE OF THE HASTINGS :—*Mr. R. B. Smith* presented a Petition from certain Electors of the Electorate of The Hastings, residing in the Police District of Port Macquarie, praying that this Electorate may be divided into three Electorates,—one to comprise the Macleay River Police District, one the Port Macquarie Police District, and the third the Manning River Police District. Petition received.

3. **PAYMENT OF DUTY ON TOBACCO**:—Mr. John Robertson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That all Papers laid before Parliament, together with all recorded Questions put to Ministers, and Answers thereto, having reference to the late increase of Duty on Tobacco, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.
Question put and passed.
4. **THE MEDICAL PROFESSION**:—Mr. Hannell presented a Petition from certain Inhabitants and Residents of Newcastle, praying that a Bill may be brought in to assimilate the Laws of this Colony with regard to the Medical Profession to those now in force in the United Kingdom.
Petition received.
5. **PAPERS**:—
Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report from the Commissioner for Roads on the Lake George Road—Collector to Gundaroo.
(2.) Extract from the daily record of the measured discharges of water running in Rivers Nepean and Cataract, from 15th September, 1868, to 31st October, 1873.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, made on 23th October, 1873, in reference to Reservoirs on Road from Willow Tree to Narrabri.
Ordered to be printed.
6. **AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Stephen Brown, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 30th October, 1873.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Brown then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 21st November.
Question put and passed.
7. **SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS**:—Mr. Jacob presented a Petition from W. S. Donald, Moderator, and Duncan McInnes, Clerk, on behalf of the Synod of Eastern Australia, praying that steps may be taken for amending the Publicans Licensing Act, so as to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday, and also to provide for the inspection of Public Houses at all times by the Police.
Petition received.
8. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—
(1.) Lithgow Valley Colliery Railway Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction by Patrick Higgins of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales Esquire John Busby of Bathurst in the said Colony Esquire Edward Gell of the same place Esquire Thomas Talbot Wilton of Sydney aforesaid Esquire and Edward Combes of Glanmire near Bathurst aforesaid Esquire of a Railway from land belonging to them over a Road known as Bell's line of Road so as to form a connection with the Great Western Railway,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th November, 1873.
JOHN HAY,
President.
- (2.) Bathurst Cattle Sale Yards Bill:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale Yards on a portion of the Bathurst Common by the Borough Council of Bathurst,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th November, 1873.
JOHN HAY,
President.
9. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
10. **SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Jacob presented a Petition from W. S. Donald, Moderator, and Duncan McInnes, Clerk, on behalf of the Synod of Eastern Australia, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
11. **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as will admit of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1873," passing through its remaining stages in one day.
Question put and passed.
12. **MINING BILL ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 11th November, from Miners and others of Gulgong, against the Mining Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
13. **SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 11th November, from John Kinross, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, against Sunday Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, be printed.
Question put and passed.

14. **SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 11th November, from John Kinross, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, against the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
15. **LEE'S PARTITION AND SALE BILL ("Formal" Motion)** :—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to confirm and give effect to an agreement for the partition of certain lands and hereditaments, situated in the town of Bathurst, settled by the late William Lee, of Kelso, upon his daughters, Maria Brady and Elizabeth Lord, and also for the sale of certain other lands and hereditaments, in the town of Bathurst, devised by the said William Lee in trust for his three daughters, Maria Brady, Elizabeth Lord, and Mary Jane Austin, and their issue.
Question put and passed.
16. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
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| (1.) Imported Stock Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee. | } <i>on motion of Mr. Parkes, until to-morrow.</i> |
| (2.) General Elections Bill ; second reading. | |
| (3.) Imprisonment on Civil Process Amendment Bill ; second reading. | |
| (4.) Customs Duties Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;— <i>on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill.</i> | |
| (5.) Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee ;— <i>on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply.</i> | |
17. **CONSOLIDATION REVENUE FUND BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Lloyd, that report was adopted, and the Bill ordered to be read a third time.
Bill read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Lloyd then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1873.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—
- MR. PRESIDENT,**
The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1873,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th November, 1873.*
18. **CUSTOMS DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
On motion of Mr. Lloyd (*with the concurrence of the House*) that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
19. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
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| (1.) Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill ; second reading ;— <i>on motion of Mr. Sutherland, until to-morrow.</i> | } <i>on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next.</i> |
| (2.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee. | |
| (3.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee. | |
| (4.) Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee. | |
20. **SUPPLY** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the decision of Mr. Speaker had been obtained thereon.
The Chairman then stated the Point of Order, as follows :—
The Supplementary Estimates being under consideration, and an item on the 9th page having been postponed, an Honorable Member desired to deal with an item on a previous page, to which course he (the Chairman) objected, stating his opinion that the item first mentioned having been dealt with, it was not competent for the Committee to go back,—
And several Members of the Committee dissenting from this opinion,—on motion of the Honorable Member for Camden (Mr. Garrett) the following Point of Order was referred to Mr. Speaker for his decision :—
That an item in the Estimates submitted to the Committee of Supply having been postponed, it is in order for the Committee to discuss and deal with any previous item.
Debate ensued on the Point of Order.
Mr. Speaker sustained the decision of the Chairman.

Whereupon,

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 39.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Wharf Accommodation, Circular Quay:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to submit the various plans for the alteration and improvement of Wharf Accommodation at the Circular Quay to the Marine Board for its opinion previous to calling for tenders for the same?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Government has formed no intention in this matter; but there will be no objection to receiving the views of the Marine Board on the improvement of the Circular Quay.

- (2.) Bailiffs, Small Debts Courts:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What are the particulars of the appropriation of the £100 voted in the last Session of Parliament for “Bailiffs, Small Debts Courts”?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Allowances, as under, have been sanctioned:—

Rylstone	... ..	£20 per annum.
Gosford	... ..	£25 ”
Wollongong	... ..	£10 ”

- (3.) Breakwater, Clarence River Heads:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Tenders for the first portion of the North Breakwater Works, Clarence River Heads, be invited?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Tenders will be invited next week.

2. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Captain Onslow presented a Petition from certain Residents of Camden, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
3. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS:—Captain Onslow presented a Petition from certain Residents of Camden, praying that steps may be taken for amending the Publicans Licensing Act so as to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday, and also to provide for the inspection of Public Houses at all times by the Police.
Petition received.
4. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO ORANGE:—Mr. Baker presented a Petition from Residents of Blayney, Carcoar, and surrounding Districts, praying that this line of Railway may be taken by the surveyed line *via* Blayney.
Petition received.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply, or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1. From 1st October to 31st October, 1873.

(2.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages declared under the 4th section of the same Act,—for the same period.

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the same Act. (List No. 6.)

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table, Reports of Pilots respecting their absence from the Pilot Station when the “Oscar” was signalled.

Ordered to be printed.

6. CUSTOMS DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lloyd then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to repeal so much of the Customs Duties Act of 1871 as imposes Ad Valorem Duties and otherwise to amend the said Act.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal so much of the Customs Duties Act of 1871 as imposes Ad Valorem Duties and otherwise to amend the said Act,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th November, 1873.*

7. ELECTORATE OF THE HASTINGS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th November, from certain Electors of The Hastings Electorate residing in that portion of the Electorate known as the Police District of Port Macquarie, praying that The Hastings Electorate may be subdivided into three parts, and that the Police District of Port Macquarie be constituted a separate Electorate, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. THE MEDICAL PROFESSION (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Hannell moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th November, from certain Residents of Newcastle, praying for an amendment of the law respecting the qualifications of Medical Practitioners, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th November, from the Moderator and the Clerk of the Synod of Eastern Australia, against Sunday Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th November, from the Moderator and the Clerk of the Synod of Eastern Australia, against the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
11. LEE'S PARTITION AND SALE BILL:—Mr. Lackey having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to confirm and give effect to an agreement for the Partition of certain lands and hereditaments situated in the Town of Bathurst settled by the late William Lee of Kelso upon his daughters Maria Brady and Elizabeth Lord and also for the Sale of certain other Lands and hereditaments in the Town of Bathurst devised by the said William Lee in trust for his three daughters Maria Brady Elizabeth Lord and Mary Jane Austin and their issue,*"—read a first time.
12. MINING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued,—and, on motion of Mr. John Robertson, adjourned (after Debate) to Wednesday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 40.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Travelling Allowances to Government Officers:—Mr. Bawden asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What officers of the Government in the receipt of travelling and forage allowances also receive free passes by rail?
 (2.) Do such officers, or any of them, and, if so, which, when travelling by coach, charge the Government for the coach fare in addition to their travelling and forage allowances?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) These questions should properly be addressed to my Hon. Colleague the Minister for Works, who alone issues free passes by rail.
 (2.) As the information sought will require a reference to every Department in the Public Service, perhaps the Hon. Member would have no objection to give a fresh notice of his Questions for this day three weeks.

- (2.) Shakos for the Volunteer Force:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Contract to supply the Volunteer Force with Full-dress Shakos, during the years 1872 and 1873, been completed?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished to me by the Commandant,—For 1872—Yes. For 1873—Three-fourths of the Shakos under contract have been issued. A deficiency in the supply of Front Plates, &c., as also the question of Helmets, caused further issue to be suspended.

- (3.) Reserve at Long Bay:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take the necessary steps, by the introduction of a Bill or otherwise, to enable them to dedicate, for the purposes of public recreation, a portion of the land at Long Bay, advertised for sale on the 30th and 31st October, and withdrawn.

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Government will introduce a Bill to enable them to dedicate, for the purpose of public recreation, a portion of the land at Long Bay.

- (4.) Registered Shipping of New South Wales:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The number of Sailing Vessels and Steam-boats registered in the Colony of New South Wales up to the 1st day of October last?
 (2.) The registered tonnage of said vessels?
 (3.) The number of men employed on board the same?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) The number of—Sailing Vessels...	...	...	...	...	461
Steam-boats	...	...	...	...	130
					591
					591
(2.) The registered tonnage of—Sailing Vessels	...	...	...	59,775	tons.
Steam-boats	...	...	...	19,559	"
				79,334	
				79,334	

- (3.) The number of men employed on board the above cannot be given.

(5.)

(5.) Light Dues:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—The amount of money collected in the Colony of New South Wales for Light Dues, from the 1st of January to the 1st of July, 1873?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—£4,577 19s. 1d.

(6.) Dismissal of Mr. Moody:—*Mr. Macleay*, on behalf of Captain Onslow, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers relating to the dismissal of Mr. Moody, ordered by the House a few days after the opening of the Session, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Papers referred to will be laid upon the Table one day next week.

(7.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Burrowa:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Did the Inspector of Government Buildings for the Burrowa District select the centre of the reserve dedicated for the purpose of recreation in the Township of Burrowa as a site for the Post and Telegraph Offices in that Township?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Government Inspector of Buildings made an inspection of the proposed sites for the Post and Telegraph Offices at Burrowa, and recommended a part of the recreation reserve as the most suitable.

(8.) Inspector of Abattoirs:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a written communication been sent by the Government to the Engine-driver of the Abattoirs, Glebe Island, to the effect that the charge of gross immorality he preferred against the Inspector at the Abattoirs had been satisfactorily explained by the said Inspector?

(2.) Was a copy of the explanation furnished by the said Inspector to the Government forwarded to the Engine-driver at the Abattoirs, with a request that he would make any explanation upon the same in vindication or support of the charge he preferred to the Government against the said Inspector?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) It was notified, in writing, to the Engine-driver of the Abattoirs that his charges against the Inspector were satisfactorily explained by that officer.

(2.) No; but the Engine-driver was called upon to support his charges by separate and independent testimony, which he has not done.

(9.) Destruction of Fish:—Mr. Bawden asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to a customary violation of the 4th clause of the Fisheries Act, 28 Vict., No. 10, by the use of Torpedoes for the destruction of Fish in some of the Rivers and Coast-waters of the Colony?

(2.) Will instructions be given to the Police with a view to carry out the provisions of the Act referred to?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The attention of the Government has not been drawn to any violation of the 4th clause of the Fisheries Act by the use of Torpedoes for the destruction of Fish in the Rivers. I will communicate with the Police to make the necessary inquiries.

(10.) Railway Earnings:—Mr. Cummings asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The amount of earnings on the Great Southern Line of Railway, for the year 1872?

(2.) The amount of earnings on the Great Northern Line of Railway, for the year 1872?

(3.) The amount of earnings on the Great Western Line of Railway, for the year 1872?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Earnings of Great Southern Line, £150,015 3s. 8d.

(2.) Earnings of Great Northern Line, £107,499 12s. 2d.

(3.) Earnings of Great Western Line, £161,584 17s. 2d.

2. SYDNEY UNITED OMNIBUS COMPANY'S TRAMWAYS BILL:—Mr. Lucas presented a Petition from the Directors of the Sydney United Omnibus Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable "The Sydney United Omnibus Company (Limited)" to construct and maintain Tramways in and along certain Streets in the City and Suburbs of Sydney, and for other purposes. And Mr. Lucas having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

3. SITE FOR TEMPERANCE HALL, MUDGEE:—Mr. O'Connor presented a Petition from the Members of the "Hope of Mudgee" Division, No. 105, of the Sons of Temperance, stating that a piece of land was granted as a site for a Temperance Hall at Mudgee, and Trustees appointed, and that subsequently the appointment of the Trustees was cancelled, on the ground that the Crown Lands Alienation Act does not provide for the granting of land as sites for Temperance Halls;—and praying that steps may be taken for removing the cancellation of the appointment of the Trustees, and that the necessary title deeds may be issued for the said piece of land.
Petition received.

4. BRANDS REGISTRATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Registration of Brands Act of 1866*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 11th December.

5. CAMPBELLTOWN RESERVOIR BETTER PRESERVATION BILL:—Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the better protection of the Water Reservoir at Campbelltown*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 11th December.

6. PERMISSIVE LIQUOR BILL:—Mr. Driver presented a Petition from certain Citizens of Sydney, praying the House not to pass this Bill, nor in any way interfere with the operation of the existing law respecting the sale of fermented and spirituous liquors, unless with a view to its entire reconstruction and amendment.
Petition received.

7. **LANDS RENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, an Alphabetical Return, to the 1st November, 1873, showing,—
- (1.) The names and addresses of all persons from whom the Government of this Colony rent lands, houses, or other premises.
 - (2.) The area of such land, and the description and extent of the houses or premises.
 - (3.) The situation thereof, showing the street or road, and the City, Town, or District.
 - (4.) The purpose for which rented or used.
 - (5.) The respective annual rentals.
 - (6.) The date of commencement of the respective leases or agreements for lease.
 - (7.) The term for which rented, specifying whether there have been any renewals of lease or agreements for renewals; and, if so, whether at an increased or decreased rental.
- Question put and passed.
8. **EAST MAITLAND RESERVE** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Scholey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the Accounts of the Trustees of the East Maitland Reserve from 1st January, 1861, to 1st November, 1873, showing in detail the receipts and expenditure of the Trustees.
- Question put and passed.
9. **COMMON LODGING HOUSES BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Hoskins moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will on Friday, November 21st, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Common Lodging Houses.
- Question put and passed.
10. **RAILWAY EXTENSION TO ORANGE** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Baker moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 13th November, from certain Inhabitants of Blayney and the surrounding Districts, relative to the Railway Extension to Orange, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
11. **SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Macleay, on behalf of Captain Onslow, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 13th November, from certain Residents of Camden, against the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
12. **SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Macleay, on behalf of Captain Onslow, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 13th November, from certain Residents of Camden, against Sunday Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
13. **PERMISSIVE LIQUOR BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill,—
- Mr. Raphael moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until this day four weeks.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put.
- The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Tunks,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. O'Connor.
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Lackey,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Scholey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on the motion,—That this Bill be "now" read a second time,—resumed.

Mr. Booth moved, That the Question be amended, by omitting the word "now," with a view to adding, at the end, the words "this day six months."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Scholey,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Combes.
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Tunks,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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

14. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Raphael, until Friday next.*
 - (2.) Tolls on Public Roads Abolition Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Nelson, until Friday, 5th December.*
15. **COHEN'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Burns, that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
16. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Public Prosecutors Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish the office of Coroner, and to provide for the appointment of Public Prosecutors;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*
 - (2.) Imported Stock Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (3.) General Elections Bill; second reading.
 - (4.) Imprisonment on Civil Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
 - (5.) Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday next.*

} *on motion of Mr. Parkes,
until Wednesday next.*

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Richmond River:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Having reference to a Question put on the 26th November, 1872, and the reply thereto,—Has the Government received any further report from the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers as to the best mode of making the Richmond River more accessible to shipping; and, if so, what is the nature of such Report?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Not yet; but the report is in course of preparation, and will be laid upon the Table of the House when received.

- (2.) The Tweed River:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has any examination been made of the Tweed River with a view to improving its entrance; and, if so, what is the result of such examination?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A cursory examination has been made of the entrance to the Tweed River, and the report, when received, will be laid upon the Table of the House.

- (3.) Volunteer Artillery—Case of Mr. W. Deane:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that a Petition has been forwarded by Mr. William Deane, a Solicitor of the Honorable Supreme Court of this Colony, and late a Captain of No. 2 Battery of Volunteer Artillery, to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, praying for redress for dismissal without a hearing, upon the alleged ground that there is no tribunal qualified to try an Officer of the Volunteer Force, although subsequently an Officer of that Force has been tried without an alteration of the law?

(2.) Is it a fact that trial was refused the first-named Officer?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A Petition, addressed to Her Majesty by Mr. Deane, was forwarded to the Secretary of State, in October last, for presentation. With respect to the second question, I am not aware of any such refusal, but I believe Mr. Deane applied to have his case reopened, which application was refused by His Excellency the Governor, as Commander-in-Chief.

- (4.) The Medical Profession:—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of Government to introduce a Bill during the present Session of Parliament to assimilate the Laws with regard to the Medical Profession to those now in force in the United Kingdom and in most of the British Dependencies?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A Bill for this purpose is in the hands of the Government, but has not received final consideration.

2. THE AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK ACT CONTINUATION BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from the Directors of the Australian Joint Stock Bank, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to continue for a further period of twenty-one years the provisions of "The Australian Joint Stock Bank Act" (as amended) whereby the Australian Joint Stock Banking Company as thereby incorporated was empowered to make issue and circulate Bank-notes or Bills.

And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Empire*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

3. LEE'S PARTITION AND SALE BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) That Lee's Partition and Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
 - (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Combes, Mr. Hill, Mr. Stewart, and the Mover.
- Question put and passed.
4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for one month be granted to Joseph Single, Esquire, Member for The Nepean.
- Question put and passed.
5. SYDNEY UNITED OMNIBUS COMPANY'S TRAMWAYS BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable "The Sydney United Omnibus Company (Limited)" to construct and maintain Tramways in and along certain Streets in the City and Suburbs of Sydney, and for other purposes.
- Question put and passed.
6. ORPHAN SCHOOLS ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Raphael moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the average daily number of Children in the Protestant Orphan School at Parramatta in the year 1871.
 - (2.) The number of Children who died in 1871.
 - (3.) The number of Boys and number of Girls apprenticed from the Institution in 1871.
 - (4.) An account, in detail, of Needlework performed by the Girls in 1871.
 - (5.) A detailed account of any work or labour performed by the Boys.
 - (6.) The total cost, in detail, of the whole Establishment for the year 1871, to be given under the several headings as follows:—Amount paid for salaries, maintenance, clothing, medical attendance, furniture, crockery, &c., fuel, light, forage, and all other miscellaneous expenses not included under the above heads. Cost of repairs, building improvements, &c., made for, and on account of, the Establishment, under the order of the Minister for Works, or of the Colonial Architect.
 - (7.) All other charges or expenditure of whatsoever kind in connection with the Establishment, entered in detail.
 - (8.) The like Returns for the year 1872.
 - (9.) The like Returns for the years 1871 and 1872, respectively, of the Roman Catholic Orphan School.
- Question put and passed.
7. SITE FOR TEMPERANCE HALL, MUDGEE ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 14th November, from the Sons of Temperance, Mudgee, relative to the re-dedication of a piece of land for a Temperance Hall, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
8. PERMISSIVE LIQUOR BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 14th November, from certain Citizens of Sydney, against the Permissive Liquor Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.
9. COHEN'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend 'Cohen's Estate Act of 1873'*"
- Question put and passed.
- Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
- The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend 'Cohen's Estate Act of 1873,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th November, 1873.*
10. RAILWAY EXTENSION—MURRURUNDI TO TAMWORTH ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plans, Sections, and Books of Reference, of a proposed Extension of the Great Northern Railway from Murrurundi to Tamworth, laid before the House on the 5th November, in accordance with the 9th Section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria, No. 19.
- Question put and passed.
11. SYDNEY UNITED OMNIBUS COMPANY'S TRAMWAYS BILL:—Mr. Lucas having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable 'The Sydney United Omnibus Company (Limited)' to construct and maintain Tramways in and along certain Streets in the City and Suburbs of Sydney and for other purposes,*"—read a first time.
12. RAILWAY EXTENSION—YASS TO WAGGA WAGGA:—Pursuant to the requirement of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19, Section 9, Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table of the House (*as Exhibits only and not to remain as Records of the House*) copies of certain Plans, Sections, and a Book of Reference, relative to a proposed Extension of the Great Southern Railway—Yass to Wagga Wagga.

13. PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT:—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Public Schools Act cannot be satisfactorily administered while the administration is in any way subject to the interference of persons who, although acting as Members of Local Boards of Certified Denominational Schools under that Act, are hostile to the Public School system, and endeavour to prevent the proper working of the Act, and systematically evade or contravene some of its most important provisions.

(2.) That State-aid to Denominational Schools encourages an effectual opposition to the full development of Public School education; promotes the multiplication of Schools beyond the educational requirements of the locality; dissipates the funds devoted to education; perpetuates sectarianism; and impeaches the sufficiency of elementary instruction as imparted in the Public Schools.

(3.) That it is inexpedient to increase the number of Certified Denominational Schools.

(4.) That all certificates granted to Denominational Schools should be withdrawn on or before the first day of January, 1875.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

14. PATENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate on the motion of Mr. Burns, That this Bill be now read a second time,—

And the Debate not being resumed,—

Question put and passed.

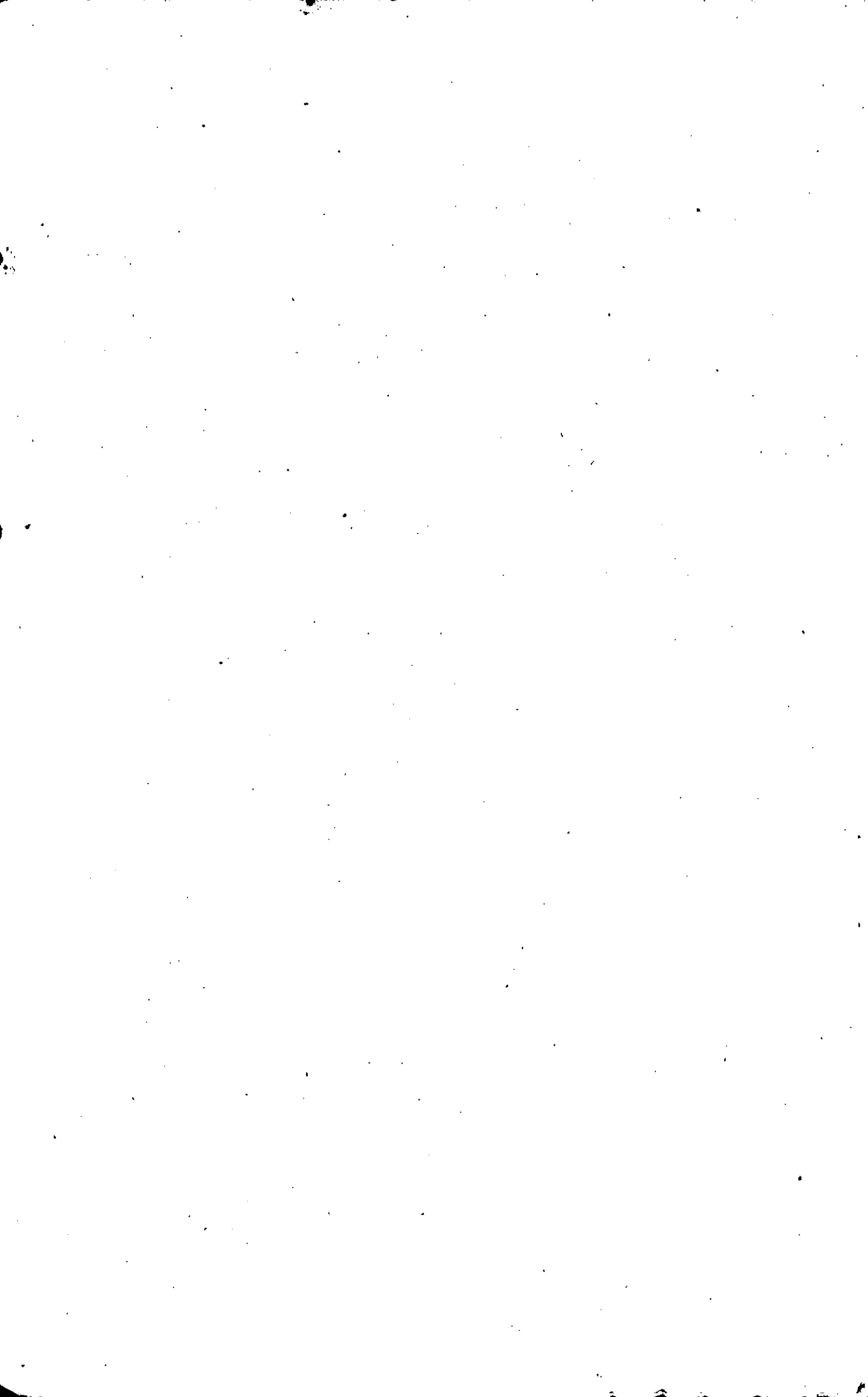
Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 42.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Clerk of Petty Sessions, Waratah:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. Hannell*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Clerk of Petty Sessions to the Bench of Magistrates at Waratah; if not, by whom does the Government expect the clerical duties connected with the Court of Petty Sessions at that place to be performed?

(2.) When will the necessary forms, stationery, law books, &c., be supplied to the said Court?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect a Lock-up and Court House at Waratah, as promised by a former Government; and, if so, when?

(4.) Is the Government aware that, in consequence of the above provision not being made for the Court of Petty Sessions at Waratah, all cases which might be disposed of at the said Court have to go to Newcastle for adjudication?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Government to erect at the other colliery townships either Court House or Lock-up, or both?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This subject has been under the consideration of the Government, and it is proposed to ask Parliament to sanction the appointment of a Police Magistrate for these colliery townships, and if that sanction is given, in connection with it arrangements will be made to provide, in an effective and satisfactory manner, for the administration of justice in the whole of these townships.

(2.) Conditional Purchase of C. A. Kepert:—*Mr. Jacob* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to his questions of 12th instant and the answers thereto, relative to a Free Selection of one C. A. Kepert, at Nelson's Bay,—

(1.) Has the Secretary for Lands, since replying to the questions, learnt that that portion of the answers which implied that no Report had been received from *Mr. Licensed Surveyor Spark*, recommending the extension of the Village Reserve at Nelson's Bay, was incorrect?

(2.) Had, in fact, a Report been received from the Surveyor named, making a recommendation which, if adopted, would include a portion of *Kepert's* Free Selection; and, if so, when was it received, and do the Government consider the recommendation to be in accordance with law?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes, a Report had been received by the Surveyor General, but not submitted to me for decision.

(2.) Yes, and the recommendation is that the Reserve should be extended. The proposed extension would include a small portion of *Kepert's* Selection. The Report was received on the 3rd instant, but I have been unable as yet to take into consideration the advisability or the legality of carrying out the suggestions therein contained.

(3.) Lance-Corporal Lees:—*Mr. Driver* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Government received any Report from the Commissioners appointed to inquire into certain charges against *Lance-Corporal Lees*, of the Sydney Battalion Volunteer Rifles, arising out of the Ham Common Encampment in April last?

(2.) What is the nature of such Report, and will the Government lay upon the Table of this House copies of the Report, and all evidence taken under such Commission?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The proceedings of the Court of Inquiry were duly submitted by the Commandant to His Excellency the Governor.

(2.) Lance-Corporal Lees was virtually acquitted of the irregularities alleged to have been committed by him at the Encampment, and certain officers whose conduct was called in question were also virtually acquitted. I cannot say at this moment whether the Government is prepared to lay copies of the Report and Evidence upon the Table.

- (4.) The Licensing Act of 1862 :—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session of Parliament, any measure to amend the Licensing Act of 1862 ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has had this question under its consideration, and will be prepared to introduce a Bill on the subject.

- (5.) Black Lead at Gulgong :—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the fact that a Company at Gulgong have applied for a lease of 100 acres on the celebrated Black Lead of that Gold Field ?

(2.) If so, do the Government intend granting such lease ?

(3.) Will the Secretary for Lands lay upon the Table of the House a copy of such application, with the names of the applicants ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No Report has been sent in by the Commissioner in charge of the Western Gold District.

(3.) A copy of such application will be laid upon the Table.

- (6.) The American Schooner "Amelia" :—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that a large three-masted American Schooner, named the "Amelia," was very nearly wrecked between the Heads while endeavouring to obtain a Pilot ?

(2.) Has there been any communication with the Marine Board on the subject ?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) Since the "Amelia" left this Port a rumour has been current that she "was very nearly wrecked between the Heads while endeavouring to obtain a Pilot."

(2.) There has been no communication with the Marine Board on the subject.

- (7.) Amended Land Bill :—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to introduce their promised amended Land Bill ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—As stated in the opening Speech of His Excellency, the subject of the present state of the Land Law will be brought before Parliament as soon as the other measures named by His Excellency have been disposed of.

- (8.) Court House and Police Buildings at West Maitland :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government purchased premises for a Court House and Police Buildings at West Maitland ?

(2.) If so, when, from whom, at what price, and whether by private arrangement or by public tender ?

(3.) From what fund, and when was the money paid ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government have purchased premises at West Maitland for the purposes of a Lock-up and Police Buildings. I think the particulars will be best supplied by laying the whole of the Papers upon the Table, which I will do in the course of two or three days.

2. SYDNEY UNITED OMNIBUS COMPANY'S TRAMWAYS BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Lucas, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Sydney United Omnibus Company's Tramways Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Raphael, Mr. Booth, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Neale, Mr. Sutherland, and the Mover.

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

Question,—That the Sydney United Omnibus Company's Tramways Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed :—Mr. Lucas, Mr. Booth, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Oakes, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Neale.

3. THE AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK ACT CONTINUATION BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to continue for a further period of twenty-one years the provisions of "The Australian Joint Stock Bank Act" (as amended) whereby the Australian Joint Stock Banking Company, as thereby incorporated, was empowered to make, issue, and circulate Bank-notes or Bills.

Question put and passed.

4. PROMISSORY OATHS DECLARATORY ACT OF 1873 :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Governor.

Message No. 8.

In pursuance of the provisions of the 33rd section of the Act 5 and 6 Victoria cap. 76, the Governor hereby signifies to the Legislative Assembly that the Bill passed by the Parliament of New South Wales, and styled the "Promissory Oaths Declaratory Act of 1873," has been laid before the Queen in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Government House,

Sydney, 19th November, 1873.

5. SCOTT'S LEASING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to authorize and empower William Scott and George Scott to grant Leases for Mining and other purposes of certain Lands devised by the Will of the late William Scott,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th November, 1873.

JOHN HAY,
President.

SCOTT'S LEASING BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 19th November, 1873.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 1, line 56. Omit "ten" insert "twenty"
" " line 57 after "royalties" insert "during the currency of any lease that may be
" " "granted"
" " line 58 after "education" insert "and advancement in life"

Examined,—

J. DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday next.

6. THE AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK ACT CONTINUATION BILL:—Mr. Burns having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to continue for a further period of twenty-one years the provisions of 'The Australian Joint Stock Bank Act' (as amended) whereby the Australian Joint Stock Banking Company as thereby incorporated was empowered to make issue and circulate Bank-notes or Bills,*"—read a first time.

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

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| (1.) Distillation Bill; second reading;—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Wednesday next. | } on motion of Mr. Parkes, until to-morrow. |
| (2.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee. | |
| (3.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee. | |
| (4.) Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next. | |

8. MINING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion "That" this Bill be now read a second time,—
Debate resumed.

Mr. John Robertson moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and that such Committee consist of the following Members, viz:—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Baker, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lucas, Mr. O'Connor, and the Mover."

Debate continued.

On motion of Mr. Combes, the Debate was adjourned until to-morrow.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1873,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th November, 1873.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Friendly Societies Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having had under consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated the 6th instant, in reference to the Friendly Societies Bill, does not insist upon its amendment in clause 57, line 43, disagreed to by the Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th November, 1873.

JOHN HAY,
President.

10. PAPERS:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Further amended Immigration Regulations.
- (2.) Correspondence relative to the appointment of the Chief Justice.

Ordered to be printed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 43.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) The Volunteer Force:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Captain Onslow, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the 51st clause of the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867, which orders that annual Returns of moneys expended be laid before Parliament, been complied with?
- (2.) The number of new Shakos and Busbies or other Head-dresses which have been supplied to the Volunteer Force during the last three years, respectively, and the cost of such articles?
- (3.) Is the contract for supplying the Volunteers with Clothing an annual one, or for a longer period; does it include the Head-dress?
- (4.) What is the amount of money in the General Fund of each Volunteer Corps?
- (5.) Has any Capitation Allowance been granted to any Volunteer Corps which has not the number of efficient required by clause 8 of the Regulations?
- (6.) What number of applications have been made for the establishment of Volunteer Corps since the passing of the Volunteer Force Regulation Act?
- (7.) How many of these applications have been refused, and from what places?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) In reference to the first question, I find that no proper Return has ever been furnished. The Volunteer Act was passed in October, 1867. I was myself in office then, and in fact I carried the Bill through this House; but I resigned before the first year expired, and during my present tenure of office my attention was not called to this circumstance until it was pointed out by the Honorable Member for Camden. On inquiry I find that the Commandant of the Force concluded that this Return would be furnished by the Treasury, and on inquiry at the Treasury the officers there state that they concluded that it would be furnished by the Commandant, and between the two authorities no proper Return has been furnished. As to the future, of course I will see that a proper Return is furnished as soon as possible.

(2.) With regard to the second question, the answer is—

In 1871—594 Shakos, at 12s. each ...	£356	8	0
In 1872—372 Busbies, at 11s. each ...	204	12	0
396 Shakos, at 12s. 9d. each ...	252	9	0
In 1873—294 Shakos, at 13s. each ...	191	2	0

(3.) Annual. Yes, except in cases of first formation of Corps.

(4.) A Circular Memorandum has been addressed to each officer commanding a Corps for the requisite information.

(5.) No.

(6.) Forty-one applications.

(7.) Twenty-one, viz.:—Morpeth, Wallsend, Randwick, Albion Park, Illawarra, Parramatta (2nd Company), Campbelltown, Kempsey, Dapto, Broughton Creek, West Maitland (2nd Company), Shoalhaven, Grenfell, Raymond Terrace, Clyde River, Bega, Dungog, Tamworth, Hill End, South Sydney (Artillery), Bulli, Bathurst (Cavalry).

(2.)

- (2.) Revenue collected at the Tweed River and Eden:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—The amount of money collected at the Tweed River and Eden as Duty paid on goods from the 1st of January to the 1st of July, 1873?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

Tweed River.....	{ Import Duties	£61 12 7
	{ Pilot and Harbour Dues ...	51 12 0
	Total	£113 4 7
Eden.....	{ Import Duties	Nil.
	{ Pilot and Harbour Dues ...	£75 8 2

- (3.) Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government had under its consideration the desirableness of repealing the "Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act of 1862," since he answered a question of a similar nature on 26th September last?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—I may state that, since the date referred to, the present system of licensing the sale of Wines and Spirits has come under the notice of the Government, and the particular subject of the Honorable Member's inquiry will probably be dealt with in connection with the general question.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Tunks moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company under the name of "The City and Suburban Tramway Company," to empower such Company to construct and maintain Patent Tramways in and along certain streets and thoroughfares in the City and Suburbs of Sydney, and for other purposes.
Question put and passed.
4. THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:—Mr. Parkes presented a Petition from Thomas Hogg, Surgeon, praying for an amendment of the Medical Act of this Colony.
Petition received.
5. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—Mr. Burns having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate a Company under the name of 'The City and Suburban Tramway Company' to empower such Company to construct and maintain Patent Tramways in and along certain streets and thoroughfares in the City and Suburbs of Sydney and for other purposes,*"—read a first time.
6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
7. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read, and discharged.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Sutherland, that the Bill be withdrawn.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next:—
(1.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
(2.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
9. MINING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Farnell, "That" this Bill be now read a second time,—
Upon which Mr. John Robertson had moved by way of amendment that all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, and that such Committee consist of the following members, viz.,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Baker, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lucas, Mr. O'Connor, and the Mover,"—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Lackey moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to Wednesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
Question then,—That the words of the Original Question proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Original Question then put,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—
And Division called for,—
But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Farnell then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill, and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor, No. 3, of 9th October, 1873, be referred to the Committee.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

10. ASSENT TO CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 9.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1873,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 20th November, 1873.*

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 44.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTION—Sewerage of the City and Suburbs:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Commission to inquire into the system of Sewerage now prevailing in the City of Sydney and Suburbs?
 (2.) If so, will such appointment take place during 1873?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This question has been on several occasions under the consideration of the Government, but there are many objections to the appointment of Commissions. They are very expensive, and in many instances they are not composed of gentlemen who can be fairly said to be superior to Members of this House who form Select Committees, and the Government are not disposed to enter upon such appointments without the most mature consideration. We have not as yet arrived at any final decision, but the subject will be under consideration, and the Government will probably arrive at some decision before the end of next week.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Booth moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Mercantile Bank of Sydney Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
 Governor.

Message No. 10.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Shareholders of a certain Banking Company called 'The Mercantile Bank of Sydney' 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
 Sydney, 20th November, 1873.

- (2.) Lithgow Valley Colliery Railway Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
 Governor.

Message No. 11.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the construction by Patrick Higgins of Sydney in the Colony of New South Wales Esquire John Busby of Bathurst in the said Colony Esquire Edward Gell of the same place Esquire Thomas Talbot Wilton of Sydney aforesaid Esquire and Edward Combes of Glanmire near Bathurst aforesaid Esquire of a Railway from land belonging to them over a Road known as Bell's line of Road so as to form a connection with the Great Western Railway,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
 Sydney, 20th November, 1873.

(3.) Bathurst Cattle Sale Yards Bill :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 12.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the erection and maintenance of Cattle Sale Yards on a portion of the Bathurst Common by the Borough Council of Bathurst,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th November, 1873.

(4.) Australian Jockey Club Bill :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 13.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to extend the period for which the Trustees of the Randwick Racecourse are enabled to grant leases thereof and to enable the Members of the 'Australian Jockey Club' to sue and be sued in the name of the Chairman for the time being of the Committee of the said Club and for other purposes,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 20th November, 1873.

4. ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND LAW ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Piddington, on behalf of Mr. Cunneen, moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to the Select Committee on "Administration of the Land Law" to sit during any adjournment of the House.
Question put and passed.
5. THE MEDICAL PROFESSION ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 20th November, from Mr. Thomas Hogg, relative to an amendment of the Medical Act, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Tunks, Mr. Combes, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Thomas Brown, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
7. CASE OF MR. PATRICK M'HALE ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Orders, and other Documents relative to the dismissal of Mr. Patrick M'Hale from the position of Teacher of the Roman Catholic Denominational School at Cooma, including the names of the parties who originally set the Council of Education in motion in this matter.
Question put and passed.
8. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Tunks moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Driver, the Debate on this Question adjourned to Friday, 12th December.
9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Evidence further Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Tunks, until Friday, 5th December.
10. WALKER AND CARLOW STREETS ENCLOSURE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Tunks, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Roads Bill; second reading:—*on motion of Mr. Lucas, until Friday, 12th December.*
(2.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday next.*
(3.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Amendment Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Driver, until Tuesday next.*
(4.) Common Lodging Houses Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Common Lodging Houses;—*on motion of Mr. Hoskins, until Friday next.*
(5.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
(6.) Public Prosecutors Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish the office of Coroner, and to provide for the appointment of Public Prosecutors. } *on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*
(7.) Patents Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee }
(8.) Scott's Leasing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of } *on motion of Mr. Burns, until Tuesday next.*
Legislative Council's amendments.

The House adjourned, at twenty-six minutes after Ten o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 45.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. William Mulholland, J.P.:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the fact that Mr. William Mulholland, J.P., of Windeyer, who was complainant in a certain cause, took his seat on the Windeyer Bench, on Saturday, 13th September last, and postponed, without consulting the defendant, his (Mr. Mulholland's) own case, until Saturday, the 20th September?

(2.) Is it the fact that the said Mr. William Mulholland, J.P., again presided as a Magistrate in his own case, on Saturday, 20th September, when the defendant was not present, and again postponed the said case until Saturday, 4th October last?

(3.) Will the Honorable the Colonial Secretary cause a copy of the proceedings taken before Mr. Mulholland, J.P., in his own case, to be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The questions put by the Honorable Member necessitated communication with the Bench at Windeyer, and communication was made as soon as notice of the questions was given; but, as I understand that there are only two mails a week to Windeyer, it is not likely that information will reach the Colonial Secretary's Office before the end of this week, which will enable the questions to be answered.

- (2.) Railway Gangers:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the Platelayers and Repairers of the Great Northern Railway are compelled by the Regulations to walk the entire length of their districts at least once on every Sunday, and that they receive no remuneration or allowance for the service?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to take the fact into consideration in adjusting the wages for the eight-hour system?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) All the Gangers on the Government Railways have to walk over their respective lengths on Sundays, and this duty was taken into consideration when fixing their rate of wages.

(2.) A reduction in the hours of labor has already been made.

2. THE CASE OF CHARLES GALONSKI:—Mr. Buchanan presented a Petition from W. H. Bedell, alleging that certain property belonging to one Charles Galonski, a lunatic, has been unlawfully disposed of; and praying the House to inquire into the matter.
Petition received.

3. PERMISSIVE LIQUOR BILL:—Mr. Driver presented the following Petitions against the passing of this Bill:—

(1.) From certain Citizens of Sydney.

(2.) From certain Colonists of New South Wales.

Petitions received.

4. LEE'S PARTITION AND SALE BILL:—Mr. Lackey, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 18th November, 1873, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Lackey then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
5. AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK ACT CONTINUATION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Australian Joint Stock Bank Act Continuation Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Moses, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Hay, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Lee, Mr. Combes, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
6. GRANTS OF LAND TO INHABITANTS OF SYDNEY (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A copy of the Order or Proclamation issued by L. Macquarie, Esq., and dated October 6th, 1810, setting forth the boundaries of the "Market Place," "Hyde Park," "Macquarie Place," "Market Wharf," and the names and descriptions of the various Streets, &c., in the Town of Sydney, as described in plan.
(2.) Copies of any Grants that may have been made by L. Macquarie, Esq., to any person or persons in trust for the use of the Inhabitants of Sydney of the "Market Place," "Hyde Park," "Macquarie Place," "Sydney Common," "Market Wharf," or other portions of land set apart for the use or recreation of the Inhabitants of Sydney.
(3.) A copy of the Proclamation made by L. Macquarie, Esq., and dated October 5th, 1811, setting forth the boundaries of the Sydney Common, and promising a grant of the same to be held "in trust for the benefit of the present and all succeeding Inhabitants of Sydney."
Question put and passed.
7. APPLICATIONS FOR SURVEY OF LANDS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return showing the number of applications for the survey of lands to be put up by auction since the 1st January, 1870, to 31st October last.
(2.) The number of lots surveyed and offered at auction for same period.
(3.) The number of such lots sold when offered.
(4.) The number of such lots conditionally purchased before offered for sale at auction and after, respectively, during same period.
(5.) The number of such lots selected at the upset price without conditions of residence and improvement.
(6.) The number of such lots remaining unsold at 31st October last.
(7.) The average cost per acre of surveying such lands.
Question put and passed.
8. APPOINTMENT OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That since the Correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and the late Attorney General, in reference to the appointment of Chief Justice, has been published, Honorable Members of this House have had an opportunity of carefully perusing it, and that, while highly approving of the appointment of Sir James Martin, in their opinion the Correspondence referred to discloses conduct on the part of the Colonial Secretary towards his Colleague the Attorney General unworthy and discreditable, and deserving of the censure of this House?
(2.) That the above Resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Mr. John Robertson moved the Previous Question.
Debate ensued.
Previous Question put,—That that Question be now put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hurley, (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Cumberland</i>)
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. West,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Macintosh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Teece,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1873, A.M.

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

10. MINERAL SELECTION AT MILBURN CREEK:—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the Correspondence, and of all Applications, Memorials, Reports, Minutes, Descriptions, Plans or other Documents, dated since the 1st day of September, 1872, having reference to any application by Richard Neville, Thomas Neville, James Lynch, and Robert Martin, or by Neville, Martin, and party, or by Baker, Thorne, and party, for a Mineral Selection or Mineral Conditional Purchase of forty acres of land at Milburn Creek, County of Bathurst.
Question put and passed.

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Amendment Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Driver, until Tuesday next.*
- (2.) Patents Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Tuesday next.*
- (3.) Scott's Leasing Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 46.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Rev. Charles Currey:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
Whether the Government have arrived at any, and if any, what decision in the matter of the claim of the Rev. Charles R. Currey?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Rev. Mr. Currey's claims were duly considered by the Government, and could not be entertained. Mr. Currey was apprised of the decision arrived at on the 20th ultimo.

- (2.) Railway from Deniliquin to Hay:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any land been surveyed and reserved for a Railway from Deniliquin to Hay?
(2.) If so, has any part of such Reserve been rescinded, thrown open to sale, and sold?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
(2.) About 150 acres of the Reserve has been revoked and sold.

- (3.) Fishlock's Road—Bridge at Mullet Creek:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When do the Government intend opening Fishlock's Road at the Cordeaux River, and the road between Moran's and Clarke's farms in the same neighbourhood?
(2.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, or when do they intend to pay or appropriate £50 towards the erection of approaches to the new Bridge at Mullet Creek?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) The Government do not intend to open Fishlock's Road at the Cordeaux River, the confirmation of it having been prevented by the legal objections raised by Mr. Fishlock. The road between Moran's and Clarke's farms is a Boundary Road; its position has been decided in a case recently tried at the Supreme Court, and as it is a road in charge of the Municipal Council no further action is proposed by the Government.
(2.) £50 was placed to the credit of the Municipal Council on the 8th of April last; in June a voucher adjusting this advance was received in the Works Office.

- (4.) Grants for Episcopal Residences:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have any Crown Lands in the neighbourhood of Armidale, or elsewhere, been recently, or at any time, granted to the Church of England, or to the Church of Rome, or to any Bishop of, or any other person representing, any such Church, for an Episcopal Residence, or any similar purpose?
(2.) If so, to what extent, in what positions or places, or by what authority?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Portions of Crown Lands have been from time to time dedicated for Episcopal Residences, as under, by the authority of the Governor and Executive Council :—

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Goulburn—20 acres—18th February, 1870.

Sydney (at Coogee)—60 acres 2 roods 11 perches—13th July, 1863.

CHURCH OF ROME.

Bathurst—5 acres—5th January, 1872.

Goulburn—13 acres 23 perches—6th December, 1867.

Sydney (near Quarantine Ground)—60 acres—27th July, 1863.

Applications have also been made from the Church of England for 5 acres at Bathurst, and also for a portion at Armidale. The former has been granted, but the land has not yet been finally dedicated. The latter application is in course of being disposed of.

(5.) Mr. Tebbutt, J.P. :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will the Colonial Secretary state the names of the Magistrates belonging to the Gulgong Bench who expressed their approval of Mr. Tebbutt's conduct in accepting a Testimonial in consideration of his magisterial services ?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary state the names of the Gulgong Magistrates who expressed an opinion, and what that opinion was, in reference to Mr. Davis's charge against Mr. Tebbutt, to the effect that Tebbutt received a sum of money from Mr. Davis to procure him an Auctioneer's License ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Government have no official knowledge of any such Testimonial to Mr. Tebbutt.

(2.) The matter was referred to the Bench of Magistrates, Gulgong, for report, and the expression of opinion thereon was conveyed to the Government by the Police Magistrate.

(6.) Reprieve of the Aboriginal "Jackey" :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that a black man, convicted and sentenced to death at the last Bathurst Assizes of the murder of two men, has been reprieved ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is true that the blackfellow named Jackey, convicted of the murder of two men near Forbes, has been reprieved, on the recommendation of the Judge who tried the case.

2. BISHOPTHORPE ESTATE CHARGE BILL :—Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from the Right Reverend Frederic Barker, Doctor in Divinity, Bishop of Sydney, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to charge the Bishopthorpe Estate with the payment of certain sums of money to the present Bishop of Sydney and his representatives.
And Mr. Lackey having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.
3. IMPORTED STOCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Creed presented a Petition from certain Stockowners, resident in the Colony of New South Wales, in favour of the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
4. THE CASE OF CHARLES GALONSKI ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 25th November, from Mr. W. H. Bedell, respecting the disposal of the property of Charles Galonski, a lunatic, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. PERMISSIVE LIQUOR BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That the two Petitions presented by him on 25th November, against the passing of the Permissive Liquor Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT :—Mr. Parkes proceeding to make the motion standing in his name,—
Mr. Garrett requested the ruling of Mr. Speaker whether this motion, involving the creation of a new Department, and therefore the expenditure of money, ought not to originate in a Committee of the Whole.
Debate ensued on the Point of Order.
And Mr. Speaker stating his opinion that the action of a preliminary Committee was necessary,—
Mr. Parkes moved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of adopting the following Resolutions :—That, with the view to the more effective Administration of Government, it is resolved,—
(1.) That it is expedient to create a Department of Justice and Public Instruction, to be presided over by a Responsible Minister.
(2.) That, after the passing of these Resolutions, the Attorney General shall not be a Member of the Executive Council, but shall continue to be the holder of a Political Office with a seat in Parliament, entering upon his official duties and retiring with the Ministry for the time being.
(3.) That the office of Solicitor General shall be abolished.
(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

7. CUSTOMS DUTIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal so much of the Customs Duties Act of 1871 as imposes Ad Valorem Duties and otherwise to amend the said Act,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th November, 1873.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Distillation Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Wednesday next,*
- (2.) Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday, 4th December.*
- (3.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- (4.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee. } *on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next.*
- (5.) Mining Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Farnoll, until to-morrow.*

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 47.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Post Office, Anvil Creek and Greta:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—If it is intended to provide any, and if any, what additional Postal accommodation for the inhabitants of Anvil Creek and Greta?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Petitions have been received for the establishment of Post Offices at Anvil Creek and Greta. From inquiries made it appears that one Post Office will serve both places, but I am not yet in possession of sufficient information to enable me to determine where the Post Office should be placed.

- (2.) Licensing Act of 1862:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When the measure of the Government for the amendment of the Licensing Act of 1862 will be introduced?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Probably in about a fortnight.

- (3.) Post and Telegraph Offices, Burrowa:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to adopt the recommendation of the local Inspector of Public Buildings in the Burrowa District, and have the Post and Telegraph Offices erected on the Reserve dedicated for recreation in the Township of Burrowa?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Considerable pains were taken to ascertain where these Post and Telegraph Offices ought to be at Burrowa; and the Postal Inspector, the proper officer to report on such a matter, reported in favour of the Government site near the Court House, and it is the intention of the Government to carry out the work on that site.

- (4.) Volunteer Land Orders:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have any rules or regulations been made by the Governor, in pursuance of the 50th section of the Volunteer Act of 1867, which will compel a Volunteer who has served as an efficient Volunteer for a continuous period of five years from the 1st August, 1868, to serve till the 31st December this year before he can obtain his grant of fifty acres of land?

(2.) Have any rules or regulations been made by the Governor, in pursuance of the 50th section of the Volunteer Act, which will compel a Volunteer who has served as an efficient Volunteer for a continuous period of five years from the 1st August, 1868, to wait till after the 31st December this year before he can get his order for fifty acres of land?

Mr. Parkes answered,—As the Volunteer Regulations at present exist, such Volunteer is not required to serve beyond the continuous period of five years; but he must wait until after the 31st December next before he can obtain his land order, as the certificate of efficiency cannot be issued until the 1st of January next, and such certificate is made precedent to the issue of the land order. I desire to add that an amended regulation is now waiting the confirmation of the Executive Council, which would entitle the efficient Volunteer to receive his land order on the completion of his service as an efficient Volunteer.

2. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS:—Mr. Teece presented a Petition from the Rev. William Kelynack, and others, praying that steps may be taken for amending the Publicans Licensing Act so as to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday, and also to provide for the inspection of Public Houses at all times by the Police.
Petition received.
3. GOULBURN VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, transmitting to His Excellency the Report of the Select Committee on the disagreements in the Goulburn Volunteer Corps, together with the Resolution passed by this House on the 14th October, to the effect "That the Report of the Select Committee on the Goulburn Volunteer Rifle Corps be now adopted."
Question put and passed.
4. IMPORTED STOCK ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Creed moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th November, in favour of the passing of the Imported Stock Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. MINERAL LEASE AT TOGO:—Mr. John Robertson (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the Year 1873, the sum of £23 4s., to defray the expenses of certain Witnesses who gave evidence before the Select Committee on "Mineral Lease at Togo," in accordance with the Resolution passed by such Committee.
Question put and passed.
6. ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of adopting the following Resolutions:—That, with the view to the more effective Administration of Government, it is resolved,—
(1.) That it is expedient to create a Department of Justice and Public Instruction, to be presided over by a Responsible Minister.
(2.) That, after the passing of these Resolutions, the Attorney General shall not be a Member of the Executive Council, but shall continue to be the holder of a Political Office with a seat in Parliament, entering upon his official duties and retiring with the Ministry for the time being.
(3.) That the office of Solicitor General shall be abolished.
(4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to certain Resolutions.
Ordered, that the reception of the said Resolutions stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 48.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Road from Denman to Jerry's Plains:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any Petition reached the Government from the Inhabitants of the Northern and North Western Districts, or from any other person or persons, or any letter or application from the Member for the District, in favour of opening a road from Denman, along the right bank of the River Hunter, near the confluence of the Goulburn, through the adjacent Village Reserves, to Jerry's Plains?

(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to carry out the objects of the Petition?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No; but a Petition has been received for a road from Merriwa to Mount Dangar, thence to the River Goulburn, through Messrs. Hungerford's and White's Estates, to Jerry's Plains.

(2.) The Petition referred to has been sent to the District Surveyor for report.

(2.) Volunteer Land Orders:—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Creed, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to deal with the Volunteer Land Orders?

(2.) If so, when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—A Bill will be introduced for the purpose of dealing with the Volunteer Land Orders.

(3.) Case of Patrick Gallen:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When is it probable that the Papers relative to the case of Patrick Gallen, ordered by this House on Tuesday, 28th October, will be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This Return was received by me from the Law Department this morning, and I will presently lay it upon the Table.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, made on 28th October, 1873, in reference to the case of Patrick Gallen.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Friendly Societies Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Governor.

Message No. 14.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to consolidate and amend the Law relating to Friendly and other Mutual Benefit Societies*,"—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, 28th November, 1873.

(2.)

(2.) Customs Duties Act Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 15.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to repeal so much of the Customs Duties Act of 1871 as imposes Ad Valorem Duties and otherwise to amend the said Act,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th November, 1873.

4. VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY—CASE OF CAPTAIN BAMFORD ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, Evidence, Documents, and all other papers in the possession of the Government, or the Volunteer authorities, having reference to or connected with the dismissal of Captain J. B. Bamford from the Volunteer Artillery Force.
Question put and passed.
5. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RELIEF BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to relieve Legal Practitioners from certain restrictions.
Question put and passed.
6. BISHOPTHORPE ESTATE CHARGE BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to charge the Bishopthorpe Estate with the payment of certain sums of money to the present Bishop of Sydney and his representatives.
Question put and passed.
7. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RELIEF BILL:—Mr. Stewart presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to relieve Legal Practitioners from certain restrictions,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 19th December.
8. BISHOPTHORPE ESTATE CHARGE BILL:—Mr. Lackey having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to charge the Bishopthorpe Estate with the payment of certain sums of money to the present Bishop of Sydney and his representatives,*"—read a first time.
9. MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 19th December.
10. DOGS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill,—
And the Debate not being resumed,—
Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided.

Aycs, 14.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Watson,	Tellers.
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Creed.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Central Cumberland</i>),	

Noes, 16.

Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Booth,	Tellers.
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Grahame,	

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Stewart the Order of the Day was discharged.

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

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Bennett,	Tellers.
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Garrett,	

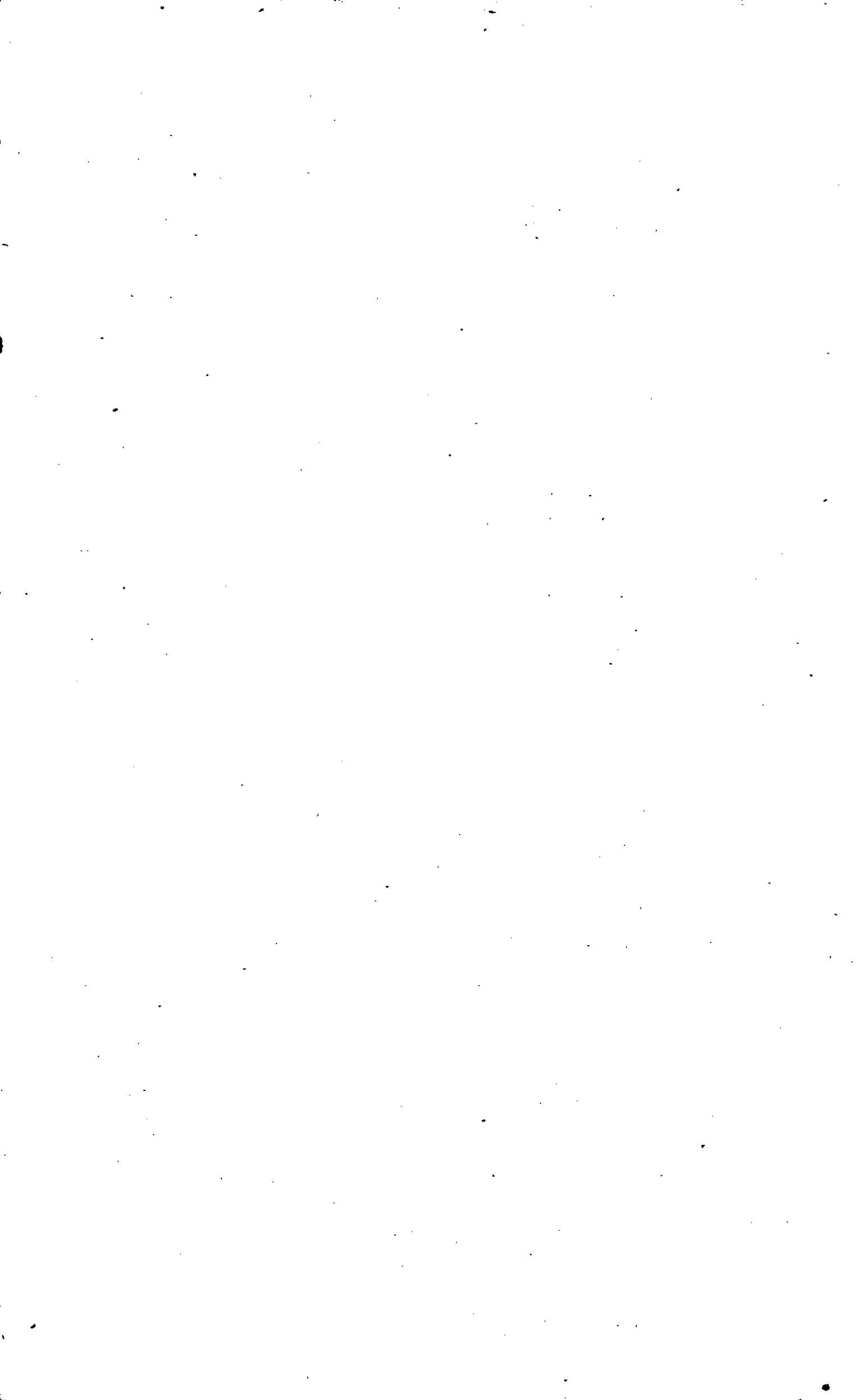
Noes, 7.

Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Hay,
Mr. Watson,
Mr. Abbott,
Tellers.
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Thomas Robertson.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. WALKER AND CARLOW STREETS ENCLOSURE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*), Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Thomas Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Tunks,—
Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at six minutes after Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 49.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Little River Gold Field:—Mr. Rodd asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of leases applied for for gold-mining purposes on the Little River (Gold Fields North), from January 1st, 1872, to October 1st, 1873?

(2.) The number of such leases approved of?

(3.) The number of such leases that have been surveyed?

(4.) The number of official visits paid by the Commissioner to the above Gold Field during the current year?

(5.) The number of official visits paid by Mr. Commissioner Buchanan to the above Gold Field during the current year?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) 120.

(2.) 114.

(3.) 13. There are six applications for leases on the Little River Gold Field not yet approved. The Chambigne Gold Field is only separated from the Little River Gold Field by the Myho River, and the number of leases applied for on first-mentioned Gold Field is twenty-seven. The number of such leases approved of is twenty-six. The number of such leases not yet approved of is one. None have been surveyed.

(4.) The local Commissioner has not visited the Little River Gold Field during the current year, but any business connected with it has been transacted at Grafton.

(5.) One.

- (2.) Railway Station, Murrurundi:—Mr. John Robertson, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that seventeen Waggon and Drays loaded with Wool—about 200 bales—were detained at the Station, Murrurundi, for about forty-eight hours, waiting to be unloaded; what was the cause?

(2.) Is it also the case that the discharging of Drays is often stopped for the want of tarpaulins?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) It is not a fact.

(2.) Occasionally, when there have been unusually large arrivals, wool-drays have been kept waiting for the want of tarpaulins, but the delay has never exceeded half a day.

2. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The following Petitions, against the passing of this Bill, were presented by Mr. Driver:—

(1.) From the Chairman and Directors of the Sydney United Omnibus Company.

(2.) From the Chairman and Directors of the Waverley and Woollahra United Omnibus Company.

(3.) From Licensed Drivers of Omnibuses plying for hire within the City and Police District of Sydney.

Petitions received.

3. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 27th November, from the Rev. William Kelynack, and others, against Sunday Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, be printed.
Question put and passed.
4. BISHOPTHORPE ESTATE CHARGE BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Bishopthorpe Estate Charge Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Combes, Mr. Hill, Mr. Burns, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hay, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
5. TRIENNIAL PARLIAMENTS BILL:—
(1.) Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Terry then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to limit the duration of all future Parliaments to three years,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
6. LEE'S PARTITION AND SALE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Lackey, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Lackey that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Friday next.
7. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Brown, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Brown that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
8. PATENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday next.
10. COMMON LODGING HOUSES BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate Common Lodging Houses.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to regulate Common Lodging Houses.
On motion of Mr. Hoskins that report was adopted.
(2.) Mr. Hoskins then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for regulating Common Lodging Houses,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 19th December.
11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Burns:—
(1.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*until Friday next.*
(2.) Public Prosecutors Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish the office of Coroner, and to provide for the appointment of Public Prosecutors;—*until Tuesday next.*
12. SCOTT'S LEASING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Burns that report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize and empower William Scott and George Scott to grant Leases for Mining and other purposes of certain Lands devised by the Will of the late William Scott.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd December, 1873.

13. **POSTPONEMENT:**—The Order of the Day respecting expenses of Witnesses examined before the Select Committee on Mineral Lease at Togo postponed, on motion of Mr. John Robertson, until Tuesday next.
14. **MINING BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 50.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. Wm. Mulholland, J.P.:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is it the fact that Mr. William Mulholland, J.P., of Windeyer, who was complainant in a certain case, took his seat on the Windeyer Bench, on Saturday, 13th September last, and postponed, without consulting the defendant, his (Mr. Mulholland's) own case, until Saturday, the 20th September?
 (2.) Is it the fact that the said Mr. William Mulholland, J.P., again presided as a Magistrate in his own case, on Saturday, 20th September, when the defendant was not present, and again postponed the said case until Saturday, 4th October last?
 (3.) Will the Honorable the Colonial Secretary cause a copy of the proceedings taken before Mr. Mulholland, J.P., in his own case, to be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Parkes answered.—The Bench of Magistrates at Windeyer have reported as follows:—

- (1.) It is true that Mr. William Mulholland, J.P., did preside on the Windeyer Bench on the 13th September last, being the usual Court Day, and adjourned the Court until the 20th September. There was no other Magistrate in attendance that day: Thomas Ryan, the defendant, being present.
 (2.) It is true that Mr. William Mulholland, J.P., did preside on the Windeyer Bench on Saturday, the 20th September last, the usual Court Day, and did adjourn the Court until Saturday, the 4th October. The defendant, Thomas Ryan, was not present. There was not any other Magistrate present on that day.

- (3.) Copy of the depositions taken in this case as follows:—

W. Mulholland }
 v. } Impounding. Saturday, 13th Sept., 1873.
 Thomas Ryan. }

Postponed till 20th instant.

(Signed) WM. MULHOLLAND, J.P.

W. Mulholland }
 v. } Impounding. Saturday, 20th Sept., 1873.
 Thomas Ryan. }

Postponed till 4th October.

(Signed) WM. MULHOLLAND.

- (2.) The Case of Thomas Parker:—Mr. Baker asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that Mr. District Court Judge Josephson, or the Crown Prosecutor, refused to put on his trial, on the 30th May last, at the Quarter Sessions held at Orange, a person named Thomas Parker, who was committed for trial by the Cowra Bench of Magistrates on a charge of cattle stealing?
 (2.) If the Colonial Secretary is not aware of this circumstance, will he cause inquiry to be made into the matter, with a view to give some information on the subject?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) No; but I am informed that the trial of a person named Thomas Parker, who was committed by the Cowra Bench for stealing a saddle, was not proceeded with, on 30th May last, at Orange Quarter Sessions, the trial having been postponed to the next Sessions in consequence of some doubt as to jurisdiction, by reason of alterations having been made in certain districts. Parker was, however, tried and convicted at the Orange Quarter Sessions on 15th August last, and sentenced to six months imprisonment only—the Judge having taken the delay of Parker's trial into consideration when passing sentence.

(2.) The above will, perhaps, be sufficient answer to the Honorable Member's question.

- (3.) Extension of Railway into Sydney :—Mr. Greville asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he inform the House when the services of sufficient Surveyors can be spared to survey a line for the extension of the Railway through the City of Sydney, as promised by him in his reply to a deputation that waited on him on the 28th October last.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No definite time can be fixed, but so soon as Surveyors can be spared from lines upon which they are now engaged they will be employed for this service.

- (4.) Financial Position of Municipalities :—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Colonial Secretary received a report from the Municipal Conference setting forth the present financial position of the Municipalities established throughout the Colony?

(2.) If so, will he be pleased to lay a copy of that report upon the Table of this House, with the view to its being referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Working of Municipalities"?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have received a report of the character described in the Honorable Member's question, and there will be no objection to laying a copy of that report before the House.

- (5.) Immigration :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have any complaints been made to the Government that Clerks of Petty Sessions do not receive, or refuse to receive, deposits on account of intending Immigrants; or that they decline to furnish information upon the subject of Immigration?

(2.) If so, what are the orders or instructions of the Government, or what steps have they taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No such complaints have been made to the Government.

- (6.) Bredbo Bridge :—Mr. Rodd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it probable that the Papers relating to Mr. Hannaford's claim on the Government, in connection with the Bredbo Bridge, ordered by this House on the 15th October last, will be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—On Tuesday next.

- (7.) Case of William Henry Baron :—Mr. Rodd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it probable that the Papers relating to the abolition of the office of William Henry Baron, ordered by this House on the 15th October last, will be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—On Tuesday next.

- (8.) Police Buildings at West Maitland :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers relative to the purchase of Police Buildings at West Maitland be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Parkes answered,—On Friday or Tuesday.

2. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Stephen Brown presented a Petition from the Chairman and Directors of the Newtown Omnibus Company, against the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

3. THE LATE PILOT GIBSON :—Mr. John Robertson presented a Petition from Mrs. Maria Gibson, representing that by the death of her husband she is left, with her family, in a destitute condition; and praying the House to take her case into consideration.

Petition received.

4. THE MEDICAL PROFESSION :—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from Edward Ascher, of Ryde, Doctor of Medicine, complaining of his having been refused a certificate of qualification by the Medical Board; and praying that in any amendment of the Medical Law, provision may be made for granting him such relief as to the House may seem fit.

Petition received.

5. PAPERS :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) By-Laws under Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.

(2.) Return showing the Distribution of the Police Force on 31st October, 1873.

(3.) By-Laws of the undermentioned Boroughs :—

Parramatta.	|	Mudgee.
Kiama.	|	Grafton.

Ordered to be printed.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

7. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*) :—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. Driver, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the three Petitions presented by him on the 2nd December, against the passing of the Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

8. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Brown then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Act to incorporate 'The Australian Mutual Provident Society.'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Act to incorporate 'The Australian Mutual Provident Society,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd December, 1873.*

9. RAILWAY EXTENSION—YASS TO WAGGA WAGGA :—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference of a proposed Extension of the Great Southern Railway from Yass to Wagga Wagga, laid before the House on the 18th November, in accordance with the 9th section of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria, No. 19. Question put and passed.
10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Thursday, 18th December.*
 - (2.) Distillation Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Thursday, 11th December.*
 - (3.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (4.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- } *on motion of Mr. Parkes,
until Thursday, 11th
December.*
11. ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT :—The Order of the Day having been read,—The Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolutions on this subject reported from a Committee of the Whole House be now received.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Resolutions read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—That, with the view to the more effective Administration of Government, it is resolved,—

- (1.) That it is expedient to create a Department of Justice and Public Instruction, to be presided over by a Responsible Minister.
- (2.) That, after the passing of these Resolutions, the Attorney General shall not be a Member of the Executive Council, but shall continue to be the holder of a Political Office with a seat in Parliament, entering upon his official duties and retiring with the Ministry for the time being.
- (3.) That the office of Solicitor General shall be abolished.
- (4.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to his Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Resolutions be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 32.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. West,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Warden,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Wearne,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Tellers.
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. J. S. Smith.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolutions read a second time, and, on motion of Mr. Parkes, agreed to.

12. MINING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 51.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER, 1873.

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

ELECTORATE OF EAST MACQUARIE:—Mr. Speaker informed the House that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 11th November last, declaring the Seat of the Honorable Sir James Martin vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Sir James Martin; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon of the election of Walter Hampson Cooper, Esquire, to serve as a Member for the Electoral District of East Macquarie.

2. QUESTIONS:—

(1.) **Raymond Terrace Bench**:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—How many charges for indictable offences; how many summary jurisdiction cases; and how many Small Debts cases, were heard by the Police Magistrate and Bench of Magistrates at Raymond Terrace, during the years 1871, 1872, and 1873, up to date, respectively?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Police Magistrate:—

1871.						
Indictable cases	...	...	...	...	...	1
Summary jurisdiction cases	...	...	...	...	...	108
Small Debts cases	...	...	...	...	...	49
Total	...	...	...	...	...	158
1872.						
Indictable cases	...	...	...	...	...	2
Summary jurisdiction cases	...	...	...	...	...	75
Small Debts cases	...	...	...	...	...	35
Total	...	...	...	...	...	112
1873 to 3rd instant.						
Indictable cases	...	...	...	...	...	13
Summary jurisdiction cases	...	...	...	...	...	76
Small Debts cases	...	...	...	...	...	12
Total	...	...	...	...	...	101

(2.) **Deepening the Eastern Channel**:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Government written to Rear-Admiral Richards in reference to deepening the Eastern Channel?

(2.) Has Admiral Richards replied?

(3.) If so, is there any objection to lay the reply upon the Table of the House?

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Not yet.
 - (2.) No.
 - (3.) There will be no objection to laying the Papers upon the Table as soon as received.
- (3.) Protection from Floods, West Maitland:—Mr. Lee asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have the Government considered the question of protecting the river banks from destruction by floods, within the Town of West Maitland, which now threaten to seriously damage the Great Northern Road at no distant time?
 - (2.) If not, will the Government give this subject, which was brought personally under the notice of the Colonial Secretary some months since by a large deputation of the Maitland Municipal Council, their early attention, with a view of averting this danger if possible?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This matter has been under the consideration of the Government, and a report from the local officer has been obtained. The matter has not yet been fully considered, and when any result is arrived at—which will be shortly—communication will be made to the Municipal Council of West Maitland. No immediate danger is apprehended.

- (4.) Public School, Fairy Meadow:—*Mr. Macleay*, on behalf of Mr. Forster, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is there any Female Teacher in the Fairy Meadow Public School?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished by the Council of Education:—There is a Female Teacher employed in the Public School at Fairy Meadow, namely, the Teacher's Wife.

- (5.) Crown Lands Agent, Raymond Terrace:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many Free Selections have been made in the District of Raymond Terrace, through the Crown Lands Agent there, during 1870, 1871, 1872, and 1873, and what were the areas of the Selections?
- (2.) What duties, besides receiving applications for Free Selections, has the Crown Lands Agent mentioned to perform which are special to that officer, and which the Clerk of Petty Sessions had not to fulfil before the office of Crown Lands Agent was created?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

						Selections.	Acres.
(1.)	1870	...	...	...	...	0	0
	1871	...	...	...	...	0	0
	1872	...	...	...	...	1	40
	1873 (to 27th November)	...	...	...	...	7	340
						8	380

- (2.) The Land Agent, Raymond Terrace, also attends to auction sales and auction selections. He has no special duties to perform.

- (6.) Border Duties Convention:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has notice been given of the partial suspension of the Convention between this Colony and Victoria as to Border Duties?
- (2.) If so, when, and with reference to what article?
- (3.) By whom was such notice (if any) first given?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No notice has been given of the partial suspension of the Border Treaty between this Colony and Victoria; but the Government of Victoria has given the notice provided for to put in force the 10th section of the Treaty, the effect of which will be to except the article of Tobacco from the operation of the Treaty. Notice was received by me, I think, on Tuesday morning.

3. THE CASE OF WALLACE COLDREY:—Mr. Driver presented a Petition from Wallace Coldrey, at present confined in the Debtors Prison at Darlinghurst, praying for an amendment of the Law respecting imprisonment for debt.
Petition received.
4. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Driver presented a Petition from Licensed Drivers of Hackney Carriages and Cabs plying for hire within the City and Police District of Sydney, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
5. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 3rd instant, from the Directors of the Newtown Omnibus Company, against the passing of the Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. THE MEDICAL PROFESSION ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Macleay*, on behalf of Mr. Forster, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd December, from Edward Ascher, Doctor of Medicine, relative to his having been refused a certificate of qualification by the Medical Board, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. THE LATE PILOT GIBSON ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. John Robertson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd December, from Mrs. Maria Gibson, widow of the late Pilot Gibson, be printed.
Question put and passed.

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return showing the number of Electors on the Roll of each Electoral District of New South Wales, and in the whole Colony, for each year since the passing of the Electoral Act of 1858; and also the increase or decrease in the numbers for the first and last years of such period, respectively.
- (2.) Report from the Municipal Conference Committee on the Financial Position of Municipalities.
- (3.) Return to an Order, made on 18th November, 1873, in reference to Orphan Schools.
- (4.) By-Law of the Municipal District of Tenterfield.
- (5.) Return of Attendances of Magistrates on Bench Duty, during the year 1872.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table, Abstract of Bank Liabilities and Assets for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Lunacy Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday, 18th December.
10. MINING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

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New South Wales.

No. 52.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Wrecks on the Coast of New South Wales:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is there a record kept of the names of the vessels wrecked on the coast of New South Wales, and the names of the persons lost in them?
 (2.) Will the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer cause such a record to be kept and printed in the *Government Gazette* once in each year, together with the locality of the said wrecks, the cause, and the force of the wind at the time (as nearly as can be ascertained)?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) A record is kept of the names of the vessels, and of their masters, and of the number of their crews; but the names of the men are not recorded.
 (2.) Yes; and instructions are given to that effect.
 (2.) His Honor Judge Josephson:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Did the Government, about four months ago, receive from Simon Belinfante, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, a Petition in reference to certain charges against Judge Josephson?
 (2.) If so, what course do the Government intend to take in reference to the prayer of the said Petition?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find that a Petition was presented to His Excellency the Governor by Dr. Belinfante in August last, and that this Petition was minuted by His Excellency for the opinion of the Attorney General, as the Minister in charge of the Law Department, and that Mr. Judge Josephson was thereupon called upon to offer any observations he desired. I have a report of Mr. Josephson before me, which occupies about thirty folios of closely written matter. On this report I find this minute by the late Attorney General:—"Mr. Josephson's claim, in the first part of this communication, to be exempt from answering inquiries by the Executive Council into his 'ability' or 'inability' to discharge his duty in a satisfactory manner is obviously untenable. But I cannot see how any conclusion as to his 'inability' can possibly be arrived at upon the conflicting statements made by him and Mr. Belinfante. E.B. 21/10/73." That is how the matter stands at present.

- (3.) Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent at Casino:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, copies of any charges of neglect of duty made against the Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent at Casino during the years 1871-2-3, with the Reports of the Bench of Magistrates upon the same?
 (2.) Is he aware that the Land Agent at Casino is in the habit of charging Free Selectors a fee of 2s. 6d. for every declaration made in accordance with the 18th clause of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861?
 (3.) If so, by what authority is such charge made?
 (4.) Is he aware that the Land Agent at Casino refuses to allow the proprietor of the *Richmond River Express* to take a list of the Conditional Purchases made each Land Office day, for the purpose of publishing the same in the said newspaper for the information of intending Selectors and the public in general?
 (5.) If so, has he any objection to instruct the said Land Agent to allow such a list of Conditional Purchases to be taken for the purpose stated?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) I will lay the Papers upon the Table this afternoon.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) No.
- (5.) There can be no objection to information of this character being obtained for publication on application.

(4.) Road over Mount Manning Hill :—Mr. Cunneen asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the money granted for the improvement of the Road over Mount Manning Hill been yet expended?
- (2.) If not, when is it intended to expend the same?
- (3.) Will the work be performed under the supervision of an officer of the Department, or will tenders be invited for its performance?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) The money granted has not yet been expended.
- (2 and 3.) The local officer, under whose supervision the amount will be expended, has been instructed to invite tenders, to be opened in the presence of the Police Magistrate, or other responsible person, to accept if eligible, and to carry out the work with the least possible delay.

2. AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK ACT CONTINUATION BILL :—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 25th November, 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

Question put and passed.

3. WORKING OF MUNICIPALITIES :—Mr. Macintosh (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Report from the Municipal Conference be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the "Working of Municipalities."

Question put and passed.

4. PAPER :—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, copies of charges of neglect made against the Clerk of Petty Sessions and Land Agent at Casino.

Ordered to be printed.

5. LEE'S PARTITION AND SALE BILL ("*Formal*" *Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Hill, on behalf of Mr. Lackey, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Hill then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to confirm and give effect to an agreement for the Partition of certain lands and hereditaments situated in the Town of Bathurst settled by the late William Lee of Kelso upon his daughters Maria Brady and Elizabeth Lord and also for the Sale of certain other lands and hereditaments in the Town of Bathurst devised by the said William Lee in trust for his three daughters Maria Brady Elizabeth Lord and Mary Jane Austin and their issue.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to confirm and give effect to an agreement for the Partition of certain lands and hereditaments situated in the Town of Bathurst settled by the late William Lee of Kelso upon his daughters Maria Brady and Elizabeth Lord and also for the Sale of certain other lands and hereditaments in the Town of Bathurst devised by the said William Lee in trust for his three daughters Maria Brady Elizabeth Lord and Mary Jane Austin and their issue,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th December, 1873.*

6. RESERVES ON ROAD FROM WOLLOMBI TO WISEMAN'S FERRY ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Reserves on the road from Wollombi to Wiseman's Ferry, the extent of each Reserve, and where situated.

Question put and passed.

7. THE CASE OF WALLACE COLDREY ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 4th December, from Wallace Coldrey, be printed.

Question put and passed.

8. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 4th December, from Licensed Drivers of Hackney Carriages and Cabs plying for hire in the City of Sydney, against the passing of the Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

9. TOLLS ON PUBLIC ROADS ABOLITION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Nelson moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

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The House divided

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Teece,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Webb,	<i>Cumberland</i>).
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Bennett,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Booth,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. West,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Piddington,	

And so it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Raphael the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

10. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Evidence further Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, until Friday next.
11. TRIENNIAL PARLIAMENTS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Terry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
- Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Grahame,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Terry,	Mr. West,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Garrett,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Webb,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Raphael.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the Point of Order had been decided in the House.

The Chairman then stated the Point of Order as follows :—

A new clause having been added to the Bill under consideration, applying the provisions of the Bill to the present Parliament, and the addition of such clause necessitating an amendment in the Title of the Bill,—upon the question for the amendment of the Title being proposed from the Chair, the Honorable Member for Camden (Mr. Garrett) objected to the question being put, on the ground that it was not competent to the Committee to entertain the proposed amendment,—And that he (the Chairman) being appealed to, gave his opinion that the amendment was in order,—

And Mr. Garrett dissenting from that opinion moved, that the following question be submitted to Mr. Speaker for his decision :—

That inasmuch as the clause limiting the duration of this present Parliament is contrary to the Title and objects of the Bill as referred to the Committee, and is therefore irregular, it is not competent to amend the Title.

And a Debate arising on the Point of Order,—

Mr. Speaker ruled in accordance with the opinion given by the Chairman.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Terry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments, and with an amendment in the Title.

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

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

12. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Driver, until Tuesday next.*
- (2.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Raphael, until Friday next.*

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 53.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 DECEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Circular Quay:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What are the intentions of the Government in regard to letting, or in any way authorizing the use or occupation of the Circular Quay, at the end of the present year?
 - (2.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue the present arrangement, or any similar arrangement, with the present lessees for the year 1874, or any other period?
 - (3.) If any other arrangement be contemplated, what will be its nature and terms?
 - (4.) Is it a fact that any offer has been made to, or declined by, the Government, of a higher rent or of more favourable terms for the public in any respect, for 1874, than under the arrangement for the present year?
 - (5.) If so, what is the nature and terms of any such offer?
 - (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to abandon in future the system of public competition in regard to the Circular Quay?
- Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—I have to state, in answer to the Hon. Member's questions, that it is not the intention of the Government to abandon the system of leasing the Circular Quay by public competition, but, in view of the extensive and important alterations which are contemplated, the Government has decided to take the management of the Quay into its own hands for next year, and notice has been given to the Lessee of the intention of the Government to resume possession on the 1st of February, 1874.
- (2.) Trustees for Road from Goulburn *via* Bangalore Gap:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Who are Trustees for the road from Goulburn by way of Bangalore Gap?
 - (2.) Has any complaint been made to the Government against the said Trustees during the last twelve months?
 - (3.) If so, by whom, and to what effect?
 - (4.) Has any inquiry been made into such complaint, and with what result?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) Messrs. R. A. Neely, George Sykes, John Armstrong, and P. H. Osborne.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) By Henry Rabjohns,—to the effect that the Trustees had let a contract at a higher price than tendered for by him; that the Contractor was a minor; and that he was allowed to sub-let his Contract to various relatives of the Trustees.
 - (4.) The Trustees were called upon for an explanation, and they reported, under date the 11th August last, explaining their action, and resigning their offices after the current year. Under these circumstances, nothing further has been done in the matter.
- (3.) Lake George Road:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) How many officers have been sent up to inspect and report on the Lake George Road during the last four years?
 - (2.) Will the Minister give the dates when, and the names of such officers?
 - (3.) Is the Minister aware that the Petition spoken of by him, signed by 639 persons, not 50 of them are interested, and that the names of residents of Cooma and Goulburn are on it?
 - (4.) What was the amount of money placed to the credit of the Trustees in March last; was that amount for this year?
 - (5.) Has any money been placed to the credit of the Trustees since March last; if so, when, how much, from what vote was it paid, and is it an extra sum for this year, or is it granted in anticipation of the vote by Parliament for next year?
 - (6.) Was any Petition received against voting money for this Road about the same time as the Petition referred to by the Minister on Wednesday, 12th November?

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) None have been sent up specially, but reports have been received from the undermentioned Officers, who were either stationed in the vicinity or who were in the locality on other business.
- (2.) Mr. Road Superintendent Scarr, September, 1870.
" " Dooner, November, 1871.
The Postal Inspector, November, 1872.
Commissioner and Engineer for Roads, April, 1873.
- (3.) No. The Petition in question is a record of this House, and has never been in my Office.
- (4.) £112 for the current year.
- (5.) No.
- (6.) Yes, in June, 1872, signed by 57 persons.

(4.) Superannuation Repeal Act:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have all claims for Pensions accruing under the Superannuation Repeal Act been adjusted?
- (2.) If not, will he state the cause of delay in their settlement; and, also, at what time he anticipates they will be decided on?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—In answer to the Honorable Member's questions, I beg to state that the claims involve, in a greater or less degree, points of law, which require reference to the Honorable the Attorney General,—that such reference is being made,—and that the cases will be decided as early as possible.

(5.) Railway Passenger Traffic:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—How many persons travelled, and what amount was received for passenger traffic, upon the several Lines of Railway hereafter mentioned, during the month of November last,—

- From Sydney to Stations west of Bowenfels?
- From Stations west of Bowenfels to Sydney?
- From Sydney to Stations south of Picton?
- From Stations south of Picton to Sydney?
- From Newcastle and Maitland to Stations north of Singleton?
- From Stations north of Singleton to Maitland and Newcastle?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

	No. of Passengers.	Amount.	
		£	s. d.
From Sydney to Stations west of Bowenfels	581½	1,021	16 11
From Stations west of Bowenfels to Sydney	823¼	1,431	10 5
From Sydney to Stations south of Picton	533¼	788	9 0
From Stations south of Picton to Sydney	599	888	9 10½
From Newcastle and Maitland to Stations north of Singleton	396	462	0 4
From Stations north of Singleton to Maitland and Newcastle	534½	579	9 6

(6.) Railway Extension—Yass to Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will Tenders be called for the construction of the Great Southern Railway south of Yass towards Wagga Wagga?
- (2.) Has an indent been sent to England for the Rails required for the permanent way on the extension of the Great Southern Railway between Yass and Wagga Wagga?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) From Yass to Cootamundry in March, and from Cootamundry to Wagga Wagga in May, 1874.
- (2.) Yes.

(7.) Mud Punts:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What is the amount of plate iron, the amount of angle iron, and the amount of rivets, imported by the Government for the new Mud Punts to be built by the Government for the various Dredges?
- (2.) What is the cost per ton of each in England, and the amount paid for freight and commission of such importation?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.)		tons. cwt. qrs. lbs.		
	Plate iron	203	6	3 12
	Angle iron	48	6	2 25
	Rivets (none yet arrived—40 tons ordered.)			
(2.)	Plate iron	£14	10s.	Od. per ton
	Angle iron	14	0	0 "
	Freight—Newcastle to London	144	14	5 "
	" —London to Sydney	132	2	8 "
	Insurance	58	11	9 "
	Commission	72	11	2 "

(8.) Hyde Park Asylum:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Hyde Park Asylum is now, and has been for a length of time, over-crowded with inmates; and, if so, have any steps been taken by the Government to remedy the inconvenience?
- (2.) Cannot the late Volunteer Quarters be, at a very trifling expense, made to accommodate a large number of inmates, besides providing for "sick wards" and other offices much needed?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is within my knowledge that the Asylum in question is over-crowded to that extent that beds have to be provided in the passages. The subject has been brought under the consideration of the Government, but no decision has been arrived at as to whether part of the Asylum now used by the Volunteers will be added to the Asylum as it now exists.

- (9.) The case of Mr. Patrick M'Hale:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has a Teacher, named Patrick M'Hale, been lately dismissed from the Roman Catholic Certified Denominational School at Cooma?
 - (2.) Are Teachers in Certified Denominational Schools prohibited from writing or publishing letters in any newspaper?
 - (3.) If so, by what authority?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is a fact that the Teacher, Mr. Patrick M'Hale, was dismissed from the Roman Catholic Certified Denominational School at Cooma. Teachers of Certified Denominational Schools are not prohibited from writing or publishing letters in newspapers, but they are held responsible by the Council of Education if anything in those writings is considered to involve conduct such as would be injurious to the School or unbecoming of the Teacher. I have a Return to the Order of the House, on the motion of the Honorable Member Mr. Garrett, which I will lay upon the Table in the course of the afternoon, which will disclose all the facts in this case.

2. VACANT SEAT:—Mr. Parkes informed the House that George Wigram Allen, Esquire, the Honorable Member for The Glebe, had accepted the Office of Minister of Justice and Public Instruction,— And moved, That the Seat of George Wigram Allen, Esquire, hath become and is now vacant by reason of his acceptance of the office of Minister of Justice and Public Instruction since his election and return to serve in this House as Member for the Electoral District of The Glebe. Question put and passed.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, made on 21st November, 1873, in reference to the case of Mr. Patrick M'Hale. Ordered to be printed.
4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 17th December.
5. MEMBER SWORN:—Walter Hampson Cooper, Esquire, having taken the Oath, and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Macquarie.
6. BORDER DUTIES CONVENTION ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Telegrams, and other Documents with reference to the suspension of the Convention as to Border Duties between this Colony and Victoria. Question put and passed.
7. HIS HONOR JUDGE JOSEPHSON ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Forster, on behalf of Mr. O'Connor, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Papers and other Documents having reference to the charges made by Simon Belinfante, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, against His Honor Judge Josephson. Question put and passed.
8. RAILWAY EXTENSION:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the Government of this Colony should, as early as possible, provide for future Railway Extension in this Colony, and in particular for its economical development, by taking whatever steps may be necessary, by survey and otherwise, to ascertain the direction and lines of route towards and along which it is most probable future Railways will be extended, and to reserve the public lands along such lines in such quantities and in such manner as may be sufficient for Railway "purposes," whether with a view to the retention of such lands for such purposes by the Government, or to their being offered in exchange for the construction of Railways.
 - (2.) That such surveys should be made in the following directions, among others—
 - (1.) From Wagga Wagga towards Melbourne.
 - (2.) From Wagga Wagga towards Adelaide.
 - (3.) From Bathurst towards Bourke.
 - (4.) From Tamworth towards Inverell and Dalby.
 - (5.) From Tamworth towards Armidale and Warwick.
 - (6.) From Sydney towards Newcastle.
 - (7.) From Goulburn towards Cooma and the adjacent Coast.
 - (8.) From Sydney towards Illawarra.
 - (9.) From Grafton towards Tenterfield and Warwick.
 - (10.) From Grafton towards Glen Innes and Inverell.
 - (11.) From the Clarence River towards the Richmond River.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Thomas Robertson moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the second Resolution.

Debate continued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission from the first Resolution of all the words after the word "purposes."

And the second Resolution having been, by leave, withdrawn,—

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

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The House divided.

Ayes, 14.
 Mr. John Robertson,
 Mr. J. S. Smith,
 Mr. Tacee,
 Mr. Terry,
 Mr. Macleay,
 Mr. Hoskins,
 Mr. Hill,
 Mr. Butler,
 Mr. Abbott,
 Mr. Buchanan,
 Mr. Garrett,
 Mr. Forster,
 Tellers.
 Mr. Stewart,
 Mr. Thomas Robertson.

Noes, 28.
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Farnell,
 Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
 Mr. Sutherland,
 Mr. W. C. Browne,
 Mr. Combes,
 Mr. Wearne,
 Mr. Cunneen,
 Mr. Oakes,
 Mr. Jacob,
 Mr. Campbell,
 Mr. Scholey,
 Mr. Burns,
 Mr. Tunks,
 Mr. Grahame,
 Mr. Neale,
 Mr. Moses,
 Mr. Fitzpatrick,
 Mr. Macintosh,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. R. B. Smith,
 Mr. Warden,
 Mr. Hannell,
 Mr. Driver,
 Mr. Cooper,
 Mr. Hurley (*Central
 Cumberland*),
 Tellers.
 Mr. West,
 Mr. Stephen Brown.

And so it passed in the negative.

Main Question then,—That this House is of opinion, that it is highly desirable that the Government of this Colony should, as early as possible, provide for future Railway Extension in this Colony, and in particular for its economical development, by taking whatever steps may be necessary, by survey and otherwise, to ascertain the direction and lines of route towards and along which it is most probable future Railways will be extended, and to reserve the public lands along such lines in such quantities and in such manner as may be sufficient for Railway purposes,—put and passed.

9. TOLLS ON THE GREAT WESTERN ROAD:—Mr. Cooper presented a Petition from certain Carriers and others interested in the traffic of the Western Districts, complaining of the Tolls at present charged on the Great Western Road; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration. Petition received.
10. ABSENCE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) "That," in the opinion of this House, the long-continued absence of the Postmaster General from the performance of the duties of his office, while he continues to draw from the Public Treasury a large salary, is in itself a wrong worthy of the condemnation of this House; while, at the same time, the absence of the responsible head of an important department of the State cannot be otherwise than detrimental to the due and proper conduct of the business of that department.
 (2.) That the above Resolution be conveyed by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. J. S. Smith moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words of the first Resolution after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "this House disapproves of the course taken by the Government in sending the Postmaster General to England."
 Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1873 A.M.

Mr. Forster moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to a later hour of the day.
 Question put.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 8.
 Mr. John Robertson,
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. West,
 Mr. R. B. Smith,
 Mr. Garrett,
 Mr. Buchanan,
 Tellers.
 Mr. J. S. Smith,
 Mr. Combes.

Noes, 23.
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. Farnell,
 Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
 Mr. Sutherland,
 Mr. Jacob,
 Mr. Wearne,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. Scholey,
 Mr. Terry,
 Mr. Cunneen,
 Mr. Grahame,
 Mr. Hurley (*Central
 Cumberland*),
 Mr. Fitzpatrick,
 Mr. Moses,
 Mr. Macintosh,
 Mr. Neale,
 Mr. Hannell,
 Mr. Driver,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Stephen Brown,
 Mr. Cooper,
 Tellers.
 Mr. W. C. Browne,
 Mr. Stewart.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on Original Question continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 27.
 Mr. Parkes,
 Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
 Mr. Farnell,
 Mr. Sutherland,
 Mr. Stephen Brown,
 Mr. Fitzpatrick,
 Mr. John Robertson,
 Mr. W. C. Browne,
 Mr. Terry,
 Mr. Wearne,
 Mr. Jacob,
 Mr. Piddington,
 Mr. Grahame,
 Mr. Scholey,
 Mr. Burns,
 Mr. Moses,
 Mr. Macintosh,
 Mr. Neale,
 Mr. Buchanan,
 Mr. Hannell,
 Mr. Cunneen,
 Mr. Taylor,
 Mr. Cooper,
 Mr. Driver,
 Mr. Hurley (*Central
 Cumberland*),
 Tellers.
 Mr. Combes,
 Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 5.
 Mr. Forster,
 Mr. R. B. Smith,
 Mr. J. S. Smith,
 Tellers.
 Mr. West,
 Mr. Garrott.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original

Original Question then put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. West,
Mr. J. S. Smith,

Tellers.

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Garrett.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Scholey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Grahame,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. Hannell,	

And so it passed in the negative.

11. FIRE AT BONDED STORE, NEWCASTLE:—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday week, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1873, a sum not exceeding £952 Os. 7d., to compensate Messrs. William Petherbridge, Frank Gardiner, and James Downey, for losses sustained by them by reason of their goods, stored in the Bonded Store at Newcastle, having been destroyed by fire, owing to the refusal of the Custom House Officer to allow the Bond to be opened and the goods removed.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. W. O. Browne,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Terry,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Burns,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. West,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

12. BENCH OF MAGISTRATES, RAYMOND TERRACE:—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the names of the prosecutors, informants, complainants, accused and defendants, together with the respective charges, complaints and decisions in all the indictable and summary jurisdiction cases brought or heard before, or dealt with by the Police Magistrate or Bench of Magistrates, Raymond Terrace, during the years 1871, 1872, and 1873.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at half-past One o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 54.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Towns Police Act—Dogs Registration Act:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What Towns are under the operation of the Towns Police Act, 2 Vic. No. 2, and what Towns are under the provisions of the Dogs Registration Act, 6 Wm. IV. No. 4?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Although this Return appears a very simple one, I find it will require that the *Gazette* for some years past shall be searched, and it will take several days before the Return will be complete. When it is complete I will lay it upon the Table.

- (2.) Bailiffs, Small Debts Courts:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to the reply to his Questions given on 13th ultimo, to the effect that certain allowances were sanctioned for the Small Debts Courts of Rylstone, Gosford, and Wollongong, out of the vote of the last Session of Parliament of £100 for "Bailiffs, Small Debts Courts,"—If those allowances were made under any recommendations or representations, has he any objection to lay copies thereof upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Parkes answered,—There will be no objection whatever to lay copies of these Papers upon the Table.

- (3.) Volunteer Quarters:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has it been reported to the Government that had it not been for the removal of the inmates from certain rooms in the late Volunteer Quarters, the inmates must, from the falling in of the ceilings, necessarily have suffered severe, if not fatal, injuries?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I believe it is the case that during the late rains eight women would have been seriously injured had they been left in the room in the Volunteer Quarters which they had for some weeks occupied, but as they were removed no injury was incurred.

- (4.) Public Meeting at Gulgong:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—(1.) Has the Government received any intimation of a large Public Meeting held at Gulgong, at which certain Resolutions were unanimously carried?

(2.) Has the Government received copies of the Resolutions, or any information of such Resolutions having been carried; and, if so, what action does the Government intend to take in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—From inquiries made in my office, I have no knowledge whatever of the circumstances alluded to.

- (5.) Bench of Magistrates at Gulgong:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will the Colonial Secretary state whether he wrote to the Police Magistrate or Bench of Magistrates at Gulgong, asking him or them to name some residents of the District suitable for the appointment of Justice of the Peace?

(2.) If the Colonial Secretary did so write, has he any objections to state what reply he received, and from whom?

(3.) Did the Colonial Secretary at any time write to Mr. Henry Tebbutt, J.P., Gulgong, asking him to name suitable persons for the Commission of the Peace; and, if so, what was his reply?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) So far as I have been able to make inquiry in my office, no official communication whatever has been made.

(3.) I have no knowledge of any communication made to Mr. Tebbutt on the subject.

(6.) Lectures on Botany :—Mr. Oakes asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to provide a suitable building in the Botanic Garden for the delivery of Lectures on Botany by the Director?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make arrangements with the Director for delivery of a course of Lectures on Botany annually?

(3.) Does the Director receive any extra remuneration for delivering Lectures on Botany?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The matter has been under the consideration of the Government, but no determination has yet been arrived at.

(2.) Mr. Moore has been in the habit of delivering Lectures, periodically, for some years past. No specific arrangements have ever been made respecting them.

(3.) No.

(7.) Deepening Entrance to Sydney Harbour :—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers written to Rear-Admiral Richards on the subject of deepening the entrance of the Harbour; if so, has he done so by the instructions of the Honorable the Minister for Works?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers has sent to Admiral Richards copies of the papers on this subject, which were laid before Parliament, as stated in his report to me of date 23rd August last. I gave no instructions to forward these papers to the Hydrographer, but was aware and approved of Mr. Moriarty's intention to do so, and I wrote a minute to the Colonial Treasurer, on the 30th of the same month, inviting his concurrence with me that copies of all papers on the subject be forwarded through the proper channel to Admiral Richards, with a request that that distinguished officer would favour the Government with his valuable opinion on the important question at issue.

(8.) Mineral Selections of Barnes, Phillips and Co. :—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When are the Papers in the matter of the Mineral Selections of Barnes, Phillips and Co. likely to be laid upon the Table of the House, as ordered?

Mr. Farnell answered,—In the course of a week.

2. ASSENT TO SCOTT'S LEASING BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 16.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize and empower William Scott and George Scott to grant Leases for Mining and other purposes of certain Lands devised by the Will of the late William Scott,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 10th December, 1873.

3. COHEN'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend 'Cohen's Estate Act of 1873,'*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th December, 1873.

JOHN HAY,
President.

COHEN'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendment referred to in Message of 10th December, 1873.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, clause 2. Omit clause 2.

Examined,—

J. DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday next.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Rule of Court, dated 25th November, 1873.

(2.) By-Law, under Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Address, adopted on 17th October, 1873, in reference to the case of William Henry Baron.
- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 17th October, 1873, in reference to the Bredbo Bridge.
- (3.) Return to an Address, adopted on 10th September, 1873, in reference to the dismissal of Mr. Moody, late Railway Traffic Manager.
- (4.) Return to an Order, made on 16th September, 1873, in reference to the removal of James Burns, late Railway Station Master at East Maitland.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, a Return shewing the number of Miners Rights and Business Licenses issued at each of the Gold Fields in the Colony during the period from 1st January, 1871, to 30th June, 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

5. ROBERT COLEMAN :—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Petition from Robert Coleman, Gunner in the New South Wales Artillery, alleging that, while in the performance of duty, he received serious bodily injuries, which incapacitate him for further service; and praying that his case may be taken into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.
6. MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL :—Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from Clergymen and Laymen of the Church of England forming the Chapter of the Rural Deanery of Liverpool,—against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
7. LAPSED VOTES BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Audit Act of 1870.
Question put and passed.
8. FINANCIAL POSITION OF MUNICIPALITIES (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That there be laid upon the Table of this House, during the month of January, 1874, a Return from each Borough and Municipal District, showing the amount of arrears or of unpaid rates on the 31st December in each year since their incorporation to 1873 inclusive.
 - (2.) A Return showing the liabilities, whether by loan, unpaid accounts, or otherwise, of each Borough and Municipal District, on the 31st December, 1873.
 - (3.) A Return showing the actual superficial area, or an approximation thereto, of each Borough and Municipal District as now incorporated.
 Question put and passed.
9. TOLLS ON THE GREAT WESTERN ROAD (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Cooper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 9th December, from certain Carriers on the Western Road, respecting the levying of Tolls, be printed.
Question put and passed.
10. LAPSED VOTES BILL :—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Audit Act of 1870*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
11. MINING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 55.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Rioting—Case of Messrs Loder, Dowe, and Barber:—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Were Andrew Loder, Thomas Dowe, and Benjamin Barber recently brought before the Maitland Court of Quarter Sessions and convicted of rioting?
 (2.) Was either of these persons a Justice of the Peace?
 (3.) If so, which, and has he been struck off the list of Magistrates?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Mr. Andrew Loder, Mr. Thomas Dowe, and Mr. Benjamin Barber have been brought before the Maitland Court of Quarter Sessions and convicted of rioting. Mr. Andrew Loder was, and had been, I believe, for the last twenty years, a Justice of the Peace. Neither of the other persons was in the Commission. A Supersedeas has issued in consequence of Mr. Loder having resigned the Commission of the Peace.

- (2.) Administration of the Public Schools Act:—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Council of Education rejected the application for a Public School at Gerringong?
 (2.) Has the Council of Education granted a Certificate to the Church of England School at Peter-sham?
 (3.) Has the Council of Education declined to entertain overtures for the conversion of the Presbyterian School at Bathurst into a Public School?
 (4.) Has the Council of Education refused to establish a Public School at Jamberoo in place of the Church of England School?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Council of Education has rejected the application for a Public School at Gerringong.
 (2.) The Council of Education has granted a Certificate to the Church of England School at Peter-sham.
 (3.) The Council of Education has not declined to entertain overtures for the conversion of the Presbyterian School at Bathurst into a Public School.
 (4.) The Council of Education has still under consideration the question of establishing a Public School at Jamberoo in place of the Church of England School.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Correspondence respecting remuneration to Bailiffs of Small Debts Courts,—Gosford, Rylstone, and Wollongong.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, Return to an Order made on 30th September, 1873, in reference to Turner's and Sharp's Selections of Land at the Rylstone Land Office.
 Ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table, Return to an Order made on 24th October, 1873, in reference to the loss of the Barque "Oscar." (Case of Pilot May).
 Ordered to be printed.

3. **MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL** (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 10th December, from the Chapter of the Rural Deanery of Liverpool, against the passing of the Marriage with Deceased Wife's Sister Legalizing Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
4. **CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS** (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Macleay, on behalf of Captain Onslow, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) How many Clerks or Cadets in the Civil Service, including those temporarily employed, have presented themselves for examination in compliance with the Regulation in the *Government Gazette* of October 6th, 1871.
(2.) What number have passed the required examination.
(3.) How many are now employed who have failed to pass.
(4.) How many have been rejected more than once, specifying the number of times each candidate has failed.
(5.) How many have entered the Service since the notification in the *Gazette* (October 4th, 1871), temporarily or otherwise, who have not presented themselves for examination.
Question put and passed.
5. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Thursday next:—
(1.) Brands Registration Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
(2.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill; second reading.
(3.) Distillation Bill; second reading.
(4.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
(5.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. **MINING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 56.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Public Officers Travelling Allowances:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of *Mr. Bawden*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What officers of the Government in the receipt of travelling and forage allowances also receive free passes by rail?
(2.) Do such officers, or any of them, and if so which, when travelling by coach charge the Government for the coach fare in addition to their travelling and forage allowances?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The Supreme Court and District Court Judges receive free passes by Railway when travelling on Circuit, and officers connected with the Public Works Department occasionally receive passes when travelling on special service. The practice which, on inquiry, appears to prevail in other public departments is, to issue to the officer requiring to travel by rail an order for a ticket, the value of which is charged against the vote for travelling expenses, and paid to the Railway Revenue.
(2.) There are two methods of computing travelling allowances:—1st. So much per diem, including coach fare; and 2nd. So much less per diem with the actual cost of coach fare added. Government officers have the option of adopting either of these methods.

- (2.) Mudgee Road Contractors:—*Mr. Neale* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What amount of money is due under their Contracts to each of the Mudgee Road Contractors for work long since completed by them?
(2.) When will the amounts due be paid?
(3.) When will the arrears of wages due to the maintenance men employed on the Mudgee Road be paid to them?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.)	<i>R. Rowe</i>	£296 19 0
	<i>H. Ramsay</i>	324 10 7
	<i>Geo. Webb</i>	201 13 0
	<i>J. M'Donald</i>	148 0 0
	<i>W. Readford</i>	121 14 0

There are also some amounts due for taskwork.

- (2.) Vouchers have gone on for payment, and will be paid in the course of a week or ten days.
(3.) The maintenance wages for November will be paid on receipt of Vouchers; no other amounts due.
(3.) *Edward Kegan*:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Is there a person named *Edward Kegan* confined in any of our Lunatic Asylums?
(2.) If so, how long has he been there?
(3.) Had *Kegan* any gold or money in the Savings Bank when admitted?
(4.) Is *Kegan* alive at present; and, if not, will the Colonial Secretary state if he had any money or gold in the Savings Bank at the time of his death, and what became of it?

Mr. Parkes answered,—As far as I have been able to make inquiries, there is not at the present time, and there never has been, any person of the name of *Edward Kegan* in the *Gladesville Hospital* for the Insane.

(4.)

- (4.) George Lindsay :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is there a person named George Lindsay confined in the Lunatic Asylum, Gladesville?
 (2.) If so, what is his present condition?
 (3.) Does he perform any work or labour in that Institution; if so, what is the nature of his employment?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) Convalescent.
 (3.) He does a little dusting, window-cleaning, and sweeping, when his strength will allow.

- (5.) Tide Waiters :—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House a Return showing the names of all persons appointed as Tide Waiters since the 1st day of September now last past, with the names of the persons by whom they were respectively recommended?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The only person appointed as Tide Waiter since 1st September, 1873, is Mr. John M'Caffery, who was appointed on the 29th October. He was so appointed at the recommendation of a Member of this House.

- (6.) Destruction of Fish :—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the wholesale destruction of fish in the Harbours and Rivers of the Colony by the use of Torpedoes?
 (2.) Will any instructions be given to the Police to prosecute persons so offending?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) With the exception of a case mentioned some time since in the newspapers, no information has reached the Lands Department of the destruction of fish by Torpedoes, as mentioned. Inquiry will be instituted.
 (2.) It is not clear that the present Fisheries Acts would sustain a prosecution in such cases, but in the event of the practice becoming frequent, the advisability of amending those Acts, with a view to its suppression, will have to be taken into consideration.

- (7.) Drainage of the Domain, Infirmary, and Mint :—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any, and (if any) what sum of money been voted for the drainage of the Domain?
 (2.) Has any portion of such amount been expended?
 (3.) Has the attention of the Government been directed to the imperfect drainage of the Sydney Infirmary and Mint?
 (4.) Is it intended to take steps to improve the same?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware that any sum has been voted for the drainage of the Domain.
 (2.) Nothing has been expended under my direction for this purpose.
 (3.) Complaints have been made of the state of the drainage from the Mint. Surveys, with a view of carrying off the water which has occasioned the annoyance, have been made, but the matter has been delayed awaiting levels of the Sewer in Macquarie Place, application for which was made some time since to the Municipal Council.
 (4.) Steps will be taken to prevent a continuance of the cause of complaint from the Mint premises. I am not aware what is proposed to be done as regards the Infirmary. I would remark that the water from the Mint is not of a deleterious nature, being merely the rain water from the surface and the condensation water from the steam engine. The drainage of the Domain is under the management of the Director of the Botanical Gardens, and the necessary provision for its improvement would, I presume, be found under the head of Lands Department.

- (8.) Water Supply to Sydney :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have the Government or the City Corporation sent any samples of the City Water to Professor Smith, or any other scientific person, to be tested?
 (2.) If so, what is the result?
 (3.) Otherwise, do the Government intend to have samples of the water tested, and will such samples be taken from the various reservoirs, pipes, and cisterns, in the City?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Samples of water have been sent by the Corporation to Professor Smith, for analysis, from the undermentioned places:—1. From Spring Creek, three quarters of a mile above the tunnel at Lachlan Swamp. 2. From the wooden shaft falling into the apron of the weir below the Randwick embankment. 3. From the apron of the bye-wash at the Randwick embankment. 4. From the mouth of the tunnel, Lachlan Swamp. 5. From the engine-pond, Botany. The impurities referred to, as contained in samples 2 and 3, were caused by the deposit of street sweepings on the Randwick embankment, and since the removal of the rubbish all traces of contamination from that cause have disappeared. I have here a copy of Professor Smith's report, which, if the Honorable Member desires it, I will lay upon the Table.

- (9.) Mud Punts.—Iron Wharf, Darling Harbour :—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The name of the manufacturer of the Plate and Angle Iron imported by the Government for Mud Punts, and the date of invoice?
 (2.) The amount of money paid to the Contractor for the erection of the Iron Wharf at the Head of Darling Harbour?
 (3.) Has he received the whole of his money; if not, what is the amount due to him?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Palmer's Ship Building and Iron Company (Limited)—Newcastle-upon-Tyne—and the date of invoices—19th, 20th, and 23rd June, 1873, respectively.
 (2.) £43,293 1s. 3d.
 (3.) The whole of the money has been paid.

(10.) Nurses, Sydney Infirmary:—Mr. Raphael asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is it true that the last of the English Nurses introduced into the Colony under his auspices for the Sydney Infirmary has resigned her place at the Infirmary?

(2.) Does this lady allege that her resignation is owing to the arbitrary conduct of the Matron, or Lady Superintendent, towards her; and, if so, will he cause inquiry to be made into the circumstances?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I believe it is quite true that a Nurse at the Infirmary, who, I believe, is the last of those imported some six or seven years ago, has resigned her situation. In answer to the second question, I may say I hope the Honorable Member does not expect me to be answerable for what one lady may allege of another, but I can say that no complaint of any kind has reached me from the Nurse who has resigned.

(11.) Rails for Railway Extensions:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have all the rails required for the Railway Extensions from Yass to Wagga Wagga, Bathurst to Orange, and Murrurundi to Tamworth, been ordered from England?

(2.) If so, what is the quantity or weight of the rails so ordered, and what time has the Contractor for the same been allowed for the performance of his contract?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) From Yass to Wagga Wagga, 13,860 tons, to be delivered as under: in six months from the date of signing the contract, 1,860 tons; and 1,500 tons during each succeeding month, for a period of eight months—thus completing the whole order in fourteen months. From Bathurst to Orange, 5,390 tons, to be delivered as under: in four months from the date of signing the contract, 1,390 tons; and 1,000 tons during each succeeding month, for a period of four months—thus completing the whole order in eight months. From Murrurundi to Tamworth, 7,370 tons, to be delivered as under: in four months from the date of signing the contract, 1,370 tons; and 1,000 tons during each succeeding month, for a period of six months—thus completing the whole order in ten months.

(12.) The Circular Quay:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to use Cast Iron Cylinders in the construction of the proposed new Circular Quay?

(2.) Has the Government sent, or caused to be sent, to England instructions for tenders for the supply of Iron for the said Quay?

(3.) Is the Minister for Works in possession of any authentic information as to the length of time Cast Iron Cylinders will last for such a purpose; what is their durability compared with Ironbark or Turpentine Piles, coppered and without copper; the number of years each will last in that locality, and what would be the probable cost of each one in its place?

(4.) How many years have the Piles at the Woolloomooloo Wharf been driven; the description of timber used, and their present state of preservation?

(5.) Have any Piles, Girders, or Headstocks been replaced since its construction?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Government can only determine this after tenders for the construction of the Wharf by wood and by iron shall have been received.

(2.) Yes, Government has requested the Colonial Agent to invite tenders in England, and telegraph the results.

(3.) Yes, the fullest information; Cast Iron Cylinders filled with concrete are almost indestructible, the corrosion of Cast Iron in sea water being about $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch in a century. The durability of Ironbark Piles to sustain heavy weights, as in a wharf, unsheathed, would be about five to seven years; sheathed with metal, it would be about twelve to fifteen years longer, as is shown by the condition of Piles of the Circular Quay. Turpentine Piles, if charred, tarred, and sanded, would last unsheathed about ten or fifteen years; if sheathed, they would not in all likelihood last much longer, as the timber would probably decay between wind and water in that time, so as to render it unsafe for the support of heavy loads—Turpentine not being generally a strong timber.

Cost of Iron Cylinders filled with Concrete, per bay of 36 feet x 30 ... £348 0 0

Cost of Ironbark Piles, coppered 332 14 0

Do. do. uncoppered 209 12 0

Do. Turpentine Piles do. 209 12 0

(4.) Eleven or twelve years. Ironbark, condition good, as far as they can be seen; but the metal sheathing is much reduced in thickness by corrosion, and eaten into holes in a few places by the action of the salt water.

(5.) None; but a few patches have been put on the metal sheathing where decayed.

2. PAYMENT OF DUTY ON TOBACCO:—Mr. John Robertson, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and Report this subject was referred on 4th November, 1873, together with Appendix.
 Ordered to be printed.

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

(1.) Correspondence respecting purchase of premises at West Maitland for a Court House and Police Quarters.

(2.) Report from Professor Smith on specimens of Water collected from the Botany Stream, and submitted by the Town Clerk for analysis.

Ordered to be printed.

4. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. O'Connor presented a Petition from Licensed Drivers and Conductors of Omnibuses plying for hire within the City and Police District of Sydney, and employed by the Waverley and Woollahra Omnibus Company,—against the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

5. LICENSED DRAY AND VAN PROPRIETORS :—Mr. O'Connor presented a Petition from certain Licensed Dray and Van Proprietors, complaining of the License Fee now charged for Drays and Vans; and praying for a reduction of the Fee.
Petition received.
6. ROBERT COLEMAN ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 10th December, from Robert Coleman, a Gunner in the New South Wales Artillery, relative to permanent injuries received by him while in the exercise and performance of his duty as a Gunner, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time." ;—*on motion of Mr. Abbott, until Friday, 16th January, 1874.*
(2.) Roads Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. J. S. Smith, until Friday next.*
8. AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK ACT CONTINUATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Burns that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
9. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Evidence further Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, until Friday, 16th January, 1874.
10. TRIENNIAL PARLIAMENTS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Terry moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Bennett,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Onkes,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Jacob,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>	Mr. R. B. Smith,
<i>Cumberland</i>),	Mr. Stephen Brown.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Webb,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Raphael.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Terry then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to limit the duration of Parliaments to three years.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to limit the duration of Parliaments to three years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th December, 1873.

11. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Raphael, until Friday, 16th January, 1874.
12. COHEN'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.
On motion of Mr. Burns that report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend 'Cohen's Estate Act of 1873.'*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 12th December, 1873.
13. LAPSED VOTES BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Raphael moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to Tuesday next.
Debate continued.
Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned to Tuesday next,—put and passed.

14. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Patents Act Amendment Bill reported ; adoption of Report ;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Tuesday next.*
- (2.) Public Prosecutors Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish the office of Coroner, and to provide for the appointment of Public Prosecutors ;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*
- (3.) Mineral Lease at Togo ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1873, the sum of £23 4s., to defray the expenses of certain Witnesses who gave evidence before the Select Committee on "Mineral Lease at Togo," in accordance with the Resolution passed by such Committee ;—*on motion of Mr. John Robertson, until Tuesday, 13th January, 1874.*
- (4.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill ; second reading ;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*

The House adjourned, at five minutes after Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 57.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

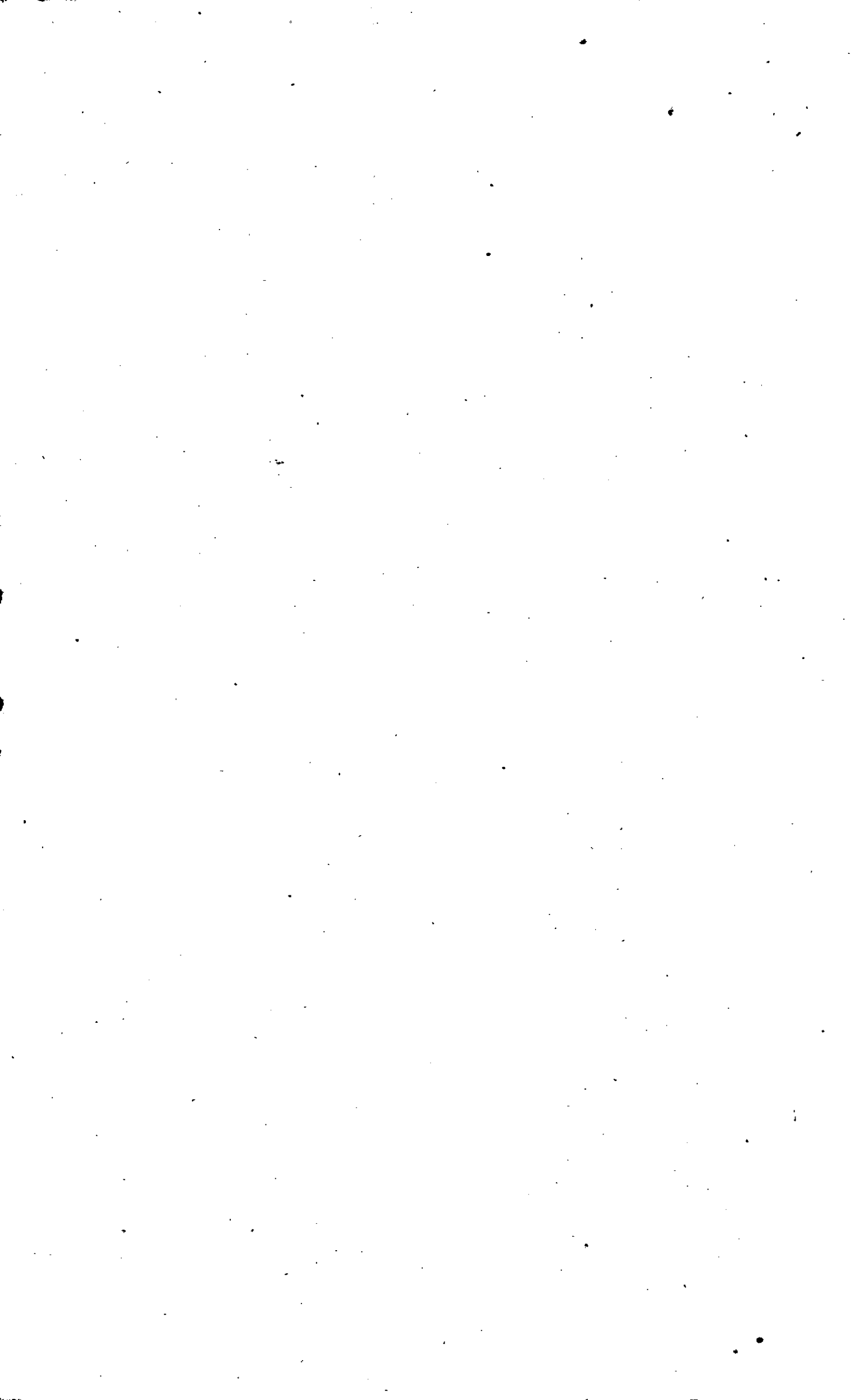
OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER, 1873.

There being only Fifteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Baker, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Burns, Mr. Forster, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Thomas Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Webb,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Four o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 58.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) New Street north of the Post Office:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill into the Assembly to give powers to resume certain lands between George and Pitt Streets, and award compensation for the same, with a view to widen the new Street north of the Post Office?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This matter has been under the consideration of the Government, and is still being considered. At present no decision has been arrived at, though I think I shall be able to state a decision in the course of perhaps a week or so.

(2.) Storage of Gunpowder:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The weekly rent charged for the storage of Powder at Goat Island when in packages containing each 25 lbs., 48 lbs., 50 lbs., and 100 lbs.?

(2.) The amount of rent paid, or now due, by private persons for the storage of Powder at Goat Island, from 1st January to 30th November, 1873?

(3.) The weight of Powder or Warlike Material stored at Goat Island on account of the Imperial Government, and the amount of rent chargeable for the same,—for the same period?

(4.) The weight of Powder or Warlike Material stored at Goat Island on account of the Colonial Government, and the amount of rent, if it had been charged at the same rates as charged to private persons,—for the same period?

(5.) The liability incurred by the Government, for working expenses, in connection with the storage of Powder at Goat Island,—for the same period?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) One penny per week for 25 lb. and 48 lb. packages. Two pence per week for 50 lb. and 100 lb. packages. (Charged under authority of 7th section 7 William IV.)

(2.) Rent paid £1,152

Rent due 1,929

Total, £3,081

(3.) There is equal to 1,392 whole, 88 half, and 1,075 quarter packages, belonging to the Imperial Government for the use of the Ships of War, for which no rent is charged. The amount, if charged, would be £807.

(4.) Of the Colonial Government Powder there are 350 whole, to the 30th November, and 968 quarters to 20th June—if charged with rent, would be £237.

(5.) Salaries and Wages £995

Stores 15

Total £1,010

- (3.) Water Supply to Sydney and Suburbs:—Mr. Neale asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the promised measure for securing a Water Supply to the City of Sydney and its Suburbs be submitted to this House?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A measure for securing a Supply of Water to the Metropolis and the Metropolitan Suburbs has been under consideration for some little time; and I think I can say the introduction of the measure will probably take place immediately after the Christmas adjournment.

- (4.) Administration of Justice at Maitland:—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Whether he has noticed the reported proceedings in the Maitland Court of Quarter Sessions, recently held before Mr. District Court Judge Simpson, wherein it appears that a Magistrate was convicted of rioting, and discharged upon payment of a fine, while a seaman temporarily ashore was convicted of assaulting a Constable, and sentenced to nine months in Gaol?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have not noticed the reported proceedings to which the Honorable Member alludes, but I have ascertained from the Law Department the following facts:—At the last Maitland Quarter Sessions a Magistrate pleaded guilty to a charge of rioting. He was sentenced by Mr. District Court Judge Simpson to pay a fine of £100, and was discharged from custody. At the same Court a seaman pleaded guilty to a charge of assaulting a Constable in the execution of his duty, and was sentenced by the same Judge to nine months in gaol. He was temporarily ashore at the time of the commission of the offence.

- (5.) Mr. George Denshire:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Whether any, and (if any) what decision has been arrived at in reference to the application of the representatives of the late Mr. George Denshire for the payment of the arrears of pension due to him at the time of his decease as ex-Postmaster at Muswellbrook?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—It is decided that the late Mr. Denshire was entitled to a Pension of £60 per annum, from the 1st November, 1872, up to the time of his decease. The arrears will be paid to his representatives on production of Probate of Will.

- (6.) Approaches to Denison Bridge:—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that the approaches to the Denison Bridge, over the Macquarie River, between Kelso and Bathurst, require to be widened and fenced, in order to prevent accidents?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to widen and fence these approaches?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Complaints have been made to the Government of the state of the approaches to the Denison Bridge, but they are not now worse than they have been at any time since their construction.

(2.) Yes, when Votes for 1874 are passed.

- (7.) Ulladulla and Kiama Volunteers:—Mr. Warden asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The date of the original tender of service of the Ulladulla Volunteers, and the date on which the same was received?

(2.) The date of the original tender of service of the Kiama Volunteers, and the date on which the same was received?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished to me by the Commandant:—

(1.) 9th March, 1866; forwarded to the Colonial Secretary's Office, 15th March, 1866.

(2.) There is no record in the Brigade Office of the date of the original offer of service of the Kiama Corps. It would appear the application for the formation of this Corps was sent direct to the Colonial Secretary's Office.

- (8.) Sheep and Cattle Traffic on the Railway:—Mr. Webb asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that upwards of 1,200 sheep were kept waiting at Raglan for truck accommodation, from 1 p.m., Saturday the 6th, until 10 p.m. on Wednesday the 10th instant?

(2.) Is it necessary for persons who wish to send sheep or cattle by Rail to give the Station-master four days notice of their intention to do so; if not, what notice is necessary?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) It is not true. The sheep did not arrive at Raglan till mid-day on Tuesday, and were trucked the following day.

(2.) The By-laws provide that at least twenty-four hours previous notice should be given. It is very desirable that a longer notice should be given, but no unnecessary delay is allowed to take place under any circumstances.

- (9.) Mails from Sydney to Melbourne and Adelaide:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How often are Mails despatched from Sydney overland for Melbourne and Adelaide, respectively; the time taken in their transmission, and at what rate of postage per $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. for letters?

(2.) The time usually taken in the transmission of the Mails by sea between Sydney and Melbourne, and Sydney and Adelaide, and at what rate of postage per $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. for letters?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take steps for reducing the sea postage between Sydney and the abovenamed places to the same rates as the overland postage?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Five times a week to Melbourne, and once a week to Adelaide. Time occupied to Melbourne, 78 hours; time occupied to Adelaide, 280 hours; postage, 2d.

(2.) Average time between Sydney and Melbourne, 57 hours; average time between Sydney and Adelaide, 168 hours; postage, 3d.

(3.) It was agreed at the Conference held in Sydney, in January and February last, that the Intercolonial Sea Postage should be reduced to 2d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. from 1st January next, and the necessary steps are being taken accordingly. (10.)

(10.) Carriage of Railway Material:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways arranged with the Contractors for the Extension of the Southern Railway from Goulburn to Yass that no portion of the materials required for the Railway south of Yass shall be conveyed over the Extension from Goulburn to Yass until after their contract has been completed and passed?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Stewart moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Act Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council, having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Act to incorporate 'The Australian Mutual Provident Society,'*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly, without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th December, 1873.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Western Peak Downs Copper Mining Company's Incorporation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the proprietors of a certain Company called 'The Western Peak Downs Copper Mining Company (Limited)' and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th December, 1873.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 9th January, 1874.

4. GRETA COAL AND SHALE MINING COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Members and Directors of the Greta Coal and Shale Mining Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Greta Coal and Shale Mining Company.

And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Mailland Mercury*, newspapers, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.

5. BISHOPSTORPE ESTATE CHARGE BILL:—Mr. Lackey, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 2nd December, 1873, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Lackey then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 23rd January, 1874.

Question put and passed.

6. PAPERS:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 5th December, 1873, in reference to Reserves on Road from Wollombi to Wiseman's Ferry.

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1. (From 1st to 30th November, 1873.)

(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands proposed to be dedicated to Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1. (No. 7 of 1873.)

Ordered to be printed.

7. PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th December, from Drivers and Conductors of Omnibuses, against the passing of the Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

8. LICENSED DRAY AND VAN PROPRIETORS ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th December, from certain Dray and Van Proprietors in Sydney, respecting the License Fee paid by them, be printed.

Question put and passed.

9. AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK ACT CONTINUATION BILL ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to continue for a further period of twenty-one years the provisions of 'The Australian Joint Stock Bank Act' (as amended) whereby the Australian Joint Stock Banking Company as thereby incorporated was empowered to make issue and circulate Bank-notes or Bills.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue for a further period of twenty-one years the provisions of 'The Australian Joint Stock Bank Act' (as amended) whereby the Australian Joint Stock Banking Company as thereby incorporated was empowered to make issue and circulate Bank-notes or Bills,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th December, 1873.*

10. **ADJOURNMENT** :—Mr. Macleay moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
11. **ELECTORATE OF THE GLEBE** :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that upon the passing of the Resolution of the 9th instant, declaring the Seat of George Wigram Allen, Esquire, vacant, he had issued a Writ for the election of a Member to serve in the room of Mr. Allen; and that such Writ had been duly returned, with a certificate endorsed thereon of the election of George Wigram Allan, Esquire, to serve as Member for the Electoral District of The Glebe.
12. **PAPER** :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to an Order made on 9th December, 1873, in reference to Border Duties Convention.
Ordered to be printed.
13. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Electoral Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday, 21st January, 1874.
14. **MINING BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day.
15. **MEMBER SWORN** :—George Wigram Allen, Esquire, having taken the Oath and subscribed the Roll, took his Seat as Member for the Electoral District of The Glebe.
And Mr. Speaker having informed the House that the Clerk had drawn his attention to a discrepancy between the name endorsed on the Writ as "George Wigram *Allan*" and the signature of the gentleman who had subscribed the Oath and the Roll as "George Wigram *Allen*,"—
Mr. Parkes moved, That the Clerk of the House do amend the Return for the Electoral District of The Glebe, by substituting the name George Wigram *Allen* for that of George Wigram *Allan*.
Question put and passed.
And the Clerk amended the said Return accordingly.
16. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next :—
(1.) Imported Stock Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
(2.) General Elections Bill; second reading.
(3.) Imprisonment on Civil Process Amendment Bill; second reading.
(4.) Supply; resumption of the Committee.
(5.) Ways and Means; resumption of the Committee.
17. **MINING BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 59.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) The Singleton Bench :—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has any application or representation reached the Government lately, recommending or suggesting the appointment of a Police Magistrate, or any other change in the construction or constitution of the Bench at Singleton?
 (2.) If so, what was the nature of such application or representation?
 (3.) Is it the intention of the Government to take steps for appointing a Police Magistrate at Singleton?
 (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to remove Mr. Brooks from Wollombi to Singleton?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I am not aware of any application or representation such as is indicated in the first section of these questions. The attention of the Government has, however, been frequently called to the neglect of the Magistrates forming the Singleton Bench, in not attending upon Bench duties. I find that there are in the District no fewer than twenty Justices of the Peace; that some of these gentlemen have not attended more than once or twice in the course of twelve months; and that, from their habitual neglect of Bench duty, it frequently happens that suitors cannot have their cases heard. But it does not appear to the Government that this is any reason why a Police Magistrate should be appointed, which would only be, in my view, offering a premium to those gentlemen who are in the Commission of the Peace to neglect their duty. On the 7th of October the Colonial Secretary directed a letter to be addressed to the Bench at Singleton, calling attention to the repeated complaints of this habitual neglect. To that letter no answer has been returned, but steps will be taken within a very short time to remedy the state of things which has been so much complained of.

- (2.) Administration of the Government :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, fully to carry into effect the Resolutions of this House of Wednesday, December 3, relating to the offices of Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, and of Attorney General, respectively?
 (2.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, to transfer to the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction the administrative functions and business hitherto belonging to the Attorney General, and some of those hitherto belonging to the Colonial Secretary?
 (3.) What functions is it now intended that the Attorney General shall perform?
 (4.) Is it intended that the Attorney General shall attend Courts of Law, and prosecute in person constantly, or more frequently than has hitherto been the case?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I scarcely know that I understand these questions. The Government have taken the step of offering the office of Minister of Justice and Public Instruction to the Honorable Member, Mr. Allen, who, by his acceptance of that office, vacated his Seat in this House, and he has since been elected and returned here as Minister of Justice and Public Instruction. I scarcely know how I can more clearly indicate what is the intention of the Government. It seems to me that that is the most distinct intimation of the intentions of the Government. Then with regard to the transfer of the administrative business, no time was lost in transferring a very considerable part of the business of the Attorney General, and some portion of the business of the Colonial Secretary to the new Minister. That also has been notified in the *Government Gazette*, and I do not know how I could make more clear what the Government has done. With regard to the Attorney General's position, he has resigned his seat in the Executive Council, and that also has been notified in the *Government Gazette*. There has been no consultation of a special character as to his functions; but I presume his functions will be those of the Attorney General, and he will attend in the Courts of Law as the Attorney General has hitherto attended.

(3.)

- (3.) Reserve at Miller's Creek:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,— Is it true that the Reserve at Miller's Creek, between Merriwa and Mooki, has been sold; and, if so, to whom, and whether by public auction or private sale?

Mr. Farnell answered,—If the Reserve at Miller's Range, No. 454, Miller's Creek, is intended, it has been reserved for travelling stock, and has not been sold.

- (4.) Docking of Mail Steamers:—Mr. Jacob, on behalf of Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Government made any arrangements with the Contractors for the conveyance of Mails between Sydney and San Francisco by which the Steamers employed are to be docked in the Fitzroy Dock?

(2.) If so, what is the nature of such arrangements?

(3.) Are such arrangements specified in the conditions published for the guidance of Tenderers for the Service?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1 and 2.) By the 21st clause of the Agreement "the Contractor to have the privilege of a free port "at Sydney, and the use once every four weeks, from two to three days, of the Fitzroy Dry Dock, if "not leased or otherwise occupied, and also of the workshops there, on paying all expenses for the "same." This Agreement will be found with Papers relating to Ocean Mail Communication, presented to Parliament by Command.

(3.) The above arrangement was not specified in the conditions calling for Tenders.

- (5.) Cast Iron Cylinders, and Piles:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the length of the Cast Iron Cylinders and Piles from which the calculations are taken, viz., £348 for Cylinders, and £209 12s. for Piles?

(2.) What is the average length of the Cast Iron Cylinders in the Wharf at the Head of Darling Harbour?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Length of Cast Iron Cylinders, 30 feet.

Do. Timber Piles, 36 feet.

(2.) Average length of Cast Iron Cylinders, 37 feet 6 inches.

- (6.) Constable Flanagan:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have any, and if so what, charges been made against Constable Flanagan, stationed at Barraba, in his capacity of Clerk of Petty Sessions and Police Constable stationed at Barraba?

(2.) Have any steps been taken to ascertain the truth of such charges?

(3.) Has Constable Flanagan been suspended pending the inquiry?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished to me by the Inspector General of Police:—

(1.) A complaint has recently been made against Constable Flanagan by Mr. Darby, of the conduct of the Constable, as acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, towards him in the Barraba Police Court.

(2.) The Superintendent of Police at Tamworth, who inquired into Mr. Darby's complaint by my instructions, reports it is greatly exaggerated, and misrepresents the circumstances. The Magistrates exonerate Constable Flanagan from blame, and represent him as a very efficient and trustworthy Constable.

(3.) No.

2. RAILWAY EXTENSION—BATHURST TO ORANGE *via* BLAYNEY:—Pursuant to the requirement of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria No. 19, section 9, Mr. Farnell, on behalf of Mr. Sutherland, laid upon the Table of the House (as Exhibits only, and not to remain as Records of the House), Copies of certain Plans, Sections, and a Book of Reference relative to a proposed Extension of the Great Western Railway, Bathurst to Orange *via* Blayney.
3. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, By-Law of the Borough of Petersham. Ordered to be printed.
4. MACQUARIE-STREET ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL:—Mr. Cunneen presented a Petition from the Most Reverend John Bede Polding, and others, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Most Reverend John Bede Polding, the Very Reverend Samuel John Austin Sheehy, the Very Reverend John Rigney, the Reverend Michael Joseph Dwyer, and James Mullins, as Trustees of certain land situated in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney, to sell the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof. And Mr. Cunneen having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the Notices required by the 59th Standing Order,— Petition received.
5. CONSERVATION OF WATER BY ARTIFICIAL MEANS ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday, the 7th January, 1874, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the conservation of Water by artificial means. Question put and passed.
6. RELIGIOUS OPINIONS BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Blasphemy. Question put and passed.
7. CLAIMS AGAINST GOVERNMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enforce Claims against the Government. Question put and passed.
8. LAW AND EQUITY BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate and declare the rights of parties before Courts of Law and Equity. Question put and passed.

9. THE REVEREND CHARLES CURREY (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and other Documents relating to the case of the Rev. Charles R. Currey, and in respect of any claim he has made in connection therewith.
Question put and passed.
10. GRETA COAL AND SHALE MINING COMPANY'S BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Greta Coal and Shale Mining Company.
Question put and passed.
11. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn to Tuesday, the "6th" of January, 1874.
Mr. Webb moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word "6th," with a view to the insertion in its place of the word "20th."
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. John Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Hoskins,	

Noes, 19.

Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Abbott,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Macleay,	
Mr. Bennett,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the word "20th" proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted, be there inserted,—put and negatived.

Mr. Oakes then moved, That the word "13th" be inserted in place of the word omitted.

Question,—That the word "13th" proposed to be inserted in place of the word omitted, be there inserted,—put and passed.

Main Question then,—That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn to Tuesday, the 13th of January, 1874,—put and passed.

12. GRETA COAL AND SHALE MINING COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Burns having presented this Bill, and produced a Certificate of the payment of Twenty-five Pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Greta Coal and Shale Mining Company*,"—read a first time.
13. LEE'S PARTITION AND SALE BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to confirm and give effect to an agreement for the partition of certain lands and hereditaments situated in the Town of Bathurst settled by the late William Lee of Kelso upon his daughters Maria Brady and Elizabeth Lord and also for the sale of certain other lands and hereditaments in the Town of Bathurst devised by the said William Lee in trust for his three daughters Maria Brady Elizabeth Lord and Mary Jane Austin and their issue*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th December, 1873.

JOHN HAY,
President.

LEE'S PARTITION AND SALE BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendment referred to in Message of 18th December, 1873.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

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Examined,—

E. C. WEEKES,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hill, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill; second reading;—on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Thursday, 15th January, 1874.
 - (2.) Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (3.) Brands Registration Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
 - (4.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill; second reading.
 - (5.) Distillation Bill; second reading;—on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow after the Order of the Day respecting the Mining Bill.
 - (6.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (7.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- } on motion of Mr. Parkes,
until Wednesday, 14th
January, 1874.
} on motion of Mr. Parkes,
until Thursday, 15th
January, 1874.

15. **MINING BILL**.—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday, 14th January, 1874.
16. **POSTPONEMENT**.—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Distillation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Wednesday, 14th January, 1874.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 60.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 1873.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. Lett, J.P.:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Colonial Secretary aware that Mr. Lett, J.P., of Kiandra, sat as a Magistrate and gave evidence as a witness in the same case?

(2.) Was Mr. Lett requested to leave the Bench, and did he refuse?

(3.) Was Mr. Lett subpoenaed to attend as a witness in the same case?

(4.) Will the Colonial Secretary cause an inquiry to be made into the circumstances of the case by the Police Magistrate at Cooma, and deal with the matter as it requires?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This matter properly belongs to the Honorable Member for the Glebe; but, as he is not in his place, I will give the answers as far as I have them. The Kiandra Bench have furnished the following information:—

(1.) Mr. Lett did; but he gave no evidence whatever at all material to the case. Atkinson's only object in subpoenaing Mr. Lett was to prevent the case from being proceeded with.

(2.) Yes, Mr. Lett did refuse to leave the Bench, because, if he had done so, there would have been no Court, and the case would consequently have lapsed.

(3.) Yes, he was served by a subpoena, at the very last moment, by Atkinson, when he found that his letter of the 17th ultimo had no effect, as addressed to the Bench.

(4.) With regard to the fourth question, I should be glad if the Hon. Member will put it again when the Minister for Justice is in his place.

- (2.) Proclamation of Dubbo as an Assize Town:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Government proclaim Dubbo an Assize Town?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The matter has been delayed in consequence of the Gaol, which is in course of erection, not being completed. It is not probable that the Proclamation can issue in time for the April Circuit Court.

- (3.) Government Deposits in the Bank of New South Wales:—Mr. Lord asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government entered into any new agreement with the Bank of New South Wales for the deposit and management of the Government moneys; if so, has the Treasurer any objection to lay a copy of such agreement upon the Table of this House?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The Government has entered into a new agreement with the Bank of New South Wales, and a copy will be laid upon the Table on the re-assembling of Parliament after the Christmas Recess.

- (4.) Road from Wellington to Dubbo:—Mr. Lord asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—The amount of money expended on the Main Line of Road from Wellington to Dubbo during the years 1872 and 1873?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Expended in 1872, £268. Expended in 1873, £284.

- (5.) Road from Rushcutter's Bay Bridge:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a public road been proclaimed from the Rushcutter's Bay Bridge, to run in a north-easterly direction along high-water mark of the Bay, as shown in Sir Thomas Mitchell's map of the Harbour of 1853?

(2.) If so, what is the breadth of such road?

(3.) Will he lay a tracing of such road upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes, from north-east corner of Thomas's 40 acre grant to proposed Jetty, north-west of Hordern's land. Confirmed in *Gazette* of 2nd June, 1868.

(2.) One chain.

(3.) Yes, if required.

(6.)

(6.) Storage of Gunpowder at Goat Island:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to continue to enforce the present Schedule of Charges for the Storage of Powder at Goat Island?
- (2.) If not, when will an alteration be made?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The propriety of reducing the rate of storage is now under consideration, and will be decided during the Christmas Recess.

(7.) The Forster Timber Reserve:—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What steps has the Minister for Lands taken, or does he intend taking, with reference to a Petition presented to him in the month of August last, by the Member for the Hastings, numerously signed by the Inhabitants of the Wollomba River and Cape Hawke, praying for the revocation of the Forster Timber Reserve?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is not considered desirable that this Reserve should be thrown open to the operation of the ordinary Timber Licenses.

(8.) Administration of Justice at Maitland:—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Will he take the earliest opportunity of enquiring into the case of the Seaman, Robert Roberts, convicted at the last Maitland Court of Quarter Sessions of assaulting a Constable in the execution of his duty?
- (2.) Will the Minister recommend any mitigation of the sentence passed upon Roberts if he should find it much heavier, in proportion to his offence, than other sentences imposed by the same Court, particularly that passed upon Mr. Loder?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I am aware that my Honorable Colleague has already sent for the depositions in this case; and, when the case is inquired into, he will be prepared to recommend what may seem to be required to meet the ends of justice.

(9.) Mail Service *via* San Francisco:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When is it intended that the Contract for the San Francisco route, entered into by the Government with Mr. Hall, shall be laid upon the Table?
- (2.) When will it be submitted for ratification by this House?
- (3.) Are there any other important conditions than those already stated to the House?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Contract and the Bonds entered into in London, which will either supersede or at all events modify the former Contract, in consequence of New Zealand being taken into the Contract, will be received by the next mail, and will be immediately laid before Parliament. With regard to the existing Contract, a copy of which was laid upon the Table of this House some months ago, all the conditions are therein specified.

2. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 21st November, 1873, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as amended and agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 16th January, 1874.

Question put and passed.

3. GOULBURN VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS—CASE OF CAPTAIN ROSSI:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 17.

The Governor has received the Address of the Legislative Assembly, embodying a Resolution agreed to by the House on the 14th October, to the following effect:—"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Goulburn Volunteer Rifle Corps be now adopted," and transmitting to him a copy of the Report referred to.

The tenth and concluding section of the Report adopted by the Legislative Assembly is as follows:—"Your Committee are of opinion that immediate steps should be taken to remove Captain Rossi from the position of Captain of the Goulburn Corps, Volunteer Rifles." The Governor desires to point out that provision is made by the "Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867" for calling into existence Courts of Inquiry "to inquire into any matter relative to any Corps, or to any Volunteer or Non-Commissioned Officer of the Permanent Staff, belonging thereto," and the 24th section distinctly states, that nothing therein contained "shall authorize any inquiry with reference to an Officer otherwise than by a Court assembled by direction of the Governor as aforesaid, and composed exclusively of Officers of the Volunteer Force." The intention of the Legislature, as expressed in law, is clearly that any inquiry into the conduct of a Volunteer Officer should be conducted by a Court composed of Volunteer Officers.

The Governor has carefully read and considered all the papers in the case of Captain Rossi, and he has embodied his conclusions in a Minute submitted to his Responsible Advisers. Acting with their advice, and on his own behalf as Commander-in-Chief, the Governor is prepared to take the necessary steps immediately, in the manner prescribed by law, to arrive at a just decision upon the serious representations which have been brought under his notice in relation to Captain Rossi, and the "frequent disagreements in the Goulburn Volunteer Corps."

*Government House,
Sydney, 18th December, 1873.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday, 14th January, 1874.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Papers containing the decision of the Government in the case of Captain Rossi, of the Goulburn Volunteer Rifle Corps.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Mr. Parkes moved, "That" the documents be printed.
Mr. Garrett moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House is of opinion that its powers and privileges are endangered by the action taken by the Government with regard to the Report of the Select Committee on the Goulburn Volunteer Corps, which was adopted by this House, and forwarded to the Governor, by Address, in October last."
Debate ensued.
Mr. Burns moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to Tuesday, the 13th day of January next, then to take precedence of other Orders of the Day.
Debate continued.
Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.
The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Cooper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Cummoen,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Raphael,	

Nocs, 12.

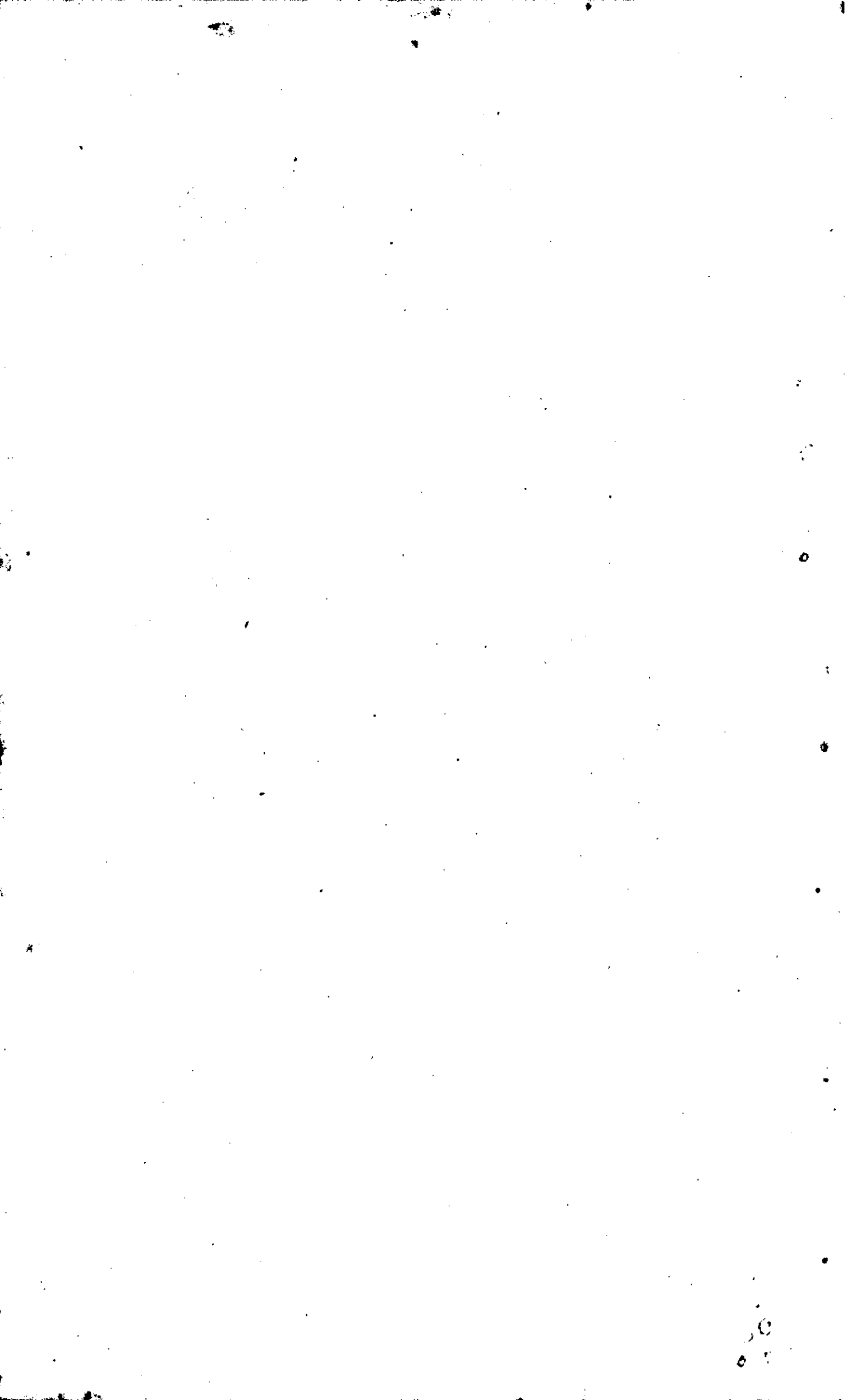
Mr. John Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. West,	
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. J. S. Smith.
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Webb,	
Mr. Teece,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. RELIGIOUS OPINIONS BILL:—Mr. Forster *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the Law relating to Blasphemy,*"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 16th January, 1874.
6. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, made on 16th September, 1873, in reference to the Mineral Selections of Barnes, Phillips, and Co.
Ordered to be printed.

The House adjourned, at eight minutes before Ten o'clock, until Four o'clock on *Tuesday, the 13th day of January next.*

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 61.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 13 JANUARY, 1874.

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

FINANCIAL POSITION OF MUNICIPALITIES:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from Members of Municipal Councils of the Boroughs and Municipal Districts of New South Wales, representing the financial position of these Municipalities, and praying for an amendment of the 189th section of the Municipalities Act.
Petition received.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Cohen's Estate Act Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 18.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend 'Cohen's Estate Act of 1873,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 13th January, 1874.

- (2.) Australian Mutual Provident Society's Act Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 19.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 13th January, 1874.

3. RAILWAY EXTENSION:—Mr. Nelson presented a Petition from residents of Orange, Icely, Byng, Guyong, Lucknow, and Cornish Settlement, praying that the proposed Railway extension from Bathurst to Orange may be taken by way of King's Plains.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.

4. PAPERS:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) A Return of proposed Electorates under the new Electoral Bill, showing the number of Electors and the apportionment of Representatives in each case.

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Map of New South Wales, showing Electoral Districts as defined in Schedule of Electoral Act of 1858.
- (3.) Map of New South Wales, showing Boundaries as defined in first Schedule of Electoral Bill of 1873,—37 Victoria, 1873.
- (4.) Sketch, showing Boundaries of the Electoral Districts of East Sydney, West Sydney, Alexandria, Balmain, Canterbury, The Glebe, Newtown, Paddington, Redfern—County of Cumberland—as defined in first Schedule of Electoral Bill,—37 Victoria, 1873.
- (5.) Sketch, showing the Electoral Districts of East Sydney, West Sydney, The Glebe, Newtown and Paddington,—under Electoral Act of 1858.

5. WALKER AND CARLOW STREETS ENCLOSURE BILL:—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole House of Walker and Carlow Streets Enclosure Bill be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

Point of Order:—Mr. Stewart requested the ruling of Mr. Speaker whether this Bill—having been introduced as a *Public Bill*—is properly before the House.

Mr. Speaker said that he adhered to the opinion he had previously expressed, that the Bill is a *Private Bill*, and ought to be treated as such.

Whereupon Mr. Tunks moved,—That this House dissents from Mr. Speaker's ruling in regard to this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Burns,

Tellers.

Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Tunks.

Noes, 33.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Single,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Onkes,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Do Salis,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Lee,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Greville.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES:—Mr. Thomas Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this "House," a Return showing the number of Conditional Purchasers who have paid up the balances of the purchase money of their selections to the end of the year 1873, and the amount that has been so paid; and also the number of Conditional Purchasers who have not so paid up the said balances to said date, and the amount owing at said date by said Conditional Purchasers on said account.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Macintosh moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to this day week.

Debate continued.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned to this day week,—put and negatived.

Debate on Original Question continued.

Mr. Abbott moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "House," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "a continuation to December, 1873, of the Statement ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on the 14th of October, 1868, and which appears in page 201 of the Votes and Proceedings of 1868-9."

Debate continued.

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

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

Main Question then,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House a continuation to December, 1873, of the Statement ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on the 14th of October, 1868, and which appears in page 201 of the Votes and Proceedings of 1868-9,—put and passed.

7. MACQUARIE-STREET ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL:—

- (1.) Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Most Reverend John Bede Polding, The Very Reverend Samuel John Austin Sheehy, The Very Reverend John Rigney, The Reverend Michael Joseph Dwyer, and James Mullins, as Trustees of certain land situated in Macquarie-street, in the City of Sydney, to sell the said land, and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

- (2.) Mr. Cunneen having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable the Most Reverend John Bede Polding the Very Reverend Samuel John Austin Sheehy the Very Reverend John Rigney the Reverend Michael Joseph Dwyer and James Mullins as Trustees of certain land situated in Macquarie-street in the City of Sydney to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof*,"—read a first time.

8. **RAILWAY EXTENSION—BATHURST TO ORANGE:**—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, Plans and Sections of the Great Western Railway from Bathurst to Orange *via* King's Plains.
Question put and passed.
9. **THE CASE OF ROBERT ROBERTS:**—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, as soon as convenient, copies of the Depositions and other Evidence taken in the case of Robert Roberts, convicted of assaulting a Constable at the last Sittings of the Quarter Sessions held in Maitland.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
10. **MR. ERNEST CHARLES DAVIES:**—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers and Correspondence relative to the resignation of Ernest Charles Davies, Esquire, of Hill End, as a Magistrate of the Colony.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday, 23rd January:—
- (1.) Mineral Lease at Togo; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1873, the sum of £23 4s., to defray the expenses of certain Witnesses who gave evidence before the Select Committee on "Mineral Lease at Togo," in accordance with the Resolution passed by such Committee.
 - (2.) Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading.
 - (3.) Marriage with Deceased Wife's Sister legalizing Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (4.) Common Lodging Houses Bill; second reading.
 - (5.) Fire at Bonded Store, Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1873, a sum not exceeding £952 0s. 7d., to compensate Messrs. William Petherbridge, Frank Gardiner, and James Downey, for losses sustained by them by reason of their goods, stored in the Bonded Store at Newcastle, having been destroyed by fire, owing to the refusal of the Custom House Officer to allow the Bond to be opened and the goods removed.
 - (6.) Roads Bill; second reading;—*until Friday, 30th January.*
 - (7.) Public Prosecutors Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish the Office of Coroner, and to provide for the appointment of Public Prosecutors.
 - (8.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.
12. **LEE'S PARTITION AND SALE BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hill, Mr. 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.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.
On motion of Mr. Hill that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
- MR. PRESIDENT,
- The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to confirm and give effect to an agreement for the partition of certain Lands and Hereditaments situated in the Town of Bathurst settled by the late William Lee of Kelso upon his daughters Maria Brady and Elizabeth Lord and also for the sale of certain other Lands and Hereditaments in the Town of Bathurst devised by the said William Lee in trust for his three daughters Maria Brady Elizabeth Lord and Mary Jane Austin and their issue.*"
- Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th January, 1874.
13. **LAPSED VOTES BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill,—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Burns moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to this day week.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
14. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Patents Act Amendment Bill reported; adoption of Report;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Tuesday next.*
 - (2.) Western Peak Downs Copper Mining Company's Incorporation Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday, 23rd January.*
15. **GOULBURN VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS—CASE OF CAPTAIN ROSSI:**—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject postponed, on motion of Mr. Burns (after Debate) until to-morrow, then to take precedence of other Orders of the Day.
- The House adjourned, at a quarter before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 62.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 14 JANUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Law of Arrest under Civil Process:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has he received any correspondence, between the Sheriff's Bailiff in Sydney and the Sheriff, in reference to the Law of Arrest under Civil Process; if so, will the Colonial Secretary lay the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished to me by the Sheriff:—The Head Bailiff did address a letter to me in reference to the Law of Arrest under Civil Process, respecting which I conferred with the late Chief Justice, and left the letter with his Honor, who, however, did not appear to see his way to take action in the matter.

- (2.) The Case of Robert Roberts:—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether he has yet made any inquiry into the case of Robert Roberts, sentenced at last Maitland Quarter Sessions to nine months imprisonment for assaulting a Constable?

(2.) If so, with what result?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) I have made full inquiry into the case of Robert Roberts.

(2.) I am able to state to the House that the prisoner will be released at the expiration of three months from the date of his first arrest.

- (3.) Court House at Hill End:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to a Petition presented by him to the Colonial Secretary some time since, from inhabitants of Hill End, regarding the site for a Court House at that place,—

(1.) Has the Colonial Secretary considered the said Petition?

(2.) If so, what determination has he arrived at?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Petition referred to, and all the papers connected with the site for a Court House at Hill End, have been forwarded to the Department of the Secretary for Lands for the usual report.

- (4.) Railway Crossing at Haslem's Creek:—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the proposed Crossing over the Railway at Haslem's Creek be made?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Crossing will be completed in a few weeks.

- (5.) Protection of Timber Forests:—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to introduce any measure for the more effectual protection of the Timber Forests throughout the Country, and more particularly for those on the Northern Rivers?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is considered that the Reserves referred to may be effectually protected under the existing law. The Government have the matter under consideration, with a view of appointing special Forest Rangers.

(6.)

- (6.) RAILS for Southern Railway Extension:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government received advices from England of the shipment to this Colony of any portion of the Rails required to be used in the Extension of the Southern Railway from Goulburn to Yass?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—No advices of the shipment have been received; but in a telegram from the Agent General, on the 9th December last, it was stated that the first shipment would take place that month.
- (7.) Extension of the Great Southern Railway:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has the Railway Department received an application from the Contractors for the Extension of the Southern Railway from Goulburn to Yass for the plans and working sections of the Line southward from Manton's Creek to the Southern Terminus of their Contract?
 - (2.) If so, when will the Contractors be furnished with the plans and working sections of that portion of their Contract?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—
- (1.) No application has been received from the Contractors.
 - (2.) It is not usual to furnish plans and working sections to Contractors, but they are permitted at all times to make copies of them.
- (8.) General Fund of Volunteer Corps:—Captain Onslow asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What is the amount of money in the General Fund of each Volunteer Corps?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—I will lay upon the Table in the course of the afternoon a statement showing the amount of money in the fund of each Corps.
2. THE RICHMOND RIVER:—Mr. Bawden presented a Petition from Residents in the District of Richmond River, Shipowners, Masters of Vessels, and others trading to the Port of Ballina, praying that the entrance to the Richmond River may be examined, with a view to removing the obstructions to its navigation,—
- And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
- Petition received.
3. PAPERS:—
- Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—
- (1.) Statement of the amount of money in the General Fund of each Volunteer Corps on 20th November, 1873.
 - (2.) Letter from Commodore Goodenough respecting the Port of Ngaloa, Island of Kandavu, Fiji.
 - (3.) By-law under Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
 - (4.) By-laws of Borough of Redfern.
 - (5.) Return to an Order made on 4th November, 1873, in reference to Metropolitan Transit Commissioners By-laws.
 - (6.) Return to an Address, adopted on the 28th November, 1873, in reference to the case of Captain Bamford, of the Volunteer Artillery.
 - (7.) Return to an Order, made on 18th December, 1873, in reference to the case of the Reverend Charles R. Currey.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table,—Agreements with the Bank of New South Wales for the deposit and management of the Government Moneys in the Colony and in England.
- Ordered to be printed.
- Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 13th January, 1874, in reference to the case of Mr. Ernest Charles Davies.
- Ordered to be printed.
4. PARNELL'S LEASING BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Charles Parnell and Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell, his wife, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell (formerly Sarah Eliza Matilda Clift), the wife of Charles Parnell of Edithville, Miller's Forest, in the Colony of New South Wales, and after her decease, during the minority of her children, to enable the Trustees of the Will and Codicils of Samuel Clift, deceased, formerly of West Maitland, to lease certain lands for building or other purposes; and also all or any of the mines, seams, or strata of coal and other minerals within, upon, or under all or any of the said lands, devised by the said Will and Codicils of the said Samuel Clift to the use of his daughter, the said Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell, during her natural life, and after her decease to her children, share and share alike.
- And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Maitland Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
- Petition received.
5. VOLUNTEER FORCE REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
- Question put and passed.
6. MR. HENRY TEBBUTT, J.P. ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Petitions and other Papers addressed to His Excellency, or to the Government, or to any member of it, having reference to the Administration of Justice on Gulgong, or in any way bearing upon certain charges of corruption made against Mr. Henry Tebbutt, Justice of the Peace; also, all Minutes of the Executive in reference to this subject.
- Question put and passed.

7. FINANCIAL POSITION OF MUNICIPALITIES ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 13th January, from the Members of the Municipal Councils of the Boroughs and Municipal Districts of New South Wales, relative to the inadequacy of the Endowments under the Municipalities Act, be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Working of Municipalities.
Question put and passed.
8. GRETA COAL AND SHALE MINING COMPANY'S BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Greta Coal and Shale Mining Company's Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Combes, Mr. Lee, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Lackey, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Cunneen, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
9. GOULBURN VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS—CASE OF CAPTAIN ROSSI:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Parkes, "That the documents be printed,"—upon which Mr. Garrett had moved, by way of amendment, that all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in their place the words "this House is of opinion that its powers and privileges are endangered by the action taken by the Government with regard to the Report of the Select Committee on the Goulburn Volunteer Corps, which was adopted by this House, and forwarded to the Governor, by Address, in October last,"—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Nelson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 31.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Farnoll,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hay,	
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Central Cumberland</i>),	

Noes, 17.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Forster,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Single,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Wenne,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Buchanan,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Lucas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Terry then moved that the Original Question be amended by adding at the end thereof the words "and referred to a Select Committee, to search for precedents and report as to whether or not the document as conveying the opinion of the Crown is constitutionally, and in accordance with Parliamentary usage, presented to this House."

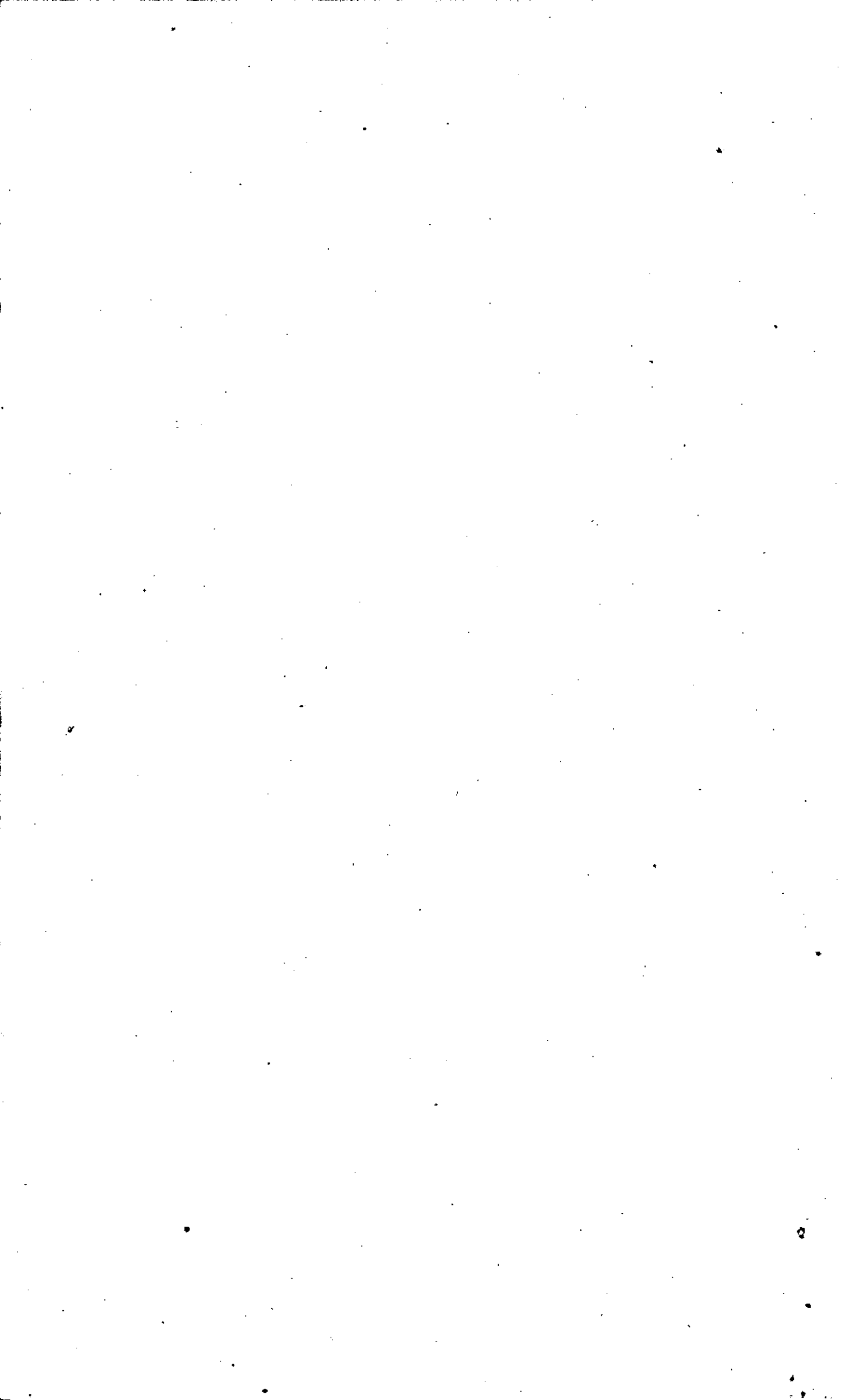
"(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Forster, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Driver, Mr. Hoskins, and the Mover."
Debate ensued.

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

Original Question,—That the documents be printed,—put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 63.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 15 JANUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Missing Letters :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Acting Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) The number of letters that have gone astray during the last three months?
 - (2.) The number of complaints that have been made to the Post Office authorities as to missing letters during the last three months?
 - (3.) The number of complaints that have been made within the last three months to the Post Office authorities as to the loss of money letters?
 - (4.) Who is performing the duties of the gentleman who is with the Postmaster General in London, acting as his Secretary?
 - (5.) Does he perform those duties in addition to his own?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) These questions are somewhat similar to those put by the Honorable Member, and answered by me at considerable length on the 7th October last. I then pointed out that it was impossible to state as a matter of fact whether unregistered letters, alleged to have been missing, were lost in course of transit through the post, as in case of such letters it is next to impossible to obtain proof of the posting, and wholly so to prove the non-delivery, even supposing they were properly addressed; but the records of this office prove the carelessness in this respect on the part of senders of letters, it being the fact that 3 out of every 500 letters posted are returned to the writers owing to the department being unable to find the address.
 - (2.) 246; but 57 of the letters have since been accounted for, and others probably will be when the inquiries have been completed.
 - (3.) Of the above number, 115 were respecting letters alleged to contain either money or cheques, and 32 of these have been traced.
 - (4.) Mr. W. J. Davics.
 - (5.) No. His own duties are divided amongst the officers of the correspondence branch, a temporary clerk being employed to assist.
- (2.) Petition of Wallace Coldrey :—Mr. Raphael asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
Have the Executive Council taken, or do they intend taking, into consideration the Petition of Wallace Coldrey, now and for a long time incarcerated in Darlinghurst Gaol?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Petition referred to was received and transmitted to the late Attorney General for consideration. The result of that consideration was, that a Bill for granting relief in such cases was introduced into the Legislative Assembly, and is upon the Business Paper of this day for second reading. The Petition was put by, Mr. Butler having stated that nothing more was required to be done in the matter.

(3.)

(3.) Docking Steamships used in the Californian Mail Service:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were the various parties who tendered for the performance of the San Francisco Mail Service informed, previous to their sending in Tenders, that they would be allowed to use the Fitz Roy Graving Dock, and the machinery belonging to the Government in the workshops at Cockatoo Island, by their agreeing to pay the actual expenses incurred in the use of those conveniences for cleaning, repairing, and refitting the vessels engaged in the Californian Mail Service?

(2.) What amount has the Contractor for the Californian Mail Service been debited with, or charged by the Government, for the expenses incurred by him in docking, painting, and refitting the steamship "Macgregor"?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) With respect to the first of these questions, when tenders were invited for the San Francisco Mail Service, the terms of contract put forward were the same for all tenderers, and no second statement of terms was ever published. But the tenders sent in, as has been repeatedly explained, and as is shown by the printed papers on the Table of the Legislative Assembly, were not accepted; and, some months after that, the present contract was made without calling for tenders at all.

(2.) The sum is £59 9s. The ship was in dock one day.

(4.) Conveyance of Mails by steamship "City of Melbourne":—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government given any verbal or written guarantee to the Directors of the Australasian Steam Navigation Company, undertaking on behalf of the Government of this Colony to be responsible to the Directors of the said Company for the amount charged by the said Company for the use of the steamship "City of Melbourne" for the conveyance of the Mails between Sydney and San Francisco, on the 17th instant?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has guaranteed the Australasian Steam Navigation Company for the employment of the "City of Melbourne," the amount of the guarantee to be charged to the Contractors in reduction of their subsidy.

(5.) The Pacific Mail Service:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it Mr. Henry Parkes, or Mr. H. H. Hall, or the Government of New South Wales, who pay the proprietors of the *Sydney Morning Herald* for the advertisement headed "Pacific Mail Service," announcing the departure of the steamship "Mikado," 3,000 tons, Captain Moore, for Kandavu, Honolulu, and San Francisco, on the 17th instant, and to which the signature of "Henry Parkes" is appended?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It appeared to me, acting for the Postmaster General, that in starting this new service, in respect of which it was desirable to send the whole of the correspondence of this Colony as far as could be done, or the main bulk of it,—it appeared to me very desirable that official notification should be made of the departure of the first two or three vessels, and I authorized the official notice in view of these ends.

(6.) The Singleton Bench:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has any reply been received from the Bench of Magistrates at Singleton to the letter recently forwarded to them by the Colonial Secretary in reference to the irregularity of their attendance; and if so, will he lay the same upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Allen answered,—No reply has yet been received from the Bench of Magistrates to the letter of the Colonial Secretary on this subject.

2. MRS. MARY LANE:—Mr. John Robertson presented a Petition from Mary Lane, widow of the late Henry Lane, some time Under Secretary of the Department of Finance and Trade, representing that by the death of her husband she and her children are left absolutely unprovided for; and praying the House to take their case into consideration.
Petition received.

3. NEWTOWN OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Cunneen presented a Petition from the Chairman and Directors of the Newtown Omnibus Company, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Newtown Omnibus Company (Limited), and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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

4. THE RICHMOND RIVER ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Bawden moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 14th January, from certain residents of the Richmond River, relative to the improvement of the Bar, be printed.
Question put and passed.

5. RAILWAY EXTENSION—BATHURST TO ORANGE ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 13th January, from the Inhabitants of Guyong, Iccly, and Byng, in favour of the adoption of the proposed Railway Line from Bathurst to Orange *via* King's Plains, be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. WATER SUPPLY FOR SYDNEY AND SUBURBS:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for supplying the City of Sydney and Suburbs with Water.
Question put and passed.

7. SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL (No. 3):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862.
Question put and passed.

8. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
- (1.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill; second reading; *on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Wednesday, 28th January.*
 - (2.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (3.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (4.) Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday, 29th January.*
 - (5.) Brands Registration Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Wednesday next.*
 - (6.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Thursday next.*
 - (7.) Mining Bill: to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Wednesday, 4th February.*
 - (8.) Distillation Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Wednesday, 28th January.*
9. **GOULBURN VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS—CASE OF CAPTAIN ROSSI** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of His Excellency's Message No. 17, respecting the Report of the Select Committee on the "Goulburn Volunteer Rifle Corps."*

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a Question of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the matter had been decided by the House.

The Chairman then reported that during the discussion of the subject under consideration the following words were used by the Honorable Member for Wellington, Mr. J. S. Smith, to which exception was taken by the Honorable Member for Central Cumberland, Mr. Hurley :—

"I believe the Honorable Colonial Secretary is one of the lowest individuals in the annals of the Colony."

Mr. Hurley then moved, That the words used by the Honorable Member for Wellington are unparliamentary and disorderly, and should be withdrawn, and an apology made to this House for their use.

And Mr. Smith having been heard in his place, withdrew.

The House deliberated.

And Mr. Smith having re-entered the Chamber, withdrew the words used by him, and expressed his regret for having used them.

Mr. Terry then moved, That the apology made by the Honorable Member for Wellington is satisfactory to the House.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Hurley withdrew his motion.

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 64.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 16 JANUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Electoral Roll for The Hunter:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is he aware that at the first Election of a Member for the Electoral District of The Hunter, under the Electoral Act of 1858, which took place in the month of June of the following year, 710 votes were polled; and, if so, how this fact is to be reconciled with the statement in the Return, laid by him upon the Table of the House on the 4th December last, that the number of Electors on the Roll for that Electorate was only 222?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find, on reference to the Statistical Register laid upon the Table on 27th September, 1860, that 710 votes are stated to have been recorded on the above occasion. The number 222 was extracted from a Return to an Order of the House, presented on 17th February, 1860, and it is impossible now to say how the discrepancy occurred.

- (2.) Crown Lands Agent at Casino:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is the Crown Lands Agent at Casino a Magistrate, and also a Commissioner for Affidavits?
 (2.) Is it in his position as Crown Lands Agent, a Magistrate, or Commissioner for Affidavits, that he is in the habit of taking declarations from Conditional Purchasers?
 (3.) As a Commissioner for Affidavits, is he entitled to make a charge upon declarations respecting Conditional Purchases?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Stratford is a Magistrate and also a Commissioner of Affidavits.
 (2.) Either as a Magistrate or Commissioner of Affidavits—presumably the latter.
 (3.) He is legally entitled to make a charge.

- (3.) Casino Bridge:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will the contract time for the construction of the Casino Bridge expire?
 (2.) What is the present state of the work?
 (3.) What steps have been taken (if any) to ensure a completion of the work within the contract time?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Original contract expires 30th June, 1874, but additions to the same have been made, for which a proportionate time must be allowed.
 (2.) Considerable quantities of timber and stone have been provided, but the contract is not progressing satisfactorily.
 (3.) Several letters have been written to the contractor, urging progress, and he has received notice that his contract will be cancelled if he does not proceed with greater expedition.

- (4.) The Richmond River:—Mr. Bawden asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Return respecting the Richmond River, referred to in the reply given to Question 1 on the 6th November last, be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The Return will be laid upon the Table early next week.

(5.)

- (5.) The Richmond and Tweed Rivers:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the reports respecting the Richmond and Tweed Rivers, referred to in the reply given to a question on the 18th November last, been received; and, if so, when will they be laid upon the Table of the House?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—The reports are not yet ready, but they are in course of preparation, and will be laid upon the Table of the House on an early date.
- (6.) Resident Clerk of Works, Clarence District:—Mr. Bawden asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Considering the important public buildings that are in course of erection in the Clarence District,—is it the intention of the Government to appoint a resident Clerk of Works to superintend such buildings to completion?
Mr. Sutherland answered,—A Foreman of Works has been appointed to superintend the buildings in course of erection in the Clarence District.
2. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, made on 30th October, 1873, in reference to Conditional Purchases.
Ordered to be printed.
3. MR. J. M. LETT, J.P.:—Mr. Forster presented a Petition from George Atkinson, Storekeeper and Innkeeper, of Kiandra, complaining of the conduct of Mr. John Maximus Lett in his capacity as a Magistrate; and praying for inquiry into the allegations of his Petition.
Petition received.
4. MACQUARIE-STREET ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Macquarie-street Roman Catholic School Site Sale Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Moses, Mr. Hay, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Oakes, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
5. MRS. MARY LANE (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. John Robertson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 15th January, from Mrs. Mary Lane, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. NEWTOWN OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Newtown Omnibus Company (Limited) and for other purposes therein mentioned.
Question put and passed.
7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Wearne moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and negatived.
8. NEWTOWN OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Cunneen having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Newtown Omnibus Company (Limited) and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—read a first time.
9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The undermentioned Orders of the Day Postponed:—
(1.) Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*on motion of Mr. Tunks, until Friday, 30th January.*
(2.) Evidence further Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, until Friday, 6th February.*
10. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Raphael moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Raphael, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday, 30th January.
12. RELIGIOUS OPINIONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Forster moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Farnell moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to this day fortnight.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 15.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hannell,
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Forster,

Mr. Hill,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Grahame,
Tellers.

Mr. Neale,
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 9.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Lee,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hurley (*Central
Cumberland*),

Tellers.

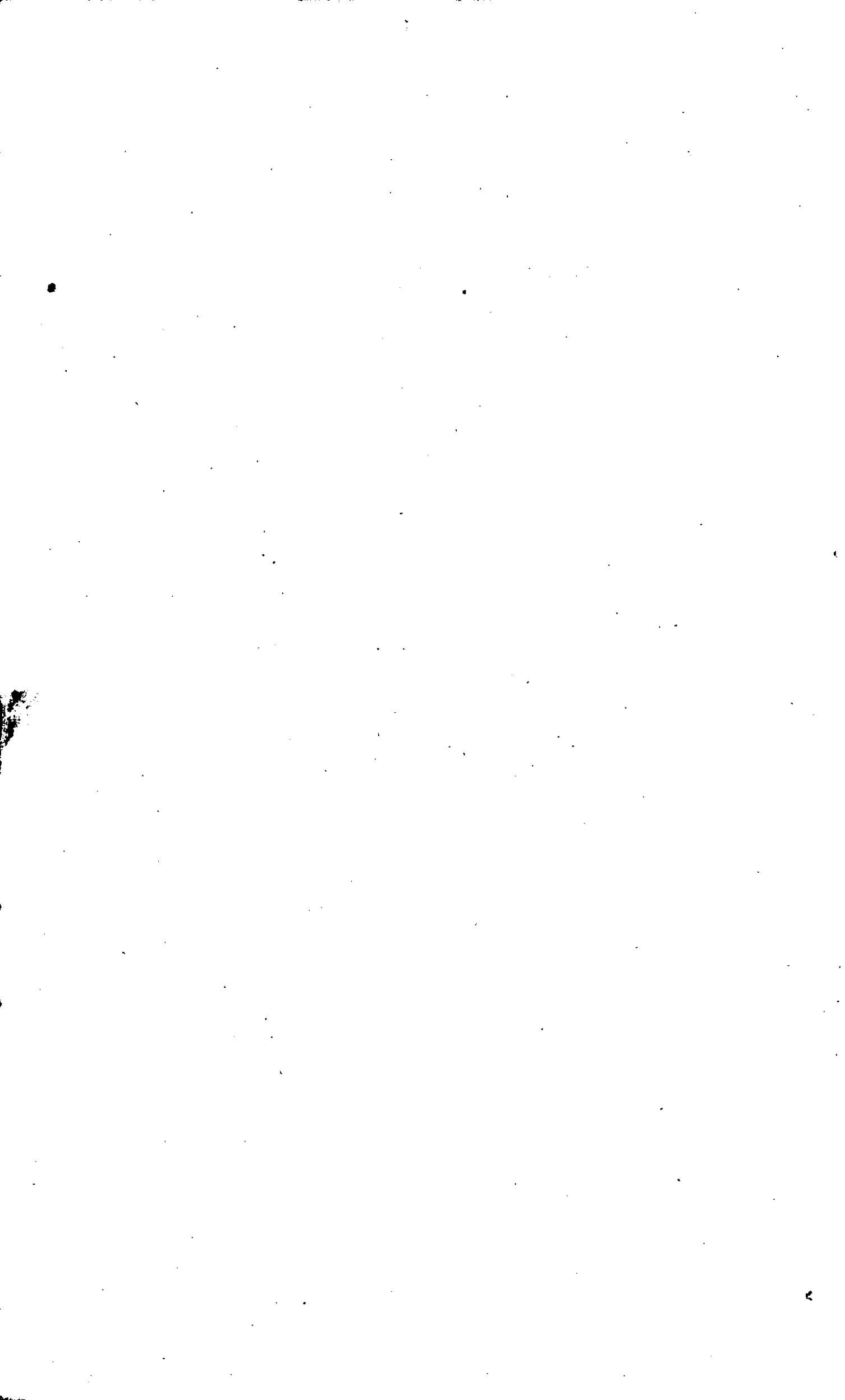
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Macintosh.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

13. **PATENTS** :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return, in tabular form, showing the names of all applicants, from the 1st January, 1872, to the 30th November, 1873, inclusive, for Patents, under the 16 Vic., No. 24; the parties to whom the applications were referred for report; whether refused or granted; the fees and other charges paid, and to whom, out of the deposits of the applicants; and the balance (if any) in each instance returned to the applicant, or carried to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue.
Question put and passed.
14. **PARNELL'S LEASING BILL** :—
(1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell (formerly Sarah Eliza Matilda Clift), the wife of Charles Parnell, of Edithville, Miller's Forest, and after her decease during the minority of her children to enable the Trustees of the Will and Codicils of Samuel Clift, deceased, formerly of West Maitland, to lease certain lands for building or other purposes, and also all or any of the mines, seams, or strata of coal and other minerals within, upon, or under all or any of the said lands devised by the said Will and Codicils of the said Samuel Clift to the use of his daughter, the said Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell, during her natural life, and after her decease to her children, share and share alike.
Question put and passed.
(2.) Mr. Burns having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to enable Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell (formerly Sarah Eliza Matilda Clift) the wife of Charles Parnell of Edithville Miller's Forest in the Colony of New South Wales and after her decease during the minority of her children to enable the Trustees of the Will and Codicils of Samuel Clift deceased formerly of West Maitland to lease certain lands for building or other purposes and also all or any of the mines seams or strata of coal and other minerals within upon or under all or any of the said lands devised by the said Will and Codicils of the said Samuel Clift to the use of his daughter the said Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell during her natural life and after her decease to her children share and share alike,*"—read a first time.
15. **CLAIM OF WILLIAM HENRY BARON** :—Mr. Rodd moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the claim of William Henry Baron.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Baker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Teece, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Cunneen, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 65.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 20 JANUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Queensland Debt:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether the Government has ever had under consideration the following statement contained in the first Annual Report of the Auditor General:—

“The Accounts prepared under the Queensland Debt Act of 1862, 26 Vic. No. 8, which are in print, but have never been presented in Parliament. These accounts show a balance in favour of New South Wales (*without interest*) of £146,590 6s. 9d. In the absence of any expression of opinion on the subject, it is not known whether it is intended to prosecute or to abandon this claim. I consider that my duty is discharged in simply directing attention to the fact of its still remaining unsatisfied.”

(2.) Has any decision been arrived at on this matter?

(3.) If not, will any steps be taken in it by the Government?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find, as far as I have been able to consult the documents in the Government offices, that Acts were passed by New South Wales and Queensland some ten years ago to appoint Commissioners to settle this debt. The Commissioner for this Colony was Mr. Deas Thomson, and the Commissioner for Queensland the late Mr. De Lacy Moffatt. Mr. Thomson, on noticing some expression of opinion by the then Colonial Secretary of Queensland (Mr. Herbert) to the effect that no decision of these Commissioners would be considered final, threw up his appointment, and Mr. Moffatt soon afterwards died. There was a motion made in the Queensland Parliament to appoint the Auditor General, I think, as Commissioner in the place of Mr. Moffatt, but that motion was negatived, and I may say that nothing subsequently of a definite character was done. The last correspondence that I can find is a letter from Mr. Herbert, then Colonial Secretary of Queensland, dated November, 1865, in which that Minister proposed that the two Colonies should write off the accounts between them, as the most satisfactory way of getting rid of a difficulty. I may state that Queensland made out that a balance equal to the balance alleged by us to be due would be due against this Colony. I find a rough draft of a paper, in the same year, by Mr. Cowper; but since that period no active step whatever has been taken. The sum £146,590 6s. 9d. was arrived at, I think, in the year 1867, and that account was then rendered, and from that time succeeding Governments have allowed the matter to rest. The correspondence and documents are voluminous, and, as far as the claims of the two Colonies are concerned, very conflicting; but the present Government will give some further consideration to the matter for the purpose of determining whether it is necessary to take any further, and what, steps in the matter.

(2.) The Case of William M'Ilveen:—Mr. Raphael asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government taken into consideration the Petition of William M'Ilveen, confined for the past ten months in Darlinghurst Gaol, for a judgment debt, and who has no prospect of being liberated?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The case of William M'Ilveen was referred to the late Attorney General, (Mr. Butler) who stated, that in his opinion His Excellency had no power to discharge the Petitioner; but, upon application to the Supreme Court, upon Petition addressed to the Chief Justice, no doubt he would be discharged. This opinion was communicated to the Sheriff on the 20th August last, by Colonial Secretary's letter, No. 73/301.

- (3.) Coal for the Public Service :—Mr. Greville asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Did the Government, in their advertisement for Tenders for the supply of Coal for the Public Service of 1874, specify that the quality of Coal should be the “best Newcastle” ?
 (2.) Has the Government accepted, or do they intend to accept, a Tender for Coal other than “Newcastle Coal” without calling for fresh Tenders ?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) The Government did not, in their “advertisement” for the Tenders referred to, specify the quality of the Coal to be the “best Newcastle.”

(2.) The Government have accepted a Tender for Coal other than “Newcastle,” without calling for fresh Tenders. In the conditions under which the service is to be performed there is a stipulation that the quality shall be the “best Newcastle.”

- (4.) Presbyterian Cemetery at Liverpool :—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has an application been made by the Presbyterians of Liverpool for a piece of land for a Cemetery ; if so, is it the intention of the Government to grant such application ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No application has been received from the Presbyterians at Liverpool for land for a Cemetery. An application was received in November, 1872, from Mr. Richard Sadleir, for 35 acres of the Town Common to be appropriated for a Public Cemetery ; and Mr. Sadleir subsequently stated his intention of applying for another site, as objections were made to the appropriation of part of the Common for that purpose. No further application has been received.

- (5.) Court House at Gundaroo :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it likely that Tenders will be invited, by advertisement or otherwise, for the erection of a new Court House at or near Gundaroo ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The addition of two rooms to the Court House at Gundaroo, at a cost of £350, was authorized in August last ; but it was afterwards suggested by the Member for the District (Mr. De Salis) that this would probably not meet the wants of the locality. A copy of the plan was forwarded to Mr. De Salis, to enable him to ascertain the opinions of persons interested on the spot. The matter now awaits a reply from Mr. De Salis.

- (6.) Reserve near Denman :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any application been made to the Government by Mr. James White, or on his behalf, or by any other person, to purchase a Reserve, or any portion of a Reserve, on the right bank of the river Hunter, in the neighbourhood of Denman, or thereabouts ?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to sell, or have they sold, such Reserve, or any portion of the same, to Mr. James White, or any other person ; and if so, how much ?

(3.) What public roads, or rights of road, whether or not reserved or proclaimed, or otherwise, are, or were included in such Reserve ?

(4.) Has any application, and by whom, and of what nature, been made to the Government to open a road, or roads, through such Reserve ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No, and no present intention.

(3.) No roads have been defined through the Reserve.

(4.) A Petition has been received from the inhabitants of the Goulburn River, and from stock producers living on the west and north-west of Maitland, for a road from Denman along the right bank of the Hunter River to Jerry's Plains, and to pass through Reserves on the right banks of the Goulburn and Hunter Rivers.

2. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Raphael moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put, and negatived.

3. RAILWAY EXTENSION—BATHURST TO ORANGE :—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table (*as Exhibits only, and not to remain as Records of the House*) a Plan and Section of a proposed deviation of the Line through Blayney, commencing at 163 miles 20 chains, at a point marked A on Plan, and rejoining original survey at 171 miles 58 chains, at a point marked B on Plan.

4. PAPERS :—Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Address, adopted on 9th December, 1873, in reference to the Bench of Magistrates at Raymond Terrace.

(2.) Rules of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, dated 10th December, 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

5. RAILWAY EXTENSION THROUGH NORTH YASS (*“Formal” Motion*) :—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Surveys, Applications, Reports, and Minutes, having reference to the proposal to carry the Southern Line of Railway through North Yass.

Question put and passed.

6. MR. H. E. STRATFORD (*“Formal” Motion*) :—Mr. Booth, on behalf of Mr. Bawden, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Charges and Complaints made against Mr. H. E. Stratford, both in his capacity as Crown Lands Agent, and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Casino, up to the 31st December last, together with all Correspondence, Minutes, and Papers relative thereto.

Question put and passed.

7. MR. J. M. LETT, J.P. (*“Formal” Motion*) :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 16th January, from George Atkinson, relative to alleged misconduct on the part of Mr. Lett, J.P., be printed.

Question put and passed.

8. NEWTOWN OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL ("Formal" Motion):—*Mr. Hay*, on behalf of *Mr. Cunneen*, moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Newtown Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Parkes*, *Mr. Stewart*, *Mr. Cooper*, *Mr. Macintosh*, *Mr. Tunks*, *Mr. Bawden*, *Mr. Grahame*, *Mr. De Salis*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

9. DUTY ON GOLD:—*Mr. Baker* moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, the Duty on Gold should be abolished forthwith.

Debate ensued.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved the Previous Question.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

<i>Mr. John Robertson,</i>	<i>Mr. Hoskins,</i>
<i>Mr. Nelson,</i>	<i>Mr. Burns,</i>
<i>Mr. Jacob,</i>	<i>Mr. Oakes,</i>
<i>Mr. Driver,</i>	<i>Mr. Hay,</i>
<i>Mr. Cooper,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. R. B. Smith,</i>	
<i>Mr. O'Connor,</i>	<i>Mr. Baker,</i>
<i>Mr. Garrett,</i>	<i>Mr. Hurley (Central</i>
<i>Mr. Buchanan,</i>	<i>Cumberland).</i>
<i>Mr. Forster,</i>	

Noes, 13.

<i>Mr. Parkes,</i>	<i>Mr. West,</i>
<i>Mr. G. A. Lloyd,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Farnell,</i>	
<i>Mr. Sutherland,</i>	<i>Mr. Macintosh,</i>
<i>Mr. Allen,</i>	<i>Mr. Stewart.</i>
<i>Mr. Cunneen,</i>	
<i>Mr. Wearne,</i>	
<i>Mr. Fitzpatrick,</i>	
<i>Mr. Neale,</i>	
<i>Mr. Hill,</i>	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put,—That, in the opinion of this House, the Duty on Gold should be abolished forthwith.

The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

<i>Mr. Driver,</i>	<i>Mr. Hay,</i>
<i>Mr. Cooper,</i>	<i>Mr. Jacob,</i>
<i>Mr. O'Connor,</i>	<i>Mr. Nelson,</i>
<i>Mr. Garrett,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Buchanan,</i>	
<i>Mr. Forster,</i>	<i>Mr. Baker,</i>
<i>Mr. Hoskins,</i>	<i>Mr. Hurley (Central</i>
<i>Mr. Burns,</i>	<i>Cumberland).</i>
<i>Mr. Oakes,</i>	

Noes, 15.

<i>Mr. Parkes,</i>	<i>Mr. Neale,</i>
<i>Mr. G. A. Lloyd,</i>	<i>Mr. Hill,</i>
<i>Mr. Farnell,</i>	<i>Mr. West,</i>
<i>Mr. Sutherland,</i>	<i>Mr. R. B. Smith,</i>
<i>Mr. John Robertson,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Allen,</i>	
<i>Mr. Cunneen,</i>	<i>Mr. Fitzpatrick,</i>
<i>Mr. Macintosh,</i>	<i>Mr. Stewart.</i>
<i>Mr. Wearne,</i>	

And so it passed in the negative.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of *Mr. Burns*:—

(1.) Lapsed Votes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of *Mr. R. B. Smith*, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*until Friday next.*

(2.) Patents Act Amendment Bill reported; adoption of Report;—*until Friday, 6th February.*

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 66.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 21 JANUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) RAILS for Railway Extension from Cootamundra to Wagga Wagga:—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has Government made, or does it propose to make, any arrangement for the shipment from London to Victoria or South Australia, and from thence by the navigable waters of the Murray and Murrumbidgee to Wagga Wagga, of the rails required for the Railway Extension sanctioned by Parliament from Cootamundra to Wagga Wagga?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The necessary steps have already been taken to secure delivery of Rails at Wagga Wagga by way of Adelaide and the waters of the Murray and Murrumbidgee Rivers.

- (2.) GOVERNOR'S POSITION as Commander-in-Chief of the Volunteer Force:—Mr. Macleay asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Will the Colonial Secretary lay upon the Table of the House, at once, a copy of the Opinion given by the Attorney General on the 20th January, 1869, on the subject of the Governor's position as Commander-in-Chief of the Volunteer Force?

Mr. Parkes answered,—There is no objection to the production of this document; and, as I noticed the words "at once" in the Honorable Member's question, I had it copied this morning, and will lay the copy on the Table in half an hour.

2. ASSENT TO LEE'S PARTITION AND SALE BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 20.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to confirm and give effect to an agreement for the partition of certain lands and hereditaments situated in the Town of Bathurst settled by the late William Lec of Kelso upon his daughters Maria Brady and Elizabeth Lord and also for the sale of certain other lands and hereditaments in the Town of Bathurst devised by the said William Lec in trust for his three daughters Maria Brady Elizabeth Lord and Mary Jane Austin and their issue,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 21st January, 1874.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Allen laid upon the Table, Return to an Address, adopted on 13th January, 1874, in reference to the case of Robert Roberts, convicted of assaulting a constable at the last Sittings of the Quarter Sessions held in Maitland.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, copy of the Opinion given by the Attorney General (Sir William Manning) on 20th January, 1869, on the subject of the Governor's position as Commander-in-Chief of the Volunteer Force.

Ordered to be printed.

4. RAILWAY EXTENSION—BATHURST TO ORANGE *via* KING'S PLAINS:—Pursuant to the requirement of the Government Railways Act, 22 Victoria, No. 19, section 9, Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table of the House (*as Exhibits only, and not to remain as Records of the House*), copy of a Plan, Section, and a Book of Reference relative to a proposed Extension of the Great Western Railway from Bathurst to Orange *via* King's Plains.

5. GOULBURN VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS—CASE OF CAPTAIN ROSSI:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House, having re-considered the Resolution agreed to on the 14th October, 1873, as follows, viz. :—

“That the Report of the Select Committee on the Goulburn Volunteer Rifle Corps, brought up on the 22nd April, 1873, be now adopted,”—

Resolves, that the said Resolution be rescinded.

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

Mr. John Robertson moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned until To-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Rodd,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Single,	
Mr. Terry,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>	Mr. Teece,
<i>Cumberland</i>),	Mr. Stephen Brown.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Creed,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Campbell,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Cooper.

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put and passed.

6. DENILIQUIN AND MOAMA RAILWAY BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled “*An Act to incorporate a Company under the name of the ‘Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company’ for the purpose of making constructing and maintaining a Railway between Deniliquin and Moama and for other purposes,*”—with the Amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which Amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 21st January, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

DENILIQUIN AND MOAMA RAILWAY BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 21 January, 1874.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

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| Page 2, | clause 3, | line 27. | Omit “The following persons.” |
| “ | “ 4, | “ 46. | After “each” omit remainder of clause. |
| “ | “ 5, | “ 56. | Omit “twelve thousand five hundred” insert “twenty thousand” |
| 4, | “ 17, | “ 47. | Omit “the said shares” insert “all shares in the company” |
| 6, | “ 26, | “ 1. | Omit “as after mentioned” insert “published in Sydney, as well as in
“one published or circulating in the district wherein the railway is situate” |
| 7, | clause 35, | line 24. | Omit “If” insert “In” |
| 11, | “ 59, | “ 8. | After “the” insert “hereinbefore” |
| 12, | “ 67, | “ 28. | Omit “firstly” insert “first” |
| 14, | “ 79, | “ 1. | After “company” insert “not” |
| “ | “ 83, | “ 31. | Omit “six” insert “three” |
| “ | “ 84, | “ 37. | Omit “January” insert “February” |
| “ | “ 86, | “ 54. | Omit “twenty-five” insert “fifty” |
| 15, | “ 87, | “ 10. | After “company” insert “or if he shall be absent from the meetings
“of the Board of Directors for three consecutive months without the leave of the said
“Board” |
| “ | clause 88, | lines 37 and 38. | Omit “the prescribed number and if no number be prescribed” |
| “ | “ 89, | “ 47. | Omit “if they think proper so to do may” insert “shall forthwith” |
| 16, | “ 95, | “ 45. | Omit “within the prescribed limits if any” |
| “ | “ 96, | “ 54. | Omit “they” insert “there” |
| “ | “ | “ 54 and 55. | Omit “the prescribed quorum or if no quorum be prescribed
“then” |

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- Page 17, clause 98, line 42. *Omit "in evidence"*
Omit "events" insert "Courts"
- " " 100, " 59. *Omit "and"*
- 18, " 100, " 10. *After "existing" insert "funds"*
- " 101, " 18. *Omit "January" insert "February"*
- " 102, " 18. *Omit clause 102.*
- " 103, " 30. *Omit "January" insert "February"*
- " " " *Omit "s" in "auditors"*
- " 104, " 35. *After "then" omit remainder of clause Insert "such vacancy shall be
 "forthwith filled up by the Board of Directors and the auditor so appointed shall remain in
 "office until the next general meeting of shareholders"*
- 18, clause 107, line 46. *Add "s" to "auditor"*
- 19, " 110, " 6. *Omit "in" insert "by"*
- " 112, " 43. *Add "s" to "Justice"*
- " 113, " 50. *After "in" insert "his"*
- 20, " 115, " 9. *After "for" insert "which"*
- " 118, " 30. *Omit "and"*
- 21, " 124, " 38. *Omit "conveyance" insert "consequence"*
- " " 52. *After "be" insert "lawful"*
- " " 54. *After "remove" insert "such"*
- 22, " 129, " 33. *Omit "notices requiring" insert "every notice required"*
- 23, " 134, " 24. *Add "s" to "Justice"*
- " 137, " 52. *Omit "or"*
- 24, " 141, " 44. *Omit "s" in "gives"*
- " " 50. *Omit "within the jurisdiction of such Justice"*
- " 142, " 58. *After "incorporated" insert "therewith"*
- 25, " " 1. *After "levied" insert "by distress"*
- " 145, " 22. *Omit "s" in "acts"*
- " " 26. *Add "s" to "Justice"*
- 26, " 150, " *After "clause 150" insert "Construction of Railways"*
- " 151, " 22. *Before "it" insert "upon the completion of the railway and works
 "authorized by this Act to the satisfaction of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways"*
- 28, clause 156, line 24. *Omit "entail" insert "in tail"*
- " " 29. *Omit "and year"*
- " " 32 and 33. *Omit "and years"*
- " 157, " 57. *Omit "of Council"*
- " " 58. *Omit "the respective amounts which" insert "the amount which"*
- " " 59. *After "manner" add "hereinafter provided"*
- 29, " 159. *Omit "clause 159"*
- 30, " 162, line 11. *After "months" add "Provided lastly that if the Company shall fail to
 "complete and open the railway for public traffic as aforesaid within the time hereinbefore
 "prescribed in that behalf all lands acquired by the Company by purchase or otherwise
 "under the provisions of this Act shall upon such default at the option of the Government
 "intimated through the Commissioner of Railways become vested in Her Majesty her
 "heirs and successors for such estate or interest as the Company had become entitled to
 "therein upon payment to the Company by the Government of all such sums of money
 "as shall have been paid for the said lands to the owners thereof by the Company either
 "by way of purchase or compensation and all lands so divested from the Company shall
 "thereupon be and continue to be reserved for railway purposes as portion of the said
 "Crown Lands hereinbefore described"*
- 31, clause 163, line 1. *Omit "so to do"*
- " " 2. *Omit "in hereinafter mentioned" insert "provided by the Act as
 "hereinafter incorporated herewith"*
- 32, clause 169, line 33. *After "forthwith" insert "subject to the proviso for defeasance
 "hereinbefore contained"*
- 33, clause 172, line 20. *After "cattle" insert "sheep"*
- " " 23. *Before "or" insert "sheep"*
- " " 25. *After "cattle" insert "sheep"*
- " " lines 27 and 28. *Omit "Government Inspector of Railways (if any)" insert
 "Commissioner for Railways"*
- 33, clause 173, lines 44 and 45. *Omit "Government Inspector of Railways (if any) and if
 "not then to the nearest Bench of Magistrates" insert "Commissioner for Railways"*
- 33, clause 173, lines 47 and 48. *Omit "Government Inspector or Bench of Magistrates"
 "insert "Commissioner"*
- 34, clause 174, line 15. *After "cattle" insert "or sheep"*
- 37, " 182, " 20. *Before "any" insert "of"*
- " " " *Omit "of"*
- 38, " 186, " 18. *Omit "said" insert "same."*

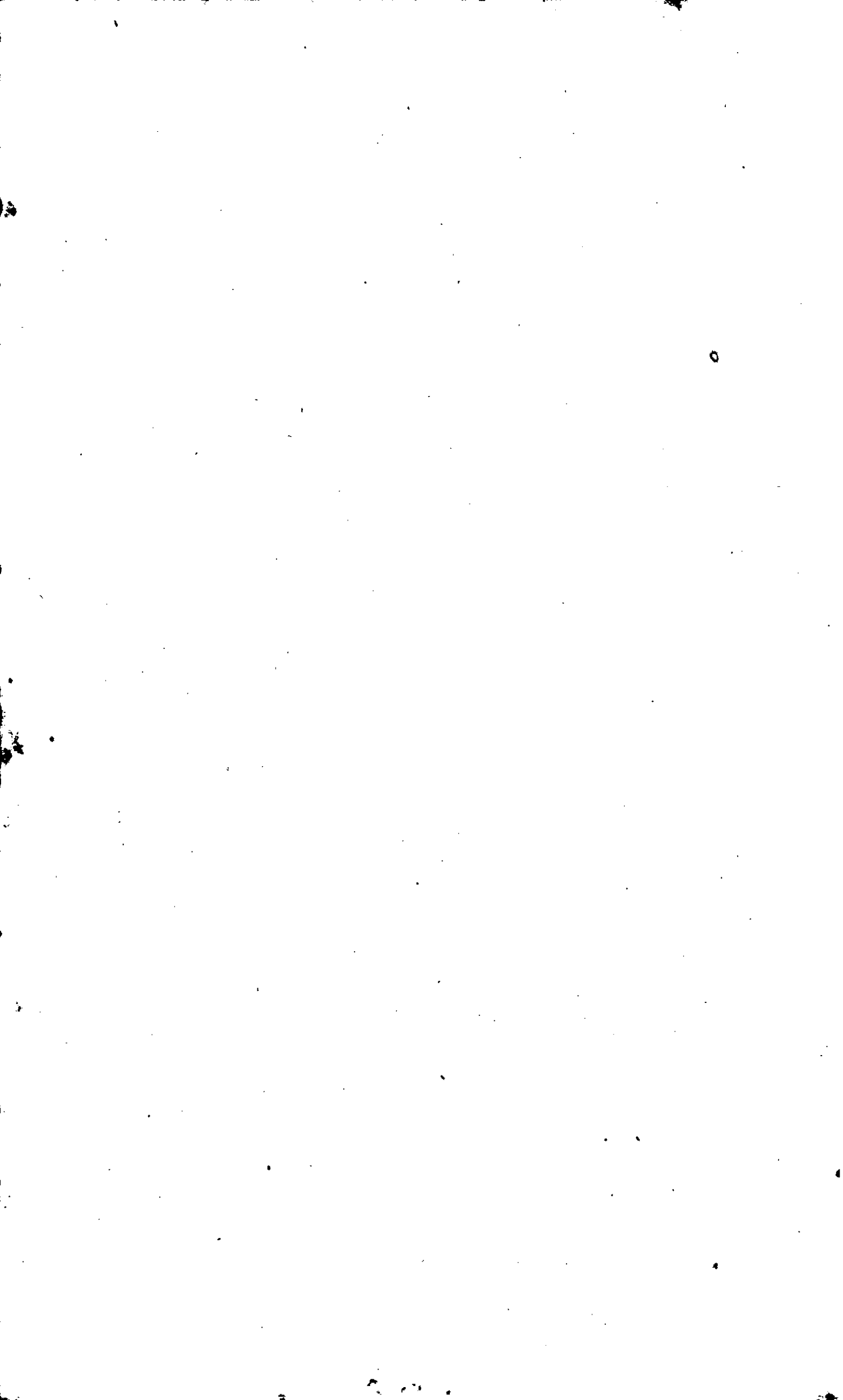
Examined,—

E. C. WEEKES,
 Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Parkes, that the Amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
 Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 67.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 22 JANUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS :—

(1.) Reserves for Travelling Stock :—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that the greater number of the Reserves for Travelling Stock between Jerry's Plains and Breeza are still inaccessible to the public in consequence of certain persons holding unauthorized possession of them?

(2.) Is the Government aware that a person named Sevill is fencing in the Reserve on Miller's Creek, at the foot of the Liverpool Range, and refuses to allow travelling stock to have access to the water thereon?

(3.) Is the Government aware that the person in unauthorized occupation of the Reserve at the Wybong levies charges on travelling stock depasturing thereon?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The greater number of the Reserves are now open, and available for travelling stock.

(2.) The trespass referred to has recently been abated.

(3.) The unauthorized occupation no longer exists.

(2.) Dredging operations on Parramatta River :—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) On what date the new Dredge was put to work on the Parramatta River?

(2.) How many working days has she been employed up to the present time?

(3.) How many men are employed in connection with the operations?

(4.) What amount has been paid in wages up to date?

(5.) Were Tenders called for landing silt?

(6.) How many Tenders were sent in?

(7.) Whose Tender, if any, was accepted, and at what rate per yard or ton?

(8.) Was the lowest Tender accepted?

(9.) Taking into account the cost of dredging, punting, landing, and placing the silt, what has it cost per yard or ton?

(10.) Who, on the part of the Government, has the supervision of the entire operations, and has he reported favourably of the dredging and the landing of the silt?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) On the 30th July, 1873.

(2.) 138 days actually working.

(3.) Ten men are employed working the Dredge and Punts, and the Contractor has employed, on an average, about 14 hands landing silt.

(4.) £504 14s.

(5.) No; but an offer was made by Mr. R. L. Dunn to perform the work at the same price as that paid for similar work in Sydney Harbour, which it was considered advisable to accept.

(6.) None. (See reply to previous question.)

(7.) Mr. R. L. Dunn's offer was accepted, the price to be paid being 6d. per ton, with an allowance of 2d. extra for runs over 120 feet.

(8.) See answer to question No. 5.

(9.) About 1s. 3d. per ton.

(10.) Mr. Kirkwood, the master of the Dredge, has immediate supervision of the operations under the control of the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers. The weekly reports of the dredging operations have been satisfactory, the river has been cleared from Redbank to Anniversary Wharf, steamers being now able to ply to the latter place at all states of the tide. The master has specially reported that the deposition of the silt has been satisfactorily performed.

(3.)

(3.) Court House, Hill End:—*Mr. Single*, on behalf of *Mr. J. S. Smith*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What determination has he arrived at with reference to a Site for a Court House at Hill End?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Objections having been made to the Court House being erected, as appears to have been intended, on the Police Reserve, and having been referred to the Department of Lands, the papers have now been returned to the Department of Public Works, with the intimation that allotment 1 of section 5 has been measured as a suitable Site, and reserved for that purpose.

2. GRETA COAL AND SHALE MINING COMPANY'S BILL:—*Mr. Burns*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 14th January, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 30th January.

Question put and passed.

3. MACQUARIE-STREET ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL:—*Mr. Cunneen*, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 16th January, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cunneen then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

4. PARNELL'S LEASING BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. Burns* moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That Parnell's Leasing Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Nelson*, *Mr. Combes*, *Mr. Lee*, *Mr. Moses*, *Mr. Cunneen*, *Mr. Lackey*, *Mr. Grahame*, *Mr. Oakes*, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill postponed, on motion of *Mr. Farnell*, until Thursday next.

6. GOULBURN VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS—CASE OF CAPTAIN ROSSI:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of *Mr. Parkes*,—

(1.) That this House, having re-considered the Resolution agreed to on the 14th October, 1873, as follows, viz:—

"That the Report of the Select Committee on the Goulburn Volunteer Rifle Corps, brought up on the 22nd April, 1873, be now adopted,"—

Resolves, that the said Resolution be rescinded.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor,—

Mr. Garrett moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day No. 7.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

<i>Mr. John Robertson,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Jacob,</i>	
<i>Mr. Warden,</i>	<i>Mr. Teece,</i>
<i>Mr. Webb,</i>	<i>Mr. Lucas.</i>
<i>Mr. Burns,</i>	
<i>Mr. Oakes,</i>	
<i>Mr. Terry,</i>	
<i>Mr. Raphael,</i>	
<i>Mr. Moses,</i>	
<i>Mr. Single,</i>	
<i>Mr. Garrett,</i>	
<i>Mr. Buchanan,</i>	
<i>Mr. Forster,</i>	
<i>Mr. Lackey,</i>	

Noes, 27.

<i>Mr. Parkes,</i>	<i>Mr. Cooper,</i>
<i>Mr. G. A. Lloyd,</i>	<i>Mr. Hannell,</i>
<i>Mr. Farnell,</i>	<i>Mr. Hill,</i>
<i>Mr. Sutherland,</i>	<i>Mr. Piddington,</i>
<i>Mr. Allen,</i>	<i>Mr. Hurley (Narellan),</i>
<i>Mr. Hay,</i>	<i>Mr. W. O. Browne,</i>
<i>Mr. Creed,</i>	<i>Mr. Lee,</i>
<i>Mr. Booth,</i>	<i>Mr. Taylor,</i>
<i>Mr. Phelps,</i>	<i>Mr. Nelson,</i>
<i>Mr. Naulc,</i>	<i>Mr. Hurley (Central</i>
<i>Mr. Scholey,</i>	<i>Cumberland),</i>
<i>Mr. Baker,</i>	<i>Tellers.</i>
<i>Mr. Wearne,</i>	
<i>Mr. Cunneen,</i>	<i>Mr. Stewart,</i>
<i>Mr. Grahame,</i>	<i>Mr. Driver.</i>

And so it passed in the negative.

Original Question proposed.

Debate resumed.

Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended, by the insertion after section (1.) of the following section:—

"(2.) That this House, having been induced to take this course from a desire to avoid any possible injustice to Captain Rossi, or injury to the Volunteer Service, feels bound, in justice to itself, to place on record its opinion that the conduct of the Government in dealing with the case has not been satisfactory."

Debate continued.

Question

Question put,—That the words proposed to be inserted be there inserted.
The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Buchanan,

Tellers.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Lucas.

Noes, 30.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Single,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Hurley (*Central
Cumberland*),

Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hurley (*Narellan*),
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Creed,
Mr. West,
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Macintosh,
Tellers.

Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Cooper.

And so it passed in the negative.
Original Question then put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. West,
Mr. Hurley (*Narellan*),
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Forster,

Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Creed,
Mr. Taylor,

Tellers.

Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hurley (*Central
Cumberland*).

Noes, 12.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Single,

Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Stephen Brown.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 68.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 23 JANUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Tolls on Public Roads:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to abolish Tolls on the Public Roads throughout the Colony situated near the entrance to towns, which intercept the traffic of the producers living near and going into towns?

(2.) If so, when?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—If the Honorable Member will ask the Question about Wednesday or Thursday next, I shall be able to give a more definite answer than I can to-day.

(2.) Charges against the Gaoler at Port Macquarie:—Mr. Scholey asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table the Correspondence and other Papers in reference to Charges brought by Mr. Shone, Schoolmaster, against Mr. Gates, Gaoler, at Port Macquarie?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This question was dealt with at the time by the Sheriff in his capacity of Inspector of Prisons; and the Charges, in the opinion of the Government, were satisfactorily answered by the Gaoler, with one exception, which was of a minor character, on which the Gaoler was censured. There is no objection, however, to lay the Papers upon the Table, although I do not think they will afford much information.

(3.) East Maitland Reserve Accounts:—Mr. Scholey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When the Papers in reference to East Maitland Reserve Accounts, ordered by the House on the 14th November last, will be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Repeated applications have been made to the Trustees for the information necessary to admit of the Return being prepared, and a promise has been obtained that it shall shortly be furnished, but it has not yet been received.

(4.) Reserves in the Northern Districts:—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has Mr. C. Parnell been allowed to purchase any portion of the Reserve at the foot of the Bulga?

(2.) Is it true that the remaining portion is being surveyed for the purpose of sale?

(3.) Has any reply been received from the Crown Commissioner at Tanworth to the instructions recently forwarded to him in reference to opening the Reserves between Jerry's Plains and Breeza; and if so, what is the substance of such reply?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) No; as far as the Reserve can be identified from the description.

(3.) A reply has been received to the effect that all the Reserves referred to, with two exceptions, have been opened. These latter will be opened without delay.

2. MR. ALLEN, SHERIFF'S BAILIFF AT MAITLAND ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Scholey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Reports Correspondence, and other Papers, in reference to the complaint made by Mr. John Lavender against Mr. Allen, the Sheriff's Bailiff at Maitland.

Question put and passed.

3. CLAIM OF WILLIAM HENRY BARON :—Mr. Rodd (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition of Mrs. Isabel Baron, ordered to be printed on 18th September last, and the Return to Address in reference to claim of William Henry Baron, laid upon the Table and ordered to be printed on 10th December last, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Claim of William Henry Baron."
Question put and passed.
4. BISHOPTHORPE ESTATE CHARGE BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lackey moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. West,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Abbott,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Creed.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Central Cumberland</i>),	

Noes, 4.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Stewart,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Garrett.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 6th February.

5. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed,—
- (1.) Mineral Lease at Togo; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1873, the sum of £23 4s., to defray the expenses of certain Witnesses who gave evidence before the Select Committee on "Mineral Lease at Togo," in accordance with the Resolution passed by such Committee;—*on motion of Mr. John Robertson, until Friday, 6th February.*
 - (2.) Legal Practitioners Relief Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Stewart, until Friday, 6th February.*
 - (3.) Marriage with Deceased Wife's Sister Legalizing Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Buchanan, until Friday, 13th February.*
 - (4.) Common Lodging Houses Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Stewart, until Friday, 6th February.*
 - (5.) Fire at Bonded Store, Newcastle; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1873, a sum not exceeding £952 0s. 7d., to compensate Messrs. William Petherbridge, Frank Gardiner, and James Downey, for losses sustained by them by reason of their goods, stored in the Bonded Store at Newcastle, having been destroyed by fire, owing to the refusal of the Custom House Officer to allow the Bond to be opened and the goods removed:—*on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, until Friday next.*
 - (6.) Public Prosecutors Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish the office of Coroner, and to provide for the appointment of Public Prosecutors;—*on motion of Mr. Buchanan, until Friday, 13th February.*
 - (7.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday, 6th February.*
 - (8.) Western Peak Downs Copper Mining Company's Incorporation Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, until Friday next.*
 - (9.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Burns until Friday next.*
 - (10.) Lapsed Votes Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, "That this Bill be now read a second time.";—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*
 - (11.) Deniliquin and Moama Railway Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's Amendments;—*on motion of Mr. Hay, until Friday, 13th February.*
6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Mr. Driver (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "until Seven o'clock on Tuesday next."
Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.
Question,—That this House do now adjourn until Seven o'clock on Tuesday next,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned, at twenty-eight minutes before Eleven o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Seven o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 69.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Captain Cook Statue:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to complete the Captain Cook Statue?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to submit to Parliament an Estimate for the completion of the Captain Cook Statue.

- (2.) Public School Teacher at Appin:—Mr. Garrett asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Are the Government aware that the Public School Teacher at Appin is a Member of a Road Trust in that neighbourhood; and, if so, is it with the knowledge and consent of the Council of Education?

Mr. Allen answered,—I have received the following information from the Council of Education:—The Council of Education has been made aware that the Teacher of the Public School at Appin is a Member of the Road Trust in the neighbourhood, but has not considered it necessary to interfere in the matter.

2. MINERAL SELECTIONS:—Mr. Terry presented a Petition from certain Mineral Selectors in the District of New England, praying for an amendment of the law which authorizes the retention by the Government of deposits made by unsuccessful applicants for Mineral Selections. And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—Petition received.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Raphael moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.
4. BRIDGE OVER THE KARUAH RIVER (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence having reference to the application made by the inhabitants of Booral for the construction of a Bridge over the Karuah River. Question put and passed.
5. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SOLICITOR GENERAL:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return of the number of cases in which the Attorney General for the time being has prosecuted in person in any Court of Law, since the beginning of Responsible Government, specifying in each instance the date, duration, and nature of the case, also the name of the Attorney General, and the length of time during which he held office.
(2.) A similar Return in regard to the Solicitor General for the time being. Debate ensued. Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
6. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Macquarie-street Roman Catholic School Site Sale Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cunneen, until Friday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 70.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Coroners Inquests at Paterson:—Mr. Scholey asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did Mr. Pearce, the Coroner, hold an inquest at Paterson on the remains of Edward Kealey, and take a medical man with him from Maitland though there were medical men at Paterson?

(2.) Did Mr. Pearce commit a man named Albert Widders for trial on a charge of manslaughter?

(3.) Did Mr. Smith, the Police Magistrate, afterwards hold another inquiry into the charge of manslaughter against Albert Widders, when the medical man taken to Paterson by Mr. Pearce and other witnesses were again examined?

(4.) Was the second inquiry ordered by the Government; and if so, by whom the expense of such inquiry will be paid?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) Yes, a medical man was taken from Maitland, to insure the attendance of a medical witness at Paterson, the resident medical man, I am informed, not wishing to attend inquests.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The second inquiry was ordered by the Attorney General, as it did not appear to him that Albert Widders was present at the inquest holden on the remains of Edward Kealey. The Circuits were not at the time proclaimed, and the witnesses not regularly bound over to appear at Court. The necessary expense will be borne by the Crown.

- (2.) Tolls collected at the Penrith Bridge:—Mr. Hoskins, on behalf of Mr. Single, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—The amount of Revenue for Tolls collected at the Penrith Bridge, and the cost of collection, for the year 1872, and the like information for the year 1873?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No cost has been incurred for collection of Tolls at the Penrith Bridge Bar during the period stated, as they were leased, and yielded a net revenue for 1872, £363; 1873, £280.

- (3.) Postal Accommodation, Anvil Creek and Greta:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has any, and (if any) what decision been arrived at in the matter of the Memorial of the inhabitants of Anvil Creek and Greta for increased Postal accommodation?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The residents at Anvil Creek and Greta, who petitioned for Post Offices at those places, were informed on the 8th instant that the further consideration of their Memorials would be deferred until the question of opening a Railway Station at Greta be decided.

- (4.) The Mail Steamer "Nubia":—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it a fact that the Mail Steamer "Nubia" was detained for several hours when leaving this port with the Mails for Europe, through there not being a sufficient depth of water for that vessel to pass through the Heads with safety?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—I have ascertained that there was a sufficient depth of water for the steamer "Nubia" to have proceeded to sea at the time that she ought to have gone, and on the day that she sailed.

(5.)

- (5.) Railway Rolling Stock:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government a sufficient quantity of Rolling Stock on hand in the shape of Locomotive Engines, Passenger Carriages, Goods and Sheep Trucks, to work the extension of the Southern Railway from Goulburn to Wagga Wagga?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It would hardly be considered expedient to have so much Rolling Stock on hand; but the necessary measures will be taken to have it before it is required.

- (6.) The Engineering and Iron Trades:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have orders been given to the foremen in the various departments of the Government Workshops not to engage any of the workmen in the Engineering and Iron Trades at present locked out by their employers?

(2.) Is there a new clause in the agreements between the Government and accepted Tenderers, protecting them in the event of the said Contractors reducing their workmen's wages after their Tenders have been accepted, and workmen refuse to work, that they, the Contractors, are not bound to complete their contracts at the time specified?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) No.
(2.) No.

- (7.) Condition of Ocean Steamships:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has it come to the knowledge of the Government that the Inspector of Machinery in Victoria has prohibited one of the Sydney steamers from coming to the Port of Melbourne until repaired, and that that steamer is at present conveying passengers to Northern Queensland, to the danger of the passengers lives, and that other steamers are leaving this port in an unsafe state?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No such report has come to the knowledge of the Government.

- (8.) Pilot Service, Port Jackson:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What steps have the Marine Board or the Government of this Colony taken to secure the efficiency of the Pilot Service of Port Jackson?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—Steps have been taken with a view to improve the Pilot Service; but in the present state of the matter I do not feel myself at liberty to say what those steps are.

2. RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICES OF JOHN DUNMORE LANG:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 21.

The Governor desires to acknowledge the receipt of the Address of the Legislative Assembly of November 4, 1873, expressing the opinion that it is desirable to bring in a Bill to confer an annuity upon John Dunmore Lang, or to confer upon that gentleman some other pecuniary recognition of his Public Services.

The Governor's Advisers consider that this is a fitting occasion for the introduction of a Bill to regulate and limit the granting of Pensions, and a Bill for those general objects will be submitted for the consideration of Parliament.

The Governor recommends that provision be made in this Bill to confer a pension on John Dunmore Lang, in accordance with the expressed desire of the Legislative Assembly, and as an exception to the principles of the measure.

*Government House,
Sydney, 28th January, 1874.*

Ordered to be printed.

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

- (1.) Temporary Contract (and Bond) for Mail Service between San Francisco and the Colonies.
(2.) Permanent Contract (and Bond) for Mail Service between San Francisco and the Colonies.
(3.) Correspondence respecting retirement of Victoria from Border Customs Convention.

Ordered to be printed.

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

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1874, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1873, together with provision for an advance to the Colonial Treasurer, to enable him to make payments of an unforeseen nature for which the usual monthly rate is not sufficient.

*Government House,
Sydney, 28th January, 1874.*

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

5. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from James Murphy, of Sydney, Justice of the Peace, in favour of the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.

6. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Triennial Parliaments Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to limit the duration of Parliaments to three years*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th January, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Australian Joint Stock Bank Act Continuation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to continue for a further period of twenty-one years the provisions of 'The Australian Joint Stock Bank Act' (as amended) whereby the Australian Joint Stock Banking Company as thereby incorporated was empowered to make issue and circulate Bank-notes or Bills*,"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 28th January, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1874" through all its stages in one day.
Question put and passed.

8. MINERAL SELECTIONS ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 27th January, from certain Mineral Selectors in the district of New England, be printed.
Question put and passed.

9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Thursday, 5th February.*

(2.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee. } *on motion of Mr. Allen,*

(3.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee. } *until Wednesday, 18th February.*

(4.) Distillation Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Wednesday, 11th February.*

(5.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow after the 14th Order of the Day.*

10. WATER SUPPLY FOR SYDNEY AND SUBURBS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make provision for supplying the City of Sydney and Suburbs with Water.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to make provision for supplying the City of Sydney and Suburbs with Water.

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

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 7 to 12 inclusive postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow after the 15th Order of the Day.

12. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

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

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

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

(3.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £213,939 for Services of 1874, being £153,939 to defray the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1874, at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1873, subject to the rate of any deduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of the year; and £60,000 to enable the Colonial Treasurer to make advances to public officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay expenses of an unforeseen nature, which will afterwards be submitted for Parliamentary appropriation—the amount to be adjusted not later than the 31st December, 1875.

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

13. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair; and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr.

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

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

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

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

- (5). *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of 1874, the sum of £153,939 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the Expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of January, 1874; and the sum of £60,000 to enable the Colonial Treasurer to make advances to Public Officers, and on account of other Governments, and to pay Expenses of an unforeseen nature, to be afterwards submitted for Parliamentary appropriation.

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

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

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 5, to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1874.

(2.) Mr. Lloyd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1874*,"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time.

(3.) Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Lloyd that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time This Day.

15. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. John Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

16. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill.

17. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 2),—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lloyd then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1874*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the Year 1874*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th January, 1874.*

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 71.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 29 JANUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Picton Toll-Bar:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—The amount of Revenue for Tolls collected at the Toll-bar at Redbank, Picton, and the cost of collection, for the year 1872, and the like information for the year 1873?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

1872.—Collections	£191 9 7
Cost, 10s. per week	26 0 0
Net proceeds	<u>£165 9 7</u>
1873.—Collections	£157 14 6
Cost, 10s. per week	26 0 0
Net proceeds	<u>£131 14 6</u>

- (2.) Permanent Artillery Force:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Are the Government aware that great dissatisfaction exists amongst the members of the Permanent Artillery Force?
 - (2.) Will the Government cause an inquiry to be made into the causes of such dissatisfaction?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—I am not aware that great dissatisfaction exists amongst the members of this Force; and I am not prepared to make any inquiry into the matter.
- (3.) The Bishop of Sydney:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When Bishop Broughton died was the situation vacant for two years?
 - (2.) Did Bishop Barker receive the salary for those two years, or for whatever time the situation was vacant?
 - (3.) What sum was paid to Bishop Barker during the vacancy of the See?
 - (4.) Did Bishop Barker draw the salary as Rector of some Parish in England, and receive the two years salary for the vacant See at Sydney also?
 - (5.) Was Bishop Barker's passage paid out to this Country, and how much did it come to?
 - (6.) Was £700 paid to the Archdeacon for doing duty from the time Bishop Broughton died till Bishop Barker was appointed?
 - (7.) Was this £700 in addition to the Archdeacon's stipend voted to him by the Legislature?
 - (8.) How much money has Bishop Barker drawn from the State as well as from Bishopthorpe Estate, since his appointment as Bishop of Sydney?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I do not think that these are questions which I ought to answer categorically. I raise no objection to the information being furnished to the House if the Hon. Member thinks it necessary; but it seems to me that the information should be obtained upon motion for Returns, and if Returns in order to obtain this information are moved for, I will do my utmost to have it supplied fully and accurately. It seems to me that if answers were given to questions of this kind categorically, injustice would be done to the persons concerned. No injury can arise from the delay necessary in moving for Returns, when the whole of the information can be supplied, with such explanations as may be necessary to serve the interests of all parties concerned.

(4.)

- (4.) Court House and Police Buildings at West Maitland:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has information been received by the Government as to the effect of the late flood at Maitland on the buildings lately purchased by the Government for a Court House and Police Buildings at West Maitland; and if the flood-water entered the buildings in question, to what extent?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I received no information on this subject until an hour or two ago. Although I had several telegrams from Maitland in respect to the floods, there was no telegram mentioning any matter affecting this building; but this morning I telegraphed to the Police Magistrate at Maitland, and also to the Superintendent of Police, Mr. Morrisset, requesting both those officers, having regard to the strictest accuracy, to send me a report upon the effect of the flood on the building in question. From the Police Magistrate I have a telegram that the water was in the cellars and underground kitchen, "but," he says, "the building, so far as I can see, is uninjured." From Mr. Superintendent Morrisset I have a telegram, which is also to the same effect. He says, "I cannot see that the building is injured by the flood, though the underground kitchen and cellars are full of water."

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. PARNELL'S LEASING BILL:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 22nd January, 1874.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 6th February.
Question put and passed.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Commissioners for Affidavits Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the taking of Affidavits to be used in the Supreme Court,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th January, 1874.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Allen, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 11th February.

- (2.) Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 2):—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1874,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 29th January, 1874.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

5. PAPERS:—

Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—By-Laws of St. Paul's College.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 20th January, 1874, in reference to the proposal to carry the Southern Line of Railway through North Yass. (*The Plans and Sections accompanying these papers were laid upon the Table as Exhibits only, and not to remain as Records of the House.*)

Ordered to be printed.

- (2.) Copy of the Plan showing the proposed reclamation at Blackwattle Swamp.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 14th November, 1873, in reference to the East Maitland Reserve.

- (2.) Return to an Order, made on 25th November, 1873, in reference to Grants of Land to the Inhabitants of Sydney.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table, a Return shewing the number of Vessels which arrived at, and departed from, the Richmond River, from 31st March, 1872, to the 30th June, 1873; and the value of the Exports from that river for the same period. Also, a Return showing the amount of Land Revenue Receipts from the Police District of Casino, from 1st January, 1872, to 30th June, 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

6. PUBLIC PENSIONS ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the granting of Public Pensions.
Question put and passed.

7. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 28th January, from Mr. James Murphy, in favour of the passing of the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.

8. RAILWAY EXTENSION—BATHURST TO ORANGE *vid* BLAYNEY :—Mr. Sutherland moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House approves of the Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference of a proposed Extension of the Great Western Railway from Bathurst to Orange *vid* Blayney, laid before the House on the 18th December, 1873, as amended by the Plan and Section of a proposed deviation of the line at Blayney, laid upon the Table of the House on the 20th January instant.
Mr. John Robertson moved, That the Debate on this Question be now adjourned to Thursday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday, 12th February.*
(2.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill ; second reading ;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Thursday next.*
10. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Debate ensued on the motion of Mr. Parkes, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
Mr. Burns moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to Wednesday next.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Warden,
Mr. Scholey,*Tellers.*Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Burns.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Phelps,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Forster,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Central Cumberland</i>),	Mr. Garrett.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

On motion of Mr. Forster, the Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Bill adjourned to Wednesday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 72.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 30 JANUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Telegraphic Charges between New South Wales and Tasmania:—Mr. Phelps asked the Minister acting for the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have any arrangements been made with the Government of Tasmania relative to the charges for Telegrams from New South Wales to Tasmania?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to make any representation to the Government of Tasmania with a view to a reduction of the charges?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) At the Conference held in Sydney in 1873 it was arranged that in each of the Australian Colonies a uniform rate of one shilling for Telegrams should be adopted, which came into operation on the 1st November last; but this in the case of Tasmania is irrespective of the Cable rate across Bass's Straits, the minimum charge for which is four shillings, the Cable belonging to a Company.

(2.) Representation to the Government of Tasmania would be of no avail, the larger portion of the rate being for the Submarine Cable, over which the Government has no control.

- (2.) The Bishop of Sydney:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How often, and for what periods, has Dr. Barker, Bishop of Sydney, been absent on leave since his arrival here in 1855?

(2.) Did the Rev. Dr. Barker receive any salary while not officiating in the Colony?

(3.) If so, how much, at what rate, and from what fund?

Mr. Parkes answered,—As the Government is preparing a Return giving all the information that it has in its power as represented in this question, and as the Return will be ready by Tuesday, I hope the Honorable Member will not expect me to answer this question or the others relating to the same subject.

- (3.) The Bishopthorpe Estate:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What the rents of the Bishopthorpe Estate have amounted to, annually, during the last six years?

(2.) To what purposes have the rents been appropriated during the same period?

(3.) What has the Bishop of Sydney annually received from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the same period, in addition to his income from the Bishopthorpe Estate?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The answer to the Honorable Member's question will be included in the Return that my Honorable Colleague will lay upon the Table on Tuesday next.

- (4.) Road from Orphan School Creek to Parramatta Road:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware of the state of disrepair of that part of the road lately purchased by the Government leading from Orphan School Creek to the Parramatta Road, and will he take measures for its repair?

(2.) What provision will be made for maintaining in repair the whole of the road bought from the Pymont Bridge Company?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes; instructions have been given to effect the repairs without delay.

(2.) As soon as these repairs are completed, it is proposed to hand over the different portions of the road to the respective Municipalities through which the whole length extends.

(5.)

(5.) The Bishop of Sydney :—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When was Dr. Barker appointed Bishop of Sydney?
- (2.) When did he arrive in the Colony?
- (3.) Did he receive salary from the date of his appointment, or from the date of his arrival?
- (4.) Did he receive any allowance for passage or outfit; and, if so, what?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The answers to the Honorable Member's question will be included in the Return to be laid upon the Table upon Tuesday next.

(6.) Court House at Molong :—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is the Government aware of the dilapidated state of the Court House at Molong, and that the fence surrounding the yard is tumbling down, and is not secure for prisoners?
- (2.) Has any representation been made to the Minister for Works on the subject?
- (3.) If so, what steps do the Government intend taking in the matter?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) I am aware that the building is in need of repair, but there has been no representation that the boundary fence is tumbling down, or is insecure for prisoners.
- (2.) Yes; a letter was received from Mr. John Smith, dated 4th October, 1873, which stated that the building was in a wretched condition, and was dangerous to life. From a previous inspection, however, by an officer of his Department, the Colonial Architect reported that the cost of the necessary repairs would be about £65, which sum was authorized. Subsequently, there being another officer in the neighbourhood, a specification was prepared by him, and Tenders invited on the spot, but they so greatly exceeded the Estimate—being £227 and £210 respectively—that they appeared exorbitant, notwithstanding that some further dilapidation may have occurred since the building was examined.
- (3.) I shall cause the work to be again carefully estimated, and a fresh specification prepared, when I will have Tenders for the work invited by advertisement, in the usual way.

(7.) The Telegraph Department :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister acting for the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that Greville and Co. handed to the Telegraph Office a Telegram of 125 words for Mudgee, last Monday, which Telegram was not sent, on the ground that the line was down that day?
- (2.) Is it true that the Telegraph people, instead of sending it on next morning, first thing, sent it back to Greville and Co., who insisted that the message should be at once sent?
- (3.) Would the Minister state the reason of this Telegram being kept back all Tuesday, when it might have gone the first thing in the morning?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) It is true that this Telegram was received at the office. The message could not be sent that evening, in consequence of the Telegraph line being interrupted between Sydney and Bathurst, and the Northern Line being interrupted by floods.
- (2.) The message was returned to Greville's Telegraph Company, in accordance with their instructions to return all press messages that cannot be forwarded the previous day: the Telegram was sent on a few minutes after it was returned to the office on Tuesday.
- (3.) The Telegram was not kept back by the Telegraph officials.

(8.) Claim of Mr. Callaghan :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Government come to any decision as to the claim of Mr. Callaghan for compensation for loss of water frontage in Woolloomooloo Bay?
- (2.) Will the Minister for Lands state when and how this claim is to be settled?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) No.
- (2.) The claim will be disposed of as soon as the parties interested through the late Francis Callaghan establish their title to the land in respect of which such compensation is claimed, as specially required by the Act 37 Vic., No. 2.

(9.) Mineral Selection at Milburn Creek :—Mr. R. B. Smith asked the Secretary for Lands' pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers, moved for on the 25th November last, having reference to the Mineral Selection at Milburn Creek, be laid upon the Table of this House?
Mr. Farnell answered,—Some time next week.

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

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 23.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply certain Sums out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Services of the year 1874*,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 30th January, 1874.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 10th December, 1873, in reference to the Financial Position of Municipalities.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on "Working of Municipalities."

Mr.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Abstract of Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1. From 1st to 31st December, 1873.
- (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the same Act. List No. 1 of 1874.
- (3.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the same Act. From 1st to 31st December, 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

4. **NEWTOWN OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL**:—Mr. Cunneen, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 20th January, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cunneen then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

5. **BISHOP BARKER ("Formal" Motion)**:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

- (1.) The amount of money paid to Bishop Barker during the vacancy of the See.
- (2.) The amount paid to Bishop Barker for passage money.
- (3.) The amount paid to Bishop Barker from the date of his appointment up to the present time.

Question put and passed.

6. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Roads Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Lucas, until Friday, 13th February.*
- (2.) Public Vehicles Regulation Act Amendment Bill; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Tunks, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday, 6th February.*

7. **SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Driver moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to Friday, 13th February.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. **RELIGIOUS OPINIONS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—Debate resumed.

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 5.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Hay,

Tellers.

Mr. Baker,
Mr. Stewart.

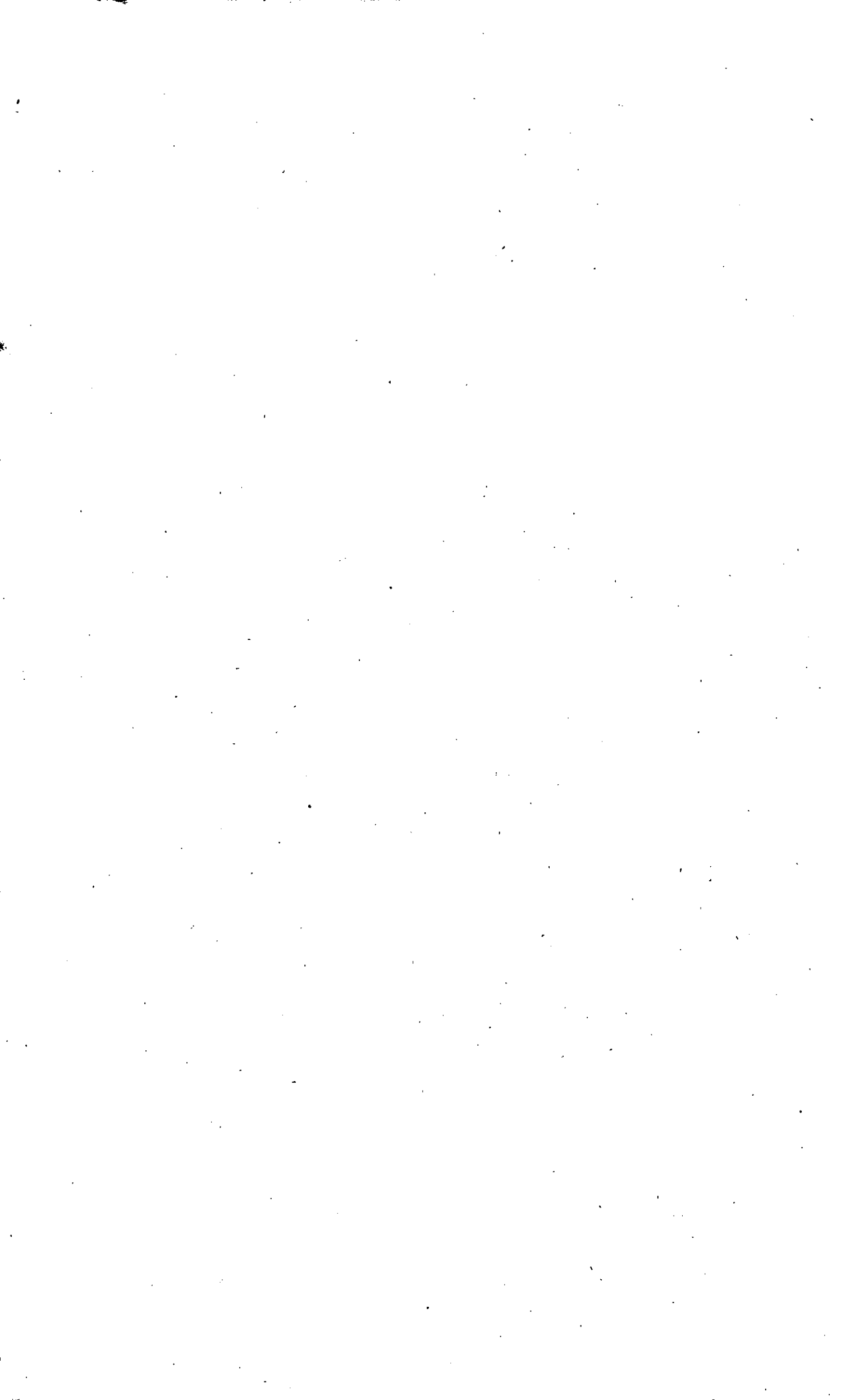
Noes, 19.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Cunneen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Central Cumberland</i>),	Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Lee.

And so it passed in the negative.

9. **POSTPONEMENT**:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Greta Coal and Shale Mining Company's Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Burns, until Tuesday next.
10. **FIRE AT BONDED STORE, NEWCASTLE**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1873, a sum not exceeding £952 Os. 7d., to compensate Messrs. William Petherbridge, Frank Gardiner, and James Downey, for losses sustained by them by reason of their goods, stored in the Bonded Store at Newcastle, having been destroyed by fire, owing to the refusal of the Custom House Officer to allow the Bond to be opened and the goods removed.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
- Ordered, that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
- Debate ensued.
- Question put and passed.
- Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at twenty-seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 73.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Armidale Gaol:—Mr. Terry asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates for the purpose of enlarging the Armidale Gaol?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The question of enlarging this Gaol has been under consideration more than once; and a sum of money will be placed on the Estimates at an early date for that purpose.

- (2.) Road from Lower Turon to Bathurst:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have any, and if so, what steps been taken by the Government for the opening and improvement of the road from Lower Turon and Chambers's Creek to Bathurst and Ophir, and Bathurst and Orange Road, for which the sum of £4000 was voted last Session?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Plans and sections have been prepared and contracts entered into to the full extent of the Vote.

- (3.) Expenditure on Main Western Road:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How much money has been expended on the main road between Molong and Wellington during the past twelve years up to 31st December last?

(2.) Also between Bathurst and Orange during the same period?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The information asked for will be laid upon the Table as soon as it can be compiled from the books of the office.

- (4.) Expenditure on Roads and Works in the Electorate of Orange:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—How much money has been expended on Roads and Works in the Electorate of Orange during the past two years, and for what further amounts are contracts let and called for?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The information asked for will be laid upon the Table as soon as it can be compiled from the books of the office.

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

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 30th January, 1874, in reference to Bishop Barker.

(2.) Statement showing the Amounts paid into the Treasury on account of the Bishopthorpe Estate Fund, from 1st January, 1868, to 31st December, 1873.

Statement showing the Payments out of the Bishopthorpe Estate Fund, from 1st January, 1868, to 31st December, 1863.

Statement of the amounts paid to Bishop Barker out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, in addition to his income from the Bishopthorpe Estate.

(3.) Correspondence relative to leave of absence granted to the Bishop of Sydney in 1862 and 1870.

(4.) Return showing the date of Bishop Barker's appointment as Bishop of Sydney, and the date of his arrival in the Colony.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ALTERATION OF ROAD NEAR MOLONG ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Papers and Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons relating to the alteration of the main line of road near Molong, known as Smith's Lane.

Question put and passed.

4. THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, SYDNEY :—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into the conduct and management of the "General Post Office, Sydney."
 (2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Forster, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Allen, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*), Mr. Burns, and the Mover.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Lucas moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "General Post Office, Sydney," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Post Office and the postal arrangements generally."
 Debate continued.
 Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
 The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Cooper.

Noes, 7.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. De'Salis,
Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Cummings,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Buchanan.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Buchanau,
Mr. Forster,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Garrett.

Noes, 21.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Cunneen,	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
6. MINERAL SELECTIONS :—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the Petition presented by him on the 27th January last, from certain Selectors of Mineral Lands in the District of Armidale and Inverell.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
7. BRIDGE OVER THE BELL RIVER :—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1874, a sum of money not exceeding £500 for the construction of a Bridge over the Bell River, on the road between Ironbarks and Molong.
 Question put and passed.
8. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Newtown Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cunneen, until Friday next.
9. GRETA COAL AND SHALE MINING COMPANY'S BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—
 Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with an amendment.
 Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
10. FIRE AT BONDED STORE, NEWCASTLE :—The Order of the Day having been read,—The Chairman of Committees moved, That the Resolution on this subject, reported from a Committee of the Whole House, be now received.
 Question put and passed.

Resolution

Resolution read a first time, as follows :—

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1873, a sum not exceeding £952 Os. 7d., to compensate Messrs. William Petherbridge, Frank Gardiner, and James Downey, for losses sustained by them by reason of their goods, stored in the Bonded Store at Newcastle, having been destroyed by fire, owing to the refusal of the Custom House Officer to allow the Bond to be opened and the goods removed.

Mr. Driver then moved, That the Resolution be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Scholey,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Watson,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i> <i>Cumberland</i>),	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolution read a second time.

Whereupon Mr. Driver moved, That the Resolution be now agreed to.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Burns,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers.
Mr. Hurley (*Narellan*),
Mr. Piddington.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

11. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed, until Friday next :—

- (1.) Western Peak Downs Copper Mining Company's Incorporation Bill; second reading.
- (2.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

12. **LAPSED VOTES BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, discharged. Ordered, on motion of Mr. Smith, that the Bill be withdrawn.

13. **MACQUARIE-STREET ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cunneen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment, but with an amendment in the Title.

On motion of Mr. Cunneen that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 74.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Applications for Post Offices:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Minister acting for the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it an established rule not to grant applications for Post Offices at places where the inhabitants do not exceed 100?

(2.) How many Post Offices are there in the Colony where the inhabitants do not amount to 100?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) I do not find upon inquiry that there has ever been any rule upon the subject.

(2.) It is scarcely possible to give the information which the Hon. Member requires. It certainly could not be given without a reference to the country postmasters.

- (2.) Conditional Purchases by Licensed Surveyors:—Mr. Stewart asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are Licensed Surveyors allowed to make Conditional Purchases of Crown Lands?

(2.) If so, is their report accepted as to the conditions being performed; and, if not, by what means does the Secretary for Lands ascertain whether or not the Surveyors have resided and improved?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes; but there are very few cases in which the permission has been taken advantage of.

(2.) No; his surveys and reports as to residence and improvements are furnished by other surveyors.

- (3.) Complaints against Senior-Constable Chiplin:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government received any complaint from any person against Senior-constable Chiplin, stationed at Hargraves, to the effect that he held mining interests?

(2.) If so, have the Government investigated, or do they intend investigating, the matter?

(3.) If the matter has been investigated, what is the result of the investigation?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Complaints of that nature have been received by the Inspector General of Police.

(2.) Investigations have been held.

(3.) The charges have not been proved; but it is understood that the Senior-Constable is bringing a civil action to vindicate his character.

- (4.) Ratification of Contracts for Mail Service *via* San Francisco:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to seek “the ratification” of the Mail Contracts laid upon the Table of this House on the 28th January last, in accordance with the Resolutions passed by this Assembly on the 26th July, 1872, with reference to Mail Services with Europe *via* San Francisco?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I shall give notice of a motion in respect to these Contracts in the course of two or three days.

2. PETITION OF JOHN ROBARDS (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Petition of John Robards, of Molong, ordered by the House to be printed on 4th March, 1873, having reference to the cancellation of certain Conditional Purchases made by him in the district of Molong.

Question put and passed.

3. ORPHAN SCHOOLS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Raphael moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
- (1.) A Return of the average daily number of Children in the Protestant Orphan School at Parramatta, in the year 1873.
 - (2.) The number of Children who died in 1873.
 - (3.) The number of boys and number of girls apprenticed from the Institution in 1873.
 - (4.) An account in detail of needlework performed by the girls in 1873.
 - (5.) A detailed account of any work or labour performed by the boys.
 - (6.) The total cost in detail of the whole Establishment for the year 1873, to be given under the several headings as follows:—Amount paid for salaries, maintenance, clothing, medical attendance, furniture, crockery, &c., fuel, light, forage, and all other miscellaneous expenses not included under the above heads, costs of repairs, building improvements, &c., made for and on account of the Establishment under the order of the Minister for Works, or of the Colonial Architect.
 - (7.) All other charges or expenditure of whatsoever kind in connection with the Establishment, entered in detail.
 - (8.) The like Returns for the year 1873 of the Roman Catholic Orphan School.
- Question put and passed.

4. MACQUARIE-STREET ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Cunneen, read a third time, and passed.
- Mr. Cunneen then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Most Reverend John Bede Polding the Very Reverend Samuel John Austin Sheehy the Very Reverend John Rigney the Reverend Michael Joseph Dwyer and James Mullins Esquire as Trustees of certain land situated in Macquarie-street in the City of Sydney to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*"
- Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Most Reverend John Bede Polding the Very Reverend Samuel John Austin Sheehy the Very Reverend John Rigney the Reverend Michael Joseph Dwyer and James Mullins Esquire as Trustees of certain land situated in Macquarie-street in the City of Sydney to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 4th February, 1874.*

5. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Report on Vaccination, for the year 1872.
Ordered to be printed.
6. JURY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Jury Laws.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th February, 1874.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Allen, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Macleay moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed,—
- (1.) Mining Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Thursday, 12th February.*
 - (2.) Public Pensions; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the granting of Public Pensions;—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, until To-morrow.*
9. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Parkes "*That this Bill be now read a second time.*"—Debate resumed.
Captain Onslow moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until To-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at Twelve o'clock, Midnight, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 75.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Kiama and Ulladulla Volunteer Companies:—Mr. Warden asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to the question put to him on the 17th December last, as to the Kiama and Ulladulla Volunteer Companies, and his reply to a portion of that question, viz.:—“It would appear the application for the formation of the Kiama Corps was sent direct to the Colonial Secretary’s Office,”—What was the date of that original tender of service, and upon what date was such presented and received at the Colonial Secretary’s Office?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The application in question was submitted on the 17th August, 1868, by Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson to His Excellency the Earl of Belmore, and received in the Colonial Secretary’s Office on the 31st of that month. Their services were accepted by His Excellency the Earl of Belmore on the 1st of December, 1868.

- (2.) Insurance of Bonded Goods:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is it the intention of Government to submit any measure for the purpose of requiring all Bonded Goods to be insured against fire?
 (2.) If so, will the insurance be effected through the Government, or through Fire Insurance Companies?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This matter has not been under the special consideration of the Government; but my impression is that, in a certain event, it will be necessary for the Government to introduce a Bill on the subject.

- (3.) The Rev. Canon Stephen:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is the Rev. Canon Stephen in receipt of any stipend as a Minister of Religion during his absence from the Colony?
 (2.) If so, at what rate?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 (2.) £200 per annum.

- (4.) Western District Survey Office:—Mr. J. S. Smith, on behalf of Mr. Combes, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Will the Minister for Lands state whether it has come to his knowledge that the Western District Survey Office has been removed from Bathurst to Orange; and, if so, at whose recommendation has the change been made?
 (2.) The Government having intimated that it was their intention to erect a suite of Public Offices at Bathurst, is it not contemplated that the District Survey Office shall be one of such suite?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes; on the recommendation of the Surveyor General.
 (2.) The matter of the District Survey Office has not been considered by the Government in connection with the suite of buildings which may be erected for public purposes in Bathurst.

(5.)

- (5.) Goulburn Volunteer Rifle Corps :—Mr. Teece asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have the Volunteer Committee of Inquiry into the disagreements complained of as existing in the Goulburn Volunteer Corps made a Report to the Governor?
 - (2.) If so, what is the nature of that Report?
 - (3.) If not, when will that Report be made and communicated to this House?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Court of Inquiry appointed to inquire into this matter sent in their final report, I believe, two days ago—the day before yesterday. I am not aware of the nature of that final report, the papers not having been sent to my office. When I receive them I shall lose no time in laying them before this House.

- (6.) Police Magistrate at Raymond Terrace :—Mr. Jacob asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table of this House, all the Correspondence relative to a letter sent to him in December last, addressed by the Police Magistrate at Raymond Terrace to a litigant in his Court?

Mr. Allen answered,—I have no objection to lay upon the Table a copy of the Correspondence referred to.

2. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from certain male adults, residents in the Police District of Glen Innes, praying that this Bill may be amended as regards the distribution of the Electorates of Tenterfield and Inverell, and creating an Electorate of the Police District of Glen Innes, to be called the Glen Innes Electorate. And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—Petition received.
3. PAPER :—Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 14th January, 1874, in reference to charges made against Mr. Henry Tebbutt, J.P.
Ordered to be printed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill; second reading; *on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Wednesday, 18th February.*

(2.) Railway Extension—Bathurst to Orange, *vid* Blayney; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Sutherland, "That this House approves of the Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference of a proposed Extension of the Great Western Railway from Bathurst to Orange *vid* Blayney, laid before the House on the 18th December, 1873, as amended by the Plan and Section of a proposed deviation of the line at Blayney, laid upon the Table of the House on the 20th January instant."

on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next.

(3.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill; second reading.

(4.) Public Pensions; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the granting of Public Pensions.

5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Parkes "That" this Bill be now read a second time,—Debate resumed.

Captain Onslow moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Allen, Mr. Burns, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Macleay, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Stewart, and the Mover,"—

Debate continued.

Mr. Teece moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to Wednesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Driver,
Captain Onslow,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Lucas.
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Single,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. R. B. Smith,	

Noes, 22.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Webb,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Cunneen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Phelps,	
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Cooper.

And so it passed in the negative.

Mr. Jacob moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 1874, A.M.

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

On motion of Mr. Terry, the Debate on the Main Question adjourned to Wednesday next.

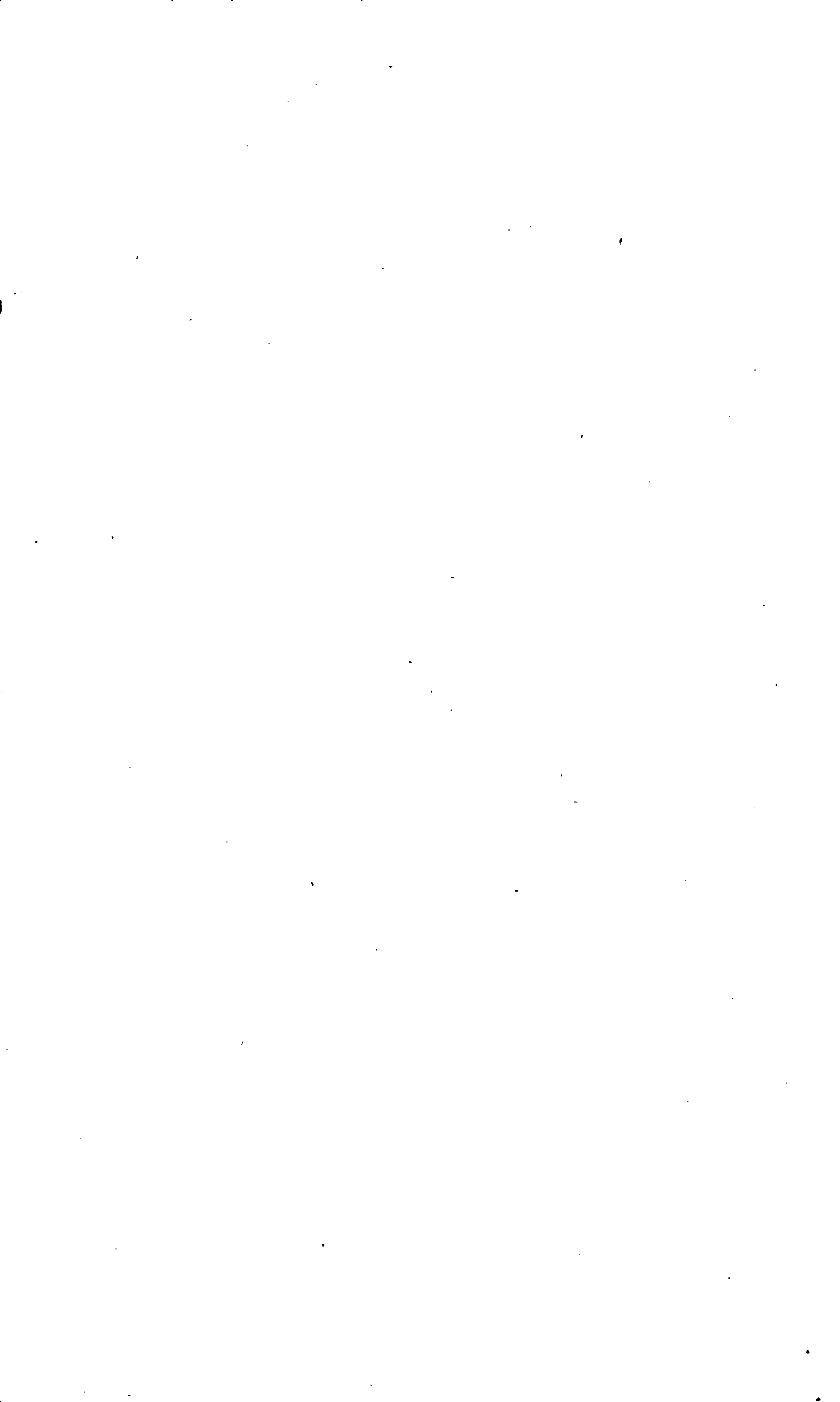
6. **ASSENT TO AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK ACT CONTINUATION BILL:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—
HERCULES ROBINSON, *Message No. 24.*
Governor.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to continue for a further period of twenty-one years the provisions of 'the Australian Joint Stock Bank Act' (as amended) whereby the Australian Joint Stock Banking Company as thereby incorporated was empowered to make issue and circulate Bank Notes or Bills,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 5th February, 1874.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Mr. Driver (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "until Seven o'clock To-morrow."
 Question,—That the words proposed to be added be so added,—put and passed.
 Question,—That this House do now adjourn until Seven o'clock To-morrow,—put and passed.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at eight minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until *Seven o'clock P.M.* This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 76.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 6 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Charges against Mr. Lett, J.P.:—Mr. Garrett asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a Petition to the Executive Council from George Young Mould, of Cooma, charging Mr. Lett, J.P., Kiandra, with partiality and corruption as a Magistrate, been received?

(2.) Is the prayer of said Petition for an inquiry into the conduct of the said Magistrate to be granted?

(3.) And, if so, will the Government consider the propriety of having such inquiry conducted by District Court Judge Macfarland on his first visit to Cooma?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2 and 3.) Mr. District Court Judge Macfarland has been appointed to hold the inquiry petitioned for. The inquiry will be held at Kiandra if time will allow the Judge to visit that place; and if not, at Cooma, after the close of the Courts to be held this month.

- (2.) Search for the remains of Leichhardt:—Mr. John Robertson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have this Government received any communication from the Government of South Australia, or of Queensland, or otherwise, relative to the search for the remains of Leichhardt, authorized by the last Government of this Colony to be made by Andrew Hume, who was sent to North Western Australia to prosecute such search?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have received no telegram except the one to which I alluded last evening, and the substance of which I gave to the House. This morning I telegraphed to the Colonial Secretary of Queensland asking for further information. As yet I have received no answer. It is very possible that I may receive an answer in the course of this evening, and if I do, I will communicate it to the House.

- (3.) Lock-up at St. Mary's, South Creek:—Mr. Single asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Do the Government intend building a Lock-up at St. Mary's, South Creek?

(2.) If so, when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) This is the first time the subject of a Lock-up at St. Mary's, South Creek, has been brought under the notice of the present Government.

(2.) Due inquiries will now be made as to the necessity for a Lock-up at that place.

2. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 5th February, from residents of Glen Innes, relative to the distribution of the Electorate of Tenterfield, be printed.

Question put and passed.

3. EVIDENCE FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Macintosh moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to this day fortnight.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

4. **ASSENT TO TRIENNIAL PARLIAMENTS BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 25.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to limit the duration of Parliaments to three years,*"—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, 6th February, 1874.*

5. **PATENTS ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adoption of the Report from a Committee of the Whole on this Bill,—
Mr. Burns moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until this day fortnight.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. **BISHOPTHORPE ESTATE CHARGE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 7 FEBRUARY, 1874, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday, 27th February.

The House adjourned at one minute after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 77.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Jury List for Criminal Courts:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How is the Jury List for our Criminal Courts made out, and by whom?
 (2.) Has the Minister of Justice observed that Irishmen are in a marked degree excluded from it?
 (3.) Is it true that only two Irishmen appear on the Jury List of forty-eight names summoned for the Quarter Sessions at present sitting at Darlinghurst?
 (4.) Will the Minister of Justice inquire into this matter, so that no section of the community may be, intentionally or otherwise, excluded from the Jury List of our Criminal Courts?

Mr. Allen answered,—

- (1.) Under the provisions of the 11 Vict. No. 20, and 18 Vict. No. 18, the Jury List is in the first instance made out by the police; it is afterwards, by the Justices in Special Petty Sessions assembled, corrected and allowed, and by their clerk then forwarded to the Sheriff, who therefrom transcribes into a Jurors Book the names of all persons contained in the said list, with the addition of the respective residences, degree, calling, or business, and qualification of the said persons, in alphabetical order, and, in obedience to precepts, summons Jurors from the said book from the first name down to the last, until every such person shall have been summoned in succession.

(2.) No. Place of birth is not stated in the list or book, nor referred to in the Acts, further than to disqualify persons who are not natural born subjects of the Queen.

(3.) The Sheriff does not take cognizance of the nationality of Jurors placed on the list.

(4.) I have inquired into this matter, and I am informed the law has been strictly adhered to.

- (2.) Expenditure on Roads and Works in the Western Districts:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Returns relative to Expenditure on Roads and Works in the Western Districts, promised on 3rd February, be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is impossible to provide the information in less than a month, and can only be done then at great inconvenience to the Department.

- (3.) Assault Case, Matthews v. Ashe:—Mr. Garrett asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Will the Minister of Justice cause to be laid upon the Table of this House the Depositions taken in the Assault Case Matthews v. Ashe, heard before the Bench at Carcoar on the 9th December last, the following gentlemen being the Magistrates—T. R. Icely (Chairman), N. Connolly, jun., J. L. Cobb, and T. Fitzpatrick, J.P.'s; also the Minister's letter to the said Bench in reference to the dismissal of the case, with the Magistrate's reply, and whether any representation

representation by letter or otherwise has been made to the Minister of Justice that certain words were used by any of the four Magistrates who sat in the above case previous to its coming on for hearing which would lead to the supposition that they or any or either of them were prejudiced in favour of the defendant. If so, what was the substance of the words used, and by whom were they uttered; upon how many occasions (naming date of each) have each of these four gentlemen sat on the Bench at the Police Office, Carcoar, during the three months preceding the day upon which this case was heard. Is the Minister of Justice aware that one of these four Magistrates distinctly stated at the time of the Premier's visit to Carcoar that he would never sit on the Carcoar Bench again until a Police Magistrate was appointed?

Mr. Allen answered,—I will lay upon the Table a copy of the Depositions taken in the Assault Case alluded to, and of all correspondence relating to the case. No representation has been made to me, other than appears by the correspondence, of the use by any of the Magistrates of words denoting prejudice in favour of the defendant. I am informed that the four Magistrates who adjudicated in the case have sat on the Bench at the Police Office, Carcoar, during the three months preceding the 9th December last, as follows:—T. R. Icely, on the 17th and 25th November, and 2nd December; N. Connolly, jun., on 2nd December; J. L. Cobb, on 9th September and 21st October; T. Fitzpatrick, on 7th October. I am not aware that any one of these Magistrates made the statement attributed to him.

- (4.) Return Railway Tickets by Mail Trains:—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to grant Return Railway Tickets for passengers by Mail Trains?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes, the same as by ordinary Passenger Trains.

2. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Jorgen Daniel Larsen, John Young, and George Kiss, on behalf of the Promoters of the City and Suburban Tramway Company, praying the House to pass this Bill.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Allen laid upon the Table, Correspondence relative to a letter written by the Police Magistrate at Raymond Terrace to a litigant in his Court.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table, Road Trust Accounts for the half-year ended 30th June, 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, made on 16th January, 1874, in reference to Patents.

Ordered to be printed.

4. GOVERNMENT LAND SOLD BY AUCTION ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Creed, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of acres of Government land, other than town or suburban, which have been sold by auction during each of the three years, the last ending December 31, 1873; the Districts in which it has been sold, showing the amount in each; the number of acres which were sold at sums in excess of the upset price; the amounts of such excess; the number of acres applied to be surveyed for sale by auction during each year of the same period.
Question put and passed.

5. TOLLS AT PENRITH BRIDGE:—Mr. Single moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Tolls collected at the Penrith Bridge should be abolished.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Single,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. De Salis.
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Teece,	
Mr. Abbott,	

Noes, 21.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Stewart,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Moses,	
Mr. Graham,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Driver.

And so it passed in the negative.

6. FIRE FROM RAILWAY ENGINES:—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice, That, with a view to prevent the great risk and loss to which owners of property on the respective Railway Lines have been subjected, this House is of opinion that such precautions should be immediately taken as will secure property from destruction by fire through the sparks and coal which are now permitted to escape from the engines whilst in progress.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. COURT HOUSE AND POLICE QUARTERS, WEST MAITLAND :—Mr. John Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House disapproves of the conduct of the Government in the matter of the purchase, for Court House and Police purposes, of the old buildings at West Maitland known as the Northumberland Hotel.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Mr. John Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,	
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Warden,	
Mr. Single,	

Noes, 16.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. De Salis.

And so it passed in the negative.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY, 1874, A.M.

8. EXPENDITURE UNDER LOAN ACTS :—Mr. Cooper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Statement laid upon the Table of the House by the Colonial Treasurer on the 13th August, 1872, showing the Expenditure under the Loan Acts 18 Victoria No. 35, and 35 Victoria No. 5, be printed.

Question put and passed.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at eight minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 78.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Commission to Managers of Post Office Savings Banks:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has any, and if so what action been taken by the Government in allowing Commission to the Managers of the Post Office Savings Banks?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has determined to allow Postmasters one per cent. on the amounts deposited in their offices, and one penny for every transaction—that is, for every deposit and withdrawal.

- (2.) Omnibuses to the Railway Terminus:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the nature of the contract (if any) for the supply of Omnibuses or other vehicles to run to and from certain parts of the City to the Railway Terminus?

(2.) Were any of the Omnibuses engaged under any such contract allowed to be taken from the said line to run to a cricket match during the last two weeks?

(3.) If so, was such deviation from the line allowed by authority of the Government, or otherwise by what authority?

(4.) Have any complaints reached the Government on the subject?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has no contract for Omnibuses running to and from the Railway Terminus; and I have no means of supplying information on the other parts of the question.

- (3.) Border Duties:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government taken steps to collect, or are they actually collecting, or do they intend to collect, Customs Duties on the Murray River Border?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps with the view of obviating the apparent necessity for any such collection?

(3.) If so, when, and in what way?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) The officers on the Border were instructed to resume the collection of the Duties on the 1st of the present month.

(2 & 3.) In the present state of things no steps can be taken according to law to obviate their collection.

- (4.) Gold Robbery at the Sydney Museum:—Mr. Cooper asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government received any report from the Police Department with reference to the recent gold robbery at the Sydney Museum?

(2.) If so, have the Government any objection to lay such report upon the Table, together with any correspondence on the subject between the Government and the Trustees or Curator of the Museum?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This matter has been reported to the head of the Police by one of the Trustees and by the Curator, and progress reports have been received from the Detective Officer who has the matter in hand, but it is very undesirable that such reports should be made public at the present time.

(5.)

- (5.) Drawback on Tobacco exported to Victoria:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) The amount of drawback of duty (if any) allowed on the export of Tobacco to Victoria *via* the River Murray, from the 1st November last to 31st January last?
 - (2.) The names of the principal exporters who received such drawback of duty, if any?
- Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered;—No drawback has been allowed on the export of Tobacco to Victoria *via* the River Murray.
2. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the 61st Standing Order be suspended as will admit of the introduction of a Bill to incorporate the Maitland Gaslight Company (Limited.) Question put and passed.
3. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
- (1.) Distillation Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Wednesday, 25th February.*
 - (2.) Commissioners for Affidavits Bill; second reading.
 - (3.) Jury Laws Amendment Bill; second reading. } *on motion of Mr. Allen, until To-morrow.*
 - (4.) Railway Extension—Bathurst to Orange, *via* Blayney; adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Sutherland “That this House approves of the Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference of a proposed Extension of the Great Western Railway from Bathurst to Orange *via* Blayney, laid before the House on the 18th December, 1873, as amended by the Plan and Section of a proposed deviation of the line at Blayney, laid upon the Table of the House on the 20th January instant.” } *on motion of Mr. Parkes, until To-morrow.*
 - (5.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill; second reading.
 - (6.) Public Pensions; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the granting of Public Pensions.
4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Parkes “That” this Bill be now read a second time,” upon which Captain Onslow had moved that the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion of the words, “this Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Allen, Mr. Burns, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. O’Connor, Mr. Macleay, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Stewart, and the Mover,”—
- Debate resumed.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY, 1874, A.M.

Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.
Original Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 34.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. West,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. De Salis,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. O’Connor,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Combes,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Jacob,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Driver.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

And Captain Onslow not making the Contingent Motion standing in his name,—

Question put and passed.

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

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

The House adjourned, at twelve minutes before Two o’clock A.M., until Four o’clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 79.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Index of Public Statutes:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is there any provision in the Estimates for 1874 for any sum paid or to be paid to any person for the compilation of an Index or Table of the Public Statutes?

(2.) If so, in what item in such Estimates is such sum included; what is the amount of such sum, and what is the name of such person?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) There is no provision in the Estimates for 1874 for any sum paid or to be paid to any person for the compilation of an Index or Table of Public Statutes.

(2.) A sum has been paid in respect of such a work, which is now passing through the press, under an engagement entered into last year, from the item of £500 provided in that year for the Consolidation of the Statute Law of New South Wales; and the amount—130 guineas—was paid to Alexander Oliver, Esq., Barrister-at-Law.

- (2.) Bredbo Bridge:—Mr. Rodd asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it likely that the Papers relative to the construction of the Bredbo Bridge, in connection with the claim of Richard Hannaford—ordered by this House to be printed on 10th December, 1873—will be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The papers in this case were, as stated by the Honorable Member, laid upon the Table of the House, and ordered to be printed, on the 10th December last; they are consequently no longer under the control of my department. Upon inquiries, however, it has been ascertained that the correspondence is printed, but to complete the Return there are sixteen plans to be lithographed, which will occupy about a week or ten days.

2. MR. JOSEPH CREER:—Mr. Hannell presented a Petition from Joseph Creer, alleging that certain premises occupied by him at Newcastle were recently destroyed by fire; and praying the House to take his case into consideration, and deal with it in the same manner that similar cases have lately been dealt with.
Petition received.

3. DOCKING MAIL STEAMERS:—Mr. Stephen Brown presented a Petition from Thomas Sutcliffe Mort, of Sydney, complaining of the Mail Steam-ship Company being permitted to use the Government Dry Dock; and praying the interference of the House in the matter.
Petition received.

4. MAITLAND GAS-LIGHT COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from John Warn Tuck, Edward Peter Capper, and Falkner Hope Bartlett, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Maitland Gas-light Company (Limited).
And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Maitland Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
Petition received.

5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday, 5th March.*

(2.) Mining Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow after the Order of the Day respecting Railway Extension—Bathurst to Orange.*

6. COMMISSIONERS FOR AFFIDAVITS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Allen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
Mr. Allen then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill; and that *Mr. Burns* do take the Chair in Committee of the Whole for this day only.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Burns* reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
7. MACQUARIE-STREET ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL SITE SALE BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Most Reverend John Bede Polding the Very Reverend Samuel John Austin Sheehy the Very Reverend John Rigney the Reverend Michael Joseph Dwyer and James Mullins Esquire as Trustees of certain land situated in Macquarie-street in the City of Sydney to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th February, 1874.
JOHN HAY,
President.
8. JURY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Allen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Allen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and *Mr. Burns* reported the Bill without amendment.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
9. RAILWAY EXTENSION—BATHURST TO ORANGE, *via* BLAYNEY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Sutherland "That this House approves of the Plans, Sections, and Book of Reference of a proposed Extension of the Great Western Railway from Bathurst to Orange *via* "Blayney," laid before the House on the 18th December, 1873, as amended by the Plan and Section of a proposed deviation of the line at Blayney, laid upon the Table of the House on the 20th January instant"—
Debate ensued.
Mr. Nelson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word "Blayney," with a view to the insertion in its place of the words "King's Plains."
Debate continued.
Mr. Lucas moved, That this Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next, in order that the Engineer-in-Chief may be heard on that day at the Bar of this House with reference to the Blayney deviation of the Great Western Railway Line on the Bathurst and Orange Extension.
Debate continued.
Question put on the motion for the adjournment of the Debate,—and negatived.
Question then put, That the word "Blayney," proposed to be omitted, stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. West,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Combes,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. John Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. J. S. Smith,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question then put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Macintosh,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. West,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. W. C. Browne,	

Noes, 2.

<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Forster.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 80.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 13 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Bishopthorpe Estate Charge Bill:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it arranged, or intended, that the expenses of passing the Bishopthorpe Estate Charge Bill shall be defrayed from the Revenues of the Bishopthorpe Estate?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—I am not aware of any such arrangement.

- (2.) “Dummy” Selections on Messrs. Herbert’s Runs:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has an investigation been held, at the instance of the Crown, in the District of Monaro, into the conduct of the Messrs. Herbert, squatters in that district, with regard to certain alleged “Dummy” Selections made at their instance on the Runs held by them?

(2.) If so, will the Minister state the result of such investigation, and give the names of the alleged “Dummies”; the area attempted to be selected in the name of each; and the locality of each attempted selection?

(3.) Were any of the “Declarations” of the alleged “Dummies” made, or purported to be made, before any or either of the Messrs. Herbert, as J.P.’s.; and if so, which Mr. Herbert, and by which alleged “Dummy”?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) An inquiry was made by Mr. Cooke, Commissioner of Crown Lands, with regard to certain selections made through the agency of Mr. W. C. Herbert; and in the Commissioner’s Report, the proceedings of the Messrs. Herbert in connection with the said selections (which were on their Run) were brought under notice.

(2.) The result has been, as regards the selections, that forfeiture has been approved, and they will be declared forfeited. The course taken by Mr. Thomas Herbert, J.P., in administering an extrajudicial oath in a matter in which it is evident he had a personal interest, is under the consideration of the Government. The names of the selectors referred to are,—Thomas Burcher, 105 acres, Cooma; Thomas Morris, 267½ acres, Cooma; George Morris, 308 acres, Cooma.

(3.) Thomas Burcher (a marksman) made oath before Thomas Herbert, J.P., that he had resided continuously on his selection. The ordinary proof, or certificate of residence, by Burcher, was also signed by Mr. Thomas Herbert in conjunction with a Mr. Thomas Chippendale.

- (3.) Incorporation of Wallsend:—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Hannell, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to incorporate the Inhabitants of Wallsend, under the provisions of the Municipalities Act of 1867?

(2.) If so, when will the Proclamation appear in the *Government Gazette*?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The authority of the Executive Council has been obtained for the Incorporation of Wallsend.

(2.) A technical description has been asked from the Lands Department, upon receipt of which the Proclamation will issue.

(4.)

- (4.) Telegraph Office, Mudgee :—Mr. O'Connor asked the Minister acting for the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to allow the Telegraph Office at Mudgee to go completely to ruin, or do they intend to cause the necessary alterations and repairs to be effected, so as to render it suitable also for a Post Office, in accordance with the promise made on the 2nd October last ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No representation has been made to me that the Telegraph Office requires repairing. My answer to the Honorable Member's question on the 2nd October had reference to a proposal to make certain additions to the Telegraph Office, in order to provide the necessary accommodation for combining the postal and telegraph duties. This matter has not yet been finally decided, but in the meantime any necessary repairs to the Telegraph Office will be effected as soon as possible.

- (5.) Title Deeds for Lands Purchased from the Crown :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government decided that the purchaser of an allotment, or portion of Crown Lands, at a sale by auction, or the purchaser of an auction selection subsequent to a sale at the upset price for such land, is not to be considered by the Government as the owner in fee simple of such allotment or portion of Crown Lands until after the title deeds have been delivered to such purchaser by the Crown ?

(2.) Is the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction aware that the title deeds are generally not delivered by the Crown to a purchaser of Crown Lands by public auction, or subsequently to such sale by the purchaser selecting such land and paying the upset price demanded by the Government, until many months after such land has been paid for by the purchaser ?

Mr. Allen answered,—These questions ought more properly to have been asked of my Honorable Colleague the Minister for Lands, but I have obtained the following reply :—

(1.) No. The purchaser is held to be, to all intents and purposes, the owner in fee simple, as soon as the Deed of Grant has been prepared, and signed by the Governor.

(2.) No. In the case of a purchase at auction three months are allowed by law for the payment of the balance of purchase money, and for the Land Agent to furnish the final report of sale ; and therefore no grant for any land so purchased can properly be prepared until after the expiration of that period. In all cases, however, Deeds of Grant are prepared with as little delay as the business of the Lands and Survey Department will admit, and forwarded to the Registrar General's Office for delivery. The date of delivery of the grant to the purchaser depends simply upon the time he makes application for it. It frequently happens that deeds are sent to the Registrar General months before the grantees make application for them.

- (6.) Transfer of Funded Stock :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many transfers have been made of the funded 4 per cent. Inscribed Stock since that description of stock was created ?

(2.) What amount do the transfers of the 4 per cent. Inscribed Stock represent, and how many clerks are employed in the Treasury to keep the records of the transfer of the said Stock, and what is the amount paid for salaries to the clerks so employed ?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) One transfer only has been made of the Stock allotted to tenderers under the Funded Stock Act of 1873.

(2.) One clerk is employed, at £350 per annum, to keep the Government Books of Record, which are directed to be kept by the third section of the Act referred to.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table, Return showing the Expenditure on Roads in the Electorate of Orange during the past two years, up to 31st December last, and Amounts contracted and Tenders called for.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Allen laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, made on 9th December, 1873, in reference to Charges made against His Honor Judge Josephson.

3. DOCKING MAIL STEAMERS (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th February from Mr. T. S. Mort, relative to the use of the Government Dry Dock by the Mail Steam-ship Company, be printed.

Question put and passed.

4. MAITLAND GAS-LIGHT COMPANY'S BILL (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Maitland Gas-light Company (Limited).

Question put and passed.

5. MR. JOSEPH CREER (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Hannell, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th February from Mr. Joseph Creer be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. JURY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL (“*Formal*” *Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Allen, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Allen then moved, That the Title of this Bill be “*An Act to amend the Jury Laws.*”

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Jury Laws,*” returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th February, 1874.

7. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from certain Citizens of Sydney, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
8. MAITLAND GAS-LIGHT COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Burns having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Maitland Gas-light Company (Limited)*,"—read a first time.
9. MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Buchanan (*with the concurrence of the House*) that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. PAPERS:—
Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, made on 25th November, 1873, in reference to a Mineral Selection at Milburn Creek.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Finding of the Court of Inquiry appointed to investigate the Case of Captain Rossi, of the Goulburn Volunteer Corps.
Ordered to be printed.
11. PUBLIC PROSECUTORS BILL:—
(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to abolish the office of Coroner, and to provide for the appointment of Public Prosecutors.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to abolish the office of Coroner, and to provide for the appointment of Public Prosecutors.
On motion of Mr. Buchanan that report was adopted.
(2.) Mr. Buchanan then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to abolish the office of Coroner and to provide for the appointment of Public Prosecutors*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 13th March.
12. DENILIQUIN AND MOAMA RAILWAY BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Hay, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Hay that report was adopted.
Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
MR. PRESIDENT,
The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate a Company under the name of the 'Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company' for the purpose of making constructing and maintaining a Railway between Deniliquin and Moama and for other purposes.*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 13th February, 1874.
13. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Roads Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Lucas, until Friday next.
14. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Burns, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—
Debate ensued.
Mr. Lucas moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to this day fortnight.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
15. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day respecting Mineral Lease at Togo postponed, on motion of John Robertson, until Friday, 27th February.
16. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RELIEF BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stewart moved, "That" this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued:
Mr. Driver moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers.
"That such Committee consist of Mr. Stewart, Mr. Allen, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Forster, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. De Salis, and Mr. Driver."
Debate continued.
Mr. Parkes moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to Friday, 6th March.
Question put and passed.
17. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Common Lodging Houses Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Hoskins, until Friday, 6th March.*
(2.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, until Friday, 13th March.*

18. **PARNELL'S LEASING BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Burns that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
19. **PUBLIC VEHICLES REGULATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day for the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of Mr. Tunks, discharged.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Tunks, that the Bill be withdrawn.
20. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Mineral Selections; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition presented on the 27th January last from certain Selectors of Mineral Lands in the District of Armidale and Inverell;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*
(2.) Bridge over the Bell River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1874, a sum of money not exceeding £500, for the construction of a Bridge over the Bell River on the road between Ironbarks and Molong; *on motion of Mr. J. S. Smith, until Friday, 6th March.*
21. **NEWTOWN OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Cunneen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Cunneen that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
22. **GRETA COAL AND SHALE MINING COMPANY'S BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
23. **WESTERN PEAK DOWNS COPPER MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Brown, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Brown that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.
24. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed,—
(1.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Macintosh, until Friday, 13th March.*
(2.) Petition of John Robards; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Robards of Molong, ordered by the House to be printed on 4th March, 1873, having reference to the cancellation of certain Conditional Purchases made by him in the District of Molong;—*on motion of Mr. J. S. Smith, until Friday, 6th March.*

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 81.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Trustees under Commons Regulation Act:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Trustees elected in January last, under the Commons Regulation Act of 1873, be gazetted?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Trustees under the Commons Regulation Act will be gazetted to-day.

- (2.) Tolls on Public Roads:—Mr. Nelson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to abolish Tolls on the Public Roads throughout the Colony situated near the entrance to towns, which intercept the traffic of the producers living near and going into towns?

(2.) If so, when?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—This matter has been under consideration, but the Government cannot see its way to effect any alteration during the present year.

- (3.) Custom House at Newcastle:—Mr. Cooper asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the contract for the erection of a Custom House at Newcastle was cancelled nearly two years ago in consequence of the contractor's inability to carry out the work?

(2.) Has any new contract for the construction of this building been entered into?

(3.) Have the Government any intention of selecting for this Custom House any site other than that originally set apart for the purpose?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No.

(3.) The selection of a site is at present under the consideration of the Government, exception having been taken to the site originally chosen.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 13th February from certain Citizens of Sydney, against the passing of the Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

4. MAITLAND GAS-LIGHT COMPANY'S BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Maitland Gas-light Company's Bill (Limited) be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Lee, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Raphael, Mr. Oakes, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER LEGALIZING BILL ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Buchanan, read a third time and passed.

Mr. Buchanan then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to legalize Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to legalize Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th February, 1874.

6. PARNELL'S LEASING BILL ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell (formerly Sarah Eliza Matilda Clift) the wife of Charles Parnell of Edithville Miller's Forest in the Colony of New South Wales and after her decease during the minority of her children to enable the Trustees of the Will and Codicils of Samuel Clift deceased formerly of West Maitland to lease certain lands for building or other purposes and also all or any of the mines seams or strata of coal and other minerals within upon or under all or any of the said lands devised by the said Will and Codicils of the said Samuel Clift to the use of his daughter the said Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell during her natural life and after her decease to her children share and share alike.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell (formerly Sarah Eliza Matilda Clift) the wife of Charles Parnell of Edithville Miller's Forest in the Colony of New South Wales and after her decease during the minority of her children to enable the Trustees of the Will and Codicils of Samuel Clift deceased formerly of West Maitland to lease certain lands for building or other purposes and also all or any of the mines seams or strata of coal and other minerals within upon or under all or any of the said lands devised by the said Will and Codicils of the said Samuel Clift to the use of his daughter the said Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell during her natural life and after her decease to her children share and share alike,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th February, 1874.

7. NEWTOWN OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Cunneen, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Cunneen then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the 'Newtown Omnibus Company (Limited)' and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to incorporate the 'Newtown Omnibus Company (Limited)' and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th February, 1874.

8. GRETA COAL AND SHALE MINING COMPANY'S BILL ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the Greta Coal and Shale Mining Company.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the 'Greta Coal and Shale Mining Company,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 17th February, 1874.

9. WESTERN PEAK DOWNS COPPER MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Brown then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Company called the 'Western Peak Downs Copper Mining Company (Limited)' and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Company called the 'Western Peak Downs Copper Mining Company (Limited)', and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney 17th February, 1874.*

10. PAPER:—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table, Return in continuation of the Paper laid upon the Table on the 13th instant, showing the expenditure on Works in the Electorate of Orange during the past two years, up to 31st December last, also Contracts let and Tenders called for.
Ordered to be printed.

11. AMENDMENT OF THE CROWN LANDS ALIENATION ACT:—Mr. Thomas Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the following Resolutions,—

That no Act purporting to amend the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861 will be considered satisfactory which does not contain the following provisions:—

(1.) An enactment to entitle Conditional Purchasers, under the 13th and 14th clauses of the Crown Lands Alienation Act of 1861, to the fee simple of their selections on payment of the balance of the purchase money by instalments at the rate of two shillings per acre per annum, for seven years and a-half, without interest.

(2.) An enactment to facilitate Conditional Purchasing by families, under the 13th and 14th clauses of the said Act, by providing for the amalgamation of adjacent selections made by parents and their children, so that improvements made, and residence upon any portion of an amalgamated selection, shall be deemed to be a compliance with the 18th clause of the said Act.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

12. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, further Correspondence respecting retirement of Victoria from the Border Duties Convention.
Ordered to be printed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 82.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Superannuation Repeal Act:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to his question on the 9th December last, and the answer thereto, having reference to claims for Pensions under the Superannuation Repeal Act,—Have such claims been adjusted; and, if not, when is it likely that they will be settled?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The cases which remain, I think some fifteen or sixteen, all present points of difficulty; and they are now under the consideration of the Attorney General, and will be dealt with in a few days.

- (2.) Comerong Island, Shoalhaven River:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Government have the land on the Island of Comerong, Shoalhaven River, which was surveyed more than two years ago, put up for sale by public auction?

Mr. Farnell answered,—On certain representations that the surveyor who measured the Island into portions for sale had not made sufficient reservations for the protection of the harbour, the question was referred to the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers. As soon as his report shall have been received steps will be taken for the sale of the available land on the Island.

- (3.) Title Deeds for Lands purchased from the Crown:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government decided that the purchaser of an auction selection of Crown Lands which may have been passed as unsold at a sale by auction, and who pays to the local Crown Lands Agent at the time of purchasing the full amount of the purchase money required for such land, is not to be considered by the Government as the owner of such land until after the title deeds have been delivered to such purchaser by the Crown?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No; the purchaser is recognised as the legal owner as soon as the title deeds have been prepared and signed by the Governor. The deeds are forwarded to the Registrar General for delivery, but (as stated in reply to a recent similar question put by the Honorable Member) the Lands Department has nothing to do with the time of their being delivered to the purchaser, which depends simply on the time he may choose to make application for them. Deeds frequently lie in the Registrar General's Office for months before application is made for their delivery.

- (4.) Mails by Southern and Western Railways:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Mr. Nelson, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to alter the time for the dispatch of the Mails by the Great Southern and Western Railway to 5 o'clock p.m., in order that the Mails may be delivered in Country Towns one hour earlier?

(2.) If so, when will such alteration be made?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1 & 2.) It is the intention of the Government to give the present Time-table a month's trial, and if not found to work satisfactorily, such changes will be made as may after such experience be considered desirable.

2. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee. } *on motion of Mr. Allen, until*
 (2.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; to be further con- } *Wednesday, 11th March. .*
 sidered in Committee.
 (3.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill ; second reading ;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Thursday, 5th March.*
 (4.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee ;—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday, 4th March.*
 (5.) Commissioners for Affidavits Bill reported ; adoption of Report ;—*on motion of Mr. Allen, to follow after the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Mining Bill.*
3. MINING BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments. Ordered, on motion of Mr. Farnell, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
4. COMMISSIONERS FOR AFFIDAVITS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, "That" the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted. Mr. Allen moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 1."
 Debate ensued, and, on motion of Mr. Driver, adjourned until To-morrow.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 83.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) "Blind Channel," Port Hunter:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Have any complaints been recently made to the Harbour Master at Newcastle, either in writing or otherwise, of the obstruction at times, by vessels of any kind, of the Channel in Port Hunter, used by the Hunter River steamers, and known as the "Blind Channel"?"
 (2.) If any such complaints have been made and been borne out by facts, does the Harbour Master take steps to prevent a recurrence of obstructions of the nature referred to?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) No written complaint has ever been made; a verbal complaint was made some months ago by the captain of the "Coonanbara."
 (2.) The complaint has been borne out by facts, when the harbour has been full of shipping. The Harbour Master does all he possibly can to keep the Blind Channel clear. The North Channel, the safest, is always kept clear.

- (2.) Transfer of Funded Stock:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) What amount does the only transfer of the Funded 4 per cent. Inscribed Stock represent?
 (2.) What is the name of the clerk who is employed to keep the Government Books of Record of the 4 per cent. Inscribed Stock; how long has the said clerk been in the Civil Service of the Colony; what was the rate or amount of yearly salary paid to the said clerk previous to his being appointed to his present position; how many official letters has the said clerk written on matters connected with the 4 per cent. Inscribed Stock; and how many entries has the said clerk made in the Books of Record of such Stock?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) £320.
 (2.) Mr. R. M. Ross, who entered the service on 21st April, 1873, at a salary of £300 per annum. Number of official letters, 85; number of entries, 324.

- (3.) Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to his previous questions on the subject, asked during the present Session,—Has the Government yet come to any decision as to the advisableness of repealing the "Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act" of 1862?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at. When the Bill to amend the Licensing Act is brought in the question will be decided.

2. SUNDAY TRADING BY BUTCHERS:—Mr. Wearne presented the following Petitions, praying for the introduction of a Bill to restrain all Master Butchers from selling meat, and otherwise trading, on the Sunday:—

- (1.) From Master Butchers of the City of Sydney and its environs.
 (2.) From Journeymen Butchers of Sydney and its environs.
 (3.) From Clergymen and Citizens of the City of Sydney and its environs.
 Petitions received.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table an Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the Preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1. From 1st to 31st January, 1874.
 Ordered to be printed.

4. **MINING BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, “That” the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.
Mr. Farnell moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 8, 10, 12, 15, 34, and 53.”
Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Question,—That the words proposed to be inserted in place of the words omitted be there inserted,—put and passed.
Question then,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 2, 8, 10, 12, 15, 34, and 53,—put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such reconsideration.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2° with further amendments. On motion of Mr. Farnell (*with the concurrence of the House*) that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

5. **COMPANIES BILL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act for the incorporation regulation and winding-up of Trading Companies and other Associations*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th February, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Allen, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 13th March.

6. **COMMISSIONERS FOR AFFIDAVITS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, “That” the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted,—upon which Mr. Allen had moved that the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 1,”—Debate resumed.
And the proposed amendment having been amended, *by consent*, by the addition of the words “and 2,”—
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Forster,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Terry,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Single.
Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Grahame,	

Noes, 18.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Creed,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Garrett.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Main Question,—That the Bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clauses 1 and 2,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such reconsideration.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill 2° with a further amendment.

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

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

7. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Thursday, 5th March.*

(2.) Public Pensions; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the granting of Public Pensions;—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday, 4th March.*

8. **CONSERVATION OF WATER BY ARTIFICIAL MEANS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to regulate the conservation of water by artificial means.

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

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to regulate the conservation of water by artificial means.

On motion of Mr. Farnell that report was adopted.

9. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 6 to 10 inclusive postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next.

10. IMPRISONMENT ON CIVIL PROCESS AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of Mr. Allen, discharged.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Allen, that the Bill be withdrawn.
11. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 1874, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as Mr. Speaker's ruling had been obtained thereon.

The Chairman then reported the Point of Order, as follows :—

That whilst the Honorable Member for Camden (Mr. Garrett) was addressing the Committee, attention was called to the fact that there was not a Quorum present, and on a Quorum being formed, the same Honorable Gentleman claimed his right to resume his address, which the Chairman ruled he was not entitled to do, he (Mr. Garrett) having left the Chamber when attention was called to the state of the Committee, and not being in his place when a Quorum was announced, and until after the Honorable Member for East Macquarie (Mr. Cooper) was in possession of the Chair.

Mr. Speaker said,—The rule of Parliament is, that when attention is called to the want of a Quorum, the proceedings are at once suspended until a Quorum is made, when they are resumed, as nearly as circumstances will permit, at the point at which they were interrupted. If a Member were addressing the House at the time of the interruption he would be entitled to continue his address on a Quorum being formed; but to entitle him to do so he must then be present in his place. In the present case, his own observation confirmed the testimony of other Members, that on the resumption of the Debate the Honorable Member for Camden was absent from the Chamber, and the Honorable Member for East Macquarie rising to address the Committee was called on in the usual way by the Chairman. Applying the rule to his own knowledge of the circumstances of the case, he thought the Chairman rightly decided that the Honorable Member for East Macquarie was entitled to continue his address.

On motion of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

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

12. PAPER :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, By-Laws of the Municipal District of Nowra.
Ordered to be printed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 84.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 20 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Light-house at Jervis Bay:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Will the Government cause a sufficient sum of money to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates to remove the present Light-house in the vicinity of Jervis Bay to Cape St. George, as recommended by the Conference of the Marine Departments of the Australasian Colonies?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—I am not aware of any recommendation of the kind stated by the Honorable Member.

(2.) Court House at Gundaroo:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to send Plans and Specification for the Court House to be built at Gundaroo to Gundaroo, or any other place than Queanbeyan, with a view to local information and competition?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Copies of the Plan, Specification, and forms of Tender, for additions to Court House, Gundaroo, have been sent to the Police Office, Queanbeyan, for use of tenderers. It is usual to send only to the principal place of the locality, where it is supposed contractors are most likely to be found, unless special application is made for the same.

2. WILLIAM CRONIN:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from William Cronin, of Clarence-street, Sydney, Gold Digger, alleging that in the year 1863 he was a Gold Digger at Lambing Flat, and offered to the Gold Commissioner certain gold for safe custody, which the Commissioner refused to receive; that he was subsequently robbed of the gold, and is now blind and destitute; and praying a merciful consideration of his case.
Petition received.

3. SALE OF COLONIAL WINES REGULATION ACT REPEAL BILL ("Formal" Motion):—

(1.) Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act of 1862.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Jacob then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to to repeal the 'Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act of 1862,'"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 6th March.

4. EVIDENCE FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—

And the Debate not being resumed,—

Question put,—That this Bill be now read a second time.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. Driver,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Burns,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Bennett,	

Noes, 15.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Tecece,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Phelps,
Mr. Booth,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Moses,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. W. C. Browne.
Mr. Jacob,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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5. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next:—
(1.) Patents Act Amendment Bill reported; adoption of Report.
(2.) Roads Bill; second reading.
6. **MINERAL SELECTIONS**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Terry, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Petition presented on the 27th January last from certain Selectors of Mineral Lands in the District of Armidale and Inverell.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day fortnight.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 85.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Intercolonial Free Trade:—Mr. Phelps asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Does the Government intend at an early date to open negotiations with the Governments of the several Australian Colonies and New Zealand relative to the power lately given by the Imperial Parliament, under the Act 36 Victoria chapter 22, intituled "An Act to amend the law with respect to Customs Duties in the Australian Colonies," 26th May, 1873, to enable the said Colonies to adopt differential duties and free intercourse between themselves by land and by sea in all produce the produce of said Colonies?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I am not in a position at the present time to give an answer to this question.

- (2.) Rewards for the Discovery of New Gold Fields:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to place, during this Session, a sum of money on a Supplementary Estimate for the purpose of rewards for the discovery of new Gold Fields?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes; it is the intention to do so.

- (3.) The Case of Robert Staples:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—(1.) Has the attention of the Government been called in any way to the Coroner's Inquest, reported in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of Thursday, February 19, held at the Gaol, Darlinghurst, on Wednesday, February 18, respecting the cause of death of Robert Staples, who had died early on that morning in his cell in the prison?

(2.) Is it a fact that Dr. Aaron, the Visiting Surgeon, saw or examined deceased several times not long before his death, and expressed the opinion that "there was nothing the matter with him, and that he was scheming," and that he (Dr. Aaron) expressed this opinion more than once?

(3.) What course do the Government intend taking in the matter?

(4.) Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to carry into effect the recommendation of the jury in the case?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Government to make any further inquiry?

(6.) Is it the intention of the Government to call for any explanation from the Visiting Surgeon?

(7.) Have complaints been made at any time against the Visiting Surgeon; and, if so, how often, and with what result, for neglect or ill-treatment of invalids in Darlinghurst Gaol?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) I have been in communication upon the subject with the Visiting Surgeon of the Gaol.

(2.) Dr. Aaron saw and examined the deceased on two occasions. He says that he was of opinion that there was "nothing the matter" with the deceased, and that "he was scheming," and may have expressed that opinion, but does not recollect having done so. Dr. Aaron states that the disease was not recognizable by any known medical means, and frequently escapes discovery in ordinary practice. Had the discovery been made no treatment could have been adopted beyond removal to the hospital.

(3.) There is, I conclude, no action for the Government to take, unless Dr. Aaron's fitness for his position be challenged. He cannot be controlled in the exercise of his professional judgment.

(4.) The Visiting Surgeons would regard the adoption of this recommendation as a withdrawal of confidence from themselves. I have seen nothing to induce me to look upon the proposed alteration in the practice as necessary.

(5.)

(5.) I do not see what further inquiry can be made. The facts are fully disclosed in the report of the proceedings of the Inquest, and which, I am informed, are comprehensive.

(6.) The Surgeon has no explanation to offer beyond that contained in his evidence at the Inquest, and as rendered above.

(7.) Complaints have been made by individual prisoners, chiefly against Dr. Aaron's professional conclusions. I have record of five complaints. There were a few other cases disposed of conversationally. Two of the five cases are of recent date, and are in course of being dealt with. In the other three, two resulted in the prisoners being taken into the hospital, and the other in a change of mode of exercise.

(4.) Resignation of Lieutenant of Goulburn Volunteer Rifles:—Mr. Bennett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that the Lieutenant of the Goulburn Corps Volunteer Rifles sent in his resignation as a member of the force to the Captain in October last, and that the same has not been accepted?

(2.) Is the effect of such non-acceptance to entitle the Lieutenant to 50 acres of the public lands of the Colony, to which he would not have been entitled had his resignation been accepted?

Mr. Parkes answered:—

(1.) The resignation has not been forwarded to the Commandant, but it would appear by the evidence before the last Court of Inquiry that Captain Rossi received it in October last.

(2.) Not unless he earns a Certificate of Efficiency for last portion of five years service, viz., from January to April, 1874.

(5.) The 4 per cent. Funded Stock:—Mr. Teeco asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What amount of the "New South Wales Four per Cents," under the Funded Stock Act of 1873, has, up to the present time, been taken up—stating respectively the amounts subscribed for by the public and the Government?

(2.) What sum has been expended upon the various objects for which the Government were authorized to raise this loan?

(3.) If in excess of the amount subscribed for, from what fund, and by what authority, was such money appropriated?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered:—

(1.)	Subscribed for by the Public	£108,584 16 8
	Subscribed for by the Government	120,000 0 0
	Total	£228,584 16 8

(2.) £187,968 2s. 4d.

(3.) It will be seen that the expenditure is not in excess of the amount subscribed for.

2. MAITLAND GAS-LIGHT COMPANY'S BILL:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 17th February, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.

Question put and passed.

3. MINING BILL:—Mr. John Robertson presented a Petition from certain Miners and others, of Parkes, praying that this Bill may be amended in certain respects.
Petition received.

4. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Jorgen Daniel Larsen, John Young, George Kiss, and John Woods, on behalf of the Promoters of this Bill, in favour of the passing of the Bill.
Petition received.

5. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Jury Laws Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 26.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the Jury Laws*,"—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, 24th February, 1874.

(2.) Western Peak Downs Copper Mining Company's Incorporation Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 27.

A Bill intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Proprietors of a certain Company called the 'Western Peak Downs Copper Mining Company, (Limited) 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 24th February, 1874.

(3.)

(3.) Macquarie-street Roman Catholic School Site Sale Bill :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 28.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Most Reverend John Bede Polding the Very Reverend Samuel John Austin Sheehy the Very Reverend John Rigney the Reverend Michael Joseph Dwyer and James Mullins Esquire as Trustees of certain land situated in Macquarie-street in the City of Sydney to sell the said land and to provide for the appropriation of the proceeds thereof,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 24th February, 1874.

6. **MINING LAWS** :—Mr. Cooper presented a Petition from Miners and Residents of Wattle Flat, praying that certain alterations may be made in the Mining Laws.
Petition received.
7. **PAPERS** :—Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Report for 1873 on the Sydney Grammar School.
(2.) Report for 1873 from the Trustees of the Sydney Free Public Library.
Ordered to be printed.
8. **WESTERN DISTRICT SURVEY OFFICE** ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Reports, Minutes, and other Documents, having reference to the removal of the Western District Survey Office from Bathurst to Orange.
Question put and passed.
9. **JOACHIM CONDITIONAL PURCHASES** ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Hay moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence and Minutes in reference to the Conditional Purchases of Annie, George, John, Selina, Sophia, and William Joachim, gazetted as forfeited on the 12th December last.
Question put and passed.
10. **TABLES OF PUBLIC STATUTES** ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. O'Connor moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence which has passed between Mr. T. S. M'Cormack, Solicitor, and the Crown Law Department, between the 1st January, 1868, and the 31st March, 1872, in reference to certain Tables of Public Statutes compiled by him; together with all indorsements made upon such Correspondence by the late Chief Justice, Sir Alfred Stephen.
Question put and passed.
11. **SUNDAY TRADING BY BUTCHERS** ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Stewart, on behalf of Mr. Wearne, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the three Petitions presented by him on 19th February, from Master Butchers, Journeymen Butchers, and Clergymen and Citizens of Sydney, against Sunday selling of Meat, be printed.
Question put and passed.
12. **RAILWAY GOODS CHARGES** :—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the Government should re-classify the existing charges for the conveyance of goods on the Government Railways, with a view to the further development of home industry and internal commerce.
(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Lucas moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to this day fortnight.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Raphael,

Tellers.

Mr. Baker,
Mr. Lucas.

Noes, 25.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Rodd,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Cooper,	Tellers.
Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Combes.
Mr. Hoskins,	
Captain Onslow,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate continued.

Original Question put and negatived.

13. **THE SYDNEY MUSEUM** :—Mr. Cooper moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, "and leave to sit during any adjournment of the House," to inquire into and report upon the condition and system of management of the Sydney Museum.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Allen, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Burns, Mr. Forster, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Terry, Mr. Garrett, and the Mover.
Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the words "and leave to sit during any adjournment of the House."

Debate continued.

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

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

Question,—That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to inquire into and report upon the condition and system of management of the Sydney Museum,—put and passed.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the Ballot, and Mr. Speaker declared the following to be the Committee duly appointed :—Mr. Cooper, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Allen, Captain Onslow, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Combes, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Forster, Mr. Burns, and Mr. Cunneen.

14. WATER SUPPLY REGULATION BILL :—Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for constituting Water Trusts and for regulating the conservation of Water by artificial means,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 11th March.

15. RAILWAY EXTENSION—REDFERN TO CIRCULAR QUAY :—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolution,—

That Plans, Sections, and an Estimate of the cost, should be prepared without delay, of the extension of the Railway from Redfern to the Circular Quay.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Stewart moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to this day fortnight.

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 1874, A.M.

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned to this day fortnight.

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Farnell,
Mr. West,

Tellers.

Mr. Baker,
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 15.

Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Scholcy,
Mr. Phelps,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Wearn.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Macintosh,	

And it appearing by the Tellers Lists that there was not a Quorum present,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at five minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 86.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Case of Gunner Sargent:—Mr. Garrett asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a copy of the proceedings of the Garrison Court Martial, held on the 11th February instant on Gunner G. W. B. Sargent, of the New South Wales Artillery Force, been lodged in the office of the Attorney General yet?

(2.) If so, will the Minister cause a copy of the proceedings to be laid upon the Table of the House without delay?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) A copy of the proceedings has been lodged in the office of the Attorney General.

(2.) As there is a Notice of Motion on the paper for the production of these proceedings, I prefer deferring a reply till then.

- (2.) Administration of Justice at Gulgong:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was there a Petition signed by 1,500 traders and miners of Gulgong, presented by Messrs. Sweeney & Gillies, in June, 1872, to the Colonial Secretary, or to the Government, complaining of the administration of Justice on Gulgong, and of the misconduct of Mr. Tebbutt, and referred to in the Petition lately laid upon the Table of this House; was there also a letter addressed to the Colonial Secretary as to Mr. Davis being fined £5 by Mr. Tebbutt for assaulting a bailiff?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary lay the papers above referred to upon the Table without delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) A Petition was presented to the Colonial Secretary by the Honorable Member himself, from Messrs. Sweeney and Gillies, at the time mentioned. It had nothing to do with the administration of Justice, but had reference solely to the dispute amongst the Gold Miners on the Home Rule rush, and was referred to, and dealt with by me as Minister for Lands. I am not aware of any letter complaining about Mr. Tebbutt.

(2.) No objection, if the Houses chooses to order it.

- (3.) Case of Richard Staples:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that a prisoner in Darlinghurst Gaol, named Richard Staples, died there lately?

(2.) Is it true that the said prisoner died in his cell in the middle of the night, and had no medical or other assistance?

(3.) Is it true that the said prisoner repeatedly complained to the surgeon of the prison, Dr. Aaron, of severe illness, and that Dr. Aaron as repeatedly told him he was scheming, and refused to send him to the hospital as a patient?

(4.) Is it true that a Coroner's Inquest was held in the Gaol on the body of the deceased?

(5.) Is it true that the Coroner took upon himself to refuse to receive a rider which the jury added to their verdict, on the ground that the surgeon of the prison had not been guilty of malpractice or negligence, although several witnesses at the inquest swore that the surgeon had all along ignored the poor man's state, by saying there was nothing the matter with him?

(6.) Is it true that the deceased's two cell mates repeatedly asked the dying man, on the night of his death, to send for the doctor, but that he constantly refused, saying "the doctor will send me to the cells," or, in plain English, charged him with inhumanity?

(7.) Will the Colonial Secretary institute an immediate and searching inquiry into this sad case?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—I do not think I can afford much information in reply to these questions beyond what I gave to the House yesterday ; but I notice that there is a Motion on the Paper for to-day for the production of all the Papers in the case ; and when that Motion is made I shall be prepared to give the House all the information in my possession.

(4.) Sydney Sewerage and Water Supply :—Captain Onslow asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the total amount of debt due by the City of Sydney to the General Revenue of the Colony on account of Water Supply and Sewerage ?

(2.) What is the total amount of interest due by the City of Sydney on the above sums to the General Revenue of the Colony to present date ?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) £416,430.

(2.) £165,474 14s. 8d. to 31st December, 1873.

2. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

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

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 29.

In pursuance of the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that provision be made for defraying out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales the expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1874, at the rates which have been sanctioned for the year 1873.

Government House,

Sydney, 25th February, 1874.

Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration in the Committee of Supply.

4. MINING LAWS ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Cooper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 24th February, from Miners and others of Wattle Flat, relative to certain proposed alterations in the Mining Laws, be printed.

Question put and passed.

5. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1874," through all its stages in one day ; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—

And Division called for,—

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

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.

7. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

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

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

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

(4.) *Resolved*,—That there be granted to Her Majesty, for the Services of the year 1874, a sum not exceeding £153,939 to defray the Expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1874, to be expended at the rates which have been sanctioned for 1873, subject to the rate of any reduction that may hereafter be made in the expenditure of 1874.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(6.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Services of the year 1874, the sum of £153,939 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales, to defray the Expenses of the various Departments and Services of the Colony for the month of February, 1874.

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

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

(1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means, No. 6, to apply a certain sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the year 1874.

(2.) Mr. Lloyd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1874,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time This Day.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive, further postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill (No. 3.)

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

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

On motion of Mr. Lloyd that report was adopted.

(2.) Bill, on motion of Mr. Lloyd, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lloyd then moved, that the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1874.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1874,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 25th February, 1874.

12. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table a Letter from the Surveyor General reporting on the completion of the Base Line at Lake George.

Ordered to be printed.

13. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Distillation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday, 5th March.

14. MINEING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sutherland moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

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

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Burns,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. John Robertson,

Tellers.

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Lucas.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Single,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Grahame,

Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. West,
Mr. Greville,

Tellers.

Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on Original Question continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 1874, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Single,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. West,
Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Greville.

Tellers.

Noes, 7.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Bennctt,

Tellers.

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Lucas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill

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

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the regulation of Mining.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the regulation of Mining,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th February, 1874, A.M.*

15. COMMISSIONERS FOR AFFIDAVITS BILL,—on motion of Mr. Allen, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Allen then moved, that the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the taking of Affidavits to be used in the Supreme Court.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the taking of Affidavits to be used in the Supreme Court.*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 26th February, 1874, A.M.*

COMMISSIONERS FOR AFFIDAVITS BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 26th February, 1874, A.M.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

- Page 1, preamble, line 3. *After "Affidavits" insert "and for the confirmation of Commissions already issued"*
 „ clause 1, line 8. *Before "The" insert "All Justices of the Peace for the Territory shall have power to take and receive Affidavits in all matters pending in the Supreme Court or in any Court or Courts and"*
 „ clause 1, line 11. *Omit "in New South Wales"*
 „ „ „ 12. *Omit "pending in the said" insert "within the jurisdiction of any"*
 Page 2, clause 1, line 3. *After "by" omit "the" insert "any"*
 „ „ „ 4. *Omit "in this Colony"*
 „ clause 2, „ 6. *After "person" omit "authorized to act under any such Commission shall for taking every such affidavit receive the fee of one shilling and no more" insert "now authorized or who may hereafter be authorized to act under any such Commission shall receive for his own use such fees as are now or shall from time to time be fixed by Rule of the Supreme Court"*

Examined,—

RICHARD DRIVER,
Chairman of Committees.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 87.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. J. V. Wareham, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Ulladulla:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is Mr. John Valentine Wareham, the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Ulladulla, in receipt of full pay as such Clerk of Petty Sessions?
- (2.) How many appointments does Mr. Wareham hold under Government?
- (3.) What is the total amount of income that Mr. Wareham receives from Government from such appointments?
- (4.) Do the Government allow Mr. Wareham to practise as a conveyancer and otherwise?
- (5.) Are the Government aware that Mr. Wareham practises at the present time as a conveyancer and otherwise?
- (6.) Is it the intention of the Government to stop Mr. Wareham practising as a conveyancer?

Mr. Allen answered,—

- (1.) Yes; £175 per annum.
- (2.) Three salaried appointments, usually held by Clerks of Petty Sessions, and two other offices remunerated by fees.
- (3.) About £300 a year.
- (4.) Mr. Wareham states, that when he was first appointed to the Civil Service the Premier of the day, on being informed of his practising as a conveyancer, offered no objection.
- (5.) Mr. Wareham says he practises as a conveyancer and otherwise, but states that the business done is extremely small, and can scarcely be called practice; that the Bench will certify that he occasionally, perhaps once in three months, transacts conveyancing business; that in no degree does it interfere with his official duties, which are never neglected; that it is a public convenience to have a qualified person on the spot, as persons concerned would otherwise have to send a distance of 50 to 75 miles, it being impossible for any practitioner to subsist there on his practice alone.
- (6.) The Government will cause the same rule to be observed in this as in other cases.

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

- (1.) Is it a fact that the whole of the repairs recently effected upon the road from the Great Northern Road to the Cemetery at Singleton were destroyed by the recent flood?
- (2.) Is he aware that this disaster was attributable to the closing up of the culverts on the Great Northern Railway between the Cemetery Road and the Singleton Railway Station?
- (3.) Is he aware that by closing up the said culverts considerably more damage was caused to the Town of Singleton than would otherwise have occurred?
- (4.) By whose authority were the said culverts closed?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) It is reported that one-third of the approaches has been damaged.
- (2.) No; the partial closing of the openings referred to is not considered to have contributed to the damage, and
- (3.) Has not been the means of adding to the injury which the Town of Singleton has sustained by the flood.
- (4.) The original timber bridges having been damaged by white ants, brick culverts were substituted, by the authority of the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways.

(3.)

(3.) Petty Sessions at Collector and Gunning :—Mr. Butler asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the Court of Petty Sessions at Collector is held in the room of a public-house?
- (2.) Whether rent is paid for the same, and if so, how much?
- (3.) Does the Clerk of Petty Sessions for that Court reside at Gunning, and how often does he attend?
- (4.) Is there any extra pay allowed the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Gunning for such attendances?
- (5.) Is a large portion of his duties at Collector discharged, by reason of his necessary absence, by some of the resident Justices?
- (6.) Will the Colonial Secretary take steps for the erection of a Court of Petty Sessions at Collector, and the appointing of a Clerk of Petty Sessions for that locality?

Mr. Allen answered,—

- (1.) The Court of Petty Sessions at Collector is held on the premises of Mrs. Poidevin, which, I am informed, is a public-house.
- (2.) Yes; £10 per annum.
- (3.) The Clerk of Petty Sessions resides at Gunning, and his attendance at Collector is regulated by the duties to be performed.
- (4.) Yes; £30 per annum.
- (5.) I am unable to give this information without inquiry, and reference has been made to the Bench upon the subject.
- (6.) A Petition for the erection of a Court House was referred to the Works Department for an estimate of the cost. The estimate is £1,200. The matter will be further considered, and a decision arrived at in a week or two.

(4.) Extension of Southern Railway :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the contractor for the extension of the Southern Railway from Goulburn to the south of Yass applied to the Railway Department for instructions authorizing him to proceed with the work south of Manton's Creek to the southern terminus of his contract?
- (2.) Has the said contractor represented to the Government that he has a large plant at present not in use which he wishes to have employed in proceeding with the whole of his contract?
- (3.) Has the said contractor further represented to the Railway Department that unless he is permitted, without delay, to proceed with the necessary work south of Manton's Creek, that he will be constrained to ask for an extension of the time originally allowed him for the completion of his contract?
- (4.) If so, what course do the Government intend to take in the matter?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) The Engineer-in-Chief does not consider that any extension of time will be necessary.

(5.) Pilot Service, Port Jackson :—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that on the arrival of the ship "Sydenham" off this port from London, that although the commander of that vessel had a signal flying for a pilot for two hours before sundown on the evening of his arrival, no pilot went off to his ship; and that at 4 a.m. of the following day, having fired off blue lights and rockets to attract the attention of the pilots in Watson's Bay, none of those persons went on board his vessel until after he had entered the harbour, and that the said commander was compelled to lay-to with his vessel for half-an-hour off the Light-ship waiting for a pilot?
- (2.) Do the Government intend to take steps to improve the efficiency of the Pilot Service of Port Jackson, by compelling pilots to board foreign ships ten miles outside the Heads?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) I was not aware of the circumstances mentioned by the Honorable Member until I saw the notice of his question. I have made inquiry into the facts of the case, and am informed that the "Sydenham" was seen 15 or 20 miles off at 6.30 p.m. on the evening of the 5th instant, but that no signal could be discovered from her, although it is alleged that a look-out was kept all night; that the vessel was again seen at day-break the next morning from the Light-ship, and that a pilot at once went and boarded her.
- (2.) The Government are taking steps to inquire into the general condition of the Pilot Service, with a view to improve its efficiency.

(6.) Public School Teacher at Bathurst :—Mr. Burns asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has any charge made against the Public School Teacher at Bathurst in reference to the maltreatment of a boy been investigated by the Local Board; and if so, with what result?

Mr. Allen answered,—No charge has been made against the Public School Teacher of Bathurst for maltreating a boy; consequently no investigation by the Local Board has been held.

(7.) Incorporation of Wallsend :—Mr. Hannell asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that the incorporation of Wallsend is delayed waiting for description from his department of the boundaries of the proposed Municipality?
- (2.) When will such description be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary's Office?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware.
- (2.) The necessary description has been furnished by the Survey Department, and forwarded to the Colonial Secretary.

(8.) Commission to Clerks of Petty Sessions under Immigration Regulations:—Mr. Single asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the Clerks of Petty Sessions allowed any commission or salary for their collections under the Immigration Regulations?

(2.) If not, is it the intention of the Government to allow them any remuneration?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Clerks of Petty Sessions were instructed to receive deposits under the Immigration Regulations a very short time ago; and the question of any special remuneration for this extra service has not yet been considered by the Government.

2. MINING BILL (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. John Robertson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 24th February, from certain Miners and others of Parkes, praying that the Mining Bill may be amended in certain respects, be printed. Question put and passed.

3. WILLIAM CRONIN (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 20th February, from William Cronin, be printed. Question put and passed.

4. IMPRISONMENT ON CIVIL PROCESS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled “*An Act to amend the Law of Arrest and Imprisonment on Civil Process*,”—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th February, 1874.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Allen, read a first time.

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

5. THE REV. CHARLES R. CURREY:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Charles Rowland Currey, Presbyterian of the Protestant Episcopal Church, United States of America, complaining of the conduct of Judge Meymott in a case tried before him, in which Petitioner was charged with illegally celebrating a marriage; and praying for inquiry into the conduct of the said Judge. Petition received.

6. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—Mr. Sutherland presented a Petition from Property-holders and Residents of South Head Road, Paddington, Woollahra, and Waverley, against the passing of this Bill. Petition received.

7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.

8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply. Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

9. CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND BILL (No. 3):—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled “*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1874*,”—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 26th February, 1874.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

The House adjourned at Twelve o'clock, Midnight, until To-morrow at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 88.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 FEBRUARY, 1874.

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

QUESTION:—

- (1.) Fences across Roads near Blayney:—*Mr. Lucas*, on behalf of *Mr. Forster*, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Are the Government aware that a gate has been erected upon or across the road between Blayney and "Tea-pot Swamp" and the "Village"?
- (2.) If so, by what authority, and upon whose application has it been done?
- (3.) Are the Government aware that a road or roads between Blayney and the Belubula River, on the south side of Blayney, have been fenced across?
- (4.) If so, by what authority?
- (5.) Have any complaints been made to the Government in any of the said matters?
- (6.) What course do the Government intend taking therein?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) The Government are not aware.
- (2.) By no authority from the Government.
- (3.) The Government are not aware.
- (4.) By no authority from the Government.
- (5.) No.

(6.) The Government being unaware of the circumstances, have no intention of moving in the matter.

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

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 30.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to apply a certain Sum out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales towards the Service of the Year 1874*,"—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, 27th February, 1874.

3. THE REV. CHARLES R. CURREY ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. Burns* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th February, from the Rev. Charles R. Currey, be printed.

Question put and passed.

4. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—*Mr. Sutherland* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 26th February, from Inhabitants of Paddington, Woollahra, and Waverley, against the passing of the Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill, be printed, and taken into consideration in Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

Question put and passed.

5. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—The following Petitions against the passing of this Bill were presented by the Members named,—
- (1.) From the Chairman and Directors of the Newtown Omnibus Company. By Mr. Stephen Brown.
Petition received.
 - (2.) From the Shareholders in the Woollahra and Waverley United Omnibus Company. By Mr. Lucas.
And the same having been read by the Clerk, by direction of Mr. Speaker,—
Petition received.
6. BISHOPSTHORPE ESTATE CHARGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

SATURDAY, 28 FEBRUARY, 1874, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

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

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

The House adjourned, at twenty-one minutes after Two o'clock A.M., until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker. }

New South Wales.

No. 89.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 3 MARCH, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Extension—Bathurst to Orange:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Government invite Tenders for the construction of the extension of the Great Western Railway from Bathurst to Orange?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—In about two months from this date.

- (2.) Moorooloolan Common:—Mr. Butler asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has any portion of the Moorooloolan Common been alienated, or proposed to be alienated, to conditional or other purchasers?
 - (2.) If so, to whom?
 - (3.) Is the Commonage vested in Trustees in perpetuity, or only temporarily?
 - (4.) If temporarily, and any portion of the same has been sold, was such portion first resumed by the Government, and resumed after thirty days notice in the *Government Gazette*?
 - (5.) Are these lands alienated to private purchasers within the boundaries of the Common; and if so, were they alienated before the Commonage was proclaimed?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1 and 2.) No.

(3.) Trustees were elected in January last, in accordance with the Commons Regulation Act, but their election was reported to the Department of Lands instead of to the Colonial Secretary.

(4.) No portion has been sold.

(5.) Two portions, partly enclosed by the Commoners, were alienated prior to the proclamation of the Common.

- (3.) Reclamation of Land at Blackwattle Bay:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The amount of the original estimate of the cost of the proposed reclamation of land at Blackwattle Bay, and the other works in connection therewith?

(2.) The cost of works performed up to last Saturday?

(3.) The funds from which the payments have been made?

(4.) The area of the proposed Basin?

(5.) The estimated cost of the retaining walls and other works required in the construction and formation of the said Basin?

(6.) How much money, over that already expended, will be required to complete the intended improvements at Blackwattle Bay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) About £45,000.

(2.) The payments made to Saturday, 21st February, amounted to £12,234 5s. 3d.

(3.) £9,947 13s. 1d. has been paid from the Loan Vote of £10,000 for reclaiming Blackwattle Swamp, and the balance of £2,286 12s. 2d. from the Annual Votes for landing silt and forming ground.

(4.) 6½ acres.

(5.) The retaining walls are estimated to cost about £1,000; but no detail estimate has yet been made for the wharfs, &c.

(6.) About £16,200 will be required for completing the reclamation and Dyke; but as the character of the wharfs, &c., is not yet finally determined on, no exact estimate can be given of the work until this be decided.

(4.)

(4.) Church and School Lands, Dungog :—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have any applications been made to the Lands Department for the survey for auction sale of any portion of the Church and School Lands in the District of Dungog ; if so, when, and by whom ?
- (2.) Has the District Surveyor been instructed to cause such portions of land to be surveyed ; if so, when ?
- (3.) Have these instructions been complied with ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1 & 2.) Yes ; by the following persons :—

Name.	Application received.	Surveyor instructed to measure.	Remarks.
1. John Hook...	16th Oct., 1872 ...	25th Oct., 1872 ...	Instruction returned unacted on, 18th July, 1873, transferred to District Surveyor on the 24th July, 1873.
2. Henry Brewer ...	25th Oct., 1872 ...	23rd Nov., 1872 ...	Do. do.
3. John Lawrie ...	18th Feb., 1873 ...	21st Feb., 1873 ...	Do. do.
District Surveyor instructed to measure—			
4. Robert H. Alison ...	20th Aug., 1873 ...	27th Aug., 1873.	
5. James Carlton ...	20th Aug., 1873 ...	27th Aug., 1873.	
6. Malcolm M'Lucas...	4th Oct., 1873 ...	15th Oct., 1873.	
7. Joseph Fitzgerald...	8th Nov., 1873 ...	24th Nov., 1873.	
8. John Hook...	10th Dec., 1873 ...	17th Dec., 1873.	

(3.) No ; because the services of a surveyor have not been available.

(5.) Postage on Letters and Newspapers *via* San Francisco and Galle :—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Hay, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The sum received for postages on letters and newspapers forwarded by the San Francisco Mail during the months of January and February ?
- (2.) The amount received from Victoria and Queensland, respectively ?
- (3.) The amount received for letters and newspapers forwarded by this Colony *via* Galle route during the same months ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The sum received for postages on letters and newspapers by way of San Francisco for the two months named, was £910 10s. 10d. The amount received from Victoria was £77 6s. 11d. The amount received from Queensland was £30 15s. 1d. The amount received for letters and newspapers forwarded by this Colony *via* Galle for the same months was £503 6s. 2d.

(6.) Permanent Artillery Force :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The number of Courts-Martial which have been held in the Permanent Artillery Force of this Colony from the 1st August, 1871, to the present date ?
- (2.) The number of desertions from said Force during the same period ?
- (3.) The number of men discharged during the same period ?
- (4.) The number of men imprisoned in cells during the same period ?
- (5.) The number of confinements to barracks during the same period ?
- (6.) The amount stopped by way of fines from the men's pay during the same period ?
- (7.) The number of men belonging to the Force who have been convicted, and for what offences, by the Civil Courts, during that period ?
- (8.) The number of men on board the late Commodore's ship "Clio" ; and the number of Courts-Martial held on board that vessel during the three years she was on this station ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The number of Courts-Martial held in the Permanent Military Force from the 1st of August, 1871, to the present date, has been twenty-eight—three men tried three times, two men twice, and fifteen tried once. The number of deserters from the Force during the same period has been eleven. The number of men discharged during the same period has been fourteen. The number of men imprisoned in cells during the same period is as follows :—Six in the cells at Darlinghurst, and twelve in cells at the Victoria Barracks, by award of Courts-Martial ; two were imprisoned three times, four twice, and twelve once. The number of confinements to barracks during the same period was 466. The amount stopped by way of fines from the men's pay was—fined, £54 10s. ; pay forfeited, £58 10s. 6d. The infliction of these fines and forfeitures of pay was rendered compulsory by the Imperial Regulations and the Military and Naval Forces Regulation Act. The number of men convicted in the Civil Courts were three for drunkenness in the streets, and one for assaulting the police. I find I can get no information in reply to the 8th question as to the number of men on board the late Commodore's ship "Clio," and the number of Courts-Martial held on board that vessel during the three years she was on this Station, but I am given to understand that only one of the offences for which it was necessary to hold Courts-Martial at the Artillery Barracks would have been dealt with by Courts-Martial on board a man-of-war, the captain of a man-of-war having power to deal with such by his own authority.

(7.) Court House at Hill End:—*Mr. Fitzpatrick*, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Smith, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When is it likely any definite decision will be arrived at with reference to a Court House at Hill End?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find the delay that has taken place in this case has arisen from the residents themselves objecting to any arrangement which the Government has been able to propose. One site set apart by the Government was objected to because it was too near Rawsthorne's Quartz Crushing Machines. Since then sites have been offered by private persons, but as yet the Government has not seen its way clear to accept any of these offers.

2. MAIL TIME-TABLE:—Mr. Nelson presented a Petition from Residents of the Town and District of Orange, alleging that they are placed in a position of considerable inconvenience, and sustain serious damage in their commercial transactions through the recent change made by the Post Office Department in the Mail Time-table; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration. Petition received.

3. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Navigation Act Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 31.

In pursuance of the provisions of the 33rd section of the Act 5 and 6 Victoria cap. 76, the Governor hereby signifies to the Legislative Assembly that the Bill passed by the Parliament of New South Wales, and styled "An Act to amend in certain particulars the Navigation Act of 1871," has been laid before the Queen in Council, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to assent to the same.

Government House,
Sydney, 3rd March, 1874.

(2.) Deniliquin and Moama Railway Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 32.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate a Company under the name of the 'Deniliquin and Moama Railway Company' for the purpose of making constructing and maintaining a Railway between Deniliquin and Moama and for other purposes,"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 3rd March, 1874.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table, Further Return to an Order, made on 20th January, 1874, in reference to the proposal to carry the Southern Line of Railway through North Yass. Ordered to be printed.

5. PERMANENT ARTILLERY FORCE ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Regulations for the management and discipline of the Permanent Artillery Force of this Colony. Question put and passed.

6. PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A copy of the Circular of the Council of Education issued to all Public School Teachers in the month of September, 1871.

(2.) Copies of all Correspondence and other Documents in possession of the Council or Government in reference to the Teachers Association and Primary Education Journal.

Question put and passed.

7. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL ("Formal" Motion):—

(1.) *Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 27th February, from the Chairman and Directors of the Newtown Omnibus Company, against the passing of the Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill, be printed. Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 27th February, from the Shareholders of the Woollahra and Waverley United Omnibus Company, against the passing of the Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill, be printed. Question put and passed.

8. THE CASE OF RICHARD STAPLES ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the Depositions taken before the Coroner at an inquest held in Darlinghurst Gaol on the body of a prisoner named Richard Staples, who died there. Question put and passed.

9. APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion, "that" any attempt on the part of any Governor of this Colony, or of any Secretary of State in Great Britain, whether by despatches or instructions, or otherwise, to interfere with the appointment of Members of the Legislative Council of this Colony, or on the part of any Minister of the Crown in this Colony to sanction such interference, so as in any way to limit or restrain the power of the Government of this Colony in such appointment, or to permanently limit the number of Members of such Council, or to confine such number to a fixed standard, is contrary to law, and subversive of the rights and privileges of the Government and Legislature of this Colony.

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

Mr.

Mr. Buchanan moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the second word "that," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the fact of such a motion as the one now under discussion having been brought forward by a gentleman who has occupied the positions of a Minister of the Crown and of Prime Minister of this Country, is striking evidence that a dangerous interference with our rights and privileges, on the part of the British Government, has already taken place, and that in view of the importance, wealth, and influence of this community, and as a guarantee against any further and similar interference, and as, in some measure, a security for the preservation of our freedom and independence, this House respectfully suggests that it would be advantageous to the best interests of Great Britain as well as of New South Wales, that the political connection existing between them should cease, and that the people of New South Wales should be left in the full possession of their independent right to govern themselves without interference of any kind from any quarter."

Debate ensued.

Mr. Lucas moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to next Friday week.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. PERMANENT ARTILLERY FORCE:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

(1.) The number of Courts-Martial held in the Permanent Artillery Force, from 1st August, 1871.

(2.) The names of the officers composing the Court; of the accuser and accused; the offences, and the punishment, in each case.

Question put and passed.

11. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF THE COLONIAL SECRETARY:—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Certificates or Vouchers received in the Auditor General's Department representing the amount or amounts disbursed by the Government of this Colony as payment for travelling expenses incurred by the Colonial Secretary since May 14th, 1872, from any fund voted by Parliament, whether under the head of Contingencies, Travelling Allowances, Treasurer's Advance Vote, or otherwise.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker,—namely, Mr. Allen, Mr. Baker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*), Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Piddington, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Tecco, Mr. Webb, and Mr. West,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 90.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 4 MARCH, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Administration of Justice at Gulgong:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Commission appointed to inquire into the Administration of Justice at Gulgong, and the conduct of Mr. Tebbutt, J.P., sent in its Report?

(2.) Will the Minister lay that Report, together with the evidence on which it is founded, upon the Table of this House without delay?

(3.) Has the Government come to any conclusion on the Report; and, if so, what decision has been arrived at?

Mr. Allen answered,—The Report has been received from the Commission, but I have not yet had time to consider it. If the Honorable Member will ask his question about this day week I shall be able to give him a reply. The Report is a very lengthy document.

- (2.) Distillation Bill:—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. R. B. Smith, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to proceed with the Distillation Bill; and, if so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to proceed with this measure, but there are other measures to which we attach more importance, and which will receive our prior consideration.

- (3.) Duties of Clerks of Petty Sessions:—Mr. Jacob asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the duty of a Clerk of Petty Sessions, who is also Police Magistrate, to be in attendance in the Court-room to act as Clerk on Court or other days when there are cases for hearing, and the hour for commencing the business, or for which parties are summoned, has arrived, another Magistrate being present who has expressed his desire or readiness to proceed with the business?

(2.) If so, will the Minister instruct the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Raymond Terrace to give his attendance in the Court-room on such occasions when requested to do so by any Magistrate?

(3.) What are the office hours during which Clerks of Petty Sessions ought to be in attendance at their respective Police Offices?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) A Police Magistrate, who is also Clerk of Petty Sessions, is required to be in attendance in the Court-room on days when there are cases for hearing, at the hour fixed for the commencement of business, or for which parties have been summoned, and to perform the duties appertaining to the office of clerk.

(2.) The Police Magistrate and Clerk of Petty Sessions at Raymond Terrace is, I am informed, aware of his duty in this respect. I will, however, communicate with him on the subject.

(3.) The office hours are understood to be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., daily, except Saturday, and on that day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(4.)

- (4.) Permanent Artillery Force:—Mr. Tunks asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—How many officers (and of what rank) non-commissioned officers, trumpeters, and gunners, respectively, are there in the Permanent Artillery Force, their distribution, and a detail of the duties which they perform?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I will lay a Return upon the Table, giving the information required, either this afternoon or to-morrow.

- (5.) Revenue Receipts for January 1873 and 1874:—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—The total sum received into the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the months of January and February, 1873, and the total for the months of January and February, 1874?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

Receipts.	Month.	1873.	1874.
Consolidated Revenue Fund	January	£203,885 11 9	£207,250 10 11
	February	229,692 8 5	222,360 19 9

2. ANVIL CREEK COAL MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from George Allen Mansfield, Architect, Arthur Hill Coates Macafee, Merchant, and John Cuthbert, Shipbuilder, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the "Anvil Creek Coal Mining Company."
And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Maitland Mercury*, newspapers, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—Petition received.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
4. THE REV. CHARLES R. CURREY:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Charles Rowland Currey, Presbyterian of the Protestant Episcopal Church, United States of America, representing that in the month of February, 1873, he was convicted, imprisoned, and fined for an assumed violation of the Marriage Registration Act; and praying the House to take the premises of his Petition into consideration, with a view to relief.
Petition received.
5. PAPERS:—
Mr. Allen laid upon the Table a List of the Directors of the Destitute Children's Asylum, Randwick, for the year 1874.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Circular Despatch respecting an application for permission to coin Silver at the Melbourne Branch Mint.
(2.) Circular Despatch respecting Dr. Bleek's Researches into the Bushman Language.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Abstract of all Sites for Cities, Towns, and Villages, declared under the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1. From 1st to 28th February, 1874.
(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed, for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the the 4th section of the same Act. From 1st to 28th February, 1874.
(3.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the same Act.
Ordered to be printed.
6. METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the Supply of Water to the City and Suburbs of Sydney, and for the Sewerage thereof.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Electoral Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday, 12th March.
8. PUBLIC PENSIONS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to regulate the granting of Public Pensions; and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor, No. 21, be referred to the Committee.
Question put and passed.
Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution:—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a bill to regulate the granting of Public Pensions.
On motion of Mr. Parkes that report was adopted.

9. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Newtown Omnibus Company's Incorporation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Newtown Omnibus Company (Limited) and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th March, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Greta Coal and Shale Mining Company's Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Greta Coal and Shale Mining Company,*" with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th March, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

GRETA COAL AND SHALE MINING COMPANY'S BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 4th March, 1874.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2. Clause 2, lines 32 and 33. Omit "notwithstanding any law to the contrary."

Page 4. Clause 11. Omit clause 11.

Examined,—

J. DOCKER,

Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday, 13th March.

(3.) Commissioners for Affidavits Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the taking of Affidavits to be used in the Supreme Court.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th March, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

10. PENSIONS LIMITATION BILL:—Mr. Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the granting of Public Pensions,*"—which was read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 26th March.

11. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. J. S. Smith moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "it be an instruction to the Government to deal with the matter of a Court House at Hill End immediately."

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 5 MARCH, 1874, A.M.

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

The House adjourned at one minute before Two o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 91.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 5 MARCH, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Raymond Terrace Mails:—Mr. Jacob asked the Minister acting for the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Were the Mails from Sydney, which were due at Raymond Terrace on Thursday, the 26th February last, delivered or received on that day?

(2.) If not, what became of them?

(3.) Is any penalty incurred for non-delivery of due Mails at Raymond Terrace?

(4.) If so, and if the Mails referred to in question number one were not delivered on the day that they should have been received, and the non-delivery arose from negligence, has the penalty been inflicted, or will it be imposed?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The Sydney Mail due at Raymond Terrace on 26th ultimo was landed at Newcastle on the morning of that day, because the river being flooded the local agents for the steamer at Newcastle and Morpeth had arranged not to allow the "Maitland" to proceed to Morpeth. It appears, however, that at about 10 a.m. the captain was instructed to proceed up the river, which he did, but without the Mails.

(3.) The Mails to and from the Hunter River not being conveyed under contract, no penalty is provided to meet a case of the nature of the present one; but it is intended to request the steam companies to cause timely notice to be given to the Postmaster in the event of a similar case again occurring.

(2.) Seal Rock Light-house:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he cause the Petition presented by Mr. Booth in reference to the Seal Rock Light-house to be laid upon the Table of the House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes; it will be laid upon the Table in the course of the afternoon.

(3.) Pay of Government Workmen on Holidays:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Do the working men employed by the Government lose a day's wages on the occurrence of every holiday?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The workmen employed in the Public Works Department are paid for all proclaimed holidays.

(4.) Ironbark Bridge:—Mr. Hannell asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that part of Ironbark Bridge, on the road from Newcastle to Maitland, has fallen into the river, and that all traffic between these places by the road is prevented in consequence?

(2.) Pending the erection of a new bridge, will instructions be given to effect the necessary repairs to keep open the communication?

(3.) Has a contract for the erection of a new bridge been entered into; and, if so, within what time is the bridge to be completed?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Instructions have been given to put the old Morpeth Punt here, and an officer is now in the District to see that the communication is at once opened.

(3.) A contract has been entered into for the erection of a new bridge to be completed on the 23rd June next.

(5.)

- (5.) Volunteer Land Orders :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government determined to alter the Regulations regarding the issue of Land Orders to Volunteers, so as to permit of the issue of the said Orders on the expiry of five years service in each case, and not at the beginning of each year, as at present?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—Yes; the matter is merely awaiting the authority of the Governor and the Executive Council.

- (6.) Permanent Artillery Force :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is he aware that an Order has been issued to the Permanent Artillery Force to the effect that no officer, non-commissioned officer, or gunner of that Force is to dare enter the Legislative Assembly during the discussion of the Estimates?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—They were simply prohibited.

- (7.) Permanent Artillery Force :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of Members of the Permanent Artillery Force who have been sentenced to cells by the Commanding Officer since the formation of that Corps?

(2.) The term of sentence in each of such cases; and for what offence in each case?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) 18, viz. :—2, three times; 4, twice; and 12, once.

(2.) Viz. :—

Offences.	Sentence.
Insubordination	96 hours.
Absence and insubordination	120 "
Absence and feigning disease	168 "
Making a false statement	168 "
Breaking out of barracks and insubordination	120 "
Disobedience of orders, drunk in the streets, and insubordination	168 "
Insubordination	120 "
Drunk in the streets, insubordination, and absence	120 "
Breaking past a sentry, and drunk	168 "
Absence, drunk, and improperly dressed	168 "
Drunk in camp at Botany	168 "
Drunk in camp at Botany	168 "
Absent from band practice and drunk	168 "
Absence and insubordination	168 "
Drunk and disobedience of orders	168 "
Absence and drunk	168 "
Preferring frivolous and groundless complaints to the Major of Brigade when in the cells	168 "
Creating a disturbance at Fort Denison, and using obscene language to the Light-house keeper's wife	168 "
Drunk on picket	168 "
Breaking out of barracks and absence for three days	168 "
Insubordinate language	168 "
Drunk and insubordination	168 "
Disobedience of orders	120 "
Disobedience of orders	120 "
Insubordination	168 "
Absence and improperly dressed with his tunic torn	168 "

- (8.) Horticultural Society's Exhibition :—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Did the Director of the Botanic Gardens refuse to allow the Horticultural Society to keep their Exhibition open an extra day, viz., Friday, 27th ultimo?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Director of the Botanic Garden declined to concur in the request made to him by one of the members of the Horticultural Society that their Exhibition should be kept open an extra day, and gave as his reason for withholding his assent that the lawn on which the Exhibition tent was erected was then in such a boggy condition that much tramping on it would destroy it. That, for this reason, the Director expressed to the Secretary of the Society, before the tent was erected, his unwillingness that the Exhibition should take place at that time; but this had no effect. The member of the Society who asked the Director for the extra day was referred by him to the Honorable the Secretary for Lands, who alone could authorize the granting of the extra day. The Secretary for Lands was not applied to in the matter.

2. CAMPBELLTOWN RESERVOIR BETTER PRESERVATION BILL :—Mr. Stephen Brown presented a Petition from Thomas Chippindall, of Campbelltown, representing that he is the owner of certain property at Campbelltown which will be damaged by the operation of this Bill, if passed in its present state; and praying a favourable consideration of his case.
Petition received.

3. PAPERS :—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Returns respecting the Permanent Artillery Force.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table, copy of a Petition to the Secretary for Public Works respecting the Seal Rock Light-house.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Allen laid upon the Table, Return to an Address adopted on 3rd March, 1874, in reference to the case of Richard Staples.
Ordered to be printed.

4. THE REVEREND CHARLES R. CURREY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 4th March, from the Rev. Charles R. Currey, be printed. Question put and passed.
5. ANVIL CREEK COAL MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Anvil Creek Coal Mining Company. Question put and passed.
6. MAIL TIME-TABLE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd March, from the Inhabitants of the Town and District of Orange, relative to the recent alteration in the Mail Time-table, be printed. Question put and passed.
7. ANVIL CREEK COAL MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Burns having presented this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of Twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "A Bill to incorporate the 'Anvil Creek Coal Mining Company'"—read a first time.
8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed,—
- (1.) Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday, 26th March.
 - (2.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill; second reading. } on motion of Mr. Farnell,
 - (3.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill; second reading. } until Thursday, 19th March.
 - (4.) Distillation Bill; second reading;—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Thursday, 19th March.
 - (5.) Imprisonment on Civil Process Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading;—on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday next.
9. METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of bringing in a Bill to make better provision for the Supply of Water to the City and Suburbs of Sydney, and for the Sewerage thereof. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*) that the said Resolution be now received. The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
Resolved, That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the Supply of Water to the City and Suburbs of Sydney, and for the Sewerage thereof. Resolution, on motion of Mr. Parkes, read a second time, and agreed to.
10. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 6 MARCH, 1874, A.M.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 92.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 6 MARCH, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Firewood for Court-house at Molong:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the necessary vouchers been sent to the proper officer for the payment to John Benson of the sum due to him for supplying the Court House at Molong with firewood?

(2.) If so, when will he be paid?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) The account of John Benson, £3 18s. 5d., was returned to the Bench on the 3rd instant for the certificate of a Magistrate.

(2.) There will be no delay in having the account paid when returned from the Bench.

- (2.) Road Trustees, Crookwell:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was a Petition received by the Minister from certain residents at or near Crookwell, complaining of the conduct of certain Road Trustees as regards the wrongful accounting for their expenditure of the funds entrusted to them?

(2.) If so, what steps did the Government take to ascertain the facts, and with what result?

(3.) What course do the Government intend to take in the matter?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) No record of any such complaint since 1870.

(2.) An investigation was then made by two officers of the Department, who reported that great irregularities had been proved, and the Government dismissed the Trustees from office.

(3.) The Votes since 1870 have been expended by the Department.

2. MR. WILLIAM DEANE:—Mr. Tunks presented a Petition from William Deane, lately Captain Commanding No. 2 Battery Volunteer Artillery, representing that he has been dismissed the Volunteer Service of New South Wales without a hearing or trial; and praying that he may receive such relief in the matter as to this House may seem meet.
Petition received.
3. METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BILL:—Mr. Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to make better provision for the supply of Water to the City and Suburbs of Sydney and for the Sewerage thereof*,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday, 26th March.
4. PROVISIONAL SCHOOL AT MUTBILLY ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Butler moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all applications to the Council of Education for aid towards the establishing of a Provisional School at Mutbilly, or for the salary of a Teacher for such School, together with all correspondence between the Council and any person or persons on the subject.
Question put and passed.
5. CAMPBELLTOWN RESERVOIR BETTER PRESERVATION BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 5th February, from Mr. Thomas Chippindall, relative to the Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. THE SYDNEY MUSEUM:—Mr. Cooper (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Select Committee now sitting on the Sydney Museum be authorized to make visits of inspection to, and hold inquiries at, the Sydney Museum.
Question put and passed.
7. LEGAL PRACTITIONERS RELIEF BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Stewart, "That this Bill be now read a second time,"—upon which Mr. Driver had moved by way of amendment, That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for consideration and report, with power to send for persons and papers. That such Committee consist of Mr. Stewart, Mr. Allen, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Forster, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. De Salis, and Mr. Driver",—

Debate resumed.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Baker, Mr. Butler, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*), Mr. Jacob, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Thomas Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Warden,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twelve minutes after Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 93.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 10 MARCH, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Roads at Five Dock:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) When did Mr. Surveyor Hancock commence laying out the Roads within the Municipality of Five Dock; and when is it probable the work will be completed?
 (2.) What amount has been paid to Mr. Surveyor Hancock for the work already performed; and can the Minister give any estimate of its probable total cost?
 (3.) At what rate is Mr. Hancock paid for this work?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) 9th April, 1873. Will be completed in about three weeks time.
 (2.) £543 16s. 9d. 75 per cent. on account rendered. About £755 inclusive of five men's wages.
 (3.) £1 10s. per day for Mr. Hancock, and wages of party paid by Government.
 (2.) Senior-Constable Warren:—*Mr. Teece*, on behalf of Mr. Single, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has Senior-Constable Warren satisfactorily explained the reason of his non-compliance with Mr. Cullen's request to assist in searching for the body of Richard Woodbury, recently drowned near Moree?
 (2.) Have any reports from local officers been received relating thereto?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) An explanation has been received from Senior-Constable Warren, to the effect that in consequence of the flood, and he not being a good swimmer, it was impossible for him to cross the Broadwater without great risk, and that the people of Moree strongly recommended him not to venture.
 (2.) The Police of the District forwarded the explanation, and considered it to be satisfactory.
 (3.) Compensation for Land taken for Railway purposes at Goulburn:—Mr. Teece asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will compensation be granted to the owners of land taken up by the Government for Railway purposes at Goulburn in November last?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—These Railway land cases are being proceeded with as rapidly as possible; a portion of the claims, with Land Valuator's report thereon, are now before the Executive Council for approval, and the remainder are under consideration, and will be dealt with, without unnecessary delay.

- (4.) District Court, Gulgong:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to apply the provisions of the District Courts Act, relative to the establishment of Courts, to the town of Gulgong?

Mr. Allen answered,—This matter has not, up to the present time, been brought under the notice of the Government; but if a representation is made of the necessity for the Court, it shall have due consideration.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Subordinate Roads under Trustees. (Proposed Distribution of Vote on Estimates for 1874.)
- (2.) Subordinate Roads. (Under Officers of Roads Department.)
- (3.) Return to an Order, made on 27th January, 1874, in reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Karuah River.
- (4.) Return to an Order, made on 3rd February, 1874, in reference to the alteration of the Main Line of Road near Molong, known as Smith's Lane.
- (5.) Report from the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers on the subject of Docks generally. Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the Seventeenth Annual Report (1873) of the Municipal Council of Sydney on Sydney Sewerage and Water Supply. Ordered to be printed.

3. ASSENT TO NEWTOWN OMNIBUS COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 33.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the 'Newtown Omnibus Company (Limited)' 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 10th March, 1874.

4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from Residents of the proposed Electorates of Inverell and the Gwydir, praying that certain alterations may be made in the boundaries of these Electorates. Petition received.
5. PERMANENT ARTILLERY FORCE:—Mr. Garrett presented a Petition from members of the New South Wales Artillery, praying to be relieved from service in the Force. Petition received.
6. PROPOSED RAILWAY EXTENSION THROUGH NORTH YASS:—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient that the Southern Railway should pass through or touch the Town of North Yass.
 - (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
 Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Baker,
Mr. Cunneen,

Tellers.

Mr. Teece,
Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 17.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Cummings,	Tellers.
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Lucas.

And so it passed in the negative.

7. RAILWAY TIME-TABLE:—Mr. Teece moved, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the recent change in the Railway Time-table, by which night passenger trains are discontinued, is unsuited to the requirements of the Colony.
- (2.) That this House is further of opinion that the Railway Time-table superseded should be reverted to.
- (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only Seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker,—namely, Mr. Allen, Mr. Combes, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Garrett, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Nelson, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Piddington, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Single, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Teece,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House at twenty-seven minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 94.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Was an investigation lately held by or before the Sheriff upon the state and management of, or any proceedings in, Darlinghurst Gaol?
 - (2.) If so, what was the result of the investigation, and what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
 - (3.) Was a man named David Finning, lately a prisoner in the said gaol, allowed some indulgence by mitigation of sentence, or the like, for certain information obtained from him?
 - (4.) Was the dispenser removed in consequence, or about that time?
 - (5.) Was any cause shown for inquiry into the conduct of the Visiting Surgeon with reference to complaints of harshness, neglect of invalids, inconsiderate opinions upon cases submitted to him, or the like?
 - (6.) Was there any inquiry into such complaints; and, if so, any grounds for censure of the conduct of the Visiting Surgeon?
 - (7.) Were all the books of the Establishment, and in particular was the Daily Issue-book, examined at the investigation?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) An inquiry was made by the Sheriff into certain allegations respecting the medical comforts of the hospital.
 - (2.) The inquiry resulted in the resignation by the dispenser, Mr. Alexander Macdonnell, of his office.
 - (3.) A prisoner named David Finning was allowed a special remission of three months of his sentence in consideration of information afforded by him to the prison authorities.
 - (4.) This question is answered by the answer to question 2.
 - (5.) The Sheriff informs me that no questions of the kind arose upon the occasion of this inquiry.
 - (6.) No complaints of the kind arose.
 - (7.) The hospital Daily Issue-book, and some others connected with the matter in hand, were examined.
- (2.) Road to Jerry's Plains:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has any application, memorial, or petition lately reached the Government, from residents, landholders, or others interested, praying for a Road along the right bank of the river Hunter to and from Jerry's Plains, and how many names were appended thereto?
 - (2.) Through how many miles of private land, and to whom belonging, and through how many miles of public lands and of reserves, respectively, would such Road pass?
 - (3.) Are such reserves held by any person; and, if so, by whom?
 - (4.) Have any persons objected to such Road; and, if so, who?
 - (5.) Has such Road been actually used by the public; and, if so, how long?
 - (6.) Would such Road enable those using it to avoid crossing the river Hunter; and, if so, how often?
 - (7.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Two Petitions have been received, one signed by 96 persons, for Road from Denman to Jerry's Plains, and one signed by 43 persons for the same Road and its extension to Merriwa on the south of the Goulburn River.

(2.) It is impossible to state from the applications what private lands it would intersect, and no survey has been made. It would probably pass through two reserves.

(3.) They are under lease to Mr. White.

(4.) No objection has been received since the receipt of the present Petitions, except from Mr. White.

(5.) No definite information has been received.

(6.) It would avoid crossing the River Hunter twice, and would have to cross the Goulburn River, Greig's Creek, and Doyle's Creek.

(7.) No steps are intended to be taken at present.

(3.) Deaths in Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did a boy named Clayton die not long ago in Darlinghurst Gaol?

(2.) Was he brought before the Visiting Surgeon more than once, or once, a short time before his death, or on the day of his death?

(3.) Did the Visiting Surgeon pronounce this boy to be shamming, and refuse him admission to the hospital?

(4.) Did anything similar occur with reference to a man named George Smith and a boy named M'Ilhatton?

(5.) Were any of the above persons punished for shamming?

(6.) Were any of them placed in the hospital contrary to the opinion of the Visiting Surgeon, and after he had pronounced them shamming, or not having anything the matter with them?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) James Clayton, *alias* Ainsworth, age 26 years, died in the prison hospital on the 8th February, 1873.

(2.) He was first brought under the notice of the Visiting Surgeon on the 3rd of December, 1872, and was also seen on the 6th and 9th, and ordered to be exempted from work. He was seen on the 29th and 30th January, and on the 3rd and 4th February, and on the last-named date he was taken into the hospital.

(3.) The Visiting Surgeon made no charge of shamming against the deceased prisoner, and states that he never said or thought anything of the kind.

(4.) George Smith died in the hospital on the 6th of July, 1873, and Patrick M'Ilhatton, supposed to be the person referred to, died in the hospital on the 9th of May, 1872. Smith was in hospital from the 8th February to the 7th of March, and again on the 9th of May; and he was seen by the Surgeon nineteen times when not in hospital; he was taken into hospital on the 16th of June, and died on the 6th of July. M'Ilhatton was seen by the Surgeon first on the 4th May, and then on the 7th and 8th of May.

(5.) No persons were punished for shamming.

(6.) They were taken into hospital, in each case, by the Surgeon's orders.

(4.) Parramatta Dam:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that a great portion of the fresh-water dam at Parramatta, from which the Government establishments obtain their supplies, has been carried away by the floods?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to have the same repaired, and when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) I am aware that some damage has been done to this Dam, and have sent an officer to report thereon, who states that a breach has been made into the clay dam which is at the back of some timberwork built about 40 years ago, and now very much decayed.

(2.) As soon as a proper survey has been made, this matter will receive the consideration of the Government; in the meantime a copy of the above report has been sent to the Municipal Council of Parramatta for their information.

(5.) Northern Railway Extension:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Who was the successful tenderer for the Northern Railway extension?

(2.) What is the total amount of such tender?

(3.) Who are the sureties?

(4.) What is the amount of the surety in each case?

(5.) What is the time allowed for the completion of the contract?

(6.) Is it true that the successful tenderer, in his tender for excavations, tendered for excavating slate only in tunnels?

(7.) If the excavation is found to be rock, what will be the difference in price per yard, and what will such difference increase the total amount of the contract to?

(8.) Has the successful tenderer been in the service of the Government; and if so, when, and in what office?

(9.) Did his salary appear on the Estimates?

(10.) What amount did he receive?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Mr. William Wakeford.

(2.) It is not usual to give this information.

(3 and 4.) There are no sureties; the contractor deposits £5,000 as security, and has already done so, in accordance with specification.

(5.) The whole of the works are to be completed by the 31st March, 1876.

(6.) No.

(7.) The amount of tender includes the highest price that can be charged for excavating the tunnel, viz., the price in contractor's schedule for "hard rock similar to the specimens exhibited."

(8.) Yes, for four months, in 1870, as Superintendent of Permanent Way and Works on the Southern, Western, and Richmond Railways.

(9.) Yes.

(10.) At the rate of £500 per annum.

(6.)

(6.) Departments of the Treasury and Post Office:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has Mr. W. H. Barraclough, appointed a Clerk in the Revenue Branch of the Treasury Department in November last, at a salary of £200 per annum, passed the Civil Service Examination?
- (2.) Has a Mr. Lloyd, a Clerk in the General Post Office, passed the Civil Service Examination?
- (3.) What was his salary on his first appointment, and what salary does he now receive?
- (4.) Has a Mr. Siddons been appointed as a Clerk in the Money Order Office; what salary does he receive, and has he passed the Civil Service Examination?
- (5.) How many Officers were there in each of the above Departments at the time of the above appointments with salaries less than those allotted to, and now received by, the gentlemen named in the foregoing questions?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) Mr. Barraclough was appointed to his present office on 3rd November last, conditionally upon his passing the Civil Service Examination within the time usually granted in such cases, and which has not expired.

With respect to Questions 2, 3, and 4, I have received the following information from the Post Office Department:—

- (2.) Mr. Edwin Lloyd, a Clerk in the General Post Office, has not yet passed the Civil Service Examination.
- (3.) His salary on first appointment was £50 per annum. His present salary is £100 per annum.
- (4.) Yes. Salary 10s. per week. Has not passed the Civil Service Examination.
- (5.) With respect to that portion of Question No. 5 which refers to the Department of the Post Office, I am informed as follows:—

None in the case of Mr. Siddons.

At the time of Mr. Lloyd's appointment there were—

	2	Probationary Clerks at £25 per annum.
1	Do.	Do. £50 "
1	Do.	Do. £52 "
1	Do.	Do. 5s. per day.

(5.) With respect to that portion of Question No. 5 which refers to the Department of the Treasury, I may state as follows:—

In the Account Branch, 6 officers,—3 of whom are Cadets receiving periodical increases of salary.

In the Revenue Branch, 4 officers,—all of whom are Cadets receiving periodical increases of salary.

In the Correspondence Branch, 1 officer,—receiving a graduated increase of salary.

In the Pay Branch, 2 officers.

In the Examining Branch, 1 officer.

In the Record Branch, 1 officer.

In reference to that portion of the Question which refers to Mr. Edwin Lloyd, it has been suggested that this question has been asked on the assumption that he is some connection of mine. I therefore think it right, in justice to the young man himself, to say that he was not appointed by me, or upon my recommendation; that I never saw him, and that he is no connection of mine.

(7.) The Molong Bench:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have any complaints been made to the Government regarding the very great inconvenience the public is subjected to owing to the disorganized state of the Molong Bench and the want of additional Magistrates?
- (2.) If so, what steps do the Government intend taking to remedy the matter complained of?
- (3.) Are the Government aware of the fact that there is at present not a Magistrate residing in the Town of Molong?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A letter was received from Mr. Blakefield, dated the 1st December last, suggesting the appointment of an additional Magistrate—that Mr. Finch, Clerk of Petty Sessions, should be appointed to the Commission of the Peace. That communication was referred to the Bench on the 30th December last, and has not been returned to my office. In reference to Question 3, I am not aware of a scarcity of Magistrates. The Magistrates in the Police District of Molong are—Mr. C. Ireland, Mr. H. C. Wall, Mr. F. J. Smith, Mr. H. Clements, Mr. J. G. Church, Mr. H. McCulloch, Mr. W. Rose, Mr. S. Crawford, Mr. E. H. Allen—nine in all. I may state, with reference to Mr. Blakefield's recommendation, that the Government have an objection to appointing Clerks of Petty Sessions Justices of the Peace, excepting in cases where it is absolutely necessary.

2. ASSENT TO COMMISSIONERS FOR AFFIDAVITS BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 34.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the taking of Affidavits to be used in 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, 11th March, 1874.

3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Abbott, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 10th March, from certain inhabitants of Inverell, respecting the boundaries of the Electoral Districts of Inverell and the Gwydir, as proposed by the Electoral Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.

4. PERMANENT ARTILLERY FORCE ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 10th March, from members of the New South Wales Permanent Artillery Force, praying to be relieved from service in that Force, be printed, and referred to the Committee of Supply.
Question put and passed.
5. DEPARTMENTS OF THE TREASURY AND POST OFFICE ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The names, dates of appointment, present positions, salaries and allowances, of the officers in the departments of the Treasury and Post Office.
(2.) Which of such officers have passed the Civil Service Examination.
(3.) Which of such officers hold office on condition that they pass the Civil Service Examination.
(4.) The names of persons employed as probationers, the dates upon which they entered the Service, and which of them, if any, have passed the Civil Service Examination.
Question put and passed.
6. ANVIL CREEK COAL MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Anvil Creek Coal Mining Company's Incorporation Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Booth, Mr. Lee, Mr. Combes, Mr. Lackey, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
(2.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
(3.) Water Supply Regulation Bill; second reading,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Wednesday, 25th March.
8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to *Contingent* Notice, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "and that authority be given to the Committee, when the Estimates for the Permanent Military Force and the Volunteers are under consideration, to examine at the Bar the Commandant (Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson) and the Commanding Officer of the Artillery Force (Major Airey)."
Debate ensued.
Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the addition of the words "Captain Spalding and Lieutenants Lindeman and Russell."
Debate ensued.
Question,—That the words proposed to be added to the proposed amendment, be there added,—put and passed.
Mr. Garrett then moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by the addition of the words "Brigade Adjutant Christie, Quartermaster M'Bride, F. Guerin, Craven, and Sergeant Harris, members of the Permanent Military Force."
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be added, be there added.
The House divided.

Ayes, 44.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Single,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Grahame,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Hay,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Warden,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Booth,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Central Cumberland</i>),	Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Driver,
Mr. Combes,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Cooper.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Lucas then moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by the addition of the words "and Major Shepherd."

Debate ensued.

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

Question

Question put,—That the Original Question be amended by the addition of the words “and that authority be given to the Committee, when the Estimates for the Permanent Military Force and the Volunteers are under consideration, to examine at the Bar the Commandant (Lieutenant Colonel Richardson), and the Commanding Officer of the Artillery Force (Major Airey), Captain Spalding, and Lieutenants Lindeman and Russell, Brigade Adjutant Christie, Quartermaster M'Bride, F. Guerin, Craven, and Sergeant Harris, members of the Permanent Military Force, and Major Shepherd.”

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Hay,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Warden,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Lucas,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Stewart,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Moses,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. Piddington,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. John Robertson,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Hoskins,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Driver.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Main Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, and that authority be given to the Committee, when the Estimates for the Permanent Military Force and the Volunteers are under consideration, to examine at the Bar the Commandant (Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson), and the Commanding Officer of the Artillery Force (Major Airey), Captain Spalding, and Lieutenants Lindeman and Russell, Brigade Adjutant Christie, Quartermaster M'Bride, F. Guerin, Craven, and Sergeant Harris, members of the Permanent Military Force, and Major Shepherd,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

The House adjourned at half-past Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 95.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH, 1874.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 QUESTION.—The Licensing Act:—Mr. Burns asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 When do the Government intend to introduce their measure for the amendment of the Licensing Act?
 Mr. Parkes answered,—We do not see the necessity of introducing more measures until some of the present business is disposed of; but we think that we shall introduce this measure some time next week.
2. PAPERS:—
 Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, Postal Convention between the United States of America and the Government of New South Wales.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, made on 11th March, 1874, in reference to the Departments of the Treasury and Post Office.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return to an Order, made on 24th February, 1874, in reference to Tables of Public Statutes.
 (2.) Depositions and Correspondence in the case of Matthews v. Ashe—Assault.
 Ordered to be printed.
3. MR. WILLIAM DEANE (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Tunks moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 6th March, from Mr. William Deane, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
4. THE CASE OF SERGEANT HARRIS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the Proceedings, Finding, and all other Documents connected with the Trial by Court Martial of Sergeant Harris, of the New South Wales Permanent Artillery Force.
 Question put and passed.
5. BASE LINE FOR TRIANGULATION OF THE COLONY (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Documents, Minutes, and Instructions, relating to the "Base Line" now being measured with a view to the Triangulation of the Colony of New South Wales.
 Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee; *on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday, 25th March.*
 (2.) Imprisonment on Civil Process Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading; *on motion of Mr. Allen, until Wednesday next.*
7. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

8. DRUMMOND COPPER MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill intituled "*An Act to incorporate a certain Company called the 'Drummond Copper Mining Company (Peak Downs) Limited' and for other purposes therein expressed,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 12th March, 1874.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Driver, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 20th March.

9. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Baker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Grahame, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Nelson, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Scholey, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Sutherland,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-four minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 13 MARCH, 1874.

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

MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—

(1.) Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Allen then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,'*"—which was read a first time.

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

2. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—

(1.) Public Prosecutors Bill; second reading.

(2.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.

(3.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

3. COMPANIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

4. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day in reference to Appointments to the Legislative Council postponed, on motion of Mr. Forster, until Friday next.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Allen, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Cummings, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Scholey, Mr. J. S. Smith, and Mr. Wearne,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at seventeen minutes after Six o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 97.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 17 MARCH, 1874.

1. The House met pursuant to adjournment: Mr. Speaker took the Chair.
 SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—
 (1.) Mr. Hill presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of Waverley, in favour of the passing of this Bill.
 (2.) Mr. Booth presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sydney, praying that this Bill may be so amended as to limit its operation for a period of twenty-one years.
 Petitions received.
2. ANVIL CREEK COAL MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 11th March, 1874.
 Ordered to be printed.
 Mr. Burns then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand an Order of the Day for Friday, 20th March.
 Question put and passed.
3. MR. JOHN ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from John Archibald Campbell, of Waverley, Surgeon, alleging that the registration of a Deed, prepared and registered by him, has been abstracted from the Registration Book kept in the office for the Registration of Deeds; and praying the House to take the subject into consideration, with a view to relief.
 Petition received.
4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Butler presented a Petition from certain Electors of Yass Plains, residing at Crookwell, Wheeo, and Grabben Gullen, praying that this Bill may be amended in certain particulars.
 Petition received.
5. SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Committee-men of the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, praying for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
 And Mr. Burns having produced the *Government Gazette*, and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, newspaper, containing the notices required by the 59th Standing Order,—
 Petition received.
6. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Regulation respecting the issue of Efficiency Certificates under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.
 Ordered to be printed.
7. PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT:—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision for the payment of Members of "future Legislative Assemblies."
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Stewart moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "future Legislative Assemblies," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Legislature, such Members to be paid only for the days on which they are present in either House, and to be subject to a fine for absence on any and every division."
 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 there inserted,—put and passed.

Question proposed,—That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision for the payment of Members of the Legislature, such Members to be paid only for the days on which they are present in either House, and to be subject to a fine for absence on any and every division.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Hoskins moved, That the Question be further amended, by the addition of the words "provided that no such payment shall be made during the present Parliament."

Debate ensued.

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

Main Question proposed.

Debate continued.

Main Question put,—That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying His Excellency to cause the necessary steps to be taken to make provision for the payment of Members of the Legislature, such Members to be paid only for the days on which they are present in either House, and to be subject to a fine for absence on any and every division; provided that no such payment shall be made during the present Parliament.

The House divided.

Ayes, 13.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Baker,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Garrett,

Tellers.

Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 26.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Graham,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Single,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Stephen Brown,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Warden,	Tellers.
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Raphael.
Mr. Neale,	

And so it passed in the negative.

8. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

9. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—Mr. Wearne presented a Petition from certain Freeholders and Residents of George-street, Sydney, against the passing of this Bill.

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

10. FREE TRADE WITH VICTORIA:—Mr. Thomas Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the Government should immediately initiate a negotiation with the Government of Victoria for securing freedom of trade between this Colony and Victoria in articles produced in either Colony, Tobacco excepted.

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

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Allen, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Burns, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*), Mr. Jacob, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Thomas Robertson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Wearne,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 98.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Gold Escort Service:—Mr. Baker asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) What is the cost to the Government, or the approximate cost, of the Gold Escort Service for the year 1873?
 (2.) What are the total receipts arising to the Government from the conveyance of Gold by escort for the year 1873?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) £6,012 8s. 3d., at the closest estimate.
 (2.) £6,367 11s. 2d.

- (2.) Road from Maitland to Raymond Terrace:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What amount has been expended by the Maitland District Council out of the Road Vote for 1873, on that portion of the road from Maitland to Raymond Terrace which lies between the last-mentioned Town and the junction of the Morpeth Road with the former road?
 (2.) Was the work done by contract, or how?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Application was made on the 11th instant to the Maitland District Council to supply this information, but up to the present time it has not come to hand.

- (3.) Free Selection at Tillegerry Creek:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did one Samuel Gillespie apply some time back, through the Lands Agent at Raymond Terrace, to have 38 acres of land at Tillegerry Creek put up to sale by auction after being unable to free select it?
 (2.) Were the said 38 acres advertised for sale on 2nd September, 1867, in two lots of 30 acres and 8 acres respectively?
 (3.) Were these two lots withheld from sale by the Lands Agent because, as he stated, the land had been free selected by one Richard Myers?
 (4.) Does a navigable creek separate the two lots?
 (5.) If so, and Myers was permitted to select them, was the selection in accordance with law?
 (6.) What was the date of Myers's selection?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) The only application from Samuel Gillespie appears to be one addressed to the Surveyor General, asking to have the land brought to auction sale.
 (2.) Yes.
 (3.) Yes.
 (4.) No.
 (5.) The land was re-measured to contain forty acres, and Myers's selection was in accordance with law.
 (6.) His first selection was dated 25th April, 1867, but this was declared lapsed by gazette notice of 29th November, 1870. He has again selected by application, dated 21st August, 1873.

- (4.) New General Post Office,—Railway to Bathurst:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will the New Post Office in Sydney be completed?
 (2.) When will the Railway to Bathurst be finished?

Mr. Parkes answered—The Post Office will be completed in about two months, and the Railway to Bathurst at the end of the present year.

(5.)

(5.) Payment of Government Workmen :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Are the working men employed by the Government paid for all holidays ?
- (2.) Were the said working men paid for Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, or the Anniversary Day ?
- (3.) Is it true that the employés on the Great Northern Line receive 6s. per day, and those on the Southern Line 5s. per day ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) They are to be paid for all proclaimed holidays.
- (2.) By some misunderstanding the men have not been paid for holidays proclaimed recently, but instructions have now been issued to pay the men at once.
- (3.) It is not true.

(6.) Weigh-bridge at Green Swamp Bar :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he state whether it is his intention to order a weigh-bridge to be erected at Green Swamp Bar, as stated in the *Government Gazette* ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Government have no intention of replacing the weigh-bridge at Green Swamp, which was removed on the opening of the railway to Macquarie Plains, when tolls by weight at that Bar were abolished.

(7.) Visiting Surgeon, Darlinghurst Gaol :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did he receive a complaint from a prisoner confined in Darlinghurst Gaol, to the effect that he was labouring under a severe swelling of the testicles, and that the Visiting Surgeon, Dr. Aaron, had behaved harshly to him, and told him he was telling lies ?
- (2.) Is it true that Dr. Aaron told him he could do nothing for him, as he was only a man under committal ?
- (3.) Is it true that nothing had been done for the man up till yesterday evening, and that his pain had not been relieved by even the application of a suspensory bandage ?
- (4.) Will the Colonial Secretary state what has been done, if anything, to afford some sort of relief to this unfortunate man ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The complaint of this prisoner was reported to me on the morning of the 16th instant. As other similar complaints had been made in this House, I directed a special inquiry to be instituted by the Medical Adviser to the Government and Dr. Alleyne. These gentlemen almost immediately visited the prisoner, and reported that the Prison Surgeon's proposed treatment was the correct mode of treatment. I understood that the Gaol Surgeon had stated that it was useless for him to take this case in hand until the man was tried, he being down for early trial, inasmuch as considerable time would be necessary for a proper treatment of the case.

(8.) Court and Watch-House at Crookwell :—Mr. Butler asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have plans and specifications for a Court and Watch-House at Crookwell been lying at Goulburn or Crookwell since January, 1873 ?
- (2.) When will a contract for these works be accepted ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes, they appear to have been forwarded by the Colonial Architect in anticipation of the work being authorized.
- (2.) The sum of £1,000 is on the Additional Estimates for the present year for the erection of a Court and Watch-House at Crookwell, and when the amount shall have been voted, tenders will be invited for the buildings in question.

(9.) Volunteer Land Orders :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce any measure, or issue any regulation, which would have the effect of replacing the present system of issuing Volunteer Land Orders by the issue of Land Notes of the value of £50 to Volunteers every five years ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to deal with this matter.

2. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Cooper, on behalf of Mr. Creed, presented a Petition from certain Electors of the Upper Hunter, residing in the District of Muswellbrook, praying that the Electorate proposed by this Bill to be named "Cassilis" may be called "Muswellbrook." Petition received.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Underwood's Estate Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Underwood's Estate Act of 1873,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th March, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Burns, read a first time.

Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 27th March.

(2.)

(2.) Parnell's Leasing Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to enable Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell (formerly Sarah Eliza Matilda Clift) the wife of Charles Parnell of Edithville Miller's Forest in the Colony of New South Wales and after her decease during the minority of her children to enable the Trustees of the Will and Codicils of Samuel Clift deceased formerly of West Maitland to lease certain lands for building or other purposes and also all or any of the mines seams or strata of Coal and other minerals within upon or under all or any of the said lands devised by the said Will and Codicils of the said Samuel Clift to the use of his daughter the said Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell during her natural life and after her decease to her children share and share alike*,"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 18th March, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

PARNELL'S LEASING BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendment referred to in Message of 18th March, 1874.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 3, clause 2, line 23. *After "leases" add "Provided always that of the gross income to be derived from such rents dues duties tolls or royalties there shall be set apart (upon the payment thereof from time to time to the Trustees of the said Will and Codicils) by such Trustees a sum equal to one-fourth of every such amount so paid to them during the life-time of the said Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell And the sums so to be set apart shall with all accumulations of interest be invested from time to time in Government Securities for the benefit of the child or children of the said Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell lawfully begotten with power to such Trustees to alter vary and transfer such securities for others of the like nature And the remaining three-fourths part of such sums so to be derived as aforesaid shall be payable to the said Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell in the same way and subject to such conditions and restrictions as income under the said will and codicils And after the death of the said Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell the proceeds of the sums so invested in Government securities shall be paid to such child or children as aforesaid share and share alike in like manner as is provided by the said will and codicils in respect of the proceeds or income derivable from any property devised to such child or children in remainder."*

Examined—

J. DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Burns, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday, 27th March.

5. DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands.
Question put and passed.
6. CITY PROPERTIES LEASING AND IMPROVING ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to further authorize the Leasing and Improving of City Properties.
Question put and passed.
7. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL ("*Formal*" Motions) :—
 - (1.) Mr. Hill moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 17th March, from the Municipal Council of Waverley, in favour of the passing of the Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Booth moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 17th March, from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Sydney, in favour of the passing of the Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill, and praying that its operation be limited to twenty-one years, be printed.
Question put and passed.
 - (3.) Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 17th March, from Residents of George-street, against the passing of the Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
8. MR. JOHN ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 17th March, from John Archibald Campbell, relative to the abstraction of the registration of a Deed from the Registration Book, be printed.
Question put and passed.
9. SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
Question put and passed.
10. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Abbott, on behalf of Mr. Butler, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 17th March, from certain Electors of the District of Grabben Gullen, Wheeo, and Crookwell, relative to the Electoral Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.

11. SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Burns having *presented* this Bill, and produced a certificate of the payment of twenty-five pounds to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue of the Colony, Bill, intituled "*A Bill to incorporate the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—read a first time.
12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Allen:—
 - (1.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (2.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (3.) Imprisonment on Civil Process Amendment Bill (No. 2); second reading;—*to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply.*
13. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 19 MARCH, 1874, A.M.

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

14. FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATE FOR 1873 AND PREVIOUS YEARS, AND ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 1874:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 35.

In accordance with the provisions of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Additional Estimates of the expenditure of this Government for the year 1874, with further Supplementary Estimates of Expenditure for 1873 and previous years.

*Government House,
Sydney, 18th March, 1874.*

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lloyd, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and taken into consideration in the Committee of Supply.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 99.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 19 MARCH, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Inspectors of Distilleries:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Where the six Inspectors of Distilleries are stationed?
(2.) What Inspectors of Distilleries have been appointed by the present Ministry, and where stationed?
(3.) Have the gentlemen last appointed passed the Civil Service, or any other examination?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) Three in Sydney; three at Harwood Island, Clarence River.
(2.) Messrs. Bell, Waring, and Reid. Messrs. Reid and Waring are stationed in Sydney, and Mr. Bell at Harwood Island.
(3.) No; as they had been in the service of the Government prior to their present appointments.

- (2.) Dr. Bailey:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will he lay upon the Table the Papers respecting Dr. Bailey's claim to be placed on the list of Clergymen entitled to celebrate Marriage?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find that there is no order of the House for these Papers, but that, in answer to a question put some considerable time ago, I stated that I thought there would be no objection to laying these Papers before Parliament. Since then circumstances have come to the knowledge of the Government which seem to me to justify the Government in declining to lay these Papers before Parliament.

2. WILLIAM DUNN:—Mr. Lucas presented a Petition from William Dunn, of Paddington, relative to his claim to a grant of land in the City of Sydney; and praying for inquiry into the matter. Petition received.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.

4. MINING BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the regulation of Mining*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 19th March, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

MINING

MINING BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 19th March, 1874,

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, clause 3, line 55. *After "enactments" insert "or prevent applications made before the passing of this Act from being dealt with under the provisions of this Act."*
- " 3, clause 7, line 45. *Omit "February" insert "May"*
- " 4, " 7, line 4. *After "Governor" insert "alone"*
- " " line 6. *Omit "said"*
- " " line 10. *Before "remuneration" insert "subject to the annual Vote of Parliament such"*
- " clause 8, line 26. *After "Mines" add "Provided however that if it shall be thought fit to establish such School and Museum in connection with the University of Sydney the same shall so long as such connection shall continue be under the control and management of the Senate of the University and such Senate shall in that case appoint such Professors and Readers and other persons as aforesaid as may be required"*
- " 6, clause 15, lines 10 and 11. *Omit "at the time of taking possession" insert "from time to time Provided that such quantities dimensions or boundaries shall not be prejudicially affected by any regulation made after the time of taking possession"*
- " clause 15, line 16. *After "purposes" add "Provided that if anything proposed to be done or done under the powers by this sub-section conferred shall be calculated to be or shall be prejudicial to the owner or occupier of any freehold land such owner or occupier shall be entitled to full compensation for any loss thereby sustained or to be sustained by him in respect of such lands from the person or persons doing or proposing to do such act such compensation to be determined by arbitration in the usual manner The amount awarded under such arbitration to be paid by such person or persons before doing such act or after doing the same as the circumstances of the case shall require."*
- " 8, clause 19, line 11. *Omit "s" in "claims"*
- " 10, " 28, line 13. *After "highway" insert "navigable waters or under any common or reserve whether dedicated or not or under any"*
- " 10, clause 28, line 25. *Omit "and" insert "or"*
- " 12, " 37, lines 33 and 34. *Omit "and the date of the second payment shall be twelve months after the execution of such lease"*
- " 17, clause 57, line 21. *Omit "sections 47 and 48 of"*
- " 18, " 60, line 7. *Omit "hereinafter" insert "hereinbefore"*
- " " line 10. *Omit "selected" insert "leased"*
- " " " *Omit "sixty-three" insert "fifty-six"*
- " " 62, line 30. *After "aforesaid" omit the remainder of the clause.*
- " 30, " 94, line 36. *Omit "April" insert "June"*
- " " line 41. *Omit "auriferous" insert "gold-mining"*
- " " line 46. *After "disqualified" add "Provided that if from any cause such list shall not have been prepared at the time herein prescribed such list if prepared as soon thereafter as practicable shall for all purposes be as valid and effectual as if the same had been prepared within the time thereinbefore mentioned."*
- " 31, " 95, line 14. *Omit "April" insert "June"*
- " 32, " 102, line 25. *Omit "auriferous" insert "gold-mining"*
- " 33, " 109, line 59. *Omit "eighty-six" insert "seventy-seven"*
- " 35, " 115, line 49. *Omit "thirty" insert "fifty"*

Proviso as to
freehold land.

Examined,—

J. DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Farnell, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Thursday next.

5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Cooper moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 18th March, from Electors of the Upper Hunter, relative to certain proposed alterations in the Electoral Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts Incorporation Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Combes, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
7. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—Mr. Wearne presented a Petition from Freeholders and Residents of George-street, in the City of Sydney, praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House in support of the Petition from them, presented to the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, the 17th March, instant.
Petition received.

8. **POSTPONEMENTS**:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Wednesday next:—
- (1.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill; second reading.
 - (2.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill; second reading.
 - (3.) Distillation Bill; second reading.
 - (4.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill; second reading.
9. **SUPPLY**:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved “That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
- Mr. Combes moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “in the opinion of this House the authority given to the Committee to examine witnesses at the Bar cannot be carried out until a Bar be provided, and that this question be referred to the Standing Orders Committee for their consideration and report.”
- Debate ensued.
- Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
- Original Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—put and passed.
- Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
- Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
- Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
- Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 20 MARCH, 1874, A.M.

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

The House adjourned, at Twenty-five minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 100.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 20 MARCH, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Certificates to Denominational Schools:—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What number of applications for Certificates to Denominational Schools did the Council of Education receive from each of the various Denominations between the 1st January, 1867, and the 31st December, 1872?
- (2.) What number of Certificates was granted to the Schools of each Denomination during the same period?
- (3.) What number of applications has been received from, and what number of Certificates granted to, the Schools of each Denomination since the 1st of January, 1873?

Mr. Allen answered,—

- (1.) Two applications were received for Certificates to Church of England Schools; fourteen for Certificates to Roman Catholic Schools; one for a Certificate to a Wesleyan School; and two for Certificates to Hebrew Schools.
- (2.) Two Certificates were granted to Roman Catholic Schools, and one was granted to a Hebrew School.
- (3.) One application has been received for a Certificate to a Church of England School, and four have been received for Certificates to Roman Catholic Schools, since 1st January, 1873; one Certificate has been granted to a Church of England School, and three have been granted to Roman Catholic Schools, during the same period.

- (2.) Inquest at Campbelltown:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Was there an inquest held at Campbelltown lately on the body of a man found drowned there?
- (2.) What was the result?
- (3.) Was there any medical evidence called?
- (4.) Was there a cut on the head of deceased?
- (5.) Did the jury come to the conclusion that the body was the body of a man who has since turned up alive?
- (6.) Were any articles of clothing, supposed to have belonged to the deceased, found in the possession of a man living at Campbelltown?
- (7.) Is that man in custody, and will the Minister order an investigation into this case?

Mr. Allen answered,—

- (1.) An inquest was held at Campbelltown on 22nd ultimo, on the remains of a man in an advanced state of decomposition, supposed to have been drowned.
- (2.) Verdict—found drowned, but no evidence to show by what means.
- (3.) No medical evidence would appear to have been called, the Coroner having appealed to the jury, who did not think it necessary, as they considered there had been no foul play.
- (4.) There was a cut on the head of deceased, supposed to have been occasioned by a fall from a certain bridge into a creek below, where some logs were lying. The wound was considered rather superficial to have resulted from violence.
- (5.) I am informed the jury were under the impression, judging from general appearances, the body was that of one John Shepherd, but they did not finally arrive at such conclusion. The features were so decomposed that positive identification was impossible, and the clothing was not recognized. A day or two afterwards one of the witnesses, who believed the deceased to have been Shepherd, saw that person in the bush, and directly afterwards informed the Police.

(6.)

- (6.) A pair of trousers and a pair of blucher boots were found near the bridge in question by a man named William Steward, who, hearing of the matter after the inquest, brought them into Campbelltown, where they were identified as having been purchased by a man named Edwin Bracken, who left Campbelltown for his home, his way being across the bridge already referred to, on the evening of 16th February, under the influence of drink, and not since heard of.
- (7.) William Steward is not in custody, there being no evidence to implicate him in the death of deceased.
- (8.) Orphan Schools:—Mr. Raphael asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Orphan School Returns, ordered on the 4th February last, be laid upon the Table?
Mr. Allen answered,—I shall be prepared to lay the Returns upon the Table in the course of the evening.
2. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th March, from certain residents of George-street, praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House against the passing of the Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill, be printed.
 Question put and passed.
3. PAPERS:—Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Return to an Order, made on 23rd January, 1874, in reference to complaint against Mr. Allen, Sheriff's Bailiff at Maitland.
 (2.) Return to an Order, made on 4th February, 1874, in reference to Orphan Schools.
 Ordered to be printed.
4. CITY PROPERTIES LEASING AND IMPROVING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Farnell *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill further to authorize the leasing and improving of City Properties,*"—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 1st April.
5. DRUMMOND COPPEL MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the day having been read,—Mr. Driver moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Public Prosecutors Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*
 (2.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, until Friday next.*
 (3.) Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday, 10th April.*
7. COMPANIES BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Stephen Brown (*with the concurrence of the House*) that report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.
8. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day respecting Appointments to the Legislative Council postponed, on motion of Mr. John Robertson, until Friday, 10th April.
9. ANVIL CREEK COAL MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Garrett, the Debate on this Question adjourned (after Debate) to Friday next.
10. GRETA COAL AND SHALE MINING COMPANY'S BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Driver that report was adopted.
 Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill intituled "*An Act to incorporate the 'Greta Coal and Shale Mining Company.'*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th March, 1874.
11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Common Lodging Houses Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Hoskins, until Friday next.*
 (2.) Bridge over the Bell River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1874, a sum of money not exceeding £500, for the construction of a Bridge over the Bell River, on the road between Ironbarks and Molong. } *on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday next.*
 (3.) Petition of John Robards; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Robards, of Molong, ordered by the House to be printed on 4th March, 1873, having reference to the cancellation of certain Conditional Purchases made by him in the District of Molong. }

- (4.) Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act Repeal Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Tuesday next.*
- (5.) Mineral Selections; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition presented on the 27th January last from certain Selectors of Mineral Lands in the District of Armidale and Inverell;—*on motion of Mr. Abbott, until Friday next.*
- (6.) Maitland Gas-light Company's Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*); second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*

12. BISHOPTHORPE ESTATE CHARGE BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lackey moved, "That" the report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.

Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to *Contingent Notice*, that the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be re-committed with the view of proposing the following new clause, to stand clause 3 of the Bill,—

"When and so soon as the Right Reverend Frederic Barker shall resign the Bishopric of the See of Sydney or shall die the furniture carriages harness robes wearing apparel china and glass then in the possession of the said Right Reverend Frederic Barker shall stand charged with the payment of the sum of one thousand six hundred and fifty three pounds payable to the successor of the said Right Reverend Frederic Barker and if no such payment be made within six months after the resignation or decease of the said Right Reverend Frederic Barker then such payment may be deducted from the sums payable under the first section of this Act subject to abatement in proportion to the value of any furniture carriages harness robes wearing apparel china and glass transferred from the Right Reverend Frederic Barker to his successor."

Debate ensued.

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

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Wearne,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Lackey.
Mr. Hill,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Raphael,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Lucas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Debate on Original Question continued.

Question put,—That the Report from the Committee of the Whole on this Bill be now adopted.
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Burns,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Lackey.
Mr. Piddington,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Driver,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Lucas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Lackey then moved, That the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday "next."

Mr. Stewart moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of the word "next," with a view to the insertion of the word "week."

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

And Division called for,—

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

Question then,—That the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Friday next,—put and passed.

13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Burns, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*
- (2.) Mineral Lease at Togo; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1873, the sum of £23 4s., to defray the expenses of certain Witnesses who gave evidence before the Select Committee on "Mineral Lease at Togo," in accordance with the Resolution passed by such Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Friday next.*
- (3.) Patents Act Amendment Bill reported; adoption of Report;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Tuesday next.*
- (4.) Roads Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Lucas, until Friday next.*

14. WILLIAM DUNN :—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 19th March, from William Dunn, relative to a grant of land, be printed.
Question put and passed.
15. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice, That the prayer of the Petition of certain residents of George-street, to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House against the passing of the Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill, be granted.
Question put and passed.
16. IMPRISONMENT ON CIVIL PROCESS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2):—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Allen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Allen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Allen, that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at five minutes before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 101.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 24 MARCH, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Leichhardt Expedition:—Mr. John Robertson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

What steps (if any) do the Government intend to take as to fitting out an expedition for the purpose of assisting Hume in a search for Classen, the alleged survivor of the Leichhardt party?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government have not arrived at any decision in this matter.

- (2.) Wharf at Eden:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has a contract been taken to repair the Wharf at Eden; if so, who is the contractor; on what date was the contract taken, and has the work been commenced?

(2.) If the work has not been commenced, is it the intention of the Government to cause it to be commenced forthwith?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes; the tender of James Roddan was accepted on the 2nd October last.
(2.) The work has been commenced.

- (3.) Parramatta Park:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Trustees of the Parramatta Park made any Rules or Regulations for regulating the use and enjoyment of the said Park?

(2.) If so, have the said Regulations been submitted for the approval of the Governor and Executive Council?

Mr. Farnell answered,—None, as far as the Lands Department is aware.

- (4.) Municipality of Five Dock—Measurement of Minor Roads:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many miles of roads and streets are there in the Municipality of Five Dock?

(2.) How much per mile do the Government pay Licensed Surveyors for measuring, marking, plotting, and reporting the Minor Roads?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) About 23½ miles of streets.
(2.) £4 per mile for proclamation under Acts 4 Wm. IV. No. 11, to which £4 per mile is added when alignment is necessary; 2s. 6d. per house, or fenced enclosure within 12 feet of the building lines, and 4½d. for each alignment peg. But this scale being found to work unequally, alignments have been recently paid for at a daily rate.

- (5.) Repairs to the Steamer "Bulli":—Mr. Stewart asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that a new Stern or Rudder-post has been made for the "Bulli" steamer at the Government workshops?

(2.) If so, when was the work undertaken, and at whose request?

(3.) What sum has been charged for the work, and by whom paid?

Mr.

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) A piece of iron was forged at the Government workshops to repair the keel of the steamer "Bulli."

(2.) The work was undertaken on the 24th February last, at the request of the manager of the Bulli Coal Mining Company, who stated that he had tried all the firms in Sydney, but they had declined to undertake the work, and he had no alternative but to apply for the use of the Government forge.

(3.) £91 3s. 5d. The estimated cost for wages (£60) was deposited by the Bulli Company, who have now been requested to pay the balance—£31 3s. 5d.

(6.) Visits of Barristers to Clients in Darlinghurst Gaol :—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many Barristers-at-Law have attended at the Darlinghurst Gaol during the past three years to confer with their clients in the said Gaol ?

(2.) Is there any objection to furnish the names of such Barristers ?

Mr. Parkes answered :—

(1.) Four Barristers.

(2.) The names are,—Messrs. Patterson, once ; O'Keefe, once ; Barton, once ; Buchanan, six times.

2. RESERVE ON BYRON RUN :—Mr. Abbott presented a Petition from Farmers and others, resident in the District of Inverell, alleging that it is the intention of the Government to subdivide and alienate the Reserve No. 123, situated on the Byron Run, in the District of New England ; and praying that the said Reserve may be proclaimed a permanent Common.
Petition received.

3. PROVISIONAL SCHOOLS ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all Reports from School Inspectors upon Provisional Schools in which the Teachers gave special religious instruction, by Catechism or otherwise.

(2.) Copies of Letters of Appointment to Teachers, and of Letters to Local Committees, informing them of the terms on which aid was granted by the Council of Education to Provisional Schools.

(3.) Copies of Correspondence between the Council and such Local Committees respecting the special religious instruction given by the Teachers before-mentioned.

Question put and passed.

4. IMPRISONMENT ON CIVIL PROCESS AMENDMENT BILL No. 2 ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Allen, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Allen then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Law of Arrest and Imprisonment on Civil Process.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law of Arrest and Imprisonment on Civil Process,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Council without amendment.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 24th March, 1874.

5. DISCOVERY OF GOLD IN NEW SOUTH WALES :—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice, "That" this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on a Supplementary Estimate for the present year a sum not exceeding £5,000 as compensation to E. H. Hargraves, for the discovery of Gold made by him in this Colony.

Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Combes, moved, pursuant to Contingent Notice, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the claim to the first discovery of Gold in this Colony of Mr. E. H. Hargraves, together with the claim of Messrs. William Tom, John Hardman Australia Lister, and James Tom, be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report.

"That such Committee consist of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Burns, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Baker, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Rodd, Mr. Single, and the Mover."

Debate ensued.

Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Original Question, by leave, withdrawn.

6. INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, BILOELA :—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Reports, or other Documents received by the Colonial Secretary, or any Member of the Government, from the Acting Superintendent of the Industrial School, Biloea, from the 29th November, 1873, to the 17th March, 1874.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

7. DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS :—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A nominal Return of all Denominational Schools in which the attendance has fallen below an average of thirty during the year 1873.

(2.) Copies of Correspondence, Reports, Memoranda, and Minutes in the possession of the Council of Education in reference to the withdrawal of Certificates from such Schools.

(3.) A nominal list of Certificates withdrawn during each year since 1868.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

8. LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That leave of absence for the remainder of this Session be granted to John Nowlan, Esquire, the Member for The Williams. Debate ensued. Question put. The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Grahame,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Abbott.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Teece,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Garrett.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. DR. BAILEY :—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Papers in the case of the Right Reverend Dr. Bailey, Bishop of the Free Church of England. Debate ensued. Motion, by leave, withdrawn.
10. THE CASE OF GUNNER SARGENT :—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Papers in the Court Martial proceedings which took place on Wednesday, the 11th February, 1874, at Dawes's Battery, for the trial of No. 79 Gunner George Beresford Sargent, in the New South Wales Artillery. Question put and passed.
11. THE REV. D. M'GUINN :—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum sufficient to compensate the Reverend D. M'Guinn for the loss of his stipend through the omission of his name from the Schedule of Clergymen entitled thereto under the Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act. Debate ensued. Question put. The House divided.

Ayes, 14.

Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Cooper.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Allen,	
Mr. Forster,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker,—namely, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Allen, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Lackey, Mr. Lee, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Parkes, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Thomas Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Teece, and Mr. Watson,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-one minutes before Eight o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 102.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Raymond Terrace and Stroud Road:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Who were the Trustees for the Road—"Raymond Terrace and Stroud Road, *via* the Duckhole Swamp towards the Parading Ground"—for 1871, 1872, and 1873?

(2.) What are the names of the persons who were employed in those years by the said Trustees, in work of any kind, on the road mentioned, and what sums of money did they respectively receive during each year?

(3.) Were they all employed by virtue of accepted tenders made by them?

(4.) If not, who were employed without having tendered, and what was the nature of the engagement or employment?

(5.) Was the work, in every instance, inspected before being paid for?

(6.) If not, what are the names of the persons who were paid before their work was inspected, and how often were they so paid?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Messrs. H. J. Bolding, R. Myers, and John Windeyer.

The following replies have been received from the Trustees in answer to the remaining questions:—

(2.) Edward Blanch was the only person employed in 1871, 1872, and 1873, in work of any kind; he received £28 in each year.

(3.) He was employed by virtue of accepted tender.

(4.) He was also employed without having tendered, the nature of the engagement or employment being:—An engagement to keep the Duckhole Swamp Bridge—a wooden structure erected in 1859, and a quarter of a mile long—safe for traffic in all ordinary seasons, by securing the slabs when loose and providing new ones when necessary; also to report to the Trustees any material damage caused by floods or otherwise; an employment occasionally by day work to clear any part of the road, or repair it, as needed after storms or floods, or otherwise.

(5.) The work was not in every instance inspected before being paid for.

(6.) Edward Blanch was occasionally paid small advances on account of work in progress, which was subsequently inspected, and he may perhaps have been paid for day-work, which was subsequently inspected, but the Trustees have no record of such instances.

(2.) Visits of Mr. Buchanan to Darlinghurst Gaol:—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that any Member of the Executive Government has issued an order to the effect that Mr. Buchanan, Barrister-at-Law, shall not be permitted to visit any confinee in Darlinghurst Gaol?

(2.) If so, will the order prevent a personal interview between Mr. Buchanan and any client of his now lodged in Darlinghurst Gaol?

(3.) How long is the order to remain in force?

(4.) Will the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction cause a copy of the order to be laid upon the Table of this House to-morrow?

Mr. Parkes answered,—An order has been issued by the Government to the effect that Mr. Buchanan is not to visit any inmate in Darlinghurst Gaol, except on obtaining a special order from the Sheriff for that purpose. There will be no objection to laying copies of all the papers in this case before Parliament, if the Honorable Member will move for them; and the Government will not offer any opposition to the motion being taken as a formal motion.

(3.)

(3.) Medical Treatment of Prisoner Watkins :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any medical treatment been afforded the prisoner Watkins up to this time?
- (2.) Is it still the intention of the Gaol authorities to afford Watkins no medical relief until he is tried and convicted?
- (3.) When will Watkins be tried?
- (4.) Would a prisoner get no medical relief, however necessary, if awaiting trial in gaol?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find that the prisoner Watkins has received palliative treatment, that is, tapping and drawing off certain fluid. In the event of this prisoner being convicted and remaining in the gaol, he will then receive a proper process of curative treatment, which could not be commenced at an earlier date. The prisoner is down for trial at the gaol delivery in May; but I have a letter from the Gaol Surgeon, stating that in the first instance he was informed that the prisoner was to be tried at the Quarter Sessions, on the first proximo. With regard to the fourth question, all prisoners receive the same medical relief before trial as after trial.

(4.) Administration of Justice at Gulgong :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has the Government come to any decision on the Report of the Gulgong Commission in reference to the Administration of Justice there, and the charges against Henry Tebbutt, J.P.?
- (2.) Did the Minister of Justice make any recommendation in the case, and will he state what that recommendation was?
- (3.) If the Minister of Justice made any recommendation in the case, was it approved of by the Government?

Mr. Allen answered,—The Report of the Commission was considered, and a copy sent to Mr. Tebbutt for his explanation, as is usual in all such cases. A very lengthy explanation was yesterday received. The whole matter will have the consideration of the Government, and an early decision will be arrived at. I have made a recommendation, but the Government has not yet considered it.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Papers relative to conditions for construction of Telegraph Cables between New South Wales and New Zealand, and between Normantown (Queensland) and Singapore.
- (2.) By-Laws of the Municipal District of Penrith.
- (3.) By-Laws of the Borough of Waterloo.
- (4.) By-Laws under Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 24th March, 1874, respecting the case of Gunner G. B. Sargent.
- (2.) Return to an Address, adopted on 11th September, 1873, in reference to teaching History in Public Schools.

Ordered to be printed.

3. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

- (1.) Water Supply Regulation Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Wednesday, 8th April.*
- (2.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next.*
- (3.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill; second reading.
- (4.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill; second reading. } *on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Wednesday, 8th April.*
- (5.) Distillation Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Wednesday next.*
- (6.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Allen, until Wednesday next.*

4. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—

Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

And Mr. Forster not making the *Contingent* Motion standing in his name,—

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as Mr. Speaker's ruling had been obtained thereon.

The Chairman then stated the Point of Order, as follows :—

The House being in Committee of Supply, a motion was proposed, "That" Lieutenant-Colonel "Richardson be examined at the Bar,"—upon which an amendment was proposed, that all the words after the word "That," be omitted, with a view to the insertion of the words "the Committee proceed to the consideration of the Estimate."

And the question, That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question, having been negatived,—

And the Question, That the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, having been proposed,—

An Honorable Member requested the opinion of the Chairman whether, on the grounds of relevancy, the amendment was in order.

And the Chairman having stated his opinion that the amendment was in order,—

The Question was referred for the decision of Mr. Speaker.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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Mr. Speaker ruled in accordance with the opinion given by the Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that another Point of Order had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as the Question had been decided in the House.

The Chairman then stated the Point of Order, as follows:—

The words "the Committee proceed to the consideration of the Estimate," having been inserted in place of the words omitted from the Question previously stated,—an amendment was proposed that the following words be added to the words so inserted,—“after Major Airey, Captain Spalding, and Lieutenants Lindeman and Russell, Brigade-Adjutant Christie, Quartermaster M'Bride, F. Guerin, Craven, and Sergeant Harris, Members of the Permanent Military Force, and Major Shepherd, have been examined.”

And the Chairman having given his opinion that the proposed amendment could not be entertained,—

The Question of Order was referred to Mr. Speaker for his ruling thereon.

Mr. Speaker said, that while he had some doubts on the point, he thought it better that the proposed amendment should be submitted to the Committee.

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that certain disorder had taken place in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman then reported that the following words had been used by the Honorable Member for West Sydney, Mr. John Robertson, in reference to the Honorable the Colonial Secretary,—“It is an absolute lie.”

Whereupon Mr. Cooper moved, That the words used by the Honorable Member for West Sydney (Mr. Robertson) are disorderly, and should be withdrawn, and an apology made to the House for the use of them.

Mr. Robertson admitted the correctness of the words attributed to him, and having withdrawn the expression, and apologised for having used it,—

Mr. Cooper, by leave, withdrew his motion.

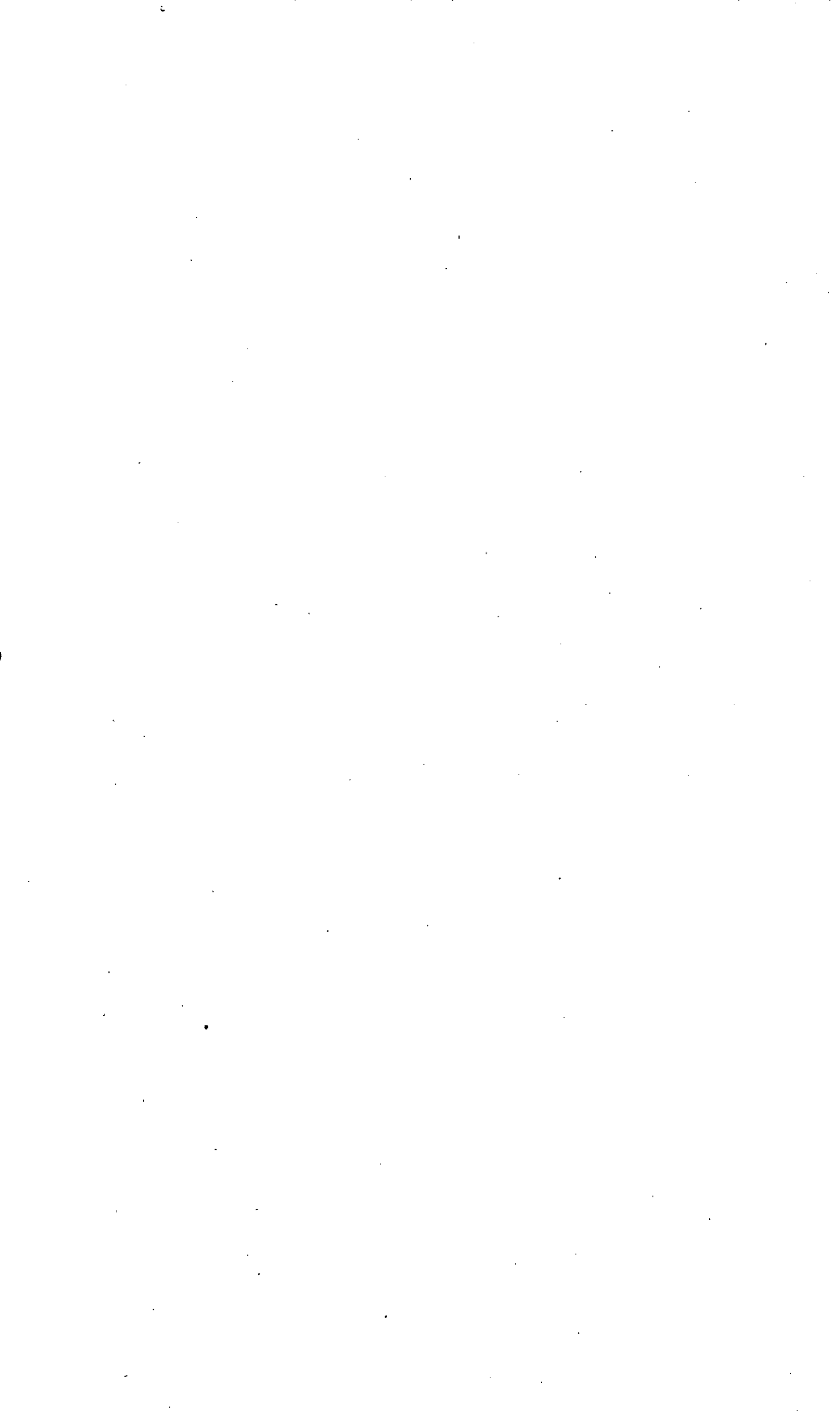
On motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the Committee resumed.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Allen, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Lee, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Nelson, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Parkes, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Thomas Robertson, Mr. Scholey, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Webb,—

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at three minutes after Four o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 103.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 26 MARCH, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Mr. Moore, Director of the Botanic Gardens:—Mr. Oakes asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that Mr. Moore, Director of the Botanic Gardens, received an invitation from the President of the Botanical Congress and International Horticultural Exhibition to be held at Florence?

(2.) If so, has Mr. Moore gone to represent the Colony there?

(3.) Will the Minister state the terms and conditions upon which Mr. Moore has gone?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) No; he has gone in his private capacity.

(3.) Mr. Moore has received six months leave of absence, on half salary.

- (2.) Appointment of Crown Prosecutors:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Minister of Justice the appointment of Prosecutors in the different Courts of Assize and Quarter Sessions?

(2.) Has the Minister of Justice exercised this power, or has he handed it over to the Attorney General?

(3.) Is it the intention of the Minister of Justice to leave this power in the hands of the Attorney General for the future?

Mr. Allen answered,—The appointment of Prosecutors is vested in the Governor and Executive Council, and is made on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice. The late appointments were made in this manner, the names having been nominated by the Attorney General to the Minister of Justice.

2. UNDERWOOD'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Burns presented the following Petitions in favour of the passing of this Bill:—

(1.) From Pauline Nowlan, Florence Underwood, Herbert Underwood, Claude Underwood, and Richard Underwood.

(2.) From George Underwood Grimes, George Edward Underwood Grimes, and James Chambers, Percy Grimes, of Manly, near Sydney.

(3.) From Warner Wright Spalding, Captain in the New South Wales Artillery Corps, and Clara Elizabeth Spalding, his wife.

(4.) From Josepha Mary Proberta Underwood, of Kiama.

Petitions received.

3. PAPERS:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

(1.) Statement of Accounts of Government Savings Banks, from 1 January to 31 December, 1873.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 3rd March, 1874, in reference to the Permanent Artillery Force.

(3.) Recent Correspondence respecting the Case of Dr. Frederick Beer.

Ordered to be printed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Pensions Limitation Bill; second reading. *on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday, 9th April.*
 (2.) Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 (3.) Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Bill; second reading.
 (4.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 (5.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Thursday next.

5. MINING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Farnell, that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the regulation of Mining.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 26th March, 1874.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words, "an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, or between the Private Secretary and Judge M'Farland, the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, or between the Sheriff or Colonial Secretary and the Gaoler of Yass; also, of all Minutes or other Documents having reference to the case of two boys named Pembroke and Orridge, lately convicted at Yass of peculation, or opening letters, or stealing the contents of letters, or other misconduct in the Post Office, and sentenced to imprisonment by Mr. Judge M'Farland, and since released by the Executive Government."

Debate ensued.

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

And Division called for,—

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

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

Question then,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, or between the Private Secretary and Judge M'Farland, the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, or between the Sheriff or Colonial Secretary and the Gaoler of Yass; also, of all Minutes or other Documents having reference to the case of two boys named Pembroke and Orridge, lately convicted at Yass of peculation, or opening letters, or stealing the contents of letters, or other misconduct in the Post Office, and sentenced to imprisonment by Mr. Judge M'Farland, and since released by the Executive Government,—put and passed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd then moved, That the House do immediately resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 27 MARCH, 1874, A.M.

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

7. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table, Return to an Order, made on 24th February, 1874, in reference to the Western District Survey Office.
Ordered to be printed.

8. SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Burns, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this Bill was referred on 19th March, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the second reading of the Bill (*as agreed to in Select Committee*) stand and Order of the Day for Friday, 10th April.

Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 104.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

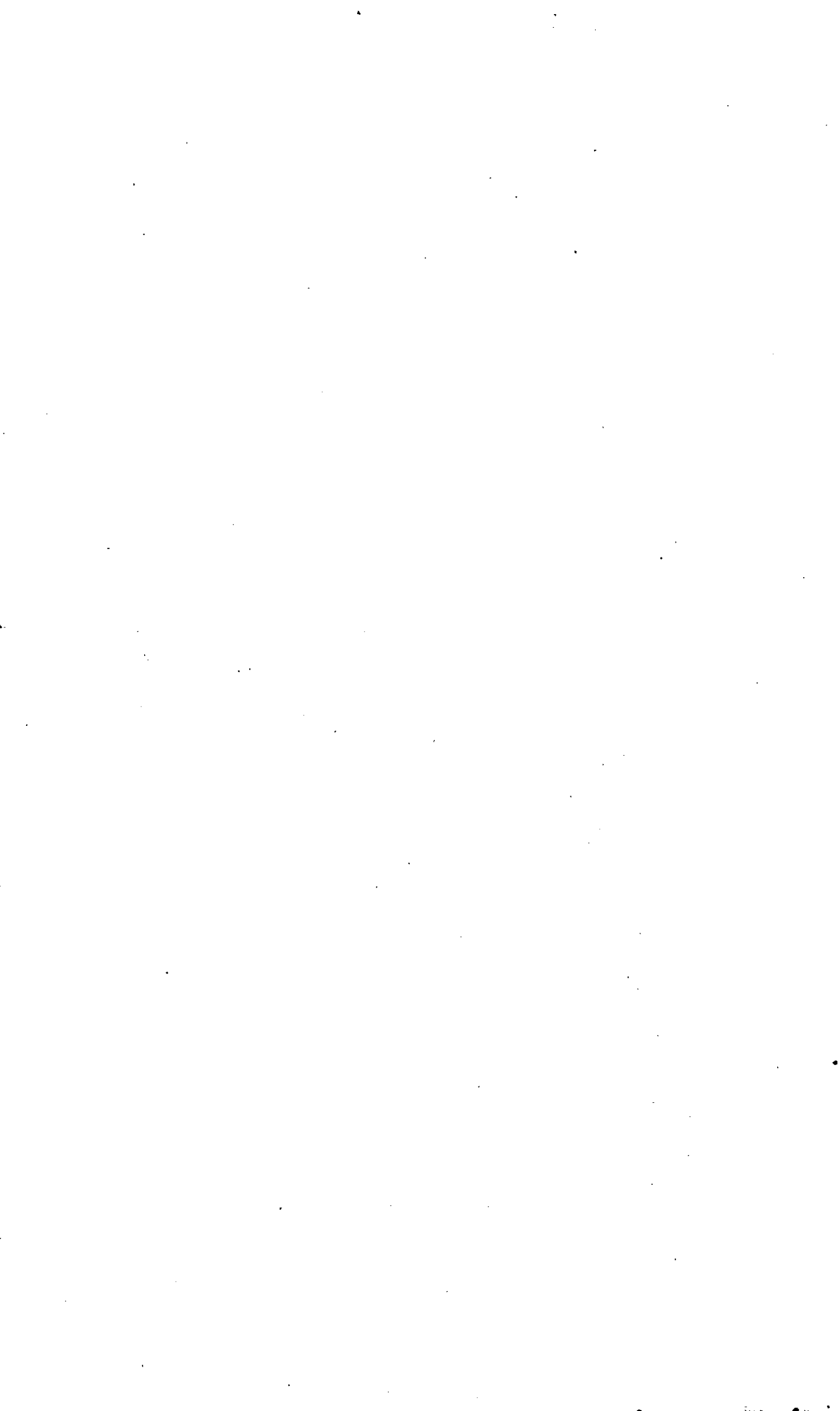
OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 27 MARCH, 1874.

There being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Allen, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Booth, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Grahame, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Moses, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Terry,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Four o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 105.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 31 MARCH, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Commission on Public Charities:—Mr. Lucas asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Commission on Public Charities concluded its labors; if not, when are they likely to be concluded?

(2.) The number of sittings at which the Commission has performed any business?

(3.) The number of sittings each Commissioner has attended?

(4.) The average duration of the sittings?

(5.) Are any of the Commissioners paid; if so, at what rate?

(6.) The amount paid, also the amount due to the several persons connected with the Commission?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The following reply to the Honorable Member's questions has been prepared in my office:—

(1.) The Commission has finished its business as far as the taking of evidence is concerned; only two sittings for that purpose having been held since the 18th December. The report is in progress, but cannot be closed till all the returns are sent in and the evidence printed, a summary of which is also in course of preparation. The Commission will conclude its work as soon as possible after the printing of all the evidence and returns.

(2.) The Commission has performed business at all its sittings, which number 86.

(3.) William Charles Windeyer, Esq., President, 86; Charles Cowper, junior, Esq., 86; Samuel Gould, Esq., 85; Michael Metcalfe, Esq., 83; Byre G. Ellis, Esq., 48; Joseph Wearne, Esq., M.P., 16; Richard Driver, Esq., M.P., 12.

(4.) From two to five hours, and occasionally the whole day.

(5.) Yes. President £4 4s. Three Members at the rate of £3 3s., and one at the rate of £1 11s. 6d. Those members who are also Members of Parliament receive no fees.

(6.) £2,204 7s. 10d. Nothing is due to any one connected with the Commission.

I ought to add that I have several times urged upon the Commission the desirability of bringing its labours to a close.

(2.) Sydney Rowing Club:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Does the Sydney Rowing Club occupy a large portion of ground on the eastern side of the Sydney Cove, near to the north-eastern end of the Circular Quay?

(2.) If so, what are the conditions (if any) under which the Club is allowed to possess it?

(3.) Was permission given for the erection of a boat-shed and other buildings on the ground, and the fencing in of the ground; if so, by whom was the permission given?

(4.) Has the ground been dedicated to the sole use of the Sydney Rowing Club, or have the public still a right to it?

(5.) Are the Government aware that the building and fencing named in the third question blocks up a public thoroughfare, and a valuable piece of wharfage?

(6.) In effecting the contemplated improvements to the Circular Quay, is it intended to utilise the ground now in possession of the Sydney Rowing Club, or have the Government decided on abandoning it as useless?

(7.) If the Government do not intend to use the ground, will they let or sell it by auction to the highest bidder?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes; about 75 feet square.

(2 & 4.) The occupation is on sufferance only.

(3.) No special permission given. It was understood that such erections would be necessary for boating purposes.

(5.) The Government are aware of the position of the fencing referred to.

(6 & 7.) The ground may be utilised at any time and in any way that may be considered necessary.

(3.) The Boys Pembroke and Orridge:—Mr. Forster asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have two boys, named Pembroke and Orridge, lately convicted at Yass, and sentenced by Judge M'Farland to twelve months imprisonment for peculation, or opening letters, or stealing the contents of letters, or other misconduct in the Post Office, been released by authority of the Governor, or of the Governor and Executive Council?

(2.) What were the terms of the sentence passed by the Judge in the case, or cases; was any illegality in the sentence, and (if so) of what nature?

(3.) Was any communication made to, or any opinion or recommendation invited from, the Judge or Crown Prosecutor in the case?

(4.) Was the Gaoler asked to report upon the case, or cases; did he so report, and to what effect?

(5.) Did the Attorney General, or any of the Crown Law Officers, advise in the matter, and (if so) to what effect?

(6.) Was an appeal to the Supreme Court, arising out of the case or cases, pending at the time?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The two boys named in the first question have been released by the authority of the Governor. The sentences were—Pembroke to be sent to a reformatory for twelve months; Orridge to be sent to a reformatory for two years. No communication was made to the Judge who tried the case, nor was any recommendation received from him. The Gaoler was asked to report by the Sheriff, and did so report, as to the behaviour of the boys and the position of their parents. The Attorney General did not advise in the case. I was not aware at the time that there was any appeal to the Supreme Court pending, though I have since heard that there was one in a state of preparation.

(4.) New Street opposite the Post Office:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government come to any determination when the proposed new street in front of the Post Office will be opened to the Public?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Government have not come to any decision, but will do so before the opening of the New General Post Office.

(5.) Court-House at Lambton:—Mr. John Robertson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to erect a Court-House at Lambton?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This matter has been under consideration, but no decision has yet been arrived at. A Court-House will be erected at one of these towns, but we have not decided which.

(6.) Newcastle Commonage and Pasturage Reserve:—Mr. John Robertson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the area of the Newcastle Commonage and Pasturage Reserve?

(2.) Has any portion of it been granted or sold; if so, how much, and to whom, and for what purposes?

(3.) Is it true that the Government have caused a number of allotments on the Common to be surveyed for sale?

(4.) Are the Government aware that for some years a large number of persons have occupied portions of the Common?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The reserve for pasturage originally contained about 2,290 acres. That portion of the reserve usually termed the "Newcastle Common" comprises an area of about 1,570 acres.

(2.) Yes, about 93 acres, viz., 40 acres to the Waratah Coal Mining Company, and 10½ acres to Messrs. Morehead and Young, Lambton Colliery, in virtue of improvements for coal mining; 13 acres have also been dedicated for various public purposes; and 29 acres (about) for colliery railways.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Yes.

(7.) Railway Workmen:—Mr. John Robertson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that the men employed at the Railway and Locomotive Workshops were prevented from working from the 24th December last to the 2nd of January, and, although ready and willing to work, had neither work nor pay during that time?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is true that the workshops were closed from the 24th December to 2nd January last, on the recommendation of the Locomotive Foreman, in consequence of a number of the men having applied for leave of absence for that period, and to take advantage, as is usual in the Government and private workshops, of the Christmas Holidays for making necessary repairs to the engine and machinery. No wages were paid during the holidays, except to those men who were employed in repairing the machinery.

(8.) Mr. Lett, J.P.:—Mr. Garrett asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has Judge M'Farland reported to the Government the result of his inquiry into the allegations made against Mr. Lett, J.P., of Kiandra; if so, what is the result of such inquiry, and will the Minister cause a copy of the proceedings and decision to be laid before this House without delay?

Mr. Allen answered,—Judge M'Farland has reported the result of his inquiry into the allegations against Mr. Lett, and a copy of his report has been sent to Mr. Lett for any explanation which he might desire to make. As soon as his reply is received the Government will consider the case, after which there will be no objection to lay before this House a copy of the proceedings and decision, if the same be moved for.

Question of Privilege :—Mr. Speaker having called on Mr. Buchanan to ask the Question standing in his name No. 9 on the Business Paper (which had been materially altered by Mr. Speaker), Mr. Buchanan declined to ask the Question in its altered shape, and moved,— That, in the opinion of this House, the right to question Ministers is valuable and undoubted. That any infringement of this right by the Speaker, or any one else, altering, mutilating, or drawing a pen through line after line of any Question of which any Honorable Member may have given notice, and printing and publishing on the Business Paper of the House said Question thus defaced and tampered with, and this without consulting the Honorable Member who gave the notice, is an attack upon our rights and privileges which should not be tolerated. Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

(9.) Dr. Vaughan, Roman Catholic Archbishop :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Government been asked for, or paid, anything to Dr. Vaughan, Roman Catholic Archbishop, since his arrival here, for travelling expenses in England in the interests of the Archbishopric, furniture and glass, fees for the degree of D.D., consecration fees, money for robes, for wearing apparel, for a carriage for town, and a carriage for the bush, for passage money, self and servants, for passage money for Chaplain, &c., &c.?

(2.) If any money has been paid to the Right Revd. Dr. Vaughan, did it amount to £1,600, the sum paid to Dr. Barker on his arrival here, for items similar to the above?

Mr. Parkes answered.—The Government must decline to answer this question.

(10.) Memorial of the Rev. J. S. White :—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Secretary for Lauds, pursuant to Notice,—What action does he intend taking in reference to the Memorial of the Rev. J. S. White, respecting his claim for compensation for that part of the Great Northern Road which passes through his land?

Mr. Farnell answered,—It is my intention to lay the Memorial before the Government for their consideration.

2. UNDERWOOD'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—*Mr. Forster* presented a Petition from Thomas Underwood and others, praying that this Bill may not be passed in its present form. Petition received.

3. BORDER DUTIES :—*Mr. Thomas Robertson* presented a Petition from the Council of the Borough of Albury, relative to the re-imposition of the Border Duties; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration, with a view to relief. Petition received.

4. COMMONS REGULATION ACT :—*Mr. Warden* presented a Petition from Henry Moss, Mayor of the Municipal Council of Nowra, praying for the repeal of a certain portion of this Act. Petition received.

5. RESERVE ON BYRON RUN (*"Formal" Motion*) :—*Mr. Abbott* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 24th March, from Residents of the District of Inverell, relative to proclamation of Reserve No. 123, on the Byron Run, as a permanent Common, be printed. Question put and passed.

6. DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL :—*Mr. Farnell* presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the resumption of certain Dedicated Crown Lands*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday, 8th April.

7. PAPERS :—*Mr. Farnell* laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Report of the Commissioner in charge of the Northern Gold Fields, for 1873.

(2.) Report of the Commissioner in charge of the Southern Gold Fields, for 1873.

(3.) Report of the Commissioner in charge of the Western Gold Fields, for 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

8. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO CIRCULAR QUAY :—*Mr. Macintosh* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday week, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolution :—

That Plans, Sections, and a probable Estimate of the cost should be prepared of an extension of the Railway from Redfern to or near the Circular Quay, such Estimate to include the probable amount of compensation necessary for the resumption of any private lands required for such extension.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>),
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Scholey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. Neale,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Teece,

Tellers.

Mr. Terry,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

9. RECLAMATION OF BLACKWATTLE BAY :—*Mr. Lucas* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday week, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum sufficient to reclaim the whole of Blackwattle Bay situate to the east of Pyrmont Bridge Road.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) "That," in the opinion of this House, the late change respecting the Law Officers of the Crown, inasmuch as it has lowered the status and influence of the Attorney General, there is great danger of injury to the public interests through this Officer becoming the mere servant of a Government, and that it is not desirable that he should, under such circumstances, continue to occupy the position of Grand Jury of the Country.

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

Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "there shall be an office of Attorney General or Public Prosecutor, or other equivalent office, involving the exercise of similar functions to those now exercised by the Attorney General in regard to the prosecution of offences and the Administration of Justice, and that such office shall be non-political and dependent on good behaviour."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 15.		Noes, 12.	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. John Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Forster,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Garrett.
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>	Mr. Terry,	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Bennett.	Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Burns,		Mr. O'Connor,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Central Cumberland</i>),		Mr. Teece,	
		Mr. Raphael,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 7.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. John Robertson,		Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Raphael,		Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Wearne,		Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Forster,		Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Bennett,		Mr. Allen,	Mr. Macintosh,
<i>Tellers.</i>		Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Buchanan,		Mr. Thomas Robertson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett.		Mr. Abbott,	
		Mr. Scholey,	
		Mr. Combes,	Mr. Lucas,
		Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Stewart.
		Mr. Teece,	

And so it passed in the negative.

11. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of acres of Church and School Lands sold since the 1st May, 1872, till the present time, specifying the price per acre.

Question put and passed.

12. DR. BAILEY:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the following Papers in connection with the application of the Right Reverend Dr. Bailey, Bishop of the Free Church of England, to be placed on the list of Clergymen licensed to celebrate Marriage,—

(1.) Application of Dr. Bailey to Registrar General to be licensed to solemnize Marriage, July, 1872—with Memorial from thirty-seven members of Church in support of same.

(2.) Second application of Dr. Bailey, 27th August, 1873.

(3.) Four Memorials to Registrar General, in December, 1872, and January, 1873, from 109 members of Church, in support of same.

(4.) Two Letters by Dr. Bailey to Colonial Secretary, 10th and 11th December, 1872, in reference to same.

(5.) One Letter by Dr. Bailey to Colonial Secretary, 28th October, 1873, on Captain Scott's refusal to grant an information for perjury against the Registrar General; with Colonial Secretary's reply to same, 12th November, 1873.

(6.) Three Letters to the Honorable Attorney General (Butler) on Captain Scott's refusal to grant information against Registrar General for perjury, of the dates respectively, 9th and 21st July, 1873, and 28th October, 1873; with Mr. Butler's replies of 24th July and 30th October, 1873.

Debate ensued.

Question put,—

And Division called for,—

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

13. MEDICAL TREATMENT OF PRISONERS IN DARLINGHURST GAOL:—Mr. Raphael moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That a Select Committee, with power to send for persons and papers, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the medical treatment of prisoners by Dr. Aaron in Darlinghurst Gaol.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Allen, Mr. Driver, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Burns, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Garrett, and the Mover.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 106.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 1 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Post and Telegraph Office, Parramatta:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any application been made to the Government with reference to the erection of a Post Office and Telegraph Office in the Town of Parramatta?

(2.) Has any such application been considered; and if so, with what result?

Mr. Parkes answered,—An application has been made to the Government for the erection of premises for the Telegraph Office and the Post Office, Parramatta. It was considered, after some inquiry, that as the premises are centrally situated, and in good condition, there was no present urgency for a change; but a final decision has not been arrived at.

- (2.) Public School at Mount Keira:—Mr. Forster asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the Government aware that the Public School at Mount Keira has been without a Teacher for nearly three months?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government or the Council of Education to appoint a Teacher for the said School?

(3.) If so, when?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) The Council of Education is aware that the Mount Keira Public School has been without a Teacher for nearly three months.

(2.) It is the intention of the Council to appoint a Teacher to the said School.

(3.) When a suitable person has been obtained.

- (3.) Recreation Reserve, Gundaroo:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint Trustees for the recreation reserve, section 18, of the village of Gundaroo?

(2.) If so, what steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, for the purpose; and when is it likely that the appointments will be made or gazetted?

(3.) Has the said section been dedicated, or is it the intention of the Government to dedicate it, for the purpose specified, or any other purpose or purposes; and, if so, for what other purpose or purposes?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) An application has been received within the last few days for the appointment of Trustees. The matter is now under consideration, and the names of the Trustees who may be appointed will shortly be gazetted.

(3.) Section 18 has been dedicated for "public recreation."

2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, on its rising to-morrow, do adjourn until Tuesday, the 7th instant.
Question put and passed.
3. UNDERWOOD'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 31st March, from Thomas Underwood and others interested in the Underwood's Estate Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
4. PUBLIC SCHOOL, MOUNT KEIRA ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Council of Education and the Local Board having reference to the appointment of a Teacher for the Public School at Mount Keira.
Question put and passed.
5. SENTENCES PASSED UNDER THE ACT 30 VIC. No. 4 ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A Return of all sentences passed under the Act 30 Vic. No. 4, specifying in each case the Judge, Chairman of Quarter Sessions, Magistrate, or Bench of Magistrates by whom sentence was passed, the date, terms of sentence, offence, name and age of offender, how the offender was subsequently dealt with by the Sheriff or the Government, and the reasons, if any, for the course taken.
(2.) A Return of all sentences under any other Act since the passing of the aforesaid Act, in all cases where the sentence was followed by transfer or committal of the offender to the "Vernon," or any reformatory school, or by an order for such transfer or committal, specifying also the same particulars as above.
Question put and passed.
6. LANCE-CORPORAL LEES ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Driver moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Charges, Reports, Correspondence, Minutes, Evidence, Judgments, Decisions, and all other Documents and Papers in the possession of His Excellency, or the Government, or the Volunteer Authorities, having reference to, or connected with, the imprisonment and suspension from duty of Lance-Corporal Lees of No. 1 Company Sydney Battalion Volunteer Rifles, at the Ham Common Encampment, in April last.
Question put and passed.
7. UNDERWOOD'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Edward Grimes Underwood, of Wallabadah, in favour of the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
8. INSOLVENCY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—
MR. SPEAKER,
The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to expedite and lessen the expense of proceedings in Insolvency.*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.
Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 1st April, 1874.
JOHN HAY,
President.
Bill, on motion of Mr. Allen, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
9. PAPERS:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 20th January, 1874, in reference to charges made against Mr. H. E. Stratford, Clerk of Petty Sessions at Casino.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—
(1.) Return showing the Towns to which the Towns Police Act has been extended, and is in operation.
(2.) Letters of Registration of Inventions under 16 Vic. No. 24.
(3.) Blue Book for the year 1873.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—Report of the University of Sydney for the year 1873.
Ordered to be printed.
10. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to 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 1874 and for the year 1873 and previous years," through all its stages in one day; and would also preclude the Resolutions of the Committees of Supply and of Ways and Means respectively, whereon the said Bill is proposed to be founded, being received on the same day on which they are come to by the said Committees respectively.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) City Properties Leasing and Improving Act Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Wednesday next.*
(2.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Parkes, until to-morrow.*
(3.) Distillation Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Wednesday next.*
(4.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Allen, until Wednesday next.*

12. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved “That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Mr. John Robertson moved, pursuant to *Contingent Notice*, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “this House having considered the Report and Evidence submitted on the 12th December last by the Chairman of the Select Committee appointed on the 4th November last to inquire into the circumstances connected with the recent large payments of Duty on Tobacco, and the publication of Customs Returns in the *Government Gazette* with reference to Tobacco, disapproves of the conduct of the Government in the matter, and in an especial degree with that of the Colonial Treasurer.”

Debate ensued.

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

And Division called for,—

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

Original Question,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair,—again proposed.

Debate continued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 107.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 2 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Raising Hinton Punt:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What course do the Government intend to pursue in reference to the claim of the Maitland District Council for raising Hinton Punt?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The matter is at present under the consideration of the Government.

- (2.) Gaoler at Port Macquarie:—Mr. Scholey asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Papers respecting charges against the Gaoler at Port Macquarie, promised on the 23rd January, be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Copies of these papers will be laid upon the Table next week.

- (3.) Incorporation of Burwood:—Mr. John Robertson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) With reference to the Petitions *pro* and *con* in the matter of the creation of a Municipality at Burwood, will the Colonial Secretary be good enough to inform the House of the numbers of Petitioners in each case respectively?

(2.) Has there been any application for a scrutiny of signatures, to ascertain the real wishes of the actual rate-payers, and if so, what was its date?

(3.) If such application has been made, has it been complied with, or is it the intention of the Government to comply with it?

Mr. Parkes answered,—There have been two Petitions presented in this case—one in favour of the incorporation of the district, signed by 150 persons, and one in opposition, signed by 130. There was also a letter making objections to some of the signatures upon the petition for incorporation, and in this stage the case was submitted to the Attorney General, and with his advice the incorporation proceeded. On the 18th of March a deputation waited upon the Colonial Secretary, suggesting that a scrutiny should be held; but at that time the case had proceeded upon the advice of the Attorney General to the stage at which it is now, that is, waiting, I think, for the appointment of the first Returning Officer. No scrutiny has been held, and is not considered necessary.

- (4.) The Prisoner Watkins:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will the Government liberate the man Watkins on his own recognizance, so that he may have the proper process of curative treatment applied outside the gaol?

(2.) If the Government refuse to do this, will the Colonial Secretary see that no delay takes place in the application of the proper process of curative treatment?

Mr. Parkes answered,—In this case the Government certainly will not be prepared to liberate the prisoner, and I have no reason to doubt but that every care is taken of his health. As I have before stated, I shall be happy to afford all the information I can if the Honorable Member will move for the papers.

(5.)

(5.) Fort-street Public School:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that a young girl, about fifteen years of age, a pupil in the Public School at Fort-street, was punished in that establishment for being a few minutes late?

(2.) Is it true that the girl was called out before the whole class and commanded to hold out her hand, and was punished by the infliction of blows with a cane on it?

(3.) Is it true that the girl so treated has not been at the school since this occurrence?

Mr. Allen answered,—I am informed that no pupil in the girls division of the Public School at Fort-street has been punished in the manner indicated by these questions. Pupils are never punished "before the whole class" for being late at school. By a general rule, which has been in force for years, all pupils who are late are required to attend in the school-room after the school has been closed, when their explanations are received and examined by the teachers, and when the pupil is in fault a slight punishment is necessarily imposed.

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

(1.) Statement of Moneys expended during the year 1873 under the Volunteer Force Regulation Act of 1867.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 12th March, 1874, in reference to the case of Sergeant Harris, of the Permanent Artillery Force.

Ordered to be printed.

3. PRISONS BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the control of Prisons and for the custody of Prisoners.
Question put and passed.

4. MR. M. B. BINDON, LATE GAOLER AT ALBURY ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) Copies of all Documents in possession of the Government in reference to the removal of Mr. Michael B. Bindon from the office of Gaoler at Albury in 1866.

(2.) Copies of all Charges made against Mr. Bindon, and his replies thereto, while a Warder in Darlinghurst Gaol, from 27th August, 1866, to 15th November, 1869.

(3.) Copies of all Correspondence connected with Mr. Bindon's removal from his situation as Warder in Parramatta Gaol in 1870.

Question put and passed.

5. UNDERWOOD'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motions):—

(1.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the four Petitions presented by him on the 26th March, in favour of the passing of the Underwood's Estate Act Amendment Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

(2.) Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 1st April, from Mr. E. G. Underwood, of Wallabadah, in favour of the passing of the Underwood's Estate Act Amendment Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. REPORT OF MUDGE BENCH IN LITTLE'S CASE ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a copy of the Report of the Mudge Magistrates in Little's case.

Question put and passed.

7. BORDER DUTIES:—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Thomas Robertson, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 31st March from the Mayor and Borough Council of Albury, relative to the determination of the Treaty between this Colony and Victoria for securing free trade across the Murray frontier, and relative to ensuring freedom of trade between this Colony and Victoria in articles of Colonial produce, be printed.

Question put and passed.

8. FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1874:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Governor.

Message No. 36.

In accordance with the provisions contained in the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying further Additional Estimate of the expenditure of this Government for the year 1874.

Government House,

Sydney, 26th March, 1874.

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Lloyd, to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and taken into consideration in Committee of Supply.

9. PRISONS BILL:—Mr. Parkes presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to make better provision for the control of Prisons and for the custody of Prisoners,"—which was read a first time.

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

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes:—

(1.) Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

(2.) Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Bill; second reading.

(3.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

(4.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

(5.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply.

} until Thursday next.

11. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolutions be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1873 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1870 and previous Years.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (5.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6 6s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Petty Sessions,"—being £3 10s. 1d. for Fuel, Light, &c., further sum, 1869; and £2 16s. 3d. for Fuel, Light, &c., further sum, 1870.
(6.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3 5s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Gaol, Yass,"—being for Contingencies, 1869–70, further sum.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (7.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7 19s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation,"—being for Incidental Expenses to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works, 1870, further sum.

Services of 1871.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (8.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24 15s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Lunatic Reception House, Darlinghurst,"—being for conveyance of Patients to and from Gladesville Asylum.
(9.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Charitable Allowances," on condition that an equal amount be raised by private contributions,—being for Windsor Hospital, further sum.
(10.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being towards defraying expenses of Census taken in 1871, further sum.

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (11.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £140 3s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Stores and Stationery,"—being £89 4s. for Stores and Stationery for the Public Service generally, 1871, further sum; and £50 19s. 6d. to meet an outstanding Claim for a Warp supplied in 1871 for the use of the Punt at Five Dock, Balmain.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (12.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Colonial Architect,"—being Travelling Expenses of the Officers of the Department, 1871, further sum.

Services of 1872.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (13.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2 16s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Petty Sessions,"—being for Fuel, Light, and Water, further sum.
(14.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £774 2s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Police,"—being £465 12s. 4d. for Salaries written off, now required to meet the amount due to the Police Superannuation Fund for deductions made from the Pay of the Force for the months of February and March, 1872, and £308 10s. 3d. for Travelling Allowances, further sum.
(15.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,021 10s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Agent-General for the Colony,"—being difference of Salary between £1,000 and £1,500, from 16 December, 1870, to 31 December, 1872. (Resolution of Assembly.)
(16.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120 10s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Industrial School for Girls, Biloela,"—being for Sundry Alterations, &c., 1871–1872.
(17.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £27 8s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Nautical School Ship 'Vernon,'"—being for Provisions, further sum.
(18.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,652 5s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Charitable Allowances,"—being £1,087 4s. 9d. for the support of Paupers in Colonial Hospitals, further sum; In aid of the undermentioned Charitable Institutions, on condition that an equal amount be raised by private contributions, &c., viz.—£75, Tamworth Benevolent Society, further sum; £146 14s. 7d. for Armidale and New England Hospital, further sum; £100 for Windsor Hospital, further sum; and £243 5s. 9d. for Bathurst Hospital, further sum.
(19.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions,"—being, in the proportion of £1 to every £3 raised by private contributions, for Botany Mechanics' Institute.

(20.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,003 17s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being £15 8s. 6d., for the Expedition for the recovery of missing persons wrecked in the "Maria," whilst on a voyage to New Guinea, further sum; and £988 8s. 6d. for Expenses of the Returning Officers of the several Electoral Districts, further sum.

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(21.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10 4s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Law Officers of the Crown,"—being for New South Wales Supreme Court Reports, furnished in 1872.

(22.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £46 10s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Quarter Sessions,"—being for Travelling Expenses, further sum.

(23.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Coroners' Inquests,"—being for Fees to Coroners and Magistrates for Inquests and Inquiries, further sum.

(24.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £556 7s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being for Pentland Island Question—Balance of Law Expenses in connection with Appeal to Privy Council.

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(25.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £903 9s. 7d.; to defray supplementary charge under the head "Stores and Stationery,"—being for Stores and Stationery for the Public Service generally, further sum.

(26.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £280 18s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Quarantine,"—being for expenses of Vessels in Quarantine, further sum.

(27.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5 8s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Glebe Island Abattoir,"—being for contingencies, further sum.

(28.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,184 6s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous," being £1,342 2s. 11d. for Postage of the various Public Departments, further sum; £25 for transmission of Telegraphic Messages, further sum; £24 for Exchange on Remittances, further sum; £1,738 16s. 2d. for Interest on Overdrawn Account, Bank of New South Wales, London Branch; £2,953 3s. 6d. for Common and Shrapnell Shells and Shot for the Breach-loading 40-pounder Armstrong Guns, further sum; and £101 3s. 6d. for Australian Coast Light-houses—Contribution towards the maintenance of Lights on Gabo Island, Wilson's Promontory, King's Island, and Kent's Group, further sum.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(29.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,346 9s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge for commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, further sum.

(30.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £60, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Gold Fields," further sum.

(31.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £51 8s. 5d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous"—being for costs of Legal Expenses incurred in cases of ejection of illegal occupants from Crown Lands, further sum.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(32.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12 12s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers,"—being for Incidental Repairs to Wharfs, Bridges, &c., further sum.

(33.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £900, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Colonial Architect,"—being for repairs to Public Buildings, further sum.

(34.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £838 15s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Roads and Bridges," being £375 for South Head Road, omitted from Schedule; and £463 15s. for Randwick and Coogee Roads, omitted from Schedule.

No. VIII.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(35.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,611 1s. 11d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Post Office,"—being for Conveyance of Mails—Steam Postal Communication *via* Suez—further sum.

Services of 1873.

No. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(36.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £573 15s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Legislative Assembly," being £300 for Sessional Shorthand Writers, further sum; Expenses of Witnesses summoned before Select Committees in the following cases,—£8, Claim of Mr. Stephen Scholey; £9 15s. 6d., Goulburn Volunteer Corps; £136, Telegraphic Communication; and £120, Mulwala Seizure.

(37.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £54, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Legislative Council and Assembly,"—being for Additional Female Servant, from 1st January, at £54 per annum.

No.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(38.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £30, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Permanent Military Force,"—being for Gratuity to Gunner Coleman, of the New South Wales Artillery, on his discharge from that Force, in consequence of injuries received by him at Garrison Gun Drill in March, 1872.

(39.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,321 Os. 7d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Volunteers,"—being £2,934 for Helmets and extra Mountings for Volunteer Artillery and Rifles to replace the Shakos at present in use; £600 13s. 3d., for Encampment, further sum; £183 6s. 8d., for Salary of Captain Commanding the Battalion of Public School Cadet Corps, from 7th April to 31st December, at £250 per annum; £33 12s. 6d., for Forage Allowance for same period, at 2s. 6d. per diem; £88 for repair of Field and Armstrong Guns; £150 for repairs to the Henry Rifles; £183 6s. 8d., for salary of Adjutant of the Suburban Battalion of Volunteer Rifles, from the 7th April, at £250; £47 1s. 6d., for forage for Horse, for same period, at 3s. 6d. per diem; £20 for Law Expenses—Compton and others *ats.* Campbell; and £81 for Balance of the Capitation Allowance for the year 1869, paid back to the Treasury in error, now required.

(40.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,457 2s. 0d. to defray supplementary charge under the head "Police,"—being £720 for the purchase of 100 Carbines (Breech-loading Henry pattern) and ammunition; £590 for the purchase of 100 Adams's Patent Double-action Central-Fire Breech-loading Revolvers, with Ammunition; £112 2s. for Compensation to Mr. Job Evans, on account of personal injuries received and loss sustained by him, through a collision between his cart and a Police Van at Bathurst; and £35 for New Guard Boat for the Water Police Department.

(41.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Auditor General,"—being for Extra Clerical Assistance—further sum.

(42.) Resolved, that there be granted to her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £500, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Agent-General for the Colony,"—being Increase of Salary from £1,000 to £1,500, as per Resolution of Assembly.

(43.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £430, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Observatory,"—being £200 for Instruments for 100 new Meteorological Stations; £30 for cost of maintenance, breakage of instruments, &c.; and £200 for Salary of Assistant to reduce and make observations of value.

(44.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £255, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Free Public Library,"—being £155 for Re-purchase of Books lost in "Royal Adelaide"; and £100 for Gas, Fuel, &c., further sum.

(45.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions,"—being (in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions) for School of Arts, Scone, further sum.

(46.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £885, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Charitable Allowances,"—on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contribution—being £150 for Armidale and New England Hospital, further sum; £60 for Dubbo Hospital, further sum; £75 for Tamworth Benevolent Society, further sum; £100 for Windsor Hospital, further sum; and £500 for Gulgong Hospital.

(47.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,729 4s. 7d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being £3,000 in aid of the Agricultural Societies of the Colony, to be distributed *pro rata*, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions from the members of such Societies (Resolution of Assembly); £50 towards the publication of the Seventh Volume of Bentham's Work on the Flora of Australia; £12 10s. for fifty copies of the Australian Almanac, for Public Institutions in England; £613 3s. 5d., for expenses in connection with the Public Funeral accorded to the remains of the late William Charles Wentworth; £1,500 for expenses in connection with the Royal Commission on Public Charities; £316 19s. 8d. for refund of deductions from the Salary of the Under Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Department, under the Superannuation Act of 1864, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum; £211 11s. 6d. for refund of deductions from the Salary of the Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Department, under the Superannuation Act of 1864, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum; and £25 to cover the cost of removing bodies from graves in the town of Grenfell to the Cemetery there.

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(48.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £147 10s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Sheriff,"—being £65 for Assistant Bailiff, at £120 per annum, from 16th June; and £82 10s. for Extra Clerk, at 6s. per diem, from 1st April.

(49.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £111 6s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "District Courts,"—being £23 6s. 8d. for Registrar, Hill End, at £40 per annum, from 1st June; £23 6s. 8d. for Registrar, Inverell, at £40 per annum, from 1st June; £9 for Registrar, Milton, at £36 per annum, from 1st October; £23 6s. 8d. for Bailiff, Hill End, at £40, from 1st June; £23 6s. 8d. for Bailiff, Inverell, at £40, from 1st June; and £9 for Bailiff, Milton, at £36, from 1st October.

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(50.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,855 7s. 6d. to defray supplementary charge under the head "Customs,"—being £27 1s. 8d. for Assistant Customs Officer at Morpeth, from 16th June, at £50 per annum; £206 5s. for Locker in Tobacco Bond, from 1st April, at £275 per annum; £122 0s. 10d. for Assistant Locker, from 22nd May, at £200 per annum; and £1,500 for allowance to extra Tide-waiters and Valuers, and for occasional Clerical assistance, further sum.

(51.)

(51.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Printing, Bookbinding, Stamps, &c.,"—being £1,500 for Wages and Contingencies, further sum; and £500 to purchase a Perfecting Double-gripper Printing Machine.

(52.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,500, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Stores and Stationery,"—being £5,000 for Stores and Stationery for the Public Service generally, further sum; and £500 for conveyance of Stores, further sum.

(53.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £156 8s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Ordnance and Barrack Department,"—being for extra pay of 1s. per diem to seventeen Magazine and Military Store Labourers, from 1st July.

(54.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £11 5s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Shipping Master,"—being for increase of allowance to Officekeeper, from 1st April, at the rate of £15 per annum.

(55.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Marine Board of New South Wales,"—being for Signalmaster, Telegraph Station, Cape Hawke, at £100 per annum, from 1st October.

(56.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,842 10s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being £2,000 for Postage of Public Departments, further sum; £2,000 for the transmission of Telegraphic Messages, further sum; £1,500 for Commission on Payments in England by the Government Financial Agents, further sum; £500 for Compensation for Land taken at Shark Point for Defence purposes; £30 for expense of removing large Guns, &c., to North Shore; £125 for Warlike Stores—Flashing Lamps, Plates, &c.; £100 for cost of Silver Medals to be presented by the Marine Board to Masters of Vessels or others who may be instrumental in saving lives from shipwreck, &c.; £99 3s. 4d. for gratuity to Thomas Islip, Gatekeeper, Government Printing Office, being at the rate of one month's pay for each year of service; £539 6s. 1d. for charge on remittances to pay off Debentures; £500 for brokerage, &c., on the sale of Government Securities; £130 for expense of printing 500 copies of the Shipping and Navigation Laws; £100, Law Expenses, in the case Colonial Treasurer *ats. Reeve*; £208 10s. 9d. taxed costs &c., *Brown v. M'Culloch* and others; and £10 10s. for transcript of proceedings in the Admiralty Court with reference to two cases of merchandise *ex "Damascus."*

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(57.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Department of Lands,"—being for extra clerical assistance in the Gold and Mineral Lease Branches.

(58.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,000, to defray supplementary charge for "Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others," further sum.

(59.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Botanic Gardens,"—being for repairing damages to Walks, &c., caused by heavy rains.

(60.) Resolved, that there be granted to her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,399 5s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous Services,"—being £6 for compensation to Mr. James Sheppard for loss of land taken for the Road from the Great South Road to Bong Bong; £30 3s. 6d. for Compensation for loss sustained by the deviation in Hoddle's Track, passing through private property; £154 14s. 6d. for fencing the Road from Goulburn, *via* Bangalore Gap, to Bungendore; £1,000 for Road from the Bogan to the Lachlan Water Tanks, &c., in lieu of the Vote of 1872, which lapsed under the 17th clause of the Audit Act of 1870; £100 for improving and planting of the grounds connected with the Parliamentary Buildings; £800 to meet probable expenses under the Imported Stock Act of 1871; £300 for compensation to Samuel Charles for fencing road through his property near Kiama; £250 for examination and report of the Mining and Mineral Branch of Lands Department; £42 15s. for Compensation for Land taken from Messrs. Kelly and O'Connor for Village Reserve; £2,625 for Compensation to Henry Bell,—£2,500 for loss of Water frontage to Darling Harbour, and £125 one year's Interest at 5 per cent. per annum—; and £90 12s. for Compensation to John Thomas Collins for surrender of Deed of Grant, lot 38, sale at Sydney, 28th April, 1857, the Government not being in a position to alienate at date of sale.

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(61.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £127, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Department of Public Works,"—being £75 for Messenger, four months, at £75; and £52 for Housekeeper, six months, at £52.

(62.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,804, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation,"—being £250 for Blue's Point Wharf, further sum; £4,500 for wages and contingencies, to enable Dredges "Samson," "Hercules," "Hunter," "Vulcan," and "Fitz Roy," to be kept working at night; £4,000 for new Tug for Dredge "Vulcan"; £1,000 for landing Silt from Dredges, further sum; £1,000 for Wages, stores, and other contingencies for "Ajax," for remainder of year; £76 for Kitchen for Light-house Keeper's Residence, Ulladulla, including fencing; £1,300 for lengthening Ladders, Dredge "Samson," and other expenses in connection with work at the Sow and Pigs Shoal; £350 for new Ladder and Buckets for dredge "Hercules"; £520 for Contingencies, Dredge "Pluto," further sum; £500 for Incidental Expenses to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works, including repairs to Eden Wharf, further sum; £500 for Wages for Docking Vessels and other Contingencies, Fitz Roy Dry Dock, further sum; £8 for Engineer for Fitz Roy Dock, omitted from salary for 1873; £50 for two Boats for Singleton during floods; £300 for Contingencies, dredge "Titan," further sum; and £450 for repairs to Government Wharf Roads in the vicinity of the Belmore Basin, Wollongong.

(63.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,333 17s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Colonial Architect"; being £1,104 7s. Police Station, Grafton, further sum; £7,000 for Repairs and Alterations to Public Buildings generally, further sum;

sum; £610 for New Buildings, Botanic Gardens, further sum; £750 for Police Buildings, Orange, further sum; £4,000 for Gaols, Court Houses, and Lock-ups, further sum; £1,500 for Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices generally, further sum; £1,000 for Furniture and repairs to Telegraph Stations, further sum; £65 for Post and Telegraph Office, Inverell, further sum; £1,000 for Additions, Benevolent Asylum, Liverpool, further sum; £750 for Repairs to Military and Volunteer Buildings, further sum; £2,000 for Alterations and Repairs to Parliamentary Buildings, further sum; £450 for Police Buildings at Scone, further sum; £400 for Police Buildings at Tumut, further sum; £750 for Police Buildings at Hay, further sum; £500 for Police Buildings at Wagga Wagga, further sum; £700 for Police Buildings at Tamworth, further sum; £3,220 for Police Buildings at Albury, further sum; £700 for Police Buildings at Goulburn, further sum; £600 for Court House at Hill End, further sum; £500 for Court House and Telegraph Station, Ten-mile Creek, further sum; £300 to purchase Ground for Site for Court House at Hill End; £59 10s. for Kerosene Oil Magazine, Gulgong, further sum; £175 for Powder Magazine, Gulgong, further sum; £1,000 for Post and Telegraph Office, Grafton, further sum; and £200 to purchase premises at Howlong, for Court House and Police Station.

(64.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Roads and Bridges,"—being for *General Establishment*, Increase to the salary of the Chief Clerk, promised on the transfer of management of Minor Roads to Works Department, omitted to be placed on Estimates for 1873.

(65.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,980 15s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Roads and Bridges" for *Construction and Maintenance*, being £500 for Estimated Excess of Tolls to be collected at Grafton Punt, to be expended on the repair and the maintenance and approach to same; £220, ditto, ditto, Mudgee Road; £550 for Road, Mount Wayo *via* Laggan to Peelwood, error in Schedule; £320 for repairs to Long Bay Road; £500 for new Bridge at Menangle; £2,000 for Main Western Road—forming Footpaths, &c., opposite the University grounds; £150 for repair of the Crossing at Broughton's Pass Creek; £75 for repair of Approaches to the Douglas Park Crossing-place; £60 for repairs to Bridges, &c., on the Road from the Bulli and Westmacott's Pass Road to the Coal Cliff; £5,337 for repairs to Roads and Bridges damaged by Floods, and for the repair of Roads and construction of Bridges generally; £230 for rent of the Windsor Ferry, from 14th December, 1872, to 13th December, 1873, to be refunded in equal proportions to the Windsor, Wilberforce, and Freeman's Reach Road Trusts, to enable them to keep the Approaches and Roads leading to the Ferry in order; £200 for Rent of the Toll-bar on the Mudbank and Bunnerong Road, from 19th December, 1872, to 18th December, 1873, to be refunded to the Trustees, to enable them to keep the Road in repair; £463 15s. for Randwick and Coogee Roads, omitted from Schedule; and £375 for South Head Road, omitted from Schedule.

(66.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £10,000, to defray the supplementary charge under the head of "Railways," being for Working Expenses, further sum.

NO. VIII.—POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(67.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,650, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Post Office,"—being £1,050 for expenses in connection with the establishment of Post and Telegraph Offices in the City and Suburbs, viz.:—£300 for Salaries, £300 for Rent, £450 for Furniture and Fittings; £300 for Country Postmasters' Salaries, further sum; £200 for Incidental Expenses, further sum; and £100 for Law Expenses in the case of Bowden, Postmaster, Balranald.

ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—1874.

NO. I.—SCHEDULES.

(68.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1874, a sum not exceeding £1,684 6s. 8d., to defray Pensions not provided for by Schedule (B) to Schedule (No. 1) of the Act of the Imperial Parliament 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 54, as follows, that is to say:—£200 to Lady Forbes, Widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Chief Justice; £200 to Lady Dowling, Widow of the late Sir James Dowling, Chief Justice; £200 to Lady Mitchell, Widow of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General; £100 to Mrs. Anne Petrie, Daughter of the late Captain Flinders, R.N.; £133 6s. 8d. to Edward Robert Stack, late Master of the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney; £100 to Mrs. Catharine Lovett, Widow of the late J. Lovett, Pilot, Newcastle; £200 to Mrs. Eliza Milford, Widow of the late Mr. Justice Milford; £200 to Mrs. Maria Bate Wise, Widow of the late Mr. Justice Wise; £50 to Mrs. Margaret Edwards, Widow of the late Pilot Edwards; £150 to Mrs. Julia Robinson, Widow of the late Pilot Robinson; £75 to Mrs. Jane Reader, Widow of the late Pilot Reader; £26 to Mrs. Smyth, late Assistant Court-keeper, Supreme Court; and £50 to Mrs. Shanks, Widow of the late Pilot Shanks.

NO. II.—EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE.

(69.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,640, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Establishment of His Excellency the Governor, for the year 1874.

(70.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £728, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Executive Council Establishment, for the year 1874.

(71.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,020, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Council Establishment, for the year 1874.

(72.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,838, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Legislative Assembly Establishment, for the year 1874.

(73.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,460, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Joint Establishment of the Legislative Council and Assembly, for the year 1874.

(74.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,430, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Parliamentary Library Establishment, for the year 1874.

No.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (75.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,681, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Secretary's Establishment, for the year 1874.
- (76.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,157, for the maintenance of the Permanent Military Force, for the year 1874.—Postponed.
- (77.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,974, to defray the expenses of Volunteers, for the year 1874.—Postponed.
- (78.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,076, to defray the expenses of the Naval Brigade, for the year 1874.
- (79.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £144,279, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Police Service, for the year 1874,—being £2,310, for the Department of the Inspector General, General Establishment; £102,994, for Constabulary; £2,689 for Detectives; £4,836 for Additional Constables; and £31,450 for Contingencies.
- (80.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £39,644, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Petty Sessions, for the year 1874.
- (81.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £60,314, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Prisons for the year 1874,—being £1,920 for General Establishment; £1,605 for Sydney Gaol; £800 for Parramatta Gaol; £405 for Bathurst Gaol; £442 for Maitland Gaol; £405 for Goulburn Gaol; £667 for Berrima Gaol; £160 for Albury Gaol; £160 for Braidwood Gaol; £160 for Mudgee Gaol; £160 for Wollongong Gaol; £160 for Armidale Gaol; £160 for Wagga Wagga Gaol; £170 for Yass Gaol; £160 for Deniliquin Gaol; £495 for Port Macquarie Gaol; £217 for Cooma Gaol; £500 for Police Gaols, Country Districts; and £51,568 for Gaols generally.
- (82.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50,487, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Lunatic Asylums, for the year 1874,—being £350 for Board of Visitors; £16,403 for Hospital for the Insane, Gladesville; £18,258 for Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; £1,001 for Lunatic Reception House, Darlinghurst; £4,475 for Asylum for Imbeciles and Institution for Idiots, Newcastle; and £10,000 for Lunatic Patients.
- (83.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £44, to defray the salary of the Clerk to the Medical Board, for the year 1874.
- (84.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,745, to defray the charge for payment to Medical Adviser, Surgeons to Public Institutions, Fees to Medical Officers Country Districts, Fees to Vaccinators, and for attendance on Aborigines, for the year 1874.
- (85.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,825, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Auditor General's Establishment, for the year 1874.
- (86.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,745, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1874.
- (87.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,250, to defray the salaries and contingencies for the Agent-General for the Colony, for the year 1874.
- (88.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,240, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Observatory Establishment, for the year 1874.
- (89.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, being £500 to defray the salary of Curator, Museum, and £500 for Gallery of Art, for the year 1874.
- (90.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £120,000, for the support of Public Instruction, under Act 30 Vic., No. 22, for the year 1874.
- (91.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,758, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Free Public Library, for the year 1874.
- (92.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,259, as Grants in aid of Public Institutions, for the year 1874,—being £200 to supplement the present Annual Endowment of £1,000 to the Australian Museum; in aid of Educational Institutions, in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions, viz.:—£75 in aid of the Albury School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Araluen Mechanics' Institute; £75 in aid of the Armidale School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Ballina School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Balmain School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Balmain Working Men's Institute; £75 in aid of the Bathurst School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Bega School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Bellambi and Bulli School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Berrima School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Braidwood Literary Institute; £38 in aid of the Branxton Mechanics' Institute; £150 in aid of Bombala School of Arts and Mechanics' Institute; £75 in aid of the Botany Mechanics' Institute; £75 in aid of the Bourke Mechanics' Institute; £38 in aid of the Bowling Alley Point School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Camden School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Casino School of Arts; £150 in aid of the Corrowa School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Dubbo Mechanics' Institute; £50 in aid of Dungog School of Arts; £75 in aid of the East Maitland School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Frederickton School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Forbes School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Glen Innes School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Goulburn School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Grafton School of Arts; £150 in aid of the Grenfell School of Arts; £100 in aid of Gulgong School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Gundagai Literary Institute; £150 in aid of the Guntawang School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Hinton School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Inverell School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Kiama School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Lambton Mechanics' and Miners' Institute; £200 in aid of the Merriwa School of Arts; £15 in aid of the Milton School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Monaro School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Morpeth School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Mudgee School of Arts; £20 in aid of the Murrurundi Mechanics' Institute and School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Muswellbrook School of Arts; £25 in aid of the Narrabri Mechanics' Institute; £75 in aid of the Newcastle School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Orange Mechanics' Institute; £100 in aid of the Orange School of Arts; £150 in aid of the Parramatta School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Paterson School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Petersham Working Men's Institute; £115 in aid of the Queanbeyan Literary Institute; £75 in aid of the Raymond Terrace School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Richmond School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Ryde School of Arts; £75 in aid of the St. Leonards School of Arts; £100 in aid of the Scone School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Shoalhaven

haven School of Arts; £200 in aid of the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts; £115 in aid of the Singleton Mechanics' Institute; £38 in aid of the Stroud School of Arts; £38 in aid of the Tamworth Mechanics' Institute; £38 in aid of the Ulladulla School of Arts; £38 in aid of Ulmarra School of Arts; £75 in aid of Wallsend School of Arts; £38 in aid of Wagga Wagga Mechanics' Institute; £20 in aid of Waratah School of Arts; £75 in aid of the West Maitland School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Windsor School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Wollongong School of Arts; £40 in aid of Wyrallah School of Arts; £75 in aid of the Yass Mechanics' Institute; and £75 in aid of the Young School of Arts. In aid of the erection of buildings for Educational Institutions on same condition, viz.:—£300 in aid of Scone School of Arts; £75 for additions to the Tamworth Mechanics' Institute; £500 in aid of the Orange School of Arts; £500 in aid of the Young School of Arts; and £500 for Hall for Bathurst School of Arts.

(93.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,268, to defray the charge for Industrial Schools for the year 1874,—being £3,856 for salaries and contingencies of the Nautical School Ship "Vernon"; and £2,412 for salaries and contingencies for Biloela Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta River.

(94.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £385, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Biloela Reformatory for Girls, Parramatta River, for the year 1874.

(95.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £600, to defray the charge for Charitable Institutions, for the year 1874,—being £500 for salary of Inspector of Public Charities, and £100 for Travelling Expenses.

(96.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,690, to defray the charge for Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute, for the year 1874,—being £550 for Sydney, £200 for Parramatta, £450 for Liverpool, and £12,490 for Contingencies.

(97.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35,553, for Charitable Allowances for the year 1874,—being £6,500 for the support of Paupers in the Sydney Infirmary; £482 for salaries of Lady Superintendent and five Nursing Sisters; £3,000 in aid of the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £4,208 for the support of Women and Children in the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney; £500 in aid of the funds of the Benevolent Society, Sydney, on condition of an equal amount being raised by voluntary contributions; £4,000 in aid of the Asylum for Destitute Children at Randwick, on condition of £2,000 being raised by private contributions; £5,000 for the support of Infants removed from the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney, to the Asylum for Destitute Children at Randwick; £450 in aid of the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind Institution, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions. In aid of the undermentioned Charitable Institutions, on condition that an equal amount be raised by private contributions, and also of the Government, through Police Magistrates or other approved officers, having the right of admission of patients, viz.:—£500 in aid of the Albury Hospital and Benevolent Society; £50 in aid of the Bega Hospital and Benevolent Society; £100 in aid of the Gundagai Benevolent Society; £100 in aid of the Maitland (West) Benevolent Society; £100 in aid of the Narrabri Benevolent Asylum and Hospital; £175 in aid of the Parramatta Benevolent Society; £250 in aid of the Singleton and Patrick's Plains Benevolent Society; £150 in aid of the Tamworth Benevolent Society; £200 in aid of completion of Hospital, Hay; and in aid of the undermentioned Hospitals, on same conditions, viz.:—£75 in aid of the Hospital, Adelong; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Araluen; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Armidale and New England; £350 in aid of the Hospital, Bathurst; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Braidwood; £413 in aid of the Hospital, Bourke; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Carcoar; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Cooma; £400 in aid of the Hospital, Deniliquin; £400 in aid of the Hospital, Dubbo; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Forbes; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Goulburn; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Grafton; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Grenfell; £500 in aid of the Hospital, Gulgong; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Gundagai; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Hay; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Hill End; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Kiandra; £300 in aid of the Hospital, Maitland; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Menindie; £150 in aid of the Hospital, Mudgee; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Murrurundi; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Muswellbrook; £500 in aid of the Hospital, Newcastle; £500 in aid of the Hospital, Orange; £250 in aid of the Hospital, Parramatta; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Port Stephens; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Queanbeyan; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Scone; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Sofala; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Tenterfield; £600 in aid of the Hospital, Wagga Wagga; £50 in aid of the Hospital, Wellington; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Windsor; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Wollongong; £100 in aid of the Hospital, Yass; £200 in aid of the Hospital, Young; £500 in aid of the erection of a Fever Ward in the Albury Hospital, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £400 in aid of the erection of a Hospital at Dubbo, on same conditions; £50 in aid of Outfit, Narrabri Benevolent Asylum and Hospital, on same conditions; and £400 towards the erection of additional Buildings in connection with the Hawkesbury Benevolent Society and Hospital.

(98.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £14,300, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1874,—being £10,000 for Municipal Council, Sydney, in aid of the City Funds; £50 for Almanacs for Country Benches of Magistrates; £600 for defraying expenses of the Returning Officers of the several Electoral Districts; £1,600 for expense of compiling and printing Electoral Lists and Electoral Rolls; £50 for Newspapers and Almanacs; £300 for burial of destitute persons, in cases where inquests are not held; £200 for maintenance of deserted children, paupers taken charge of for protection, expenses of transmission, &c.; £300 for Fees for examining Lunatics; £500 for Rewards for apprehension of offenders; £500 for Rent of furnished House for the Commodore commanding the Naval Squadron on this Station; £50 towards the publication of the Eighth Volume of Bentham's Work on the Flora of Australia; and £150 towards the publication of Professor Owen's Work on the Fossil Mammals of Australia.

No. IV.—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

(99.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,743, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Attorney General, for the year 1874.

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- (100.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,855, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Supreme and Circuit Courts, for the year 1874.
- (101.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,970, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Sheriff, for the year 1874.
- (102.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,344, to defray the salaries of the Establishment of the Insolvent Court, for the year 1874.
- (103.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,838, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Districts Courts Establishments for the year 1874—being £3,193 for the Metropolitan and Coast District; £1,300 for the Southern District; £760 for the South-western District; £745 for the Western District; £940 for the Northern District; and £2,900 for Contingencies.
- (104.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,554, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarter Sessions Establishment, for the year 1874.
- (105.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,625, to defray the salaries and contingencies connected with Coroners' Inquests, for the year 1874.
- (106.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1874,—being £500 towards consolidating and amending the Statute Law of New South Wales; and £1,500 for reprint of the Statutes of the Colony.

NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (107.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,120, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Treasury Establishment, for the year 1874.
- (108.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,000, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Stamp Duties Department, for the year 1874.
- (109.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £35,624, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Customs Establishments, for the year 1874.
- (110.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,115, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Colonial Distilleries and Refineries Establishment, for the year 1874.
- (111.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £315, to defray the charge for Gold Receivers, for the year 1874,—being for Receivers at Goulburn, Orange, Mudgee, Gulgong, Gundagai, Tamworth, Cooma, Yass, Araluen, Forbes, Tumut, Armidale, Scone, Adelong, Stony Creek, Young, Sofala, Hargraves, Uralla, Nundle, Tambaroora, Braidwood, Grenfell, Carcoar, Trunkay, and Wagga Wagga, at £10 each, and one at Bathurst at £15, and to meet new appointments as required, £40.
- (112.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,550, to defray the charge for Freight and Conveyance of Gold and Escorts, for the year 1874.
- (113.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £23,958, to defray the salaries, wages, and contingencies of the Printing, Bookbinding, Stamps, and Railway Tickets Department, for the year 1874.
- (114.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75,589, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Stores and Stationery Establishment, for the year 1874.
- (115.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,457, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Ordnance and Barrack Department, for the year 1874.
- (116.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £905, to defray the salaries and contingencies of Health and Emigration Officers, for the year 1874.
- (117.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £300, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Quarantine Establishment, for the year 1874.
- (118.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,125, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishments of the Shipping Masters, for the year 1874.
- (119.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,070, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Glebe Island Abattoir Establishment, for the year 1874.
- (120.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29,153, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Marine Board of New South Wales for the year 1874,—being £3,331 for the Marine Board, Sydney; £1,000 for the Local Marine Board, Newcastle; £1,425 for Harbour Masters; £3,262 for Colonial Light-houses; £8,293 for Sea and River Pilots; £7,262 for Boatmen; £876 for Telegraph Stations; £1,750 for Australian Coast Light-houses; and £1,954 for Contingencies.
- (121.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £400, to defray Gratuities to Coxswains and Crews of Lifeboats, for the year 1874.
- (122.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £75,610, to defray Miscellaneous Services for the year 1874—being £10,000 for Postage of Public Departments; £4,000, Advertising for the Public Service; £7,000 for the transmission of Telegraph Messages; £2,000 for Duty Stamps for the Public Service; £4,500 Commission on Payments in England by the Government Financial Agents, on (say) £900,000; £8,000 for Brokerage and other charges on the sale of Government Securities; £7,000 for Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony; £1,500 to meet the expense of carrying on the Inner Waters and Coast Surveys; £2,000 for allowance for Postage and Stationery to Clerks of Petty Sessions, Land Agents, and Registrars of District Courts; £1,500 for new Steam Launch; £22,000 for the purchase in England of Ammunition and General Military Stores, and to cover the cost of Shot, Shell, and other Warlike Stores, temporarily charged to the Loan Vote for Fortifications; £30 for Provisions to be left at Booby Island for the relief of shipwrecked persons; £30 for Provisions to be left at Somerset for the relief of shipwrecked persons; £250 for the relief and conveyance of distressed Seamen belonging to the Colony from Foreign Ports; £300 as Contribution towards the maintenance of the Settlement at Somerset, Queensland; £3,000 to meet Unforeseen Expenses, to be hereafter accounted for; and £1,500 to defray the expense of importing New Silver Coin.

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

- (123.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,209, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Lands, for the year 1874.
- (124.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,800, to defray the salaries of the Mining Department, for the year 1874.
- (125.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £125,232, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment for the Survey of Lands, for the year 1874.
- (126.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,113, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Triangulation of the Colony, for the year 1874.
- (127.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,150,—being £8,000 to defray the Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others, and £150 for Clerk to Land Agent, Albury, for the year 1874.
- (128.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,588, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the establishment for the Occupation of Lands, for the year 1874.
- (129.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,148, to defray the salaries and contingencies under the head Gold Fields, for the year 1874.
- (130.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £10,478, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Prevention of Scab in Sheep, for the year 1874.
- (131.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £220, to defray charge for Imported Stock, for the year 1874.
- (132.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,410, to defray the salaries and contingencies under the head Coal Fields, for the year 1874.
- (133.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,666, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Botanic Gardens Establishment, for the year 1874.
- (134.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,037, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Government Domains and Hyde Park, for the year 1874.
- (135.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £350, to defray salaries and contingencies for Inspection of Oyster Beds, for the year 1874.
- (136.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,250, to defray the charge for Minor Roads for the year 1874,—being £250 for Alignment-post for Towns, and £2,000 to meet expense of fencing Public Roads where proclaimed through enclosed lands.
- (137.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,832, to defray Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1874,—being £200 for the erection of Public Pounds; £50 for preservation of the Caves at Fish River; £25 for preservation of the Wombeian Caves; £1,000 for fencing Public Cemeteries; £100 for Parramatta Park; £125 for Fees to Commissioners of the Court of Claims for hearing and reporting on Claims to Grants of Land in terms of the Act 5 Wm. IV No. 21; £300 to meet costs of Legal Expenses incurred in cases of ejection of illegal occupants from Crown Lands, sold or about to be sold; £200 for Refund to the Trustees of the Hawkesbury Benevolent Asylum of the Residue of Rent paid on Mooki West Run for the years 1870-1-2 and 3; £200 for improving and planting with Trees and Shrubs Biloela Island, Parramatta River; £25 for the improvement of the Recreation Reserve in the Town of Richmond (annual sum); £50 for the Improvement of the Recreation Reserve in the Town of Windsor; £50 for cost of procuring Galvanized Iron Wire Ladders for the Fish River Caves; £100 for Compensation to Mrs. Mary Harpur, for loss sustained by a reserved Road along the bank of the Turross River; £100 towards the publication of a work on Orchids; £1,513 towards enclosing and laying out for Public Recreation the Flag-staff Hill Reserve; £300 for planting and laying out of Wynyard Square; £467 Compensation to Mr. J. Barclay for losses in case *Emery v. Barclay* (subject to taxation of costs); £1,327 as Compensation to Mr. Stephen Scholey for Costs incurred in the case *Scholey vs. Eckford* (subject to taxation of Costs)—being £1,263, and £64 for interest on ditto; and £700 for continuation of Wall and Iron Railing, Macquarie-street, enclosing Inner Domain.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

- (138.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,554, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Department of Public Works, for the year 1874.
- (139.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £48,149, to defray the charge for Harbours and Rivers Navigation, for the year 1874,—being £3,454 for Engineer's Department; £1,998 for Fitz Roy Dock; £3,820 for Steam Dredge "Hunter"; £4,496 for Steam Dredge "Hercules"; £2,643 for Steam Dredge "Pluto"; £4,820 for Steam Dredge "Vulcan," Newcastle; £5,506 for Steam Dredge "Samson"; £3,712 for Steam Dredge "Fitz Roy"; £2,522 for Steam Dredge "Titan"; and £500 to defray expenses during the occasional employment of the "Thetis" on special services unconnected with Dredging; £4,032 for second Dredge for Newcastle; £791 for Dredge for Clarence River; £9,324 for additional amount for wages and contingent expenses to permit of the Dredges "Samson," "Hercules," "Hunter," "Vulcan," and "Fitz Roy," being kept working at night, and £531 for small Dredge for Sydney.
- (140.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £34,926, to defray the expense of Public Works of the Department of Harbours and River Navigation, for the year 1874,—being £1,050 for Assistant Engineers employed in superintending the construction of Public Works; £1,900 for professional and other extra assistance, formerly paid from Contingent and other Votes; £200 for Ballast Master, Newcastle; £96 for Boatman; £1,000 for Preliminary Harbour and River Surveys; £2,000 for landing Silt from Dredge, and forming Ground; £2,000 for Incidental Expenses to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works; £100 for Repairs to Glebe Island Road; £500 for Public Wharf at Botany; £3,500 for forming and metalling the ground at the rear of Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay; £10,830 for constructing Main Sewer and Silt Pit through the land reclaimed at the head of Darling Harbour; £3,000 for the continuation and formation of Macquarie-street; £5,000 for Steam Tug for the Richmond River; £3,000 for Appliances for discharging Ballast at Newcastle; £300 for grassing Sand Hills, Newcastle, further sum; £300 for widening, &c., Gosford Wharf; and £150 for Wharf at Milson's Point, at end of Lane Cove Road.

(141.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,079, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Establishment of the Colonial Architect, for the year 1874.

(142.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £134,150, to defray the expense of Public Works and Buildings, for the year 1874,—being £18,000 for ordinary Repairs, Alterations, and Additions to Public Buildings generally; £4,000 for providing Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices generally; £1,500 for Repairs to Military and Volunteer Buildings; £200 for lighting Lamps, sweeping Chimneys, &c., Victoria Barracks; £1,000 for lighting Government Lamps in Streets of Sydney, the Domain, and Hyde Park; £6,500 to provide Building and other Materials for completion or repair of Gaols and other Public Buildings, by the labour of Prisoners in Gaol; £2,000 for Additions, Sydney Gaol; £3,000 for Police Buildings; £15,000 for Gaols, Court Houses, and Lock-ups; £150 for supply of Coffins for Paupers; £2,000 for Repairs and Furniture for Telegraph Stations; £500 for Additions, Alterations, and Repairs, Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta; £1,000 for Additions and Materials to the new Gaol at Maitland; £500 for Repairs to Roman Catholic Orphan School; £250 for preparing ground and planting at Public Buildings; £3,500 for Additions to Hospital for Insane, Gladesville; £5,000 for Additions to Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta; £500 for Repair to the Mint Buildings; £500 for Police Building at Newcastle; £2,200 for Additions to the Asylum for Imbeciles at Newcastle; £500 for Stabling and Cottage for Grooms at the New General Post Office; £6,500 for Repairs to Buildings at the Quarantine Station, erection of new Buildings for the proper classification of Passengers by vessels placed in Quarantine, and providing the necessary Furniture; £1,000 for Shed for the protection of Shot and Shell, and Rifled Guns; £700 for Liverpool Benevolent Asylum, Bakehouse, Ovens, &c.; £450 for enlarging Shed for Customs' Boats; £1,000 for Police Buildings at Queanbeyan; £2,000 for Strong Room, Registry Office; £1,000 for Police Buildings at Gunnedah; £1,000 for Police Buildings at Wallerawang; £950 for Police Buildings at Toogong; £1,500 for Police Buildings at Wentworth; £900 for Court House and Lock-up at Shellharbour; £1,000 for Court House and Lock-up at Bingera; £1,500 for Court House and Lock-up at Hay; £1,000 for Court House, Lock-up, and Police Stable, Buckley's Crossing-place; £400 for erection of Additions to Lock-up, Pooncarria, for Court House; £800 for Court House and Lock-up at Coonamble; £1,400 for Court House and Lock-up at Sofala; £150 for purchase of site for Lock-up at Sofala; £700 for erecting Light-house Keeper's Quarters, Nelson's Bay, Port Stephen's; £800 for Court and Watch House, Milton; £2,000 for Court and Watch House at Tumut; £1,000 for Additions to Court House, Tamworth; £1,000 for Additions to Court House, Mudgee; £900 for Lock-up at Ashfield; £10,000 for Public Buildings at Bathurst; £3,500 for Additions to Gaol at Yass; £2,500 for Additions to Gaol at Dubbo; £2,500 for Additions to Gaol at Mudgee; £800 for Lock-up at Nambucca River; £1,600 for erection of new Court House and Lock-up at Kempsey; £1,500 for Additions to Railway Stations for Post and Telegraph Offices; £1,500 for Post and Telegraph Station at Richmond; £1,500 for Post and Telegraph Office, Glen Innes; £1,500 for Post and Telegraph Office, East Maitland; £1,500 for Post and Telegraph Office, Taree; £1,200 for Post Office, Mudgee; £100 for enlargement of the Receiving Shed, Goat Island Powder Magazine; £6,000 for Alteration of Buildings at Parramatta for Infirm and Destitute Females; and £1,000 to provide Safes for new General Post Office.

(143.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,809, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Roads and Bridges, General Establishment, for the year 1874.

(144.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13,594, to defray the salaries and contingencies for Roads and Bridges, Superintendence in Field, for the year 1874.

(145.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £260,077, to defray the expenses for construction and maintenance of Roads and Bridges, for the year 1874,—being £12,370 for Main North Road; £19,225 for Main South Road; £15,505 for Main Western Road;—24,550 for other Main Roads,—being £5,000 for Main Road, Grafton to Glen Innes, 100 miles, at £50 per mile; £3,750 for Main Road, Wallerawang to Mudgee, 75 miles, at £50 per mile; £3,600 for Main Road, Wallerawang to Mudgee (Tolls to be expended for maintenance); £6,150 for Road, Goulburn to Cooma, 123 miles, at £50 per mile; £750 for Road, Goulburn to Cooma (Tolls to be expended where collected); £1,800 for Main Road, Tarago to Braidwood, 36 miles, at £50 per mile; £3,100 for Main Road, Bathurst to Cowra, 62 miles, at £50 per mile; £400 for Main Road, Bathurst to Cowra (Tolls);—£138,527 for Roads and Bridges generally, being £10,000 for Contingent Works on Minor Roads not on Schedule, on Punts and Approaches, and on Approaches to Railway Stations; £3,000 for repair of and painting Bridges; £1,000 for construction and repair of Toll-bars; £2,000 for estimated amount of Tolls to be collected at Grafton Punt, to be expended in maintenance and repair of same and Approaches; £86,000 for Minor Roads as per Schedule; £1,000 for purchase of Steam Road-roller; £1,991 for forming newly opened Streets across the reclaimed land at head of Darling Harbour; £3,000 for Metalling Main Road through Cudgegong Municipality; £900 for formation of new Road from William to Woolloomooloo Streets, the land fronting this road to be sold, and purchasers bound to build to a uniform elevation approved by the Government and exhibited at time of sale; £500 to complete the Metalling of Road from Campbelltown to Camden; £5,000 for Road Kempsey to Armidale, further sum; £2,000 for repairing the Road from the Abattoirs to its junction with the Parramatta Road; £250 for Road, Jamberoo Mountain Pass; £300 for new Punt at Seaham; £300 for Bridge over Back Creek, on road Bathurst to Rockley; £500 for Bridge over Moggendera Creek, Moruya and Araluen Road; £486 for formation of Belmore Road; £450 for Bridge, Doctor's Creek, near Narrabri; £400 for Bridge, Mullenderree Lane, Moruya to Araluen; £300 for Bridge at Curragong, Bushman's; £3,000 for Bridge over Turon River, at Bragg's; £3,500 for Bridge over Cudgegong, at Mudgee, reconstruction in iron; £2,000 for Bridge at Slasher's Flat; £1,700 for Bridge at Warren; £1,700 for Bridge over Railway, Wells-street, Redfern; £700 for Bridge at Billybong, Conargo; £1,500 for Bridge at West Maitland, (Victoria,) reconstruction of; £600 for Bridge at Orange, widening of; £400 for Bridge over Bong Bong River; £350 for Bridge over Davy's Creek, Bathurst to Campbell's River; £200 for Bridge, Baker's Creek; £600 for Bridge, Tallywalka, near Menindie; £1,500 for Bridge at Kangaroo Valley; £300 for Bridge, Tallamulhin Creek, Baan Baa; £600 for Bridge, Colo Creek, near Walgett,—and £49,900 for Roads under Trustees,—being £300 for Clerk in Charge;

Charge; £43,000 for Roads under Trustees, as per Schedule; £6,000 for Unclassified Roads; £600 for cost of obtaining Reports and other Contingent Expenses.

(146.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,370, for Miscellaneous Services, for the year 1874,—being £70 to defray the charge for attending to the lighting and extinguishing of the Gas, &c., in the Parliamentary Buildings; £120 for lighting Lamps, Newcastle Wharf; £1,500 for Stationary Engine, Hinton; and £180 for Bridge, Yarralow Creek, between Bungonia and Braidwood.

VII.—RAILWAYS.

(147.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,275, to defray the charge for the Railway Branch of the Department of Public Works, "General Establishment," for the year 1874.

(148.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £235,122, to defray the charge for Railways, "Working Expenses," for the year 1874.

(149.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,100, for Miscellaneous Services for the year 1874,—being £2,000 to cover temporary Payments on account of Contractors and others, Vote to be recouped as advances are recovered; £10,000 for Alterations and Additions to Station Buildings and Siding Accommodation to meet increasing traffic; and £100 for Compensation for Land obtained from Shepherd Smith, Esq., in connection with the Railway Station, Parramatta.

(150.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £7,399, to defray the charge for Railways, "Works in Progress," for the year 1874.

NO. VIII.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(151.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £143,294, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Post Office Department, for the year 1874.

(152.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5,195, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Money Order Department, for the year 1874.

(153.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £49,347, to defray the salaries and contingencies of the Electric Telegraph Department, for the year 1874.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1873 AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

Services of 1872 and Previous Years.

NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(160.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13 16s. 8d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Petty Sessions,"—being to meet claims against the vote for Salaries, 1872, the balance on which was written off under the 17th clause of the Audit Act.

(161.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £13 7s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Asylums for Imbeciles and Institution for Idiots, Newcastle,"—being for Cartage of Furniture, Tools, &c., from the Wharf to the Institution, in 1871.

(162.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £26 12s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being further expenses connected with the Census taken in 1871.

NO. IV.—MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(163.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £5, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Coroners,"—being Fees to Coroners and Magistrates for Inquests and Inquiries, 1871, further sum.

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(164.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £15 4s. 9d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Commission to Land Agents, Appraisers, and others,"—further sum.

(165.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £62 10s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Necropolis, Haslem's Creek,"—being salary of the Secretary, from 1st March to 31st May, 1870, at £250 per annum, written off, now claimed.

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(166.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £22 13s. 2d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Harbours and Rivers Navigation,"—being for Dredge "Samson," further sum required to meet an outstanding claim.

(167.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £175 3s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Works and Buildings,"—being £42 12s. 6d. for Alterations to Railway Stations at Burwood, Richmond, &c., for Post Offices, 1870; and £132 11s. 4d. for Erecting Post Office, &c., Marulan, 1869.

Services of 1873.

NO. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(168.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £29, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Permanent Military Force," being Good Conduct Pay, at 1d. per diem, further sum.

(169.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £900, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Police,"—being £200 for Remount Horses, further sum; £400 for Rent of Premises, further sum; and £300 for Travelling Allowances, further sum.

(170.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £346 10s. 3d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Biloela Industrial School for Girls, Parramatta River,"—being Incidental Expenses, further sum.

(171.)

(171.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute,"—being for Rations, Clothing, Medical Comforts, Medicines, and other contingencies, further sum.

(172.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £36 18s. 6d. to defray supplementary charge under the head "Grants in aid of Public Institutions,"—being for Bathurst School of Arts, deficiency in Votes of 1871, 2, 3.

(173.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,719 16s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Charitable Allowances,"—being £1,288 18s. 9d. for the support of Paupers in the Sydney Infirmary, further sum; and £430 17s. 9d., in aid of the Hill End District Hospital, on the usual conditions, further sum.

(174.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £865 5s., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being £648 9s. 3d. for expenses in connection with the Royal Commission on Public Charities, further sum; and £216 15s. 9d. for defraying Expenses of Returning Officers of the several Electoral Districts, further sum.

NO. IV.—MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(175.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £92 15s., to defray supplementary charge under head "Department of Justice and Public Instruction,"—being Salary of the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, from 9th to 31st December, 1873, at £1,500 per annum.

(176.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £697 5s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Attorney General,"—being Fees to Prosecuting Barristers, Travelling Expenses, &c., further sum.

(177.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,375 10s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Supreme and Circuit Courts,"—being Allowances to Witnesses, &c., further sum.

NO. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

(178.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £82, to defray supplementary charge under the head "Printing and Bookbinding Department,"—being cost of a Folding Machine chargeable against lapsed balance of the vote of 1872, which requires to be re-voted.

(179.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,043 to defray supplementary charge under the head "Marine Board,"—being to provide Fees for Pilots under the Competitive Pilotage system, further sum.

(180.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,357 14s. 4d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Stores and Stationery,"—being £3,000 for Stores and Stationery for the Public Service generally, further sum; and £357 14s. 4d. for Fuel and Light for Departments within the District of Sydney, further sum.

(181.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,428 9s. 1d. to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being £953 0s. 7d. for compensation to Messrs. William Petherbridge, F. Gardiner, and J. Downey, for losses sustained by them by reason of their goods, stored in the Bonded Store at Newcastle, having been destroyed by fire, owing to the refusal of the Custom House Officer to allow the Bond to be opened and the goods removed (Resolution of the Assembly); £50 for Law Expenses in the case—Colonial Treasurer *vs.* Reeve, further sum; £3,143 13s. 7d. for Exchange on Remittances within and beyond the Colony, further sum; and £281 14s. 11d. for removing Guns to the New Batteries.

NO. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(182.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £20,013 10s. 10d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Survey of Lands,"—being £13 10s. 10d. for difference between £175 and £200, the salary of the Exhibitor of Public Maps, from 16th June to 31st December, 1873; and £20,000 for Fees to Licensed Surveyors, further sum.

(183.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £479 0s. 6d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being £29 0s. 6d. for Fencing Public Cemeteries, further sum; £250 for Examination and Report of the Mining and Mineral Branches of the Lands Department; and £200 for Expenses under the Cattle Disease Prevention Act.

NO. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(184.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,332 15s. to defray supplementary charge under the head "Works and Buildings,"—being £2,900 for ordinary repairs, alterations, and additions to Public Buildings generally, further sum; £1,000 for providing Furniture and Fittings for Public Offices generally, further sum; £500 for repairs to Military and Volunteer Buildings, further sum; £2,400 for additions, Lunatic Asylum, Parramatta, further sum; £39 15s. for Police Buildings, Goulburn, further sum; £550 for erecting Police Station, Tamworth, further sum; £1,530 for Flooring Hall, Sydney University, further sum; £116 for additions, Protestant Orphan School, Parramatta, further sum; £137 for additions, Maitland Gaol, further sum; and £160 for Police Buildings, further sum.

(185.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £9,364 0s. 1d., to defray supplementary charge under the head "Harbours and River Navigation,"—being £411 16s. 11d. for Fitz Roy Dock—Contingent Expenses—further sum; £102 3s. 2d. for landing Silt from Dredge and forming Ground, further sum; and £8,850 for Incidental Expenses to Wharfs, Bridges, and other Public Works, including Flood Repairs, &c., further sum.

NO. VIII.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(186.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £232 6s. 8d. to defray supplementary charge under the head "Electric Telegraphs,"—being £75 for Station-master at Jerilderie, at £150, from 1st July to 31st December; £30 6s. 8d., for Junior Operator, Liverpool, at £52, from 1st June to 31st December; £52 for Messenger, Gulgong, at £52, from 1st January to 31st December; and £75 for Station-master, Moama, at £150, from 1st June to 31st December.

ADDITIONAL

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1874.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

- (187.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £201 5s. 3d., to defray charge for "Permanent Military Force,"—being £79 4s. for boots for the Force, and £122 1s. 3d. for Meat and Grocery Rations, further sum.
- (188.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,439, to defray charges for "Volunteers,"—being £250 for Salary to Captain Strong, in charge of the Public School Cadet Corps, from 1st January; £64 for allowance for forage for a horse, from January; £25 for Contingent Expenses in connection with the Public School Cadet Corps; and £1,100 for the purchase of 12 Match Rifles and Ammunition.
- (189.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray charge for "Auditor General,"—being for Extra Clerical Assistance, further sum.
- (190.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £150, to defray charge for "Registrar General,"—being for Additional Clerk, Lands Title Branch.
- (191.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,200, to defray charges for "Charitable Allowances,"—being in aid of the undermentioned Charitable Institutions, on condition that equal amounts be raised by private contributions and also of the Government, through Police Magistrates or other approved officers, having the right of admission of Patients, viz.:—£200 for Forbes District Hospital, further sum; £200 for Murrurundi Hospital, further sum; and £50 for Wellington Hospital, further sum; £500 in aid of the erection of an Hospital at Inverell, on condition of an equal amount being raised by private contributions; £500 in aid of the erection of an Hospital at Bourke, on same conditions; £500 in aid of the erection of an Hospital at Glen Innes, on same conditions; and £1,250 in aid of a Lying-in and Fever Hospital at West Maitland, on same conditions.
- (192.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,350, to defray charges under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being £2,000 for the services of Hydraulic Engineer in connection with the proposed Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board; and £350 for relief to Sufferers by Floods.

No. IV.—MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

- (193.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,702, to defray charge for Department of Justice and Public Instruction, for 1874,—being £1,500 for Minister of Justice and Public Instruction; £75 for increase to the salary of a Clerk transferred from the Colonial Secretary's Department; £75 for Extra Clerk, from 1st April, at £100; and £52 for Boy Messenger, from 1st January.
- (194.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £125, to defray charge for "Petty Sessions,"—being £50 for additional salary to the C.P.S., Bathurst, late Registrar of Births, Marriages, and Deaths; and £75 for Assistant C.P.S., Parramatta.
- (195.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £385, to defray charge for "District Courts,"—being £250 for salary of Mr. District Court Judge Dowling while on leave of absence, from 1st February to 30th April; £15 for increase to the salary of the Bailiff, Glen Innes, from £30 to £45; £30 for Registrar, Gunnedah, from 1st April, at £40; £30 for Bailiff, from 1st April, at £40; £30 for Registrar, Molong, from 1st April, at £40, and £30 for Bailiff, from 1st April, at £40.
- (196.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,876, to defray charge for "Grants in aid of Public Institutions,"—being in aid of the undermentioned Educational Institutions in the proportion of £1 to every £2 raised by private contributions, viz.:—£25 for Bathurst School of Arts, further sum; £36 for Carcoar School of Arts; £25 for Grafton School of Arts, further sum; £200 for Deniliquin School of Arts; £25 for North Willoughby School of Arts; £15 for Spring Grove School of Arts; £75 for Newcastle School of Arts, further sum; £15 for Milton School of Arts, further sum; £60 for Tumut Literary Institute; £200 for Burwood School of Arts. In aid of the Building Funds of the following Institutions, on the same conditions, viz.:—£100 for Richmond School of Arts; £300 for Dubbo School of Arts; £200 for West Maitland School of Arts; £150 for North Willoughby School of Arts; £200 for Gulgong School of Arts; and £250 for Young School of Arts (purchase of a site).
- (197.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £12,900, to defray charges under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being £200 for refund to the Australian Joint Stock Bank of estreated Recognizance of bail in the case of Regina v. F. W. Gardiner, late accountant of the Hay Branch of that Institution; £100 for School History of England, adjudged by a Board appointed by Government as suitable for the Schools established and aided by the Council of Education; £100 for School History of Australia, adjudged by a Board appointed by Government as suitable for the Schools established and aided by the Council of Education; £7,500 for the maintenance of Orphans during the year 1874 and £5,000 to provide suitable premises for the Industrial School for Girls.

No. V.—TREASURER AND SECRETARY FOR FINANCE AND TRADE.

- (198.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £50, to defray charge for "Customs,"—being allowance in lieu of Quarters to Customs Officer, Grafton.
- (199.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £25, to defray charge for "Ordnance Department,"—being for New Boat for Goat Island Powder Magazine.
- (200.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £1,000, to defray charge for "Glebe Island Abattoirs,"—being for Deodorizing the Blood, Offal, and Sewerage.
- (201.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £646 10s., to defray charge for "Marine Board,"—being £187 10s. for Assistant Engineer Surveyor, at £250, from 1 April; £75, for Increase to the salary of a Junior Pilot at Newcastle, on his being promoted to the rank of Senior Pilot; and £534, for Increase in the pay of the Boatmen at Sydney and Newcastle,—32 men, at £12 each.

(202.)

(202.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £100, to defray charge under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being for Compensation to the owners of the schooner "Isabella" for loss sustained by breaking up their voyage to rescue the crew of the "Robert Towns."

No. VI.—SECRETARY FOR LANDS.

(203.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £4,035 7s., to defray charge for "Survey of Lands,"—being £1,155 for Geological Surveyor, viz.:—£400 Salary, £230 Equipment Allowance, £150 Contingent Expenses, and £375 Wages and Provisions, 5 men; £300, for Salaries of 2 Draftsmen for preparing County references, at £1.50 each; £200 for Preparation of descriptions for Deeds of Crown Grants; £2,100 for Bonus to or temporary increase of the salaries of 21 Staff Surveyors (for the year 1874 only), at £100 each; and £280 7s., for Salaries of 5 Clerks temporarily employed on Gold and Mineral Lease work, for 4 months.

(204.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £324 12s., to defray charge for "Botanic Gardens,"—being for additional Wages to Gardeners and Labourers, viz.:—£187 4s., for 12 men at 1s. per diem extra; £129 12s., for 12 men at 8d., per diem extra; and £7 16s., for 1 man at 6d., per diem extra.

(205.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £202 16s., to defray charge for "Government Domains and Hyde Park,"—being for additional Wages to Labourers, viz.:—£140 8s., for 9 men at 1s. per diem extra; and £62 8s., for 6 men at 8d. per diem extra.

(206.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £6,898 6s., to defray charges under the head "Miscellaneous,"—being £500 for fencing, planting, and improving that part of the Sydney Common used for the Butts; £180 for rent of Lands Office at the Tweed River, for the years 1866 to 1874, inclusive, at the rate of £20 per annum; £300 for reward to Cornelius O'Brien, for the discovery of the Emu Creek and the Tyagong Gold Fields; £83 proceeds of sale of land at the intersection of Peel and Hill streets, Tamworth, originally set apart for the purpose of a site for the Mechanics' Institute; £50 for allowance for quarters at Montefiores for Mr. Commissioner Daniels; £90 12s. for compensation to John Thos. Collins, for cancellation of certain land sold to him at sale held in Sydney, 28th April, 1857; £2,000 for rewards for the discovery of new Gold Fields; £50 for improving the Public Reserve, St. Leonard's, North Shore; £100 for improving the Public Reserve at Manly Beach; £300 for the purchase of Land for a Cemetery at or near Waverley; £1,000 for inspection in special cases of Conditional Purchases, Forest Reserves, &c.; £678 3s. for compensation to James Ireland for loss of water frontage to Woolloomooloo Bay, as provided for in the Woolloomooloo Bay Land Reclamation Act of 1862, viz., £600, and Appraisal Fees £78 3s.; and £1,566 11s. for compensation to Betsy Purchase for loss of water frontage to Woolloomooloo Bay, as provided for in the Woolloomooloo Bay Land Reclamation Act of 1862, viz., £1,470, and Appraisal Fees, £96 11s.

(207.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,000, to defray charge for "Mining Department," being expense of bringing Mining Bill into operation, including salaries and contingencies.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(208.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £8,044 5s., to defray charge for "Harbours and Rivers Navigation,"—being £2,251 18s. 6d., to complete two iron Punts for Dredge "Fitz Roy"; £2,667 6s. 6d., to complete two iron Punts for Dredge "Vulcan"; £225 for Tug for Dredge "Fitz Roy," further sum; £600 towards clearing obstructions from Richmond River, at Woodburn; £300 towards clearing obstructions from Richmond River, near Casino, further sum; £500 for Incidental Expenses to Wharfs and Bridges and other Public Works, further sum; £300 for Tathra Wharf, further sum; £200 for Boat-shed, Newcastle; £500 for Steam Dredge "Hercules," Contingent Expenses, further sum; and £500 towards deepening Bars at Myall Lakes.

(209.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £16,600, to defray charge for "Public Works and Buildings,"—being £3,000 for Repairs to Mint Buildings; £4,000 for Furniture, Internal Fittings, and other Works, New General Post Office; £600 for Stabling and Cottage for Grooms, New General Post Office, further sum; £1,000 for Court and Watch-house at Crookwell; £1,500 for Water Supply for Asylum for Imbeciles, Newcastle; £1,500 for Repairs, &c., to the Naval Depot; £1,000 for Repairs to Buildings, &c., Abattoirs, Glebe Island; and £4,000 for Alterations and Additions to the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

(210.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £17,853 13s. 4d., to defray charge for "Roads and Bridges,"—being £117 for Black Camp Bridge, further sum; £300 for Pammaroo Bridge, further sum; £400 for Walker's River Bridge, further sum; £300 for Broadwater Bridge, Moree, further sum; £200 for Paika Creek Bridge, further sum; £300 for Wentworth Embankment, further sum; £150 for Punt at Brewarrina, further sum; £30 for half cost of Lighting Belmore Bridge; £226 13s. 4d. for Mudgee Road—Excess of Tolls, 1873, over estimate; £1,200 for Bridge, Emigrant Creek, Ballina Road; £800 for Bridge, Inverell; £1,200 for Bridge, Payne's Crossing, Wollombi; £230 for Bridge, Sweatman's Creek, Wollombi; £250 for Bridge, Marengo; £550 for Bridge, Billabong, Goonambil; £4,500 for Bridges on road Lachlan to Darling at Tallywalka, and near Booligal; £1,100 for Road to Seal Rocks Light-house; £400 for Approach to Belmore Bridge (Flood damages); £600 for Replacing old Bridge at Adelung (Flood damages); £4,000 for Road, Goulburn to Braidwood; and £1,000 towards improving the road from Sofala to Wattle Flat.

No. VIII.—THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

(211.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £2,068, to defray charge for "Post Office,"—being £18 for Increase of Salary to Shipping Clerk, from £132 to £150 per annum; £150 for Additional Mail Guard on Western Line, from 1st January; £400 for Gratuities for Ship mails, Foreign and Coastwise, further sum; and £1,500 to meet the payment to Victoria of the postages on letters, packets, and newspapers, conveyed *via* Galle—Amount to be recouped by postages collected here on outward Mail matter, and by amounts allowed by London on correspondence forwarded to this Colony.

(212.)

(212.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £3,222 3s. 4d., to defray charge for "Electric Telegraphs"—being £104 for Station Master, Boggabri, from 1 January; £150 for Operator, Tenterfield (for night duty), from 1 January; £104 for Junior Operator (extra), Tenterfield, from 1 January; £125 for Operator, Sydney, for Coast Lines, at £150, from 1 March; £104 for Junior Operator, West Maitland, from 1 January; £26 for Messenger, Newcastle, from 1 January; £150 for Junior Operator, Wagga Wagga, from 1 January; £520 for ten (10) Messengers (extra) at £52, from 1 January; £75 for Station Master, Bingera, at £150 from 1 July; £75 for Station Master, Warialda, at £150, from 1 July; £75 for Station Master, Coonamble, at £150, from 1 July; £75 for Station Master, Coonabarabran, at £150, from 1 July; £75 for Station Master, Parkes, at £150, from 1 July; £87 10s. for Station Master, Dungog, at £150, from 1 June; £52 for Junior Operator, Rylstone, at £104, from 1 July; £86 13s. 4d. for Junior Operator, Candelo, at £104, from 1 March; £52 for Junior Operator, M'Leay Heads, at £104, from 1 July; £52 for Messenger, Grafton, from 1 January; £52 for Messenger, Hay, from 1 January; £26 for Messenger, Forbes, from 1 January; £112 10s. for Line Repairer for Bourke Line, at £150, from 1 April; £52 for Junior Operator, Rocky Mouth, at £104—increase from £52 to £104, from 1 January; £52 for Junior Operator, Clarence River Heads—increase of salary from £52 to £104, from 1 January; £52 for Junior Operator, Ulmarra—increase of salary from £52 to £104, from 1 January; £650 for Operators (13), Sydney—increase of salary from £150 to £200, from 1 January; £50 for Station Master, Bourke—increase of salary from £200 to £250, from 1 January; and £187 10s. for Telegraph Instructor, at £250, from 1 April.

RE-VOTES.

(213.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £24,132 4s. 10d., being for Appropriations and Balances of Appropriations of 1873, and previous years, which lapsed under the 17th clause of the Audit Act, to be re-voted, viz.:—Appropriation of 1871—Minor Roads—£215 13s. 1d., Cassilis to Coonabarabran. Appropriations of 1872—Roads and Bridges—£983 13s. 10d. for Sinking Wells, Lachlan and Darling, and £512 18s. for Road, Cassilis to Coonabarabran. Appropriations of 1873—Harbour and River Navigation—£200 for Contribution towards the Construction of Public Baths at Lavender Bay, on condition of an equal amount being subscribed by the inhabitants, or Municipalities, of North Shore.—Public Works and Buildings—£1,200 for Police Buildings, Newcastle; £600 for Police Buildings, Tumut; £1,200 for Stabling and Cottage for Grooms, New General Post Office; £900 for Erection of Court House, Hill End; £1,000 for Erection of Police Buildings at Albury. Roads and Bridges—£636 16s., Road—Manilla, *via* Barraba to Bingera; £133 5s. 6d., Road—Armidale to Inverell; £140, Road—Grattai, Windeyer, and Upper Pyramul; £49, Road—Sally's Flat to Grattai and Tabrabucca; £5,597 2s. 5d., Road—Bombala to Eden; £3,000, Road—Kempsey to Armidale and Grafton. £2,000, Approaches, Howlong Punt. £1,763 16s., Bridge, Mann River; £800, Bridge, Dungowan Creek; £700, Bridge, Brungah Creek, near Hay; £1,800, Bridge, Yarrowford River; £500, Bridge, Beardie Creek; £200, Bridge, Black Camp Creek.

FURTHER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATE FOR 1874.

No. III.—COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(214.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £200, to defray charge for "Charitable Allowances," being in aid of the Hospital at Hill End, on the usual conditions.

(215.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding £2,000, to defray the charge for "Miscellaneous," being to complete the erection of Captain Cook's Statue.

No. IV.—MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

(216.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray charge for "Grants in aid of Public Institutions," being for Young School of Arts—purchase of Site.

No. V.—COLONIAL TREASURER.

(217.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £250, to defray charge for "Miscellaneous," being for Beacon on the Bar, at the Entrance to Port Macquarie.

No. VII.—SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

(218.) Resolved that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding £900, to defray charge for "Public Works," being for Lowering and under-pinning the wall of the Victoria Barracks, to enable a new road, called Green's Road, to be formed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd then moved, That the Resolutions be now read a second time.

Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That Resolution No. 47 be amended by the omission of the following items:—"£316 19s. 8d. for refund of deductions from the Salary of the Under Secretary, Colonial Secretary's Department, under the Superannuation Act of 1864, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum; £211 11s. 6d. for refund of deductions from the Salary of the Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Department, under the Superannuation Act of 1864, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum."

Debate ensued.

And

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 3 APRIL, 1874, A.M.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 12.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. John Robertson,	
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Burns.
Mr. Nelson,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Macleay,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Forster,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question again proposed,—That the Resolutions be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Stewart moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd then moved, That the Debate on the motion "That the Resolutions be now read a second time," be adjourned to Wednesday next.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at nineteen minutes after Twelve o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. on *Tuesday next.*

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 108.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 7 APRIL, 1874.

There being only seventeen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Moses, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Warden,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Four o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 109.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 8 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Provisional School at Glendon Brook:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—What action has been taken with respect to the Petition from the Trustees of the Provisional School at Glendon Brook, presented to him on the 24th February last?

Mr. Allen answered,—The facts of the case, I understand, are not correctly stated in the Memorial. I am informed that in August, 1873, the Council agreed to grant aid to a Provisional School at Glendon Brook, and to recognize Mr. Graham as teacher, subject to the Inspector's report thereafter. The reason for the insertion of this condition was, that at the time the Inspector was unable to reach the school and furnish the usual report, on account of the district being flooded. When the school was inspected, it was found to be so near a previously existing school as to draw from it some of the pupils who had been in attendance thereat. The Inspector further stated that the building was of an inferior and unsuitable character, and that the teacher, Mr. Graham, was too old, and possessed of but indifferent professional skill. (The allegation that Mr. Graham is a "certified" teacher, in the sense of "certificated" or holding a certificate from the Council, is incorrect.) On these grounds the Council, though willing to support the school as a Half-time School in conjunction with another situated a few miles distant, on the 13th November, 1873, withdrew the aid conditionally granted. It is true that by letter, dated 14th November, Mr. Graham was informed of the charge of falsifying the school records, but this charge had no weight with the Council when determining to withdraw aid from the school.

(2.) Court-House at Gundaroo:—*Mr. Forster* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any tender for building a Court-House at Gundaroo been accepted by the Government?
- (2.) If so, what are the terms of the tender, and the tenderer's name?
- (3.) At what date will the work be required to be completed, and will the period begin from the date of opening the tender, or from the date of signing the necessary bond or bonds?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No tender has been accepted for building a Court-House at Gundaroo. On the 17th March last tenders were received for erection of two additional rooms to the present building. A separate building, however, for a Court-House has since been applied for. Plans for same are now ready, by which the cost will be £1,200, and the Cabinet has not yet decided to authorize this expenditure.

(3.) The Case of Frederick Davis:—*Mr. Forster* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Was a lad, named Frederick Davis, sentenced by Judge Francis, at the last Albury Quarter Sessions, for an indecent assault upon a child, or any other, and if so, what offence?
- (2.) What were the terms of the sentence?

(3.)

- (3.) Was the said Frederick Davis discharged from imprisonment while undergoing the said sentence in any, and if so, in what gaol, and was he so discharged in order that he might be committed or sent to the "Vernon"?
- (4.) Was he sent to the "Vernon," and if so when, under what warrant, by what authority, and for what period?
- (5.) Is the said Frederick Davis now on board, or confined, or imprisoned on board, the "Vernon"?
- (6.) If not, was he discharged, and if so when, under what warrant, and by what authority?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A lad of the name of Frederick Davis was tried, as stated in the question, for indecent assault, as returned by the Clerk of the Peace, that is, there was nothing about indecent assault "upon a child." He was sentenced to two years imprisonment in Darlinghurst Gaol, or to such reformatory as Her Majesty's Government might appoint. The Judge who tried this case apparently knew that there was no Reformatory, and there was a suggestion that the boy should be discharged in view of his being apprehended as a vagrant child to be placed in an Industrial School; and I find that the boy was released in transit from the place where he was tried to Darlinghurst Gaol. He was released at Yass, and he was then apprehended by the police as a child without any fixed abode, and he was forwarded, under the Industrial Schools Act, to the "Vernon," where he is at present. I may state that I do not approve of children being sent on board the "Vernon" who are in this condition.

- (4.) Lease of Island known as Apple-tree Orchard :—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. Buchanan, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has an island, known as Apple-tree Orchard, in the Crookhaven River, Shoalhaven, been leased to any person; if so, to whom, and what do the Government receive in the shape of rent?
- (2.) Was it let by public auction, or by private application without competition?
- (3.) Are the Government aware that owing to the parties cutting down trees along the bank the natural protection has been taken away, and the channel made is nearly filled up?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1 & 2.) No; but a temporary occupation of the island has been allowed, which can be resumed by the Government at any time.
- (3.) No. The removal of the timber, if any, was years ago, and long before the permission given to the present occupant; and the cutting down of trees has not been the cause of the filling up of the channel.

- (5.) Proposed School of Arts at Terara :—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What sum of money was granted by the Government in aid of the building of the proposed School of Arts, Terara?
- (2.) What was the amount contributed for like purpose by the public?
- (3.) Are the Government aware that the work has been stopped, and the building material sold?
- (4.) Have the Government received any statement as to the position of the business from the Trustees or persons to whom the money was entrusted?
- (5.) If not, do the Government intend to ask for such statement or explanation?
- (6.) To whom was the Government grant paid, and to whose credit does the money now stand?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) In 1868, an amount of £150.
- (2.) Not known; but a list, showing private contributions to the extent of £166 11s. was received, to enable the institution to claim the above amount.
- (3, 4, and 5.) I am not aware whether the building is stopped or not, but I will make inquiry.
- (6.) It was placed, on the 8th of January, 1869, to the credit of Mr. J. S. M. Dickson, the Treasurer of the Institution, in the Commercial Bank.

- (6.) The Great Southern Railway :—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What are the profits (if any) of the Great Southern Railway for the months of February and March last?
- (2.) What was the mileage run per week on said Line under former time-table, and what is it under present?
- (3.) Have any extra men been employed on the said Line to work the trains under the present time-table; if so, how many, and what are their duties?
- (4.) When is it the intention of the Government to revert to the former time-table used on this Line?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The statistical information required for the preparation of this statement could not be obtained in less than two months, and I am unable, therefore, at present to answer this portion of the Honorable Member's Question.
- (2.) Under the old table the mileage for passengers was 3,128
Do. for goods 2,403
Under the present table the mileage for passengers is 2,312
Do. for goods 2,976
- (3.) The new table has rendered a re-adjustment of the staff necessary, but no increase in the actual number of men employed has taken place.
- (4.) The increase in the goods traffic would make it impracticable to revert to the old time-table; but a modification of the present time-table is now under consideration, and will come into operation on or about the 1st of May next.

2. MR. JOHN ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—Mr. Macintosh presented a Petition from Mr. John Archibald Campbell, Surgeon, representing that for a number of years he rendered professional services to the Police Force, and to persons confined in the Watch-houses of the City, without receiving any remuneration for such services; and praying the House to take the matter into favourable consideration.
Petition received.

3. ASSENT TO IMPRISONMENT ON CIVIL PROCESS AMENDMENT BILL (No. 2) :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 37.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Law of Arrest and Imprisonment on Civil Process*," as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 2nd April, 1874.*

4. RESERVES IN THE TOWN OF SYDNEY ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
(1.) A copy of the Government Order, No. 30, 8th June, 1829, issued by the Colonial Secretary by command of His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir Ralph Darling, containing a list of certain parcels of land in the Town of Sydney which have been heretofore reserved for public purposes.
(2.) A return showing whether such parcels of land are still held in reserve for public purposes, and, if not, to whom they were granted or sold in each instance.
(3.) A copy of any order or proclamation that may have been issued by the Governor or other constituted authority cancelling the Order No. 30, 8th June, 1829.
Question put and passed.
5. COMMONS REGULATION ACT ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Warden moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 31st March, from Henry Moss, on behalf of the Nowra Council, Shoalhaven, praying that certain sections of 36 Vic. No. 23 may be repealed, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. CLAIM OF MR. JAMES TWADDELL ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, to-morrow, copies of all Documents connected with the reference to arbitration of James Twaddell's claim for compensation on account of damage alleged to have been sustained by him by the trespass of gold-miners through his runs, and the loss of cattle thereby.
Question put and passed.
7. PAPERS :—
Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 14 November, 1873, in reference to Lands Rented by the Government.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Report of the Chief Inspector of Stock on Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Europe likely to affect Live Stock in Australia.
Ordered to be printed.
8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Water Supply Regulation Bill; second reading.
(2.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill; second reading.
(3.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill; second reading.
(4.) Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill; second reading.
(5.) Insolvency Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
(6.) City Properties Leasing and Improving Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
(7.) Distillation Bill; second reading.
(8.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill; second reading.
(9.) Supply; resumption of the Committee;—*on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, to follow after Order No. 10.*
- } *on motion of Mr. Parkes,
until to-morrow.*
9. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, That the "Resolutions" from the Committee of Supply, Nos. 5 to 153, and 160 to 218, be now read a second time,—
Debate resumed.
Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "Resolutions," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "be re-committed for the re-consideration of Resolution 192."
Debate ensued.
Question put,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question.

The House divided.

Ayes, 19.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Allen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Moses,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Central Cumberland</i>),
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Stewart,
Captain Onslow.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question,—That the Resolutions be now read a second time,—put and passed.
Resolutions read a second time,—and, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, agreed to.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

- (1.) Supply; resumption of the Committee;—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.
- (2.) Electoral Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- (3.) Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill (No. 3); consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862.
- (4.) Brands Registration Act Amendment Bill; second reading
- (5.) Goulburn Volunteer Rifle Corps—case of Captain Rossi; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of His Excellency's Message No. 17, respecting the Report of the Select Committee on the "Goulburn Volunteer Rifle Corps."
- (6.) Imported Stock Act Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- (7.) General Elections Bill; second reading.

on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow after the Order of the Day last postponed.

11. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again This Day.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions. Ordered, on motion of the Chairman, that the said Resolutions be now received. The Chairman then reported the Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows:—

- (7.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Supplementary Service of the Year 1873 and previous years, the Sum of £189,921 10s. 8d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.
- (8.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the Service of the Year 1874, the sum of £2,214,548 9s. 5d. be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales.

Resolutions, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, read a second time, and agreed to.

12. APPROPRIATION BILL:—

- (1.) Ordered, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, That leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolutions of Ways and Means, Nos. 7 and 8, 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 1874 and for the year 1873 and previous years.
- (2.) Mr. Lloyd then presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1874 and for the Year 1873 and previous years*,"—which was read a first time. On motion of Mr. Lloyd, Bill read a second time. Mr. Lloyd then moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill. Question put and passed. Whereupon, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments. On motion of Mr. Lloyd that report was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

13. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other public purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1, from 1st to 31st March, 1874. Ordered to be printed.

14. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply further postponed until to-morrow.

15. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

16. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Farnell moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the Question having been (*by consent*) amended, by the addition of the words "until Seven o'clock To-morrow,"—

Question put,—That this House do now adjourn until Seven o'clock to-morrow.

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Allen,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Stephen Brown,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Greville.

Noes, 8.

Mr. Forster,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i> <i>Cumberland</i>),
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Lucas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 110.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 9 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Road from Maitland to Raymond Terrace:—Mr. Jacob asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What amount has been expended by the Maitland District Council out of the Road Vote for 1873 on that portion of the road from Maitland to Raymond Terrace which lies between the last mentioned town and the junction of the Morpeth Road with the former road?

(2.) Was the work done by contract, or how?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) In a letter which has been received from the Maitland District Council, it is stated that £87 7s. 2d. has been expended on the portion of road referred to.

(2.) The work was performed by day labour under a working ganger.

- (2.) Telegraph Office at Brewarrina:—Mr. Garrett asked the Minister representing the Postmaster General, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has any complaint been received of the unsuitableness of the building used, or accommodation provided, for the Telegraph Office at Brewarrina?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to remove the grounds of complaint (if any) by the erection of a suitable building as a Telegraph Office in the township named?

(3.) Have the Government any objection to state the substance of all correspondence on this subject between the parties concerned and the Government?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) A complaint has been received, but from an individual only.

(2.) Arrangements have been made for the establishment of a suitable office.

(3.) The substance of the correspondence is, that the Government have arranged to rent certain premises to be erected in accordance with a plan, which plan was submitted and approved of. The building was to be completed within six months from September last. The attention of the lessor has been called to the fact that the building was progressing very slowly, and that a complaint had been received in reference to it.

- (3.) Quarter-Master M'Bride:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has Quarter-Master M'Bride, of the Permanent Artillery Force, been placed under arrest?

(2.) If so when, by whom, and on what grounds, was the arrest made?

(3.) If M'Bride has not yet been tried, when will he be?

(4.) If he has been tried, upon what charge, and with what result?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I understand that Quarter-Master M'Bride has been placed under arrest by Major Airey for disobedience of orders; and I understand that he will not be placed upon his trial.

- (4.) Proposed District Survey Office at Orange:—Mr. Combes asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Whether any agreement has been entered into between Mr. Acting District Surveyor Bolton and Mr. M'Lachlan, of Orange, with reference to the erection of a building to be leased to the Government for the purpose of being used as a District Survey Office at Orange?

Mr. Farnell answered,—No agreement has been entered into.

2. PUNTS OR BOATS PRESENTED TO THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF MORPETH ("Formal" Motion):—
Mr. Scholey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The amount paid by the Government for any punt or punts, boat or boats, presented to the Morpeth Municipal Council from the 1st May, 1867, to the present date.
(2.) The amount paid by the Government to the Morpeth Municipal Council during the same period on account of any punt or punts, boat or boats, or for repairs to the approaches to the said punt or punts, boat or boats.
(3.) The amount paid by the Government to the Maitland District Council on account of the Morpeth Punt from the 1st May, 1861, to the 1st May, 1867.
Question put and passed.
3. WALLALONG AND PHENIX PARK PUNT ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Scholey moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
(1.) The cost of the Wallalong and Phoenix Park Punt and the boat attached thereto, and the amount expended in making good the approaches.
(2.) The amount paid by the Government for repairs or otherwise on account of the said punt since it was first established.
(3.) The amount of rent received annually for the said punt, and how expended.
Question put and passed.
4. M'BRIDE v. DAVISON ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the Information, Summons, Evidence, and Decision in the case of David Douglas M'Bride v. Samuel George Davison, Justice of the Peace, heard before the Court of Petty Sessions at Grafton, on Tuesday, 1st April instant.
Question put and passed.
5. PENSIONS LIMITATION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until this day week.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until Wednesday next:—
(1.) Prisons Bill; second reading.
(2.) Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
(3.) Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Bill; second reading.
(4.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
(5.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
(6.) Water Supply Regulation Bill; second reading.
(7.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill; second reading.
(8.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill; second reading.
(9.) Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill; second reading.
(10.) Insolvency Laws Amendment Bill; second reading.
(11.) City Properties Leasing and Improving Act Amendment Bill; second reading.
(12.) Distillation Bill; second reading.
(13.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill; second reading.
7. APPROPRIATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Terry moved, That this Debate be now adjourned, and its resumption stand an Order of the Day for This Day.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Butler,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Burns,
Tellers.
Mr. Macleay,
Captain Onslow.

Noes, 34.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i> <i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Scholey,	Tellers.
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Wearne,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Lloyd then moved, That this Bill do now pass.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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Whereupon, Mr. Lloyd 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 1874 and for the Year 1873 and previous years.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to 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 1874 and for the Year 1873 and previous years,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 9th April, 1874.

8. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday next. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.

9. APPROPRIATION BILL:—MR. SPEAKER reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to appropriate and apply out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of New South Wales certain Sums to make good the Supplies granted for the Service of the Year 1874 and for the Year 1873 and previous years,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 9th April, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Mr. Speaker drew the attention of the House to the deviation from the ordinary practice here, as well as from the practice of the House of Commons, which occurred last Session in regard to the Appropriation Bill; that Bill having received the assent of the Governor at Government House, while there was an avowed intention on the part of the Government to proceed with the ordinary business of the Session. He understood the same course was intended to be now again pursued. He therefore drew attention to page 619, new edition of May:—"When the Appropriation Bill has passed both Houses, and is about to receive the Royal Assent, it is returned into the charge of the Commons, until that House is summoned to attend Her Majesty, or the Lords Commissioners, in the House of Peers, for the prorogation of the Parliament."

Whereupon, Mr. Parkes moved, That Mr. Speaker be authorized to present the Appropriation Bill to the Governor, at Government House, for the Royal Assent, without delay. Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

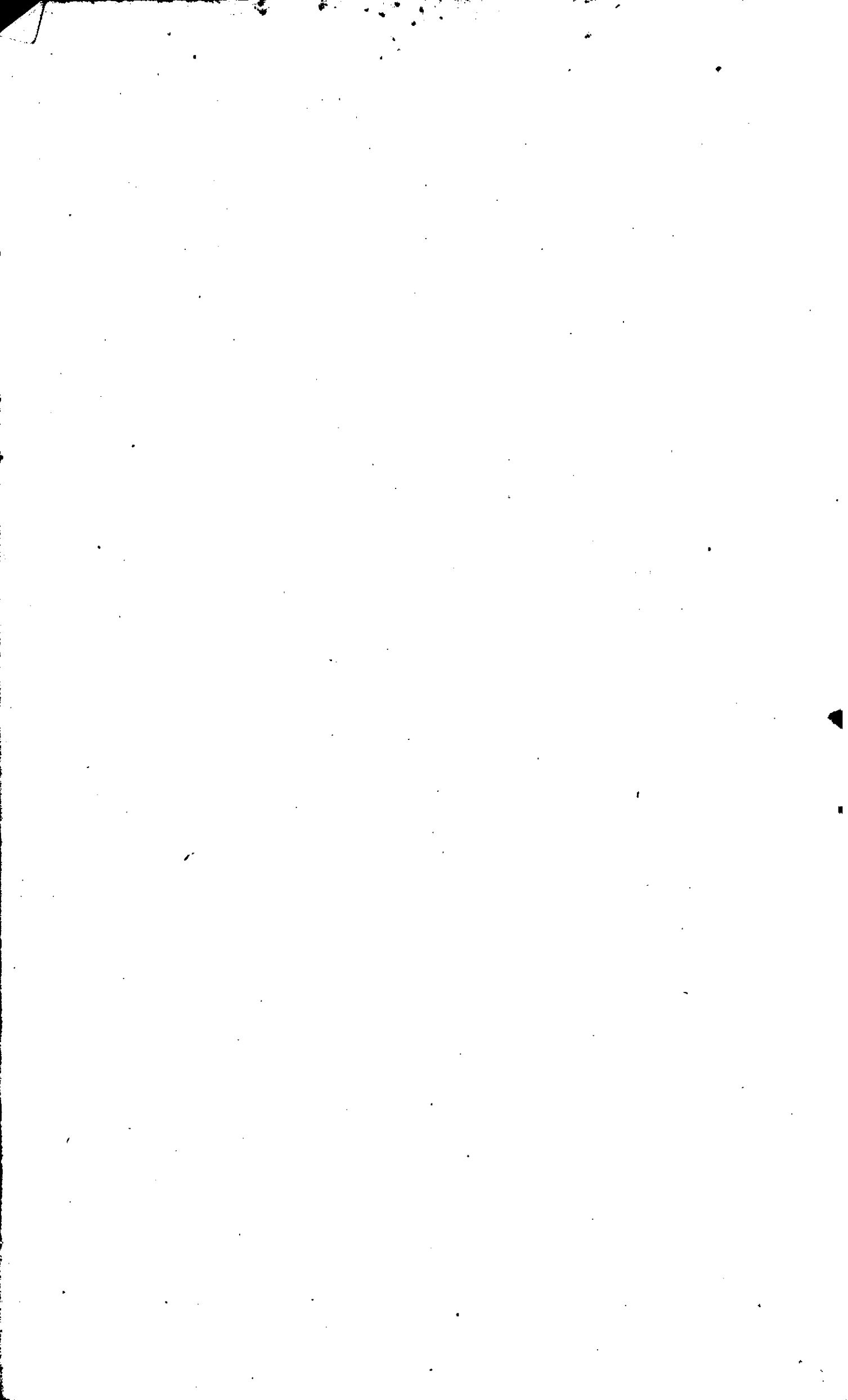
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Question put and passed.

10. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Electoral Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to stand No. 1 on the Business Paper for Wednesday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 111.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 10 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTION:—Gold Leases in the Gulgong District:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many Gold Leases have been applied for in the Gulgong District, since the 1st May, 1872?
- (2.) The dates of all such applications for leases?
- (3.) The dates of applications for all leases issued in the aforesaid district, since 30th September, 1873?
- (4.) Is it a fact that certain leases applied for in the aforesaid district eighteen months ago have not yet been issued?
- (5.) Is it a fact that leases applied for within the last six months have been issued?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) 192.
- (2.) and (3.) Answered in Schedule which I will lay upon the Table of the House.
- (4.) Yes, 34—surveyed, 18; not surveyed, 16.
- (5.) Yes, 4.

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

- (1.) Schedule of Auriferous Leases in the District of Gulgong.
 - (2.) Papers connected with the case of Andrew Hume.
- Ordered to be printed.

3. MR. JOHN ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 8th April, from Mr. John Archibald Campbell, Surgeon, be printed.

Question put and passed.

4. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cummings, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Macleay, Mr. Oakes, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Raphael, Mr. Thomas Robertson, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Sutherland,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at ten minutes before Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 112.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 14 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTION:—Lecture Rooms in proposed new Public Library:—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government had under consideration, or will it consider, the propriety of providing for Lecture Rooms in the plans for the proposed new Public Library?

Mr. Parkes answered,—In the designs for the new Public Library provision has already been made for a Lecture Room.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act, 25 Vic. No. 1.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on the 25th November, 1873, in reference to Applications for Survey of Lands.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Address, adopted on 2nd April, 1874, respecting the Report of the Mudgee Bench on Little's Case.

(2.) Return to an Order, made on 1st April, 1874, in reference to the Public School at Mount Keira.

(3.) Return to an Order, made on 3rd March, 1874, in reference to Teachers Association and Primary Education Journal.

(4.) Return to an Order, made on 6th March, 1874, in reference to the establishment of a Provisional School at Mutbilly.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Supplementary Return to an Order, made on 10th December, 1873, in reference to the Financial Positions of Municipalities.

Ordered to be printed, and referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the "Working of Municipalities."

(2.) Correspondence respecting charges preferred by Mr. Shone against the Gaoler at Port Macquarie.

Ordered to be printed.

3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Dangar presented a Petition from John Crane, Chairman of a Public Meeting of the Residents of Warialda, praying that the name of the new Electorate proposed in this Bill may be "Warialda" instead of "The Gwydir."
Petition received.

4. MINING PARTNERSHIP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) presented a Petition from Residents of Hill End and the District of Tambaroora, in favour of the passing of this Bill, with certain amendments.
Petition received.

5. **BORDER DUTIES** :—Mr. Thomas Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of taking into consideration the Petition from the Mayor and Borough Council of Albury, relative to the determination of the late Border Customs Treaty between this Colony and Victoria, and in favour of another treaty for securing freedom of trade across the Murray frontier.
- Debate ensued.
- Mr. Forster moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words "for further consideration of the Question."
- Debate continued.
- Proposed amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
- Original Question put and passed.
- Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole accordingly.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
- Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
- Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
- Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman again reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
- Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*), Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Oakes, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Wearne,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at sixteen minutes before Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 113.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTION:—Expenditure on the Parliamentary Buildings:—Mr. Oakes asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—The amount expended annually, during the last seven years, on the present Parliamentary Buildings?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

	£	s.	d.
1867	737	9	4
1868	771	17	0
1869	3,800	0	0
1870	2,371	8	6
1871	929	17	6
1872	3,259	17	11
1873	7,472	19	6

2. THE CASE OF G. U. GRIMES (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of the Information, Depositions, and Committal of G. U. Grimes, on a charge of Fraudulent Insolvency, by the Water Police Bench, Sydney, in April, 1873. Also, a copy of the reasons (if any recorded) given by the Attorney General for not proceeding with the trial of the said G. U. Grimes, on the above stated charge, after a bill had been filed against him.
Question put and passed.
3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 14th April, from John Crane, Chairman of a Public Meeting held at Warialda, concerning the alteration in the name of the proposed Gwydir Electorate, be printed.
Question put and passed.
4. MINING PARTNERSHIP ACTS AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*), moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 14th April, from Residents of Hill End and Tambaroora, praying that the Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill may be amended in certain particulars, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES IN RICHMOND RIVER DISTRICT (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Telegrams, Correspondence, Ministerial Minutes, or Documents of any description, having reference to Conditional Purchases in the Richmond River District, notified, or referred to as forfeited, in the *Gazette* of 9th December, 1873, or about that time.
Question put and passed.
6. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 16 APRIL, 1874, A.M.

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

7. **ASSENT TO APPROPRIATION BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 38.

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 1874 and for the Year 1873 and previous years.*" as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

*Government House,
Sydney, 10th April, 1874.*

8. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—Mr. Parkes moved, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of this Bill stand the first Order of the Day of Government Business for to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 114.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 16 APRIL, 1874.

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

SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Raphael moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on 10th April, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
Question put and passed.

2. ADDITIONAL SITTING DAY:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise "ordered," Monday be a sitting day of this House, and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Oakes moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "ordered," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "Government Business take precedence of General Business on Tuesdays."
Debate continued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Garrett desired the opinion of Mr. Speaker whether the proposed amendment was in order, as differing substantially from the original motion, and due notice thereof not having been given, as required by the 95th Standing Order.

Mr. Speaker said, that as the notice given by the Colonial Secretary substantially informed the House of his intention to move an amendment in the Sessional Orders which would give the Government an additional day, he thought that the amendment to the motion proposed by the Honorable Member for East Sydney (Mr. Oakes), by which a similar concession would be made, though for another day, was in order.

Whereupon Mr. Garrett moved, That the House dissents from the ruling of Mr. Speaker in this matter.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Macleay,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Tecce,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Scholey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Stephen Brown.
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Oakes,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original

Original Question put,—That during the remainder of the present Session, unless otherwise ordered, Monday be a sitting day of this House, and that Government Business take precedence of General Business on that day.

The House divided.

Ayes, 21.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Warden,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Dangar,	Tellers.
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Greville.

Noes, 20.

- Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Jacob,—
- Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Hill,—
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Macleay,
- Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Hoskins,—
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Driver,—
Mr. O'Connor,	Tellers.
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. R. B. Smith,—
- Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Stephen Brown.—
- Mr. Wearne,	
Mr. Teece,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

3. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Greta Coal and Shale Mining Company's Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 39.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the 'Greta Coal and Shale Mining Company,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th April, 1874.

- (2.) Mining Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 40.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the regulation of Mining,*"—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, 16th April, 1874.

4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 115.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 17 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTION:—Roman Catholic Cemetery, Devonshire-street:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are the Police aware of the recent violation of numerous graves in the Devonshire-street Roman Catholic Cemetery?

(2.) If so, what steps have been taken to discover and to prosecute the persons who authorized the violation?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A statement was made to me by a gentleman holding a Commission of the Peace, that the graves in this grave-yard had been disturbed. I have caused an inquiry to be made, and I have the report in my hand. It appears that an officer who visited this place found thirteen head and foot stones lying together in the Cemetery, and the sexton informed him that in all cases these stones had fallen down, and that they had been removed and placed together, with a view of erecting a Mortuary Chapel on the ground, by order of the trustees, and he distinctly denied that any grave had been in any way disturbed. I will, however, cause another inquiry to be made, to give me some particulars which I have not got in this report.

2. UNION BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER MURRAY:—Mr. Thomas Robertson presented a Petition from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough Council of Albury, complaining of the collection of tolls on this bridge; and praying the House to adopt such measures as will grant them relief.
Petition received.

3. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Jacob, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Piddington, Mr. Raphael, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Thomas Robertson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Wearne,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at nineteen minutes before Five o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 116.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 20 APRIL, 1874.

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

PAPERS:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 11th December, 1873, in reference to Civil Service Examinations.

(2.) Report, for the year 1873, on the Hospital for the Insane at Gladesville.

Ordered to be printed.

2. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

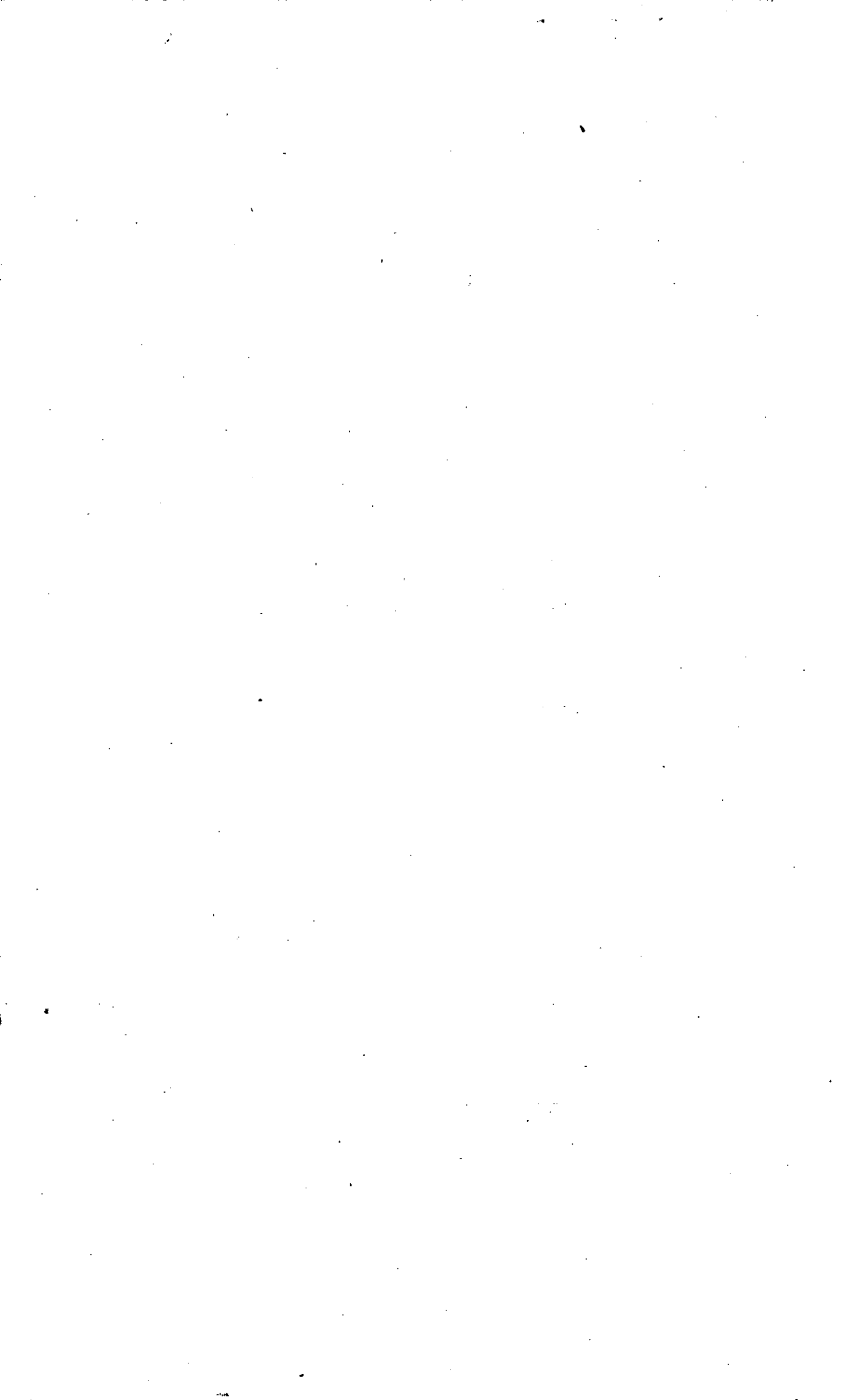
And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 21 APRIL, 1874, A.M.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 117.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 21 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cab Hire:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What amount has been charged in the vouchers sent in to the Treasury as payment for Cab Hire between the 1st January, 1873, and the 31st March, 1874?

(2.) For whom were such payments made?

(3.) What were the respective amounts paid for each individual?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) The total amount during the fifteen months from 1st January, 1873, to 31st March, 1874, is £102 3s. 6d.

(2.) and (3.) The services for which payments were made are the following:—

	£	s.	d.
The Honorable the Treasurer	24	4	6
The Under Secretary for Finance and Trade	62	12	0
The Chief Inspector of Public Revenue Collectors Accounts	3	8	0
The Inspector of Public Revenue Collectors Accounts	1	13	0
The Accountant	0	5	6
The Receiver	0	16	6
The Examiner	0	3	0
The Clerk of Correspondence	1	3	0
The Transfer Clerk	0	13	0
Mr. T. W. Nicholl	0	13	6
Mr. J. Hinchy	0	10	6
Mr. J. Walford	0	7	6
Mr. H. Dillon	0	5	6
Mr. G. Brodie	0	10	6
Messengers, &c.	4	17	6

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(2.) Worms in Sheep:—Mr. Stewart asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it with the sanction or knowledge of the Government that the Chief Inspector of Stock is publicly recommending sheep owners to administer certain nostrums for the cure of worms in sheep?

(2.) If so, what steps have been taken to have his nostrums tested?

(3.) Is there any Government Officer charged with a similar duty relating to the cure of worms in human beings?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No. Publicity was given by the Chief Inspector of Stock, in accordance with the usual custom of making cures such as these known to stockowners, so soon as there were good grounds for doing so.

(2.) The nitre and sulphur cure, which was first suggested by Dr. Youl of Victoria, has been tested there, and found very effective. The sulphur and salt, turpentine and linseed oil, and horehound medicines—especially the horehound—have been used in the Carcoar and other districts for upwards of twelve months with marked success.

(3.) No.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 8th April, 1874, in reference to the Claim of Mr. James Twaddell.
Ordered to be printed.
3. PROVISIONAL SCHOOLS (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Return to Order of the 24th of last March, relating to certain Documents connected with special religious instruction in Provisional Schools, be extended so as to include copies of all such Documents down to the latest date.
Question put and passed.
4. HOSPITALS (“*Formal*” *Motion*):—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing the number of Patients treated during the years 1872 and 1873 in the following Hospitals, viz.:—Dubbo, Mudgee, Maitland, Gulgong, and Bathurst.
Question put and passed.
5. OFFICIAL REPORT OF PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES:—Mr. Cooper moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1874, a sum not exceeding £3000 to defray the expense of providing an Official Report of the Parliamentary Debates.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 18.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Hill,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Oakes,	

Noes, 17.

Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Scholey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Macleay,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

6. UNION BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER MURRAY:—Mr. Thomas Robertson moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 17th April, from the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough Council of Albury, relative to making the Bridge over the Murray at Albury a free bridge, be printed.
Question put and passed.
7. ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AT GULGONG:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to *amended* Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the Administration of Justice at Gulgong, and into certain charges of corruption made against Mr. Tebbutt, J.P.; also, any communication made to the Government, or any Member of it, from his Honor Judge M'Farland, referring to the evidence given by Mr. Tebbutt in the case of the Queen *v.* Davis, tried at Mudgee the other day.
Question put and passed.
8. TOLLS ON PUBLIC ROADS:—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all Tolls on the Public Roads throughout the Colony situated near the entrance to towns which intercept the traffic of the inhabitants and of the producers living near and going into towns, should be abolished “forthwith.”
Debate ensued.
Mr. Oakes moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the word “forthwith.”
Debate continued.
Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and negatived.
Main Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. O'Connor,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
<i>Cumberland</i>).

Noes, 17.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Sutherland,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Driver,	
Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. Terry,	

And so it passed in the negative.

9. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day respecting Appointments to the Legislative Council postponed, on motion of Mr. John Robertson, until Tuesday next.

10. SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

11. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, until Friday next:—

(1.) Railway Extension, Circular Quay; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the following Resolution,—That Plans, Sections, and a probable Estimate of the cost should be prepared of an extension of the Railway from Redfern to or near the Circular Quay, such Estimate to include the probable amount of compensation necessary for the resumption of any private lands required for such extension.

(2.) Reclamation of Blackwattle Bay; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum sufficient to reclaim the whole of Blackwattle Bay situate to the east of Pymont Bridge Road.

(3.) Underwood's Estate Act Amendment Bill; second reading.

12. PARNELL'S LEASING BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.

On motion of Mr. Burns that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell (formerly Sarah Eliza Matilda Clift) the wife of Charles Parnell of Edithville Miller's Forest in the Colony of New South Wales and after her decease during the minority of her children to enable the Trustees of the Will and Codicils of Samuel Clift deceased formerly of West Muilland to lease certain lands for building or other purposes and also all or any of the mines seams or strata of coal and other minerals within upon or under all or any of the said lands devised by the said Will and Codicils of the said Samuel Clift to the use of his daughter the said Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell during her natural life and after her decease to her children share and share alike.*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st April, 1874.

13. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

(1.) Drummond Copper Mining Company's Incorporation Bill; to be further considered in Committee;—*on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday, 1st May.*

(2.) Public Prosecutors Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Hurley (Central Cumberland), until Friday next.*

(3.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday, 1st May.*

14. ANVIL CREEK COAL MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill,—

And the Debate not being resumed,—

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

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

15. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—

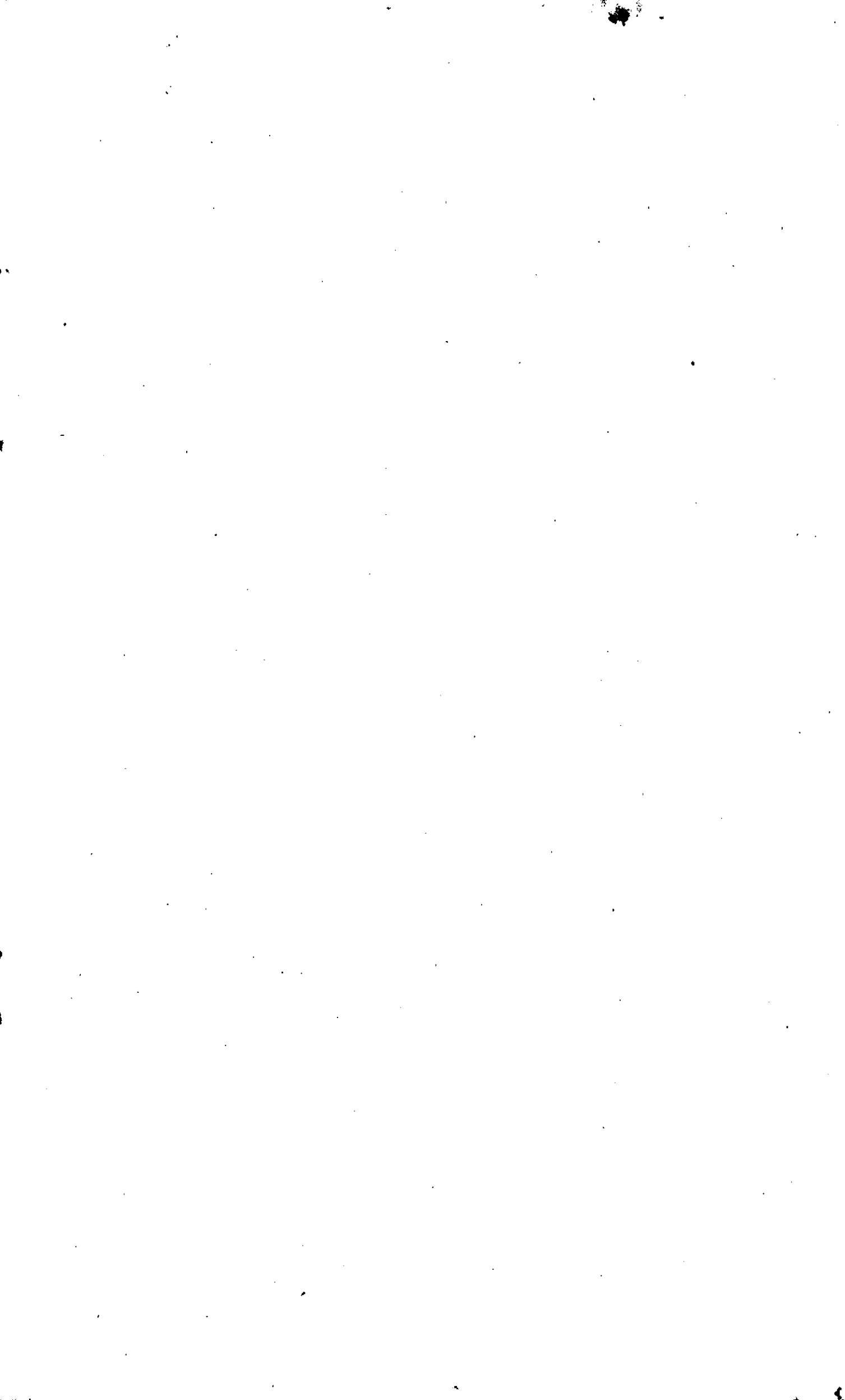
(1.) Common Lodging Houses Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Terry.*

(2.) Bridge over the Bell River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1874, a sum of money not exceeding £500, for the construction of a Bridge over the Bell River, on the road between Ironbarks and Molong;—*on motion of Mr. Nelson.*

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Bawden, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*), Mr. Jacob, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Parkes, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Terry,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at nine minutes after Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 118.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 22. APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Dr. Beer:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to the Papers laid upon the Table of this House touching Dr. Beer's Case, is it the intention of the Government, in view of Dr. Smith's Report, and other circumstances, to adopt any means by which Dr. Beer may, as far as possible, be placed in the same position in point of character and reputation as he was before his conviction, and to award him such compensation as the circumstances of the case require?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I am not in a position to give anything like a complete or full answer to the Honorable Member's question. So far as I have considered this case, I have arrived at this impression—and it is my impression as a Minister, because I have not yet formally brought the matter under the consideration of my colleagues—that Dr. Beer was wrongly convicted, and has suffered a grievous injustice in the sentence. I cannot say at this moment what course I shall advise my colleagues to concur in taking, but perhaps it will be sufficient to say that I do not intend to let the matter rest.

- (2.) The case of Robert Dowan:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has one Robert Dowan been recently discharged from the Police Force from his office of Constable?
 - (2.) What is the amount he has contributed to the Police Superannuation Fund, by deductions made from his pay or otherwise?
 - (3.) Is he entitled to, and if so, has he received, or is he going to be allowed, any compensation because of his discharge?
 - (4.) Was he examined by the Medical Board, at the instance of the Police authorities, prior to his discharge?
 - (5.) If he was so examined, were any medical certificates which were handed or sent in by Dowan to the Police authorities submitted to the examining body?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I will answer these questions categorically:—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) £30 3s. 10d.
 - (3.) No.
 - (4.) Yes.
 - (5.) Yes.
- (3.) Certificates of Naturalization:—Mr. Jacob asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What are the Fees at present charged for a Certificate of Naturalization?
 - (2.) How are the said Fees appropriated?
 - (3.) Has the Government had under its consideration the advisableness of reducing the said Fees?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) £1 1s. is paid for each Certificate of Naturalization; and when the Oath of Allegiance is taken before a Bench of Magistrates 15s. 6d. is also charged, which amounts are remitted to the Treasury. When the oath is taken before a Commissioner, £1 1s. is paid into the Treasury and 13s. are charged for administering the oath, &c.
 - (2.) In all cases the £1 1s., and in country cases the 15s. 6d. also, are placed to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue. The Commissioners retain the charge of 13s. as a private fee.
 - (3.) The Fees do not appear to the Government to be excessive.
- (4.) Provisional School at Glendon Brook:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Who was the District Inspector of Schools at the time the Council of Education agreed to grant aid to the Provisional School at Glendon Brook?
 - (2.) Did this Inspector report upon this school thereafter?
 - (3.) When was this school inspected, and by whom?
 - (4.) Were any of the Trustees present at the time of inspection?
 - (5.) How far is this school from the nearest existing school?
 - (6.) Will the Minister cause a copy of the Inspector's Report to be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Allen answered,—

- (1.) Mr. John Sanders Jones.
 - (2.) This Inspector did report upon this school thereafter.
 - (3.) This school was inspected by Mr. Jones on the 31st October, 1873.
 - (4.) The Council has no information respecting the presence of Trustees at the time of inspection.
 - (5.) This school is three miles from the nearest existing school.
 - (6.) Yes.
- (5.) Mr. H. Tebbutt and Mr. W. Mulholland:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to supersede Mr. H. Tebbutt, J.P., of Gulgong?
 - (2.) If so, will the Government take the same course with reference to Mr. W. Mulholland, J.P., of Windeyer?

Mr. Allen answered,—

- (1.) It has been decided to issue a writ of *supersedeas* removing Mr. Tebbutt from the Commission of the Peace.
 - (2.) There are no circumstances within the knowledge of the Government which require that the same course should be taken with reference to Mr. Mulholland.
- (6.) "Illustrated Sydney News":—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
Is it the intention of the Government to purchase a large number of the last issue of the *Illustrated Sydney News* for distribution throughout the United Kingdom, with a view to assist Immigration?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government have an intention of sending a number, not a very great number, of copies of the issue of the *Illustrated Sydney News*, which contains a description of the Colony, with a large view of the City of Sydney and some of the Public Buildings; the object being to afford the means of information, through the Agent General, to persons who are making inquiries about the Colony.

2. WORKING OF MUNICIPALITIES:—Mr. Macintosh, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 19th September, 1873, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.
3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Richard Sadlier, R.N., in opposition to the 20th clause of this Bill, which requires each candidate before nomination to deposit a sum of money with the Returning Officer; and praying the House to take the matter into consideration.
Petition received.
4. THE CASE OF ROBERT DOWAN ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence, Memoranda, Reports, Medical Certificates, and other Documents and Papers of any kind with or received by, or in the possession of the Police authorities, including Sub-Inspector Thorpe and Constable Shannon, relative in any way to the discharge from the Police Force of one Robert Dowan.
Question put and passed.
5. SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts and for other purposes therein mentioned.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd April, 1874.

6. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 23 APRIL, 1874, A.M.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 119.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 23 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTION :—The Permanent-Artillery Force :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The number of desertions from the New South Wales Permanent Artillery Force during the last month?
- (2.) The number of men discharged, at their own request, on payment of £20 each, during same period?
- (3.) The number of men who have applied for their discharge and been refused, and the reasons, in each case, for refusal?
- (4.) Are the men who have applied for their discharge by purchase, and been refused, liable to punishment if they desert and are re-taken?
- (5.) With reference to the case of a member of the Force named Luly,—
 - (1.) Did the Commanding Officer promise Luly his discharge if he obtained a substitute?
 - (2.) Did Luly obtain a substitute? (3.) Was the substitute accepted? (4.) If not, for what reason? and (5.) Has Luly been discharged?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Two, absent without leave; have most probably deserted.
- (2.) One.
- (3.) Four applied for discharge. None have been refused. Their names are taken, and the applications will be forwarded in due course, as laid down in Her Majesty's Regulations.
- (4.) Yes.
- (5.) The Commanding Officer (Major Airey) promised Luly's mother to recommend him for a free discharge on the special circumstances of her case, she being a woman with a large family, the husband an invalid, and all of them dependent, in a great measure, on Luly for support. Luly obtained a substitute, who was accepted by Major Airey. Luly has not been discharged, because the Commandant could not admit that providing a substitute entitles a soldier to his discharge, nor can he approve of the case as a precedent; and unless the same facilities be given to the Battery generally it would be obviously unfair, and open the door to just complaint, and certainly to the prejudice of the Service.

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

- (1.) By-Laws of the Borough of Hill End.
 - (2.) Electoral Rolls. (Return showing increase or decrease—1873-4 and 1874-5.)
- Ordered to be printed.

3. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 22nd April, from Richard Sadleir, R.N., respecting the 20th clause of the Electoral Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
- Question put and passed.

4. ANVIL CREEK COAL MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the 'Anvil Creek Coal Mining Company.'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the 'Anvil Creek Coal Mining Company,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Deed of Settlement.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd April, 1874.*

5. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Terry moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn to Tuesday next.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. Driver,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Hill,

Tellers.

Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Garrett.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Hannell,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Lucas,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Bawden,	
Mr. Dangar,	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 120.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 24 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Court-House and Lock-up at Bingera:—*Mr. Bawden*, on behalf of *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When does the Government intend calling for Tenders for the erection of the Court-House and Lock-up at Bingera?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A notice calling for tenders for this work will be published in next Tuesday's *Government Gazette*.

- (2.) Court of Petty Sessions at Yetman:—*Mr. Bawden*, on behalf of *Mr. Dangar*, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to establish a Court of Petty Sessions at Yetman?

Mr. Allen answered,—A Police Station has been established at Yetman, and the necessary inquiries are being made with reference to the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions at that place.

- (3.) *Emery v. Barclay*:—*Mr. Macintosh* asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government, before paying the money to *Barclay* passed in the Appropriation Act—viz., £467—to inquire whether *Barclay* has actually been put to this expense, and if so, what proofs have the Government that this amount has been paid, and whether it does not, in fact, represent the amount of taxed costs in the action *Emery v. Barclay*, and to which *Emery* is entitled, as the successful party in the action, *Barclay* never having paid this amount to *Emery*?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The amount will not be paid until due inquiry has been made as to who is the person justly entitled to receive it.

2. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day respecting Official Report of Parliamentary Debates postponed, on motion of *Mr. Cooper*, until Friday next,

3. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO CIRCULAR QUAY:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of *Mr. Macintosh*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolution:—

That Plans, Sections, and a probable Estimate of the cost should be prepared of an extension of the Railway from Redfern to or near the Circular Quay, such Estimate to include the probable amount of compensation necessary for the resumption of any private lands required for such extension.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

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

Resolved,—That Plans, Sections, and a probable Estimate of the cost should be prepared of an extension of the Railway from Redfern to or near the Circular Quay, such Estimate to include the probable amount of compensation necessary for the resumption of any private lands required for such extension.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of *Mr. Speaker*, namely,—*Mr. Allen*, *Mr. Bawden*, *Mr. Cummings*, *Mr. Driver*, *Mr. Farnell*, *Mr. Fitzpatrick*, *Mr. Garrett*, *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, *Mr. Lucas*, *Mr. Macintosh*, *Mr. Nelson*, *Mr. Oakes*, *Captain Onslow*, *Mr. Parkes*, *Mr. John Robertson*, *Mr. Thomas Robertson*, *Mr. Scholey*, *Mr. Sutherland*, and *Mr. Wearne*,—*Mr. Speaker* adjourned the House, at twenty-nine minutes after Five o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 121.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 27 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTION:—Regulation of Ferry and Watermen's Boats:—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. Tunks, asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Marine Board submitted for the approval of the Governor any Rules for licensing and regulating watermen's boats and boats plying for hire, steam and other ferry boats, and harbour and river steamers, within the harbour of Port Jackson?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The Marine Board have not submitted "any Rules for licensing and regulating watermen's boats, and boats plying for hire, steam and other ferry boats, and harbour and river steamers, within the harbour of Port Jackson." The amended Act, empowering the Board to make the Regulations, has only recently received the Royal Assent. The Regulations are, however, under consideration, and will be issued in a few days.

2. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 122.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 28 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Mr. Hugh Gilchrist:—Mr. Lucas asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Was a Petition from Mr. Hugh Gilchrist (formerly Clerk in the Colonial Treasury, and lately Senior Clerk in the Sydney Mint), addressed to His Excellency the Governor, received at the Honorable the Colonial Secretary's Office on or about the 22nd day of January, 1873?
 (2.) Has such Petition been presented to His Excellency the Governor, and if so, when was it presented?
 (3.) Will the Colonial Secretary state what action has been taken, or is intended to be taken, in the matter of such Petition?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This Petition was received on the 24th January, 1873, and it was presented to His Excellency the Governor on the same day. No decision on this Petition has been arrived at, but in 1872 precisely the same case was submitted to the Government, and a decision was arrived at declining to acknowledge Mr. Gilchrist's claim, and his solicitors were so informed on the 27th December, 1872.

- (2.) Letter Pillar at Double Bay :—Mr. Lucas asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Has any application been made to the Government for a Letter Pillar at Double Bay?
 (2.) If so, is it their intention to grant the application, and when?
 Mr. Parkes answered,—An application for a Letter Pillar at Double Bay has been received, and it will be complied with so soon as the Government receive the pillars from the contractors.
- (3.) Light-houses at Seal Rock Point, Barrenjoey, and The Solitaries :—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Have any Tenders been accepted for the Light-house on Seal Rock Point; if so, when will the work be commenced?
 (2.) When will the Plans be ready to call for Tenders for the erection of the Light-houses on Barrenjoey and The Solitaries?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) A Tender for the erection of a Light-house at Seal Rocks is at present under consideration.
 (2.) The necessary provision for the erection of a Light-house at Barrenjoey, namely, £5,000, and for a Light-house at Solitary Island, namely, £4,000, is included in the Loan Estimates for the present year, which have not yet been passed by this House.
- (4.) Mr. Lett, J.P. :—Mr. Garrett asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—What course do the Government intend to take with regard to the report of Judge M'Farland on the charges made against Mr. Lett, J.P., of Kiandra?

Mr. Allen answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at by the Government in this case.

2. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MINISTERS AND JUDGES :—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant to Notice "That" there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Travelling Expenses of Ministers or other Public Officers paid or provided for out of the Public Revenue since the beginning of the year 1872, specifying in the case of each Minister or Officer the name and office, the rate per day, the distance per day, and total distance travelled, the number of days, and the total amount paid for such purpose.

Debate ensued.

Mr.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Travelling Expenses of each person holding office as a Minister of the 'Crown' since the beginning of the year 1862, showing in each case the alleged object of the journey, the number of days occupied, and the vote to which the amount was charged."

Debate continued.

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

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. O'Connor,

Tellers.

Mr. Teece,
Mr. Lucas.

Noes, 28.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Scholey,

Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Hurley (*Central
Cumberland*),

Tellers.

Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Cooper.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

Mr. Jacob moved, That the proposed amendment be amended by the insertion, after the word "Crown," of the words "or as a Judge."

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

Mr. Garrett moved, That the proposed amendment be further amended by the addition of the words "and that a similar Return be laid upon the Table of this House within fourteen days after the commencement of each Session, covering the period from the last previous Return."

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

And Division called for,—

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

Main Question,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the Travelling Expenses of each person holding office as a Minister of the Crown, or as a Judge, since the beginning of the year 1862, showing in each case the alleged object of the journey, the number of days occupied, and the vote to which the amount was charged; and that a similar Return be laid upon the Table of this House within fourteen days after the commencement of each Session, covering the period from the last previous Return,—put and passed.

3. MRS. MARIA GIBSON:—Mr. Cooper moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1874, a sum of £75 as a pension to Mrs. Maria Gibson, widow of the late Pilot Gibson.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. R. B. Smith,

Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Cooper.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Teece,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Neale,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Cunneen,

Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Jacob,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hurley (*Central
Cumberland*),

Tellers.

Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it passed in the negative.

4. MRS. FINCH, WIDOW OF THE LATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1874, a sum not exceeding £500 as a gratuity to the widow of Charles Wray Finch, late Sergeant-at-Arms of this Honorable House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Stewart moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to this day week.

Debate continued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Allen, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Hill, Mr. Jacob, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Neale, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Raphael, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. R. B. Smith, and Mr. Sutherland,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at sixteen minutes before Twelve o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock,

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 123.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 29 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Menangle Bridge:—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Have Tenders been accepted for the Menangle Bridge; if so, when will the work be proceeded with, and when is the same likely to be completed?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes; the tender of George Michael was accepted on the 9th February last. The Contractor is bound by his bond to complete the Bridge on or before the 13th September next.

- (2.) Parramatta Park:—Mr. Taylor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) What are the names of the persons appointed as Trustees of the Parramatta Park, and the date of each appointment?
 (2.) Will the Minister lay upon the Table of this House the Rules and Regulations, if any, made by the Trustees thereof, for the protection of the shrubs, trees, and herbage, and for regulating the use and enjoyment of such Park, according to the 5th clause of the Public Parks Act of 1854?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) The Trustees are:—Mr. James Byrnes, appointed 9th August, 1864; Mr. William Goodwin, appointed 9th August, 1864; Mr. George Oakes, appointed 9th August, 1864; Mr. Andrew Payten, appointed 4th August, 1865; Mr. William Fullagar, appointed 23rd December, 1870.

(2.) No Rules have been framed by the Trustees for the management of the Park, as far as the Government is aware. The Trustees will be communicated with on the subject.

- (3.) The Prisoner Gardiner:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is it a fact that the Government intend to release the notorious bushranger Gardiner before the expiration of the sentence passed upon him?
 (2.) If so, when do the Government intend to release the said prisoner?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I cannot reply to this question very satisfactorily unless I answer it at some length. In the case of the prisoner Gardiner, a Petition was presented to His Excellency the Governor some considerable time ago. I think this Petition must have been got up in the year 1872, as I find that date upon it in several places, and the Petition came to me some little time after I took office. I forwarded it to His Excellency with this Minute:—"In forwarding this Petition in the case of the most remarkable criminal that has appeared of late years in this Colony, I think it right to point out some of the Minutes and signatures in his favour. Names only: The Honorable W. B. Dalley, Richard Driver, Esq., M.P., Richard Hill, Esq., M.P., I. J. Josephson, James Sutton, late Mayor of Sydney; George Hill, J.P. Minutes by William Forster, Esq., M.P., formerly Colonial Secretary; Dr. Moffitt; Joseph Eckford, late M.P.; Edward Smith Hill, J.P.—"H.P., 4/12/72." The Petition has upon it a lengthy Minute, signed by Dr. Moffitt, to the effect that the prisoner's health was seriously suffering, and so on. It has also a Minute of the Honorable Member

Member for Illawarra (Mr. Forster), in these words:—"Having been referred to in a Petition for the mitigation of the sentence on Francis Christie, as holding the office of Colonial Secretary when an outbreak occurred in Darlinghurst Gaol, I have much pleasure in testifying to the fact of Christie's good conduct on that occasion, as well as to his general conduct during the entire period of his incarceration so far as it came under my notice in either case. I am glad to record this opinion, so that it may operate, as it ought, in the prisoner's favour; and, so far as these and other circumstances mentioned in the Petition entitle his case to the favourable consideration of the Government, I am willing to add my testimony and recommendation. 29th December, 1871.—WILLIAM FORSTER." Then follows the name of Richard Hill, Esquire, M.P. Then there is a recommendation of Dr. Moffitt, who says:—"For about fourteen years I have been the medical attendant of the family of Francis Christie, and have frequently visited him since his confinement in Darlinghurst. During my last three visits I was glad to observe that he was greatly changed for the better, having entirely lost that peculiar ferocity of character which characterized him immediately after his capture in 1864; and it is my opinion that he has now completely recovered from his evil ways, and that it would be perfectly safe to permit him to go at large." Then there is another Minute signed E. S. Hill and George Hill, also in his favour, and a large number of other signatures. The Sheriff reported upon this Petition at considerable length when it was received, and before it was sent to His Excellency. The substance of the Sheriff's recommendation was that these cases—the cases of prisoners under sentence for bushranging, from the year 1860 to the year 1870—which were collected in a schedule, with this exception, should be considered with a view to the prisoners being allowed to exile; and according to a suggestion in this report, this particular prisoner would be due, as it were, to exile at the end of ten years. His Excellency the Governor made a Minute upon the Papers to the effect that he could not agree in the views of the petitioners; but that, if the conduct of the prisoner remained good, the case might be submitted again, and that he should be prepared to grant the prisoner permission to exile at the end of ten years. I understand that the termination of the ten years would be about the 6th of July next. It is about two years ago when all this took place. It has been agreed that the prisoner should be liberated, if his conduct continued good, at the end of ten years.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—Report of the Astronomer, for 1873, on the Government Observatory, Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
4. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table, a Paper showing proposed amendments of First Schedule to the Electoral Act Amendment Bill.
Ordered to be printed.
5. WHARF ACCOMMODATION, SYDNEY HARBOUR ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That a Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, to consider and report upon the best means of improving the Wharf Accommodation of Sydney Harbour, and providing greater facilities for the loading and unloading of vessels.
(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Watson, and the Mover.
Question put and passed.
6. RAILWAY EXTENSION TO CIRCULAR QUAY ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Resolution reported from a Committee of the Whole House on the 24th April, in reference to Railway Extension to the Circular Quay, be now agreed to.
Question put and passed.
7. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 30 APRIL, 1874, A.M.

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

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 to 9 inclusive postponed until Monday next.
9. CAMPBELLTOWN RESERVOIR BETTER PRESERVATION BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of Mr. Farnell, discharged.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Farnell, that the Bill be withdrawn.
10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 11 and 12 postponed until This Day.
11. CITY PROPERTIES LEASING AND IMPROVING ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of Mr. Farnell, discharged.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Farnell, that the Bill be withdrawn.
12. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Distillation Bill postponed until Monday next.

13. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Allen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Stewart moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 3.

Mr. Garrett,

Tellers.

Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Parkes,

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,

Mr. Farnell,

Mr. Allen,

Mr. Sutherland,

Mr. O'Connor,

Mr. Wearne,

Mr. Abbott,

Mr. Cunneen,

Mr. Dangar,

Mr. Scholey,

Mr. Thomas Robertson,

Mr. Terry,

Mr. Jacob,

Mr. Baker,

Mr. Driver,

Mr. Fitzpatrick,

Mr. Nelson,

Mr. Hurley (*Central
Cumberland*),

Tellers.

Mr. Macintosh,

Mr. Cooper.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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

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

Ordered, on motion of Mr. Allen, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 16 and 17 postponed until Monday next.
15. BRANDS REGISTRATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of Mr. Farnell, discharged.
Ordered, on motion of Mr. Farnell, that the Bill be withdrawn.
16. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, as follows:—
No. 19, until Wednesday next.
Nos. 20, 21, and 22, until Monday next.
17. APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.
Question put,—
And Division called for,—
But there being no Tellers on the part of the *Noes*, no Division could be had, and Mr. Speaker declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.
18. RECLAMATION OF BLACKWATTLE BAY:—The Order of the Day in reference to this subject postponed until Tuesday next.
19. UNDERWOOD'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill having been read,—
Mr. Burns moved, That this Order of the Day be postponed until Friday next.
Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Abbott, Mr. Allen, Mr. Baker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*), Mr. Jacob, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Nelson, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Thomas Robertson, Mr. Scholey, and Mr. Sutherland,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty minutes before Two o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M. This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 124.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 30 APRIL, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Cab-hire:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What amount has been charged by the Ministers and Officers of the several Departments of the Government for Cab-hire from the 1st January, 1873, to the 31st March, 1874?
 - (2.) For whom were such payments made?
 - (3.) What were the respective amounts paid for each individual Minister and Officer?
 - (4.) The nature of the service upon which the respective Officers were employed when incurring the said charge for Cab-hire?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—I have not been able in the time since notice was given to obtain the information required, but I will lay a Return upon the Table showing the expenditure for Carriage-hire, with the particulars asked, for the last five years.

- (2.) The Bathurst Train:—Mr. Stewart asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it true that the Bathurst Train did not arrive at Parramatta last Saturday night till long after it was due?
 - (2.) How long was it late?
 - (3.) What was the cause of the delay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
 - (2.) Fifty minutes.
 - (3.) The traffic by both the up and the down train was unusually heavy on the day in question; the train from Bathurst was so heavy that it had to be divided into two portions, and the first portion was detained at Penrith until the arrival of the second portion; both portions were detained twenty-five minutes at Mount Victoria waiting the arrival of the down train, which, on account of its weight, lost that time on the road.
- (3.) The Prisoner Gardiner:—Mr. Combes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) The cost incurred by this Country for the apprehension of the prisoner Gardiner?
 - (2.) The names of the bushranging gang, of which Gardiner was the leader, that robbed and attempted to murder the Gold Escort at Eugowra?
 - (3.) Have the Government ascertained the respective fates of these men; if so, will they have any objection to giving the information to this House?
 - (4.) What inventions or improvements have been introduced into Darlinghurst Gaol by the prisoner Gardiner?
 - (5.) Will the Colonial Secretary state the nature of the improvements—whether mechanical, or relating to improvements in prison discipline?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have received the following information from the Departments of Police and Gaols:—

- (1.) £500 reward was paid to the person who gave the information regarding Gardiner's whereabouts, which led to his capture.

(2.)

(2.) The men undernamed were apprehended on the charge of wounding the police and robbing the Gold Escort at Eugowra :—

Henry Manns ; convicted and executed.

John Bow, } Sentenced to death ; commuted to penal servitude for life.
Alexr. Fordyce, }

John Maguire ; acquitted.

Daniel Charters ; admitted approver.

Two other men, named Gilbert and Darcy, were apprehended (with Manns) for the offence, but they were all afterwards rescued from the custody of the police. The approver alleged that Gardiner was the ringleader of the gang. Other persons were suspected of being concerned in the outrage, but the evidence was not sufficient to implicate them.

(3.) Answered above, except as regards Gilbert and Darcy. The former was shot by the police, when outlawed, after committing several murders. What subsequently became of Darcy is not known.

(4.) Chiefly a mechanical contrivance for improving the selvage of the matting manufactured at the Gaol.

(5.) This contrivance operates so that each time the shuttle is thrown by the pulling of a lever the selvage threads are crossed on each side, thereby producing a level and close selvage, instead of, as formerly, an irregular selvage $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch long formed by a loop. The present matting overseer was for 14 years in charge of mat-making at Pentonville Prison. He states that the contrivance for selvage there was much inferior, requiring about one-fifth more time to turn out a piece of matting of 30 yards. Christie, also, by his skill and assiduity, much promoted the advance of the brush-making and bookbinding industries, in the latter of which he has become very proficient, and instructed others. Neither Christie nor any other prisoner has any concern with prison discipline.

2. ANJOURNMENT :—Mr. Tunks moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to incorporate the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts and for other purposes therein mentioned,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 30th April, 1874.

JOHN HAY,

President.

4. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

DEDICATED CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 125.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 1 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Death of Margaret Cook:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Was an inquiry held by the Police Magistrate at Inverell in November last respecting the sudden death of Margaret Cook?

(2.) If so, did it transpire at the inquiry that the deceased said, shortly before death, that she was poisoned?

(3.) Did the Police take possession of certain medicine prescribed for the deceased?

(4.) If so, has it been analysed, and with what result?

(5.) Was a Coroner's Jury empanelled, and a *post mortem* examination ordered in the case?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) A magisterial inquiry was commenced respecting the death of Margaret Cegney Cook, at Summerhill, Middle Creek, near Inverell, on 19th, and adjourned to 21st and 25th November last, by the Police Magistrate, to Inverell.

(2.) It appears by the husband's evidence, taken at the inquiry, deceased said, after having given birth to a still-born child, shortly before her death, that she had been poisoned.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) The Government analyst (Mr. Charles Watt) reported that he received, on 9th December last, from Constable Sharp, a bottle of medicine and a powder, also the papers having reference to the inquiry on Mrs. Cook; that he examined the medicine in question, and had read the prescription attached to the depositions; that the said prescription had been faithfully prepared, and the contents both of the bottle and the paper corresponded with the articles ordered in the prescription, both as to their nature and quantities.

(5.) No Coroner's Jury was empanelled, as the Coroner for the district had not then been sworn in, and I am informed no *post mortem* examination was ordered, as there appeared no sufficient reason for it.

- (2.) Moorings in Terrigal Bay:—Mr. Cunneen asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—When will the moorings, for which an appropriation has been made by Parliament, be placed in Terrigal Bay?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—I would remind the Honorable Member that scarcely three weeks have elapsed since the passing of the Appropriation Act, and there has not been time to attend to this particular matter, but it shall be dealt with at an early date.

- (3.) Post Office at Morangarell:—Mr. Baker asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the circumstance that the Post Office at Morangarell has been closed on account, as it is alleged, of the insufficiency of remuneration given to the late Postmaster?

(2.) Will the Government consider, at as early a date as possible, if some steps cannot be immediately taken so that the Post Office at Morangarell may be re-opened?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Post Office at Morangarell was closed by direction of the Postmaster General, the Postmaster having resigned his appointment in consequence of his request for an unreasonable increase to his salary not having been complied with, and a successor not being obtainable.

(2.) Another person having just been recommended for the office of Postmaster, the Post Office will be re-established.

(4.) San Francisco Mail Service:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the aggregate amount of penalties which the Contractor for the San Francisco Mail Service has rendered himself liable for through failing to deliver the Mails by that route in London and Sydney within the time specified in the "Memorandum of Agreement" of such contract?

(2.) Have the Government deducted the aggregate amount represented by such penalties from the subsidy due to the said Contractor for the service rendered in carrying the Mails by the San Francisco route up to the present date?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The contract for the Pacific Mail Service is from and to San Francisco, and not from and to London. The amount of penalties for which the contractors have rendered themselves liable for the services completed is £584.

(2.) The amount of penalties has not yet been deducted from the subsidy payable to the contractors.

(5.) Destitute Miners at Cooktown:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to bring back from Cooktown, Endeavour River, the miners and others now there in a destitute state?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It has been brought under the consideration of the Government several times that a large number of able-bodied men at Cooktown are anxious to return to other parts of Queensland or to New South Wales, but have generally little means to enable them to do so; and the result was, that this Government undertook to pay to the proprietors of any steamer that brought them on to Sydney one pound per head for every man so landed in Sydney.

2. MINERAL LEASE AT TOGO:—Mr. John Robertson, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 7th October, 1873, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

3. DRUMMOND COPPER MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Stephen Brown presented a Petition from certain Shareholders of the Drummond Copper Mining Company, against the passing of this Bill in its present shape.
Petition received, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the Bill.

4. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table a Return showing the proposed Electorates in the amended First Schedule of the Electoral Act Amendment Bill, with the number of Members, and the estimated number of Electors in each case.
Ordered to be printed.

5. DRUMMOND COPPER MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

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

6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—

(1.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Burns.*

(2.) Official Report of Parliamentary Debates; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1874, a sum not exceeding £3,000 to defray the expense of providing an Official Report of the Parliamentary Debates;—*on motion of Mr. Driver.*

(3.) Public Prosecutors Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Burns.*

7. COMMON LODGING HOUSES BILL:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of this Bill read, and, on motion of Mr. Hoskins, discharged.
Ordered, that the Bill be withdrawn.

8. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Friday next:—

(1.) Bridge over the Bell River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1874, a sum of money not exceeding £500 for the construction of a Bridge over the Bell River, on the road between Ironbarks and Molong.

(2.) Petition of John Robards; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition of John Robards, of Molong, ordered by the House to be printed on 4th March, 1873, having reference to the cancellation of certain Conditional Purchases made by him in the District of Molong.

(3.) Mineral Selections; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Petition presented on the 27th January last from certain Selectors of Mineral Lands in the District of Armidale and Inverell.

9. **MAITLAND GAS-LIGHT COMPANY'S BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Burns, that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

10. **ASSENT TO PARNELL'S LEASING BILL**:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 41.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell (formerly Sarah Eliza Matilda Clift) the wife of Charles Parnell of Edithville Miller's Forest in the Colony of New South Wales and after her decease during the minority of her children to enable the Trustees of the Will and Codicils of Samuel Clift deceased formerly of West Maitland to lease certain lands for building or other purposes and also all or any of the mines seams or strata of coal and other minerals within upon or under all or any of the said lands devised by the said Will and Codicils of the said Samuel Clift to the use of his daughter the said Sarah Eliza Matilda Parnell during her natural life and after her decease to her children share and share alike,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 1st May, 1874.

11. **BISHOPTHORPE ESTATE CHARGE BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Lackey moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.
Debate ensued.
Mr. Wearne moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to this day week.
Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.
The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Driver,
Mr. Garrett,
Tellers.
Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 20.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Hurley (Central
Cumberland),
Tellers.
Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Cooper.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 20.

Mr. Parkes,
Mr. Farnell,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,
Mr. Sutherland,
Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Cummings,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Webb,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Greville,
Mr. Hurley (Central
Cumberland),
Tellers.
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Macintosh.

Noes, 4.

Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Garrett,
Tellers.
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Lackey then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to charge the Bishopthorpe Estate with the payment of certain sums of money to the present Bishop of Sydney and his representatives.*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to charge the Bishopthorpe Estate with the payment of certain sums of money to the present Bishop of Sydney and his representatives,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 1st May, 1874.

12. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday, 15th May.
13. **MINERAL LEASE AT TOGO** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. John Robertson moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1873, the sum of £42 ls. 4d., to defray the expenses of certain Witnesses who gave evidence before the Select Committee on "Mineral Lease at Togo," in accordance with the Resolution passed by such Committee.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Burns, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*), Mr. Jacob, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Parkes, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Wearne, and Mr. Webb,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twelve minutes before Eight o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 126.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 4 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Sydney Grammar School:—Mr. Tunks asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The names of the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School; the number of regularly convened meetings held by them during the year ending 31st December, 1873; and the names of the Trustees who have attended such meetings, or any of them?
- (2.) Have any regulations been made by the Trustees touching the discipline of the school and other matters embraced in the 5th section of the Act of Incorporation?
- (3.) How many days, or parts of days, of the year ending December 31st, 1873, have been devoted to holidays, and what portion of the same year has been employed in furnishing the pupils with the education to be conferred under the Act of Parliament 18th Victoria?
- (4.) Who was elected Chairman of the Trustees in January last?

Mr. Allen answered,—I have received the following replies from the Trustees of the Sydney Grammar School:—

- (1.) The official Trustees are,—The Honorable the Colonial Secretary, the Honorable the Attorney General, the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Chancellor of the University, the Senior Professor of Classics, the Senior Professor of Mathematics. The elected Trustees are—The Honorable George Allen, M.L.C., the Honorable Sir Wm. Macarthur, M. H. Stephen, Esq., A. H. C. Macafee, Esq., E. G. Ellis, Esq., R. A. A. Morehead, Esq. Four (4) regularly convened meetings held. Professor Pell, the Honorable the Speaker, Professor Badham, the Honorable George Allen, M. H. Stephen, Esq., E. G. Ellis, Esq., R. A. A. Morehead, Esq.

(2.) Yes. A regulation that the Trustees should meet once in every three months, which was afterwards amended by regulation requiring meetings to be held every two months.

(3.) The holidays given during the year ending 31st December, 1873, were those authorized by the Trustees, viz., five weeks at Christmas, with the addition of one week granted at the express request of His Excellency the Governor, three weeks at Midwinter, two days at Easter and Michaelmas. All public holidays, and one half-holiday a month given to deserving pupils.

(4.) Professor Pell.

- (2.) Cab-hire:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—The particulars of the service upon which the Colonial Treasurer and Under Secretary for Finance and Trade were employed in incurring the charges making up the total amounts stated to have been paid from the Public Funds for Cab-hire on account of the Minister and Under Secretary respectively?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The particulars of the service for which Cab-hire was paid for the Colonial Treasurer are not on record, but it was all for the public business; those which refer to the expenditure of the Under Secretary will be stated when the Honorable Member brings forward his motion of censure.

- (3.) Removal of Guns to the Forts:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to remove to the Forts, constructed for that purpose, the big guns that are now obstructing the wharf and road at North Shore; and if so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have ascertained from the Commandant that arrangements have been made by the officer commanding the New South Wales Artillery with the Mayor of the Municipality of Victoria to remove the guns on the wharf to a convenient place during the course of this week.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Allen laid upon the Table:—

- (1.) By-laws for regulating the Nowra Free Library.
- (2.) By-laws for regulating the Numba Free Library.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 22nd April, 1874, in reference to the case of Robert Dowan.
- (2.) By-law under Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25th Vic. No. 1. From 1st to 30th April, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

3. WHARF ACCOMMODATION, SYDNEY HARBOUR:—Mr. Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Report from the Select Committee on “Wharf Accommodation, Sydney Harbour,” together with the Proceedings of the Committee, Minutes of Evidence, and Appendix, ordered to be printed on the 24th April, 1873, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on that subject.

Question put and passed.

4. ASSENT TO SYDNEY MECHANICS SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 42.

A Bill, intituled “*An Act to incorporate the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts 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 forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 4th May, 1874.

5. DRUMMOND COPPER MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL (“*Formal*” Motion):—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 1st May, from certain Shareholders in the Drummond Copper Mining Company, be printed.

Question put and passed.

6. MUNICIPALITY OF ASHFIELD:—Mr. Lucas presented a Petition from certain Ratepayers of the Municipality of Ashfield, praying the House to pass such a measure as will enable them to fill up the vacancies in the Council caused by the resignation of its late Aldermen.

Petition received.

7. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Pensions Limitation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Prisons Bill.

8. PRISONS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.

9. PENSIONS LIMITATION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely:—Mr. Allen, Mr. Burns, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dangar, Mr. De Salis, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*), Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. O'Connor, Captain Onslow, Mr. Parkes, Mr. John Robertson, and Mr. Sutherland,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at nine minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD.

Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 127.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 5 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Circular Quay:—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. Booth, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Plans for the improvements at the Circular Quay be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Plans for this work are now before the Select Committee on the Circular Quay. They will be laid upon the Table as soon as the Committee has done with them.

- (2.) Appointments in the Custom House:—*Mr. Lucas* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to fill up the appointments in the Custom House for which the salaries have been voted; if so, when?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The appointments referred to by the Honorable Member are now under my consideration, and will be made at an early date.

- (3.) *Mr. Lett, J.P.*—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—When do the Government intend to take into consideration, and come to a decision on, the complaints against, and Judge *McFarland's* Report with reference to, the conduct of *Mr. Lett*, of Kiandra, as a Justice of the Peace?

Mr. Allen answered,—This case will be considered and decided upon as soon as other pressing matters will permit.

2. PAPER:—*Mr. Farnell* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 24th February, 1874, in reference to Conditional Purchases of the Joachim family.

Ordered to be printed.

3. MUNICIPALITY OF ASHFIELD (*"Formal" Motion*):—*Mr. Lucas* moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 4th May, from Ratepayers of the Municipality of Ashfield, praying for certain amendments in the Municipalities Act of 1867, be printed.

Question put and passed.

4. MAITLAND GAS-LIGHT COMPANY'S BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of *Mr. Burns*, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to incorporate the 'Maitland Gas-light Company (Limited).'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to Incorporate the 'Maitland Gas-light Company (Limited).'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence, accompanied by a copy of the Report from, and Minutes of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee thereon, together with a copy of the Deed of Settlement of the said Company.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th May, 1874.*

5. **CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS** :—Mr. Lucas moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, all agreements for Public Works constructed by loans "should" contain such provisions as will compel contractors who exceed their contract time to pay for such overtime at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum upon all moneys which they may have received on account of such portions of their contract not used by the public; also, that if any extra work should be performed by such contractors, an extension of time be allowed, without interest, in such proportion to the contract time as the value of extras bears to the value of the original contract.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Stewart moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "should," in the second line, with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "be enforced by exacting the penalties mentioned in the agreements."

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Cunneen,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Dangar,	

Noes, 3.

Mr. Neale,
Tellers.
Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 9.

Captain Onslow,
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. De Salis,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Wearne.

Noes, 18.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Cunneen,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Thomas Brown,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Raphael.
Mr. Oakes,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	

And so it passed in the negative.

6. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table a Map showing the Electorates of the Colony as proposed under the amended First Schedule of this Bill.

7. **MRS. FINCH, WIDOW OF THE LATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS** :—Mr. Abbott moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1874, a sum not exceeding £500 as a gratuity to the widow of Charles Wray Finch, late Sergeant-at-Arms of this Honorable House.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 30.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Lord,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Oakes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Hill,	Captain Onslow.
Mr. Macintosh,	

Noes, 5.

Mr. Driver,
Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Neale,
Tellers.
Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

8. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—Mr. Raphael moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 17th April, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

Question put and passed.

9. CAB-HIRE:—Mr. Garrett moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House disapproves of the expenditure of the Public Funds in payment of Cab-hire by and for the Secretary for Finance and Trade and the Under Secretary of that Department, as exhibited in the reply to questions asked in this House.

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

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY, 1874, A.M.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Hoskins,

Tellers.

Mr. Garrett,
Captain Onslow.

Noes, 21.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Campbell,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Abbott,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Clarke,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dangar,	
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Maciutosh,	Mr. Greville.

And so it passed in the negative.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 128.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 6 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Fort-street Public School :—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many pupils were on the rolls of the Fort-street School during each of the years 1870, 1871, 1872, and 1873 ?

(2.) Has the Council of Education taken any steps to limit the number of pupils receivable at that school ?

(3.) If so, when, and what is the greatest number the school is allowed to receive ?

Mr. Allen answered,—In the course of a day or two I will lay a Return upon the Table in answer to these questions.

- (2.) Payment of Railway Workmen for Holidays :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to extend to the repairers employed on the Great Northern Railway the privilege given to other employés of the Railway Department, of payment for all proclaimed holidays ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The directions given were that all employés, without any exception, were to be paid for proclaimed holidays, and I am not aware that any exception has been made.

- (3.) Reclamation of Land, and Rescission of Water Frontage :—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. Tunks, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table a copy of the Instructions issued to the Board for reporting on applications for permission to reclaim land under the 9th section of the Crown Lands Alienation Act, and for the rescission of water frontage under section 12 of the same Act ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—There is no such Board. Applications of the description referred to are always reported on by the Surveyor General and the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers, as the officers to whose respective departments such matters appertain. No instructions in particular have ever been issued to them.

- (4.) San Francisco Mail Service :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Who are the parties, if any, responsible for the safe and speedy transmission and delivery of the European Mails to and from London to San Francisco ?

(2.) Are the parties so responsible bound by any penalties to convey the said Mails within any stipulated time, and under what conditions and penalties ?

(3.) Do the Government intend to enforce the payment of the penalties now due by the contractor for the conveyance of the Mails between Sydney and San Francisco ; and if so, when ?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The Imperial Government.
- (2.) The contractors employed by the British Post Office for the conveyance of Mails across the Atlantic Ocean are bound in the usual manner by penalties for non-performance of contract. The conveyance of Mails across the Continent of America is regulated by a Postal Convention between the United States of America and Great Britain.
- (3.) The question of penalties has not yet been considered by the Government, but will be considered on an early day.
- (5.) Foot Bridge at Bowling Alley Point :—Mr. John Robertson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) Were Tenders called for by the Government for the work recently carried out in connection with the foot bridge at Bowling Alley Point?
 - (2.) Did one Amos Davis tender for the work at a lower price than it ultimately cost?
 - (3.) Is it a fact that Government work is withheld from Amos Davis, although he has ample plant, &c., for carrying it out?
 - (4.) Does the Government owe Amos Davis any money for work already performed by him?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Tenders were called for in the locality, in 1869, for the construction of piers of Bowling Alley Point Bridge.
- (2.) Ycs.
- (3.) Yes; on account of the waste of time and expense caused by Davis making groundless claims in almost every contract he has had, dating back to 1864, it has been determined not to accept any further tenders from Davis until some settlement is arrived at.
- (4.) Yes; Davis has been offered all the money due to him, but declines to take it because all his claims are not conceded.
- (6.) Mr. H. Tebbutt, J.P. :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Writ of *Supersedeas* which the Minister of Justice stated some time ago the Government had decided to issue against H. Tebbutt, J.P., been issued.

Mr. Allen answered,—Yes.

- (7.) Pensions Limitation Bill :—Captain Onslow asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Does he intend to restore to the Business Paper the Pensions Limitation Bill, which lapsed for want of a quorum?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Yes.

- (8.) M'Quade Park, Windsor :—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
 - (1.) Was the piece of land in the Town of Windsor formerly known as the Church Green, and afterwards as M'Quade Park, dedicated to the Windsor Municipal Council by notice in the *Government Gazette*?
 - (2.) Was the Secretary for Lands afterwards (some time in 1873) informed by Mr. Deane, late Mayor of Windsor, that the Municipal Council had, by resolution, changed the name of such green or park to Windsor Park?
 - (3.) Have the Government, notwithstanding this information, since issued a deed of grant of the said land to the Windsor Municipal Council, and inserted thereon the name M'Quade Park instead of Windsor Park?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) It was dedicated for purposes of public recreation, and vested in the Municipal Council of Windsor.
 - (2.) Yes.
 - (3.) Yes; as the Government grant the land, it is for them to decide under what name or designation it shall be granted, and there did not appear in this case to be any reason why the name of "M'Quade Park," by which it was generally known, should be altered.
2. MR. THOMAS GORDON GIBBONS DANGAR :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from Thomas Gordon Gibbons Dangar, of Bullerawa, Wee Waa, alleging that he has been deprived of a considerable portion of certain Runs held by him; and praying for an investigation into the matter.
Petition received.
 3. PAPER :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—By-Laws under Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
Ordered to be printed.
 4. PRISONS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That the report from the Committee of the Whole House on this Bill be now adopted.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Parkes.	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Butler,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Bawden,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Mucintosh,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Terry,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 8.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Booth,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Garrett.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

5. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a **Quorum** present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a **Quorum** present, the Committee resumed.
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And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 7 MAY, 1874 A.M.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 129.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 7 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Gold received at the Mint for Coinage :—Mr. Combes asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Will he furnish this House with a Return of all parcels of Gold purchased or received at the Mint, with the names of the party or parties from whom purchased, or from whom received, for the purpose of coinage, since the commencement of the month of November, 1872?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—I do not think the Government should furnish to the public the names of persons doing business with the Mint. I cannot therefore see how I can give the information the Honorable gentleman requires.

- (2.) Grafton Racecourse and Recreation Ground :—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Has any, and if any, what decision been arrived at in the matter of the Petition from certain Inhabitants of Grafton, praying that the Reserve known as the Grafton Racecourse and Recreation Ground may be dedicated solely for the purpose of recreation for the Citizens of Grafton, and vested in the Grafton Borough Council, and that the streets abutting thereto may be continued through it, and placed under the supervision of the Council?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Yes; a deed of grant for the land in question having already been issued to Trustees duly appointed, the Government have no power to comply with the request of the Petitioners.

- (3.) Alignment of the Streets of Yass :—Mr. Fitzpatrick asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When will the streets of Yass be aligned?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Surveyor who has been instructed to carry out the alignment is at present ill. It is hoped that he may be able to commence the work in about a fortnight.

- (4.) Delivery of Telegraphic Messages :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the practice of the Telegraph Department to deliver messages at the places of business of those to whom they are directed?

(2.) If the person to whom a message is sent happens to be from home, is it the practice of the Telegraph Department to keep calling with the message day after day at the closed office of the said person, making no effort to discover where he is, and keeping the message till he returns, instead of sending it on to wherever he is?

Mr. Parkes answered,—It is the practice of the Telegraph Department to deliver messages at the places of business of those to whom they are addressed; but if the addressee cannot be found at the address given, the telegram is referred back to the original sender for a better address, and every possible means taken to ascertain where the person is.

2. PAPERS :—

Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Report of the Council of Education on the condition of the Public Schools for 1873.
(2.) Report of the Council of Education on the condition of the Certified Denominational Schools for 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Postal Convention between the Colonial Government of New South Wales and the Hawaiian Kingdom.

Ordered to be printed.

3. **MR. THOMAS GORDON GIBBONS DANGAR** ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 6th May, from Mr. T. G. G. Dangar, be printed. Question put and passed.
4. **PENSIONS LIMITATION BILL**:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Pensions Limitation Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 4th May, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Thursday, 14th May. Question put. The House divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Sutherland,	Tellers.
Mr. Allen,	Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Burns.
Mr. R. B. Smith,	
Mr. Buchanan,	
Mr. Garrett,	
Mr. Cunneen,	

Noes, 20.

Mr. De Salis,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Greville,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Bawden,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hill,	Tellers.
Captain Onslow,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Webb,	

And so it passed in the negative.

5. **MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Public Railways Land Resumption Bill:—

Mr. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to authorize for a certain period after purchase from the Crown the resumption of land for Public Railway Purposes*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th May, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

(2.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill (No. 2):—

Mr. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the better protection of the Water Reservoir at Campbelltown*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 7th May, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Thursday next.

6. **PRISONS BILL**:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That this Bill be now read a third time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 33.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i> <i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Bawden,	Tellers.
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Macintosh,	
Mr. Booth,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Hill,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Lucas,
Tellers.
Mr. J. S. Smith,
Captain Onslow.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the control of Prisons and for the custody of Prisoners*."

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

Mr. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the control of Prisons and for the custody of Prisoners*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 7th May, 1874.

7. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 2 to 10 inclusive postponed, to follow after Order No. 11.
8. **MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Allen, the report from the Committee of the Whole House on this Bill was adopted. Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Monday next.
9. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 8 MAY, 1874, A.M.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 130.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 8 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Aid to Agricultural Societies :—Mr. Bawden asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
Is it the intention of the Government to place upon a Supplementary Estimate for the year 1874 a sum of money in aid of the Agricultural Societies of the Colony, in the proportion of £1 for every £1 contributed as members subscriptions?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This matter has been under consideration, but no decision has yet been arrived at. I shall be in a position to state any decision arrived at some time next week.

- (2.) The Prisoner Gardiner :—Mr. Combes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Is it a fact that the prisoner Gardiner was convicted of horse-stealing, and sentenced, on March 14th, 1854, to imprisonment with hard labour for fourteen years, and that he was afterwards liberated?
(2.) Were these facts communicated to His Excellency by His Responsible Advisers?
(3.) Was any advice or remonstrance offered by His Excellency's Responsible Advisers to His Excellency on this subject?
(4.) Is it the intention of the present Ministry to offer any advice or remonstrance to His Excellency on this subject?
(5.) Is the liberation of Gardiner at a certain time decided on conclusively?

Mr. Parkes answered :—

- (1.) The prisoner Christie, or Gardiner, received in 1854 two cumulative sentences of seven years each. Under the then existing regulations he would have been eligible for a ticket-of-leave on the 17th March, 1862, but he was recommended, on account of good conduct, by the Classification Board for release on the 26th December, 1859. His Petition, with this recommendation, was submitted to His Excellency Sir William Denison by the Colonial Secretary of the time—Mr. William Forster—on the 21st December, and the prisoner was released as recommended.
(2.) The prisoner's papers attached to the Petition showed the fact of the sentence of fourteen years, and that it was unexpired when he received his present convictions.
(3.) I have already explained at some length what was done at the time when the case was submitted to His Excellency.
(4.) I cannot at the present moment say what advice will be offered.
(5.) The date for the case to be re-submitted to His Excellency is the 8th of July.
- (3.) Bridges over Baan Baa and Doctor's Creeks :—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) When will Tenders be called for the erection of Bridges over Baan Baa and Doctor's Creeks, near Narrabri?
(2.) Has a Tender been received for the erection of a Bridge over the Barwon River, near Walgett; if not, what steps do the Government purpose adopting in reference thereto?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) Tenders have been invited, in this day's *Government Gazette*, for the erection of a Bridge over the Baan Baa, and tenders will be invited in the course of a week for a Bridge over Doctor's Creek.
(2.) Tenders have been received for the erection of a Bridge over the Barwon, at Walgett, and are now under consideration by the Government.

(4.)

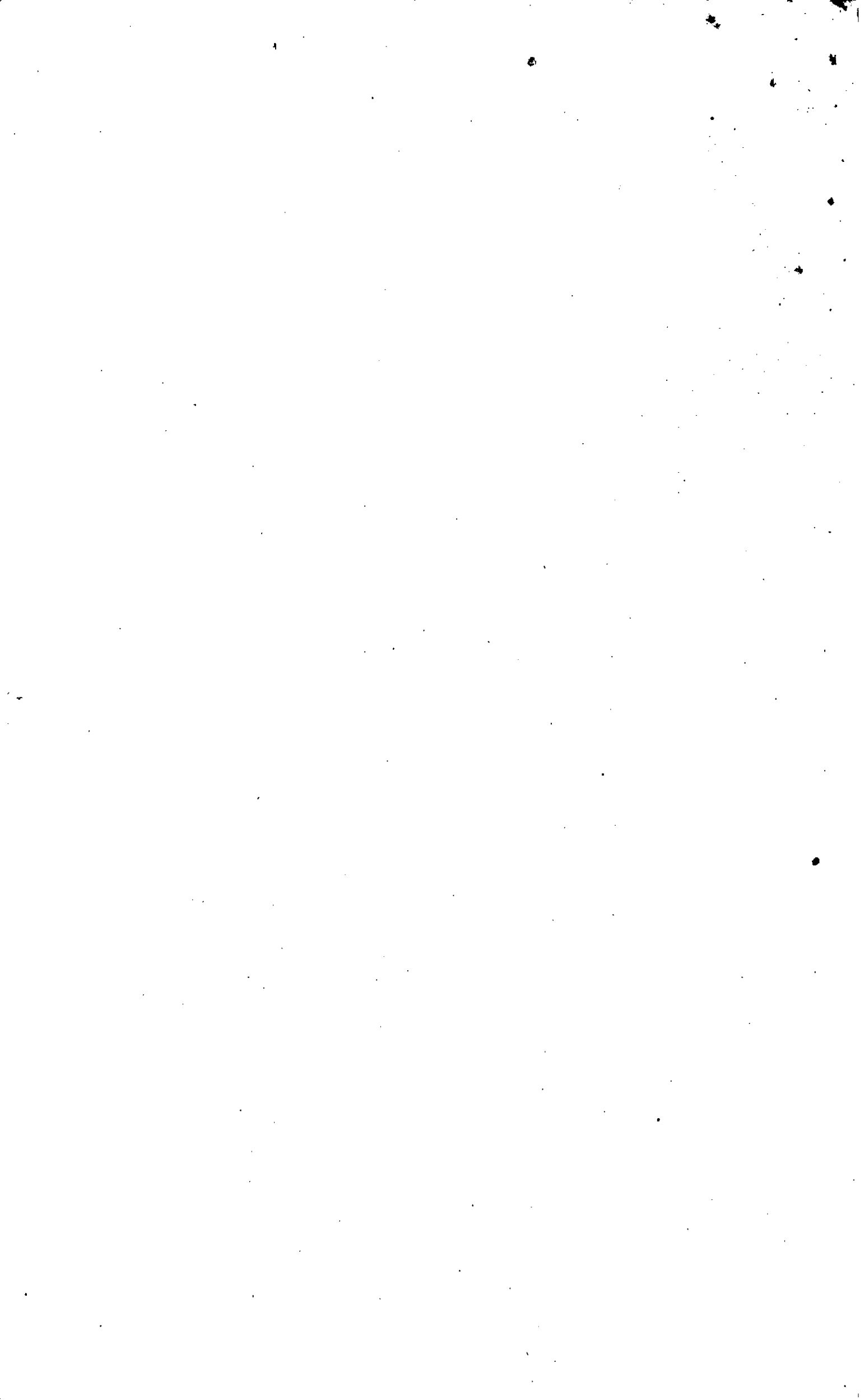
- (4.) Case of George James :—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Will he make some inquiry into the case of the seaman George James, heard at the Central Police Office last Tuesday, when he, a total stranger, was ordered to find surties, and in default sent to gaol for six months ?
- Mr. Allen answered,—I have made inquiry respecting the case of George James, and will lay the adjudicating Justices Report, with a copy of the Depositions, upon the Table of the House.
2. ELECTORATE OF THE HASTINGS :—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Petition from certain Electors of the Hastings Electorate, praying that the Manning River Police District may be constituted a separate Electorate.
Petition received.
Mr. Smith then moved (*with the concurrence of the House*), That the Petition be printed.
Question put and passed.
3. UNDERWOOD'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Stephen Brown presented a Petition from William Underwood, Powell Cecil Underwood, and Robert John King, against the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
4. PAPER :—Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—A Return showing each Quarter the number of Pupils enrolled at the Fort-street Public School, and the average attendance during the years 1870, 1871, 1872, and 1873.
Ordered to be printed.
5. DRUMMOND COPPER MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed, until Friday next :—
(1.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill ; second reading.
(2.) Official Report of Parliamentary Debates ; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor.
(3.) Public Prosecutors Bill ; second reading.
(4.) Bridge over the Bell River ; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor.
(5.) Petition of John Robards ; consideration in Committee of Petition. } *on motion of Mr. Garrett, to follow after the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Companies Bill.*
7. MINERAL SELECTIONS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Petition presented on the 27th January last from certain Selectors of Mineral Lands in the District of Armidale and Inverell.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.
8. MRS. FINCH, WIDOW OF THE LATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1874, a sum not exceeding £500 as a gratuity to the widow of Charles Wray Finch, late Sergeant-at-Arms of this Honorable House.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, that the reception of the Resolution stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
9. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
10. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
(1.) Appointments to the Legislative Council ; resumption of adjourned Debate ;—*on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Friday, 22nd May.*
(2.) Reclamation of Blackwattle Bay ; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor ;—*on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday next.*
(3.) Roads Bill ; second reading ;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*
(4.) Compensation to the Reverend D. M'Guinn ; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor ;—*on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday next.*
(5.) Companies Bill ; third reading ;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*
(6.) Bridge over the Bell River ; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor ;—*on motion of Mr. J. S. Smith, until Tuesday next.*
11. PETITION OF JOHN ROBARDS :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. J. S. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the Petition of John Robards, of Molong, ordered by the House to be printed on 4th March, 1873, having reference to the cancellation of certain Conditional Purchases made by him in the District of Molong.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

12. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Burns :—
- (1.) Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act Repeal Bill ; second reading ;—*until Friday next.*
 - (2.) Patents Act Amendment Bill reported ; adoption of report. } *until Friday, 22nd May.*
 - (3.) Underwood's Estate Act Amendment Bill ; second reading. }
13. **LIBERATION AND EXILE OF PRISONERS** :—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the Prisoners whom it is proposed to exile or liberate during the next twelve months, showing in each case the name of the prisoner, his offence, the duration of imprisonment to which he was sentenced, the period of sentence already elapsed, whether he had been previously convicted, and if so, for what offence, and the duration of his sentence ; also, the Minutes of His Excellency's Advisers, giving the reasons, if any, for such exile or liberation. Question put and passed.

The House adjourned, at eight minutes before Nine o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 131.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 11 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Sale of Town Allotments, Narrabri :—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that allotments 1, 2, 3, of section 11, and lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, section 13, in the Town of Narrabri, were sold in the year 1863 to T. G. Dangar, and deeds issued in his favour for same?

(2.) That this land was subsequently sold in the year 1866 to Messrs. Reuben, Lillyman, Morath, Robinson, and others?

(3.) Have deeds also been issued to the latter parties?

(4.) What steps do the Government propose adopting with reference to this land, or will compensation be afforded to the last purchaser; and if so, to what extent?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) On the 24th November, 1862, allotments 1, 2, and 3, of section 11, and 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, of section 13, in the Town of Narrabri, were sold to T. G. Dangar, but Mr. Dangar failing to complete his purchases within the prescribed time, they became forfeited, and were marked so on the plans, &c. At the request of Mr. Dangar, however, some time after payment should have been made, the balance of the purchase money was accepted by the Government, and forfeiture reversed, but through an oversight the allotments under reference were inadvertently sold a second time on the dates specified below, viz. :—

(2.) Allotments 9 and 10 of section 13, were sold to H. R. Reuben on 24th September, 1866; allotment 1 of section 11, sold to Theodore Morath on 10th November, 1868; allotment 6 of section 13, sold to James Robertson, 10th November, 1868; allotment 5 of section 13, sold to Peter Malone on 29th October, 1869.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Morath and Lillyman have been allowed a refund of the money paid by them, with interest, and the same course will be taken with reference to the other parties.

- (2.) Police, and Police Quarters at Baradine :—Mr. Dangar asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have Police been stationed at Baradine, on the road from Coonabarabran to the Namoi; if not, when are they likely to be?

(2.) Have any steps been taken for the erection of Police Quarters at Baradine; if so, what?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Police will be stationed at Baradine immediately.

(2.) A building has been erected for a station there.

- (3.) The Case of Edward Jones :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that a man named Jones was some short time ago arrested at the Raglan Station of the Western Railway by Constable M'Cormack?

(2.) Is it true that the charge against Jones was being drunk and disorderly at the station?

(3.) Is it true that Constable M'Cormack chained Jones to the rail of a fence in such a way that he could neither stand nor sit, but was forced to lie on his back from the time of the night train leaving Raglan till the Sydney train arrived—a period of five hours?

(4.) Is it true that all the charges against Jones arising out of this affair have been dismissed by the Magistrates of Bathurst?

(5.) Has the Colonial Secretary adopted any means, or does he intend to do so, to secure the people against any such treatment at the hands of the Police for the future?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—As I mentioned the other day, my attention was called to this case some time ago by one of the Members for East Macquarie (Mr. Cummings), and I then caused an inquiry to be made. I find that the facts of the case are pretty well the same as are indicated by the questions. The constable, on being called upon to explain his conduct, states that he had charge of this prisoner Jones for riotous conduct, and, as there was no lock-up at Raglan, and as he had charge of the dead body of the servant of the railway found in one of the carriages, it was impossible for him to go into Bathurst, and he gives that as his reason for chaining this prisoner to the rail. This report has only just been looked at by me. I will cause further investigation to be made. The best course would be to move for the production of the Papers; and if the Hon. Member will make a motion of that kind I will offer no objection.

(4.) Lunatic Asylums:—Mr. Taylor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) The number of patients in the Gladsville and Parramatta Lunatic Asylums and the Darlinghurst Lunatic Reception House?

(2.) The number of officers and attendants, and the cost of salaries in each establishment, annually?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find it will be very difficult for me to give this information in answer to a question, but to-morrow, or the following day, I will lay a Return upon the Table giving the information asked.

(5.) Glendon Brook Provisional School:—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Report of Inspector Jones on the Glendon Brook Provisional School be laid upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Allen answered,—I will lay the Report of Inspector Jones upon the Table this evening.

2. PAPERS:—Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—Report of Inspector Jones on the Glendon Brook Provisional School.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 10th October, 1873, in reference to Post Office Savings Banks.

Ordered to be printed.

3. UNDERWOOD'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. Stephen Brown, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 8th May, from William Underwood, Powell Cecil Underwood, and Robert John King, against the passing of the Underwood's Estate Act Amendment Bill, be printed.

Question put and passed.

4. MUNICIPALITIES ACT OF 1867 AMENDMENT BILL,—on motion of Mr. Allen, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Allen then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the Municipalities Act of 1867,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,

Sydney, 11th May, 1874.

5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 132.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 12 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Cost of suppressing Bushranging:—*Mr. Hill*, on behalf of *Mr. Combes*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—What was the increased cost of expenditure for police protection, and the expenses incidental thereto, to the New South Wales Government, in their efforts to put down Bushranging, during the period from the robbery of the Gold Escort at Eugowra, and the apprehension of Gardiner and other Bushrangers about that period?

Mr. Parkes answered,—After a good deal of communication with the Inspector General of Police, I find it impossible to answer this question. If it were put in a more tangible form I could answer it.

- (2.) St. John's College:—*Mr. Stewart* asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many students are now resident in St. John's College?

(2.) How many are non-resident?

(3.) Is it true that Suffragan Bishops and other Clergymen are allowed to occupy apartments in the College as lodgers?

Mr. Allen answered,—I have received the following replies from the Rector of St. John's College,—

(1.) None at this date.

(2.) One.

(3.) It is not. Bishops, priests, and laymen have been the Rector's guests, and are at this date.

- (3.) Railway Workmen at Murrurundi:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. W. C. Browne*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What interval is allowed to the workmen in the Murrurundi goods shed for meals?

(2.) Is the regulation general throughout the whole of the goods sheds on the Great Northern Railway?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Breakfast, forty-five minutes; dinner, one hour.

(2.) Yes; the rule is to allow one hour for each meal when business permits.

- (4.) Land Titles Office:—*Mr. John Robertson* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many cases under the Real Property Act, having passed through the hands of the Senior Examiner prior to the 16th April last, remain to be dealt with by *Mr. Burton* (now the only Examiner)?

(2.) How many cases altogether remain undisposed of?

(3.) What is the number of titles, and what the total value of property that has passed through the Land Titles Office from its institution in 1863 up to the end of 1873?

(4.)

- (4.) What is the amount of the accumulated Assurance Fund to provide for errors in passing titles?
 (5.) How many claims have been made on the Assurance Fund since the first establishment of the office, and what the amount thereof?
 (6.) When is the office of Senior Examiner, now vacant, to be filled up?
 (7.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a third Examiner, and if so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The number of cases on which the Senior Examiner of Titles had written requisitions prior to the 16th April last, and which awaited similar treatment by Mr. Burton, was seventy-four. The number of cases finally reported on by the Senior Examiner prior to the above date, and not by Mr. Burton, was two.
 (2.) Two hundred and fifty-one.
 (3.) Number of Titles for which certificates have issued, 2,865—value, £2,394,093.
 (4.) The amount to credit of Assurance Fund on 31st December, 1873, was £10,609 10s. 11d.
 (5.) There have been no claims on the Fund.
 (6 & 7.) With regard to questions 6 and 7, nothing definite has yet been done. The Government is more anxious to make a good appointment than a speedy one. I hope some decision will be come to this week.

2. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and negatived.
3. CONTRACTS FOR GOVERNMENT WORKS (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of all Contracts for Government Works the time for the completion of which expired between the 30th June, 1872, and 1st May, 1874; containing a like detail of all particulars furnished in a Return moved for on 5th July, 1872, together with particulars of all penalties exacted on all Contracts that were not completed previously and subsequently to the 30th June, 1872.
 Question put and passed.
4. BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL (*“Formal” Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled “An Act to regulate the admission in certain cases of Barristers and Attorneys of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.”
 Question put and passed.
5. UNDERWOOD’S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Petition from George Fullerton, M.D., in favour of the passing of this Bill.
 Petition received.
6. BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL :—Mr. R. B. Smith presented a Bill, intituled “A Bill to amend an Act intituled ‘An Act to regulate the admission in certain cases of Barristers and Attorneys of the Supreme Court of New South Wales,’ ”—which was read a first time.
 Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 29th May.
7. THE BISHOPTHORPE ESTATE :—Mr. Wearne moved, pursuant to Notice,—That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing—
 (1.) The annual gross income of the Bishopthorpe Estate for the last ten years.
 (2.) The annual expense of collecting the same, and all other charges in connection with the estate?
 (3.) The annual amount paid into the Consolidated Revenue from the said estate.
 (4.) The annual disbursement of the balance, if any.
 Question put and passed.
8. PAPERS :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—
 (1.) Correspondence relating to applications for mitigation of existing sentences passed on Gardiner, *alias* Christie.
 (2.) Correspondence relating to mitigation of sentence under former convictions of Gardiner, *alias* Christie.
 Ordered to be printed.
9. POST AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE, BURROWA :—Mr. Hoskins moved, pursuant to Notice, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of any Correspondence which may have taken place between the Postmaster General, the Secretary for Public Works, the Colonial Architect, and any other persons, relating to the site of a Post and Telegraph Office at Burrowa; also, copies of any Reports received by the Government from any officer of the Civil Service of this Colony respecting the same, together with copies of any Petitions which may have been received relating thereto.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
10. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Raphael moved, “That” the report from the Committee of the Whole House on this Bill be now adopted.
 Debate ensued.
 Mr. Stewart moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be re-committed, for the re-consideration of clauses 2, 4, and 10.”
 Question,—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Question

Question then put,—That the report be now adopted.
The House divided.

Ayes, 20.			Noes, 6.	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Booth,		Mr. Allen,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Oakes,		Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Burns,		Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Thomas Brown,		Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Greville,	Mr. O'Connor,			
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>			
Mr. Farnell,	<i>Cumberland</i>),			
Mr. De Salis,				
Mr. Macintosh,	<i>Tellers.</i>			
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Raphael,			
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Wearne.			
Mr. Nelson,				

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

11. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day in reference to the construction of a Bridge over the Bell River postponed, on motion of Mr. John Robertson, until Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty-five minutes minutes after Six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 133.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Expenditure on Public Works:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—How much money has been expended on Bridges, and other Public Works, in each of the Electorates respectively throughout the Colony, for the two years ending 30th April, 1874?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The expenditure as incurred has not been divided into Electoral Districts; most of the roads are in two or more electorates. It will be a work of some time to get out accurately the information required.

- (2.) Appointment of Mr. H. Chipp as Traffic Inspector:—Mr. Stewart asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that a Mr. Chipp, recently arrived from Victoria, has been appointed Traffic Inspector on the Great Southern Railway?

(2.) If so, at what salary, and what position did he hold in Victoria?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Mr. Henry Chipp was appointed Inspector of the Western Line in October last.

(2.) I am not aware what position this gentleman held in Victoria, but having presented very high testimonials from Managers of English Railway Lines upon which he had been engaged as Inspector, he was employed upon our Lines in the first instance temporarily, and proving himself to be a most efficient and experienced officer, he was, upon the recommendation of the Traffic Manager, appointed at a salary of £300 a year, as voted on the Estimates.

- (3.) Production of a Telegram in the case *Dick v. Thompson*:—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—By whose authority did Mr. George Thomas Aldwell, Telegraph Master, Mudgee, produce a telegram on the trial of the cause *Dick v. Thompson*, at Mudgee, in April last?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Telegram was produced on subpoena from the District Court, Mudgee.

- (4.) San Francisco Mail Service:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government guaranteed the payment of the Charter Money for the "City of Adelaide," chartered by the contractor for the conveyance of the Mails from Sydney to San Francisco and back?

(2.) If so, what is the amount so guaranteed?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The Government has guaranteed the payment of the Charter Money for the "City of Adelaide" for two lunar months only, and any number of additional days short of a lunar month which may elapse before the return of the vessel to Sydney.

(2.) £1,800 per lunar month, to be charged against the subsidy payable to the contractors.

2. SALE OF COLONIAL WINES REGULATION ACT REPEAL BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from certain Winegrowers of the District of the Hunter, and adjacent localities, against the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. J. S. Smith moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Bishopthorpe Estate Charge Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to charge the Bishopthorpe Estate with the payment of certain sums of money to the present Bishop of Sydney and his representatives,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th May, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Anvil Creek Coal Mining Company's Incorporation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the 'Anvil Creek Coal Mining Company,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th May, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

ANVIL CREEK COAL MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the Amendments referred to in Message of 13th May, 1874.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

- Page 2, preamble, line 2. After "timber" omit "or" insert "on."
" 3, clause 7, line 37. Omit "therein" insert "herein"
" " " 38. After "interfere" insert "with"
" " " 41. Omit "or" insert "to"
" 5, " 12. Omit clause 12.
" " 13. Omit clause 13.
" " 15. Omit clause 15.

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday, 22nd May.

- (3.) Brands Registration Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to amend the Registration of Brands Act of 1866,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 13th May, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a first time.

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

5. UNDERWOOD'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 12th May, from George Fullerton, M.D., in favour of the passing of Underwood's Estate Act Amendment Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 14 MAY, 1874 A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that there was not a Quorum present in the Committee.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being a Quorum present, the Committee resumed.

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 134.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 14 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) New General Post Office:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of *Mr. Taylor*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) The date of the acceptance of the tender for the erection of the New General Post Office?
- (2.) The time allowed for its erection?
- (3.) If the time so allowed has expired, what has been the cause of the delay?
- (4.) The number of workmen employed on the building at the present time?
- (5.) The probable date on which the building will be handed over to the postal authorities?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The question can hardly be answered in its present shape, as there have been numerous tenders accepted at different dates for portions of the work. I will lay a Return upon the Table in a day or two which will give all the information we possess in regard to the erection of this building.

- (2.) Municipal Returns:—*Mr. Macintosh* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the resolution, dated 10th December, 1873, with reference to Returns of Unpaid Rates, &c., from Municipalities, be completed, so far as Albury, Central Illawarra, Goulburn, West Maitland, Paddington, Windsor, Dubbo, and Glen Innes are concerned?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Municipalities referred to have been twice written to for the necessary information to comply with the order of the House, to which no reply has been given. They will be again reminded, and urged to furnish the information without delay.

- (3.) Land at Bathurst required for Railway Purposes:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Will he state whose land within the Borough of Bathurst the Western Railway track passes through, and the compensation proposed by the valuator to be given to each landowner?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Particulars of the land in the Borough of Bathurst through which the Railway passes are given in the "Book of Reference" which has been exhibited at the Police Office, Bathurst, and may be seen at any time on application at the Railway Office, Phillip-street. All the claims have not been received, and it is considered undesirable to make known for the present the compensation which the Land Valuator has proposed should be given, to those landholders whose claims have been received.

- (4.) Lock-up and Police Protection at Cudgegong:—*Mr. O'Connor* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Did the Government, about six months ago, receive a Petition from the inhabitants of the Town of Cudgegong, asking for the building of a Lock-up, and Police protection for that place?
- (2.) Did *Mr. Sub-Inspector Medley* report in favour of the same?
- (3.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to grant the prayer of the Petitioners?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) Such Petition was received from *Mr. Liardet*.
- (2.) No report was received from *Sub-Inspector Medley*; but the Superintendent in charge of the district reported that he did not consider a Police Station at Cudgegong necessary at present, in which opinion the Inspector General concurred.
- (3.) Under the above report, and the opinion expressed by the Inspector General of Police, it was not considered necessary to establish a Police Station at Cudgegong, of which *Mr. Liardet* was informed on the 1st of April last.

2. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Tunks moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question put and negatived.
3. PAPERS :—Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—
 - (1.) Return to an Order, made on 24th March, 1874, in reference to Provisional Schools.
 - (2.) Return to an Order, made on 24th March, 1874, in reference to Denominational Schools.Ordered to be printed.
4. SALE OF COLONIAL WINES REGULATION ACT REPEAL BILL (*“Formal” Motion*) :—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 13th May, from certain Vignerons of the Hunter and adjacent Districts, be printed.
Question put and passed.
5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

The House adjourned, at half-past Eleven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 135.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 15 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) The Dam at Liverpool :—*Mr. Hill*, on behalf of *Mr. Lackey*, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Dam now being erected over the George's River at Liverpool be finished and opened to traffic, and what is the gross amount expended in the work up to the present time ?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The Contractor states that he will complete the work in about three weeks from this date. The gross amount expended on the work to the present time is £5,465 6s. 1d.

- (2.) Magistrates of the Colony :—*Mr. Oakes*, on behalf of *Mr. Combes*, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Whether a List of the Magistrates of this Colony has ever been published ?

(2.) Will the Government have any objection to have a list prepared and furnished to this House ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The last List of Magistrates laid before Parliament was ordered to be printed on the 20th February, 1857. The Government can have no objection to supply a List of Magistrates.

- (3.) San Francisco Mail Service :—*Mr. Garrett* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government, at any time during the present contract for the conveyance of the Mails from and to Sydney and San Francisco, guaranteed or become responsible to any person for the payment of coal supplied to any of the Mail Steamers engaged in the carrying out of the said contract ?

(2.) If so, to whom, on what occasions, and for what amount on each occasion ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No.

- (4.) Grant in aid of the City Fund :—*Mr. Macintosh* asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did the Under Secretary for Finance receive a communication from the Town Clerk of Sydney, dated 30th May, 1870, having reference to the annual grant of £10,000 in aid of the City Fund ?

(2.) Did the Colonial Treasurer make any reply to that communication ?

(3.) If so, will the Colonial Treasurer be pleased to lay copies thereof upon the Table of this House ?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) I have had copies prepared, which I will lay upon the Table presently.

- (5.) Liberation of Prisoners :—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the prisoner *Gardiner* alone to be liberated ; if not, how many others are to receive a conditional pardon ?

(2.) Will the Colonial Secretary give the names of all the prisoners who are to have the benefit of this clemency ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A Return will be laid upon the Table in a few days, which will give the information required.

(6.)

(6.) Expenditure on Government House:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How much public money has been expended in each year since the departure of Sir John Young upon outside repairs or decorations at Government House?
- (2.) How much has been expended in each year, during the same period, upon decorations inside the building, and how much upon furnishing the rooms, respectively?
- (3.) In each of the said cases, by what authority was the expenditure incurred, and from what fund was it provided?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I will lay a Return upon the Table showing the whole of the expenditure.

(7.) Mr. Maxted:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has Mr. Maxted been recently appointed a Clerk in the Shipping Master's Office?
- (2.) Was Mr. Maxted a Tide-waiter in the Customs?
- (3.) How many persons were senior Tide-waiters to Mr. Maxted at the time of his appointment?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) Yes, as a probationer.
- (2.) Yes; Mr. Maxted had been performing the duty of a Tide-waiter.
- (3.) There is no staff of persons permanently appointed to the office of Tide-waiter. The persons performing the duties of that office are temporarily employed, at a daily rate of pay, so long as they are so employed. The question of seniority, under those circumstances, does not necessarily arise, although I have taken it into account in selecting from those persons for other appointments.

(8.) Mr. Caldwell:—Mr. Driver asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When was Mr. Caldwell appointed a Tide-waiter?
- (2.) Has he since been removed or promoted to a clerkship in the Customs?
- (3.) Over how many senior Tide-waiters was he appointed?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) Mr. Caldwell was appointed to do the duties of a Tide-waiter on the 11th February last.
- (2.) No.
- (3.) None.

(9.) Volunteer Encampment:—*Mr. Garrett*, on behalf of Mr. John Robertson, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Regular Artillery are not to be present at the Encampment intended to take place next week?
- (2.) Has the Officer Commanding the Artillery informed the Commandant that men and field-guns could be furnished by him for an encampment, without interfering with other necessary duties?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The following information has been furnished to me by Colonel Richardson:—

- (1.) It has been decided not to take them, because the usual and proper tent accommodation is insufficient for the number of Volunteers who have signified their intention of being present at the camp.
- (2.) Yes.

(10.) The Boys Pembroke and Orridge:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When is it likely that the Papers relating to the case of the Boys Pembroke and Orridge, as also the Papers relating to sentences passed under the Act 30 Vic. No. 4, and other similar Acts, will be laid upon the Table?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Papers relating to the Boys Pembroke and Orridge will be laid upon the Table in two or three days. The latter Return will take some little further time, inasmuch as references have to be made, in order to have it correct, to all the country Benches.

2. GAROTTING SUPPRESSION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Mr. Terry, moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill for the more effectual suppression of Garotting. Question put and passed.
3. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Baker moved, That this House do now adjourn. Debate ensued. Question put and negatived.
4. GAROTTING SUPPRESSION BILL:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Mr. Terry, presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill for the more effectual suppression of Garotting*,"—which was read a first time. Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
5. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill,—Mr. Wearne moved, That Mr. G. C. Davis, Counsel learned in the Law, be now heard at the Bar of the House with reference to the Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill, in accordance with the Resolution passed on 20th March, 1874. Question put and passed. The learned Counsel (Mr. Davis) was then, by direction of Mr. Speaker, conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the Bar of the House, and having been informed by Mr. Speaker of the Resolution under which he had been admitted, addressed the House on the subject under consideration,—and then withdrew. On motion of Mr. Wearne, the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Debate on the motion for the second reading of the Bill, was postponed until Friday next.
6. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed, until Friday next:—
 - (1.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell*.
 - (2.) Official Report of Parliamentary Debates; consideration in Committee of an Address to the Governor;—*on motion of Mr. Cooper*.
 - (3.) Public Prosecutors Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Burns*.

7. **MRS. FINCH, WIDOW OF THE LATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of the Chairman of Committees the following Resolution reported from a Committee of the Whole House was received, and read a first time :—

Resolved,—That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1874, a sum not exceeding £500 as a gratuity to the Widow of Charles Wray Finch, late Sergeant-at-Arms of this Honorable House.

Mr. Driver then moved, That the Resolution be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Stewart moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to this day week.

Debate continued.

Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.

The House divided.

Ayes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Dangar,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Piddington,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Question,—That the Resolution be now read a second time,—put and passed.

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

8. **PAPER** :—Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table,—Correspondence between the Town Clerk and the Under Secretary for Finance and Trade in reference to the Endowment of £10,000.
Ordered to be printed.
9. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—
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| (1.) Reclamation of Blackwattle Bay ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor. | } <i>on motion of Mr. Lucas, until Friday, 29th May.</i> |
| (2.) Roads Bill ; second reading. | |
| (3.) Compensation to the Reverend D. M'Guinn ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;— <i>on motion of Mr. Driver, until Tuesday next.</i> | |
| (4.) Companies Bill ; third reading ;— <i>on motion of Mr. Burns, until Tuesday next.</i> | |
| (5.) Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act Repeal Bill ; second reading ;— <i>on motion of Mr. Dangar, until Wednesday next.</i> | |
10. **SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Raphael moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
Mr. Stewart moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be re-committed."
Debate ensued.
Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.
Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only nineteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Baker, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Dangar, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hill, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Raphael, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Sutherland, and Mr. Wearne,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-five minutes before Ten o'clock, until Monday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 136.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 18 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Arrest under Writ of *ca. re.*:—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is the Government aware that a statement in writing has been made by the Chief Bailiff of the Supreme Court, William Thomas, to the Sheriff, or one of the Judges, in reference to the arrest of persons under writ of *ca. re.* leaving or alleged to be leaving the Colony?
 (2.) Would he have any objection to produce a copy of such communication?

Mr. Allen answered,—

- (1.) A letter was addressed by the Head Bailiff to the Sheriff upon this subject. It was handed by the Sheriff to the late Chief Justice, then in office, who conferred with the Sheriff on the matter, but did not appear to see his way to taking any action in the matter. A similar question was answered during this Session.
 (2.) There is no copy of this communication in my office.
 (2.) Circular of the Council of Education:—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) How many Teachers of each class, according to the Reports of 1872-73, failed to meet the requirements of the Circular of the Council of Education of September, 1871?
 (2.) How many First-class Teachers had "excellent" and "very good" awarded to them for the schools under their charge?
 (3.) How many Second-class Teachers attained to "good" and "very fair"?
 (4.) Have the Teachers of the Model and other Schools possessing First-class Teachers who failed to meet the requirements of the said Circular been disgraced in consequence, or is it the intention of the Council to do so?
 (5.) How many Teachers of all classes have had their classification lowered, or are about to be reduced, in accordance with the provisions of the Circular?
 (6.) Have the Council departed from the principle laid down in the Circular, and raised a Teacher's Certificate after receiving an unfavourable report of his School?
 (7.) Do the Inspectors unanimously approve of the Circular, and do they maintain that it can be carried out in its entirety with benefit to the system of Public Education, and without inflicting great injustice on the Teachers?
 (8.) Have the Teachers expressed their disapproval of the Circular, or protested against it individually or collectively?
 (9.) Is it the intention of the Council to withdraw or modify the objectionable points in this Circular?

Mr. Allen answered,—The information required in answer to these questions cannot be prepared in as complete form as is necessary in less than three weeks, and at consequent considerable expense. If the Honorable Member should think it desirable, I would suggest that he give Notice of Motion for a Return.

- (3.) The Prisoner Gardiner:—*Mr. Buchanan* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Was the decision of His Excellency the Governor to the effect that the prisoner Gardiner should be liberated at the expiration of ten years at any time communicated to the prisoner?
 (2.) If so, by whose authority, and by whom was such communication made?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) The letter of the Principal Under Secretary conveying His Excellency's decision was, according to the practice in all such cases, communicated by the Sheriff to the Principal Gaoler, with instructions to inform the prisoner.

(4.) San Francisco Mail Service:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government, at any time during the present contract for the conveyance of the Mails from and to Sydney and San Francisco, agreed to accept, honor, or protect orders drawn or given by the contractor on the Treasury for the payment of coal supplied to any of the Mail Steamers engaged in the carrying out of the said contract?

(2.) If so, on what occasions, and for what amount on each occasion?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No.

(5.) Road from Narrabri to Walgett:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—The road from Narrabri to Walgett not having been surveyed, and the sum of £650 having been voted by Parliament for the repair of same, do the Government purpose surveying and proclaiming the said road previous to the expenditure of this money?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Pending survey and proclamation, which my Honorable Colleague the Secretary for Lands has been requested to carry out, the amount voted will be expended on urgent improvements at points where the road must pass.

2. THE SYDNEY MUSEUM:—Mr. Cooper, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report the condition and system of management of the Sydney Museum was referred on 24th February, 1874, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

3. PAPERS:—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—A Return showing the amount of Public Money expended on Government House in each year from the year 1868 to the year 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Return to an Order, made on 21st April, 1874, in reference to Hospitals.

(2.) Statistics of Lunatic Asylums for 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

4. DRUMMOND COPPER MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That the Order of the Day for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Drummond Copper Mining Company's Incorporation Bill be discharged, and the Bill be referred to a Select Committee for inquiry and report, with power to send for persons and papers.

(2.) That such Committee consist of Mr. Driver, Mr. Stephen Brown, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Abbott, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Wearne, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Burns, and the Mover.

Question put and passed.

5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, "That" the report from the Committee of the Whole House on this Bill be now adopted.

Mr. Nelson moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be re-committed for the purpose of re-considering clauses 5, 6, 10, and the First Schedule."

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Scholey,	
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Neale,	

Noes, 11.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Buchanan,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Cooper.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put,—That the report from the Committee of the Whole House on this Bill be now adopted.

The House divided.

Ayes, 22.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Campbell,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Neale,	

Noes, 10.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Scholey,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Raphael.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday "next."

Debate ensued.

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

Debate continued.

Question,—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the Question,—put and passed.

Original Question,—That the third reading of the Bill stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next,—put and passed.

6. **ASSENT TO BISHOPTHORPE ESTATE CHARGE BILL:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 43.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to charge the Bishopthorpe Estate with the payment of certain sums of money to the present Bishop of Sydney and his representatives,*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 18th May, 1874.

7. **PUBLIC RAILWAYS LAND RESUMPTION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order.—Mr. Burns requested the ruling of Mr. Speaker whether this Bill, which authorizes an appropriation of public money, is regularly before the House.

Mr. Speaker said that the Bill appeared to be one that ought to have originated in the Legislative Assembly—the 1st clause of the Constitution Act precluding the Legislative Council from originating a Bill for appropriating any part of the Public Revenue; the Bill was also of the class which should be initiated in a Committee of the Whole House, and be recommended by Message from the Governor, as provided by clause 54 of the above Act.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Parkes, the Order of the Day was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

8. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill (No. 2); second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Wednesday, 27th May.*
(2.) Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee. } *on motion of Mr. Parkes,*
(3.) Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Bill; second reading. } *until Thursday next.*

9. **INSOLVENCY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Allen moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to Thursday next.

Debate continued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Baker, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Cunneen, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Oakes, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Thomas Robertson, Mr. Scholey, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Sutherland,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at eight minutes after Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 137.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 19 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Police Protection at the Abercrombie:—Mr. Lucas asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government received a Petition from the inhabitants of the Abercrombie and neighbouring Districts, praying for additional Police protection; if so, will the Government comply with the request of the Petitioners?

Mr. Parkes answered,—On the 26th February last a Petition, presented by Mr. Samuel Goold, was received, and after obtaining reports from the Inspector General of Police and the Superintendents of the Southern and Western Districts, the Government decided not to comply with the prayer of the Petition. Mr. Goold was informed of the decision arrived at on the 28th April last.

- (2.) Circular of the Council of Education:—Mr. Burns asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Circular of the Council of Education respecting classification, issued to Public School Teachers in September, 1871, ever been laid upon the Tables of both Houses of Parliament, as required by the 7th section of the Public Schools Act, or has it been embodied in any Regulation?

Mr. Allen answered,—The Circular in question has not been laid upon the Tables of both Houses of Parliament, inasmuch as the seventh section of the Public Schools Act deals only with regulations framed by the Council of Education, and not with mere directions issued for the purpose of giving effect to such regulations. The Circular has not been embodied in any Regulation.

- (3.) The "Moculta" Run:—Mr. Dangar asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that the lessee of the Moculta Run, between Breevarrina and Bourke, has fenced in the Government main line, leaving no gate, thereby causing great inconvenience to the public by being compelled to travel a long distance round through a very bad road?

(2.) Will the Government cause inquiries to be made, and adopt such steps as may be necessary to remedy this grievance, by the proclamation of public gates, or otherwise?

Mr. Farnell answered,—There is no pastoral lease known to the Government under the name of "Moculta." The run referred to cannot be identified.

- (4.) Court and Watch-house at Crookwell:—Mr. Butler asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will tenders for the erection of a Court and Watch-house at Crookwell be called for?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The sum of £1000 has been voted on the Additional Estimates for the present year for the erection of a Court and Watch-house at Crookwell. Tenders will be invited for the erection in a week or two.

- (5.) Immigration:—Mr. Butler asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What means have been adopted by the Agent General to obtain Emigrants for this Colony?

(2.) Have any ships been engaged for the passages of such Emigrants during the remainder of the present year?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Agent General acts upon the Regulations made by the Government, and published in the Colony, and he adopts every available means he has for disseminating information, having a person engaged under him whose express business it is to answer inquiries of applicants, and to make inquiries as to the position of persons applying to emigrate, and (in any other way that appears practicable to afford information. One ship has already arrived in the Colony, and another vessel with some 300 Emigrants has been sixty odd days out. Ships are not engaged until a sufficient number of Emigrants are collected together to justify the chartering of a ship.

(6.) Appointment of a Warden for Mudgee :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a Warden for the District of Mudgee?
- (2.) If not, who is to act for this important District?
- (3.) Is Mr. Dalton, of Forbes, to act for Gulgong as Warden?
- (4.) Will the Government appoint a Warden for the District of Mudgee without delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2 & 3.) Yes, till a Warden for the Mudgee District shall have been appointed.
- (4.) Yes, as soon as the boundaries of the Mining Districts have been revised.

(7.) The "Macgregor" :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
On whose account, and on what terms, has the steamship "Macgregor" been taken into the Fitz Roy Dry Dock at Cockatoo Island?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The "Macgregor" has been taken into the Dry Dock at Cockatoo Island in terms of the 22nd section of the Temporary Contract, a copy of which has been laid upon the Table of this House.

2. UNDERWOOD'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from John Piper Mackenzie and William Henry Mackenzie, senior, two of the Trustees appointed by the Underwood's Estate Act of 1873, in favour of the passing of this Bill.

Petition received.

Mr. Burns then (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition be printed.

Question put and passed.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Butler moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. ALIENATION OF WATER FRONTAGES IN PORT JACKSON ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—

(1.) A Return and Plan showing the alignment of the lands alienated by the Crown to private persons, and abutting on the water frontage of Port Jackson from the western end of Liverpool-street, along the eastern side of Darling Harbour, and of Miller's Point to the north-west end of the Circular Quay.

(2.) A Return showing the several parcels of land covered with water held on sufferance from the Crown by private persons along the same alignment of lands described in section (1).

Question put and passed.

5. WORKING OF MUNICIPALITIES :—Mr. Macintosh moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of considering the following Resolutions, embodied in the Report from the Select Committee on "Working of Municipalities," brought up on the 22nd of April last :—

(1.) That, for the encouragement and more efficient working of the Municipal system of Local Government, the Municipalities Act of 1867 should be amended, as follows :—

(1.) To admit of a minimum amount of rate being levied on all properties brought under the provisions of the Act.

(2.) To give greater facilities than now exist for levying and collecting rates on unoccupied premises or lands owned by private persons.

(3.) To enable the Government to extend the boundaries of land now incorporated, and to refuse applications from persons praying that certain lands should be brought under the provisions of the Act when deemed of insufficient area or of assessable value, whereby a revenue could be collected to ensure economic and efficient working.

(4.) To grant an endowment for a more extended term than now prevails under the 189th clause of the Act.

(5.) To enable the Government to annex any two or more Municipalities.

(2.) That the powers of the Municipal Council of Sydney should be extended so as to authorize the Council to levy a general rate on all buildings occupied by the Government, and on all vacant lands, exclusive of reserves for public purposes, within the Municipality.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

6. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL :—Mr. Raphael moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 15th May, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Dangar,	Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Macintosh.
Mr. Scholey,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Driver,
Mr. Stewart.

And it appearing by the Tellers' Lists that there was not a Quorum present, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at nine minutes before Seven o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 138.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Court House at Gundaroo:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) By whom were the additions to the old Court House at Gundaroo recommended?
- (2.) Did not the Government receive Petitions both from the local Bench and from residents in the neighbourhood in favour of building a new Court House, and against making the additions in question?
- (3.) When is it likely that the Government will come to a decision upon the subject?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The additions to the old Court House at Gundaroo were recommended by the Inspector General of Police, on the case being submitted to that officer, who stated that the accommodation afforded by the proposed alterations would be sufficient for the business of the place. The estimated cost was £350. A Petition has been received for the erection of a new Court House, and a plan and estimate have been obtained. The estimated cost of the new building is, I believe, £1,200 or £1,250. Representations have been made from influential residents in the district to the effect that it would be a waste of money to build a new Court House. It is on these conflicting representations that the Government has to come to a decision, and that decision will be arrived at within a week from this date.

- (2.) Road across Wattle Creek:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any letter or application reached the Government from Thomas Hayes, of Wattle Creek, Cordeaux River, near Wollongong, or any other person or persons, requesting the Government to align, or mark out, or open a road leading from Moran's to Clark's Northern Boundary, and across Wattle Creek?
- (2.) What steps have the Government taken, or do they intend taking, in the matter?
- (3.) What have the Government done, or do they intend doing, with reference to the old road between A. Clark's and Moran's farms?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) The application has been referred to the Local Surveyor for report.
- (3.) The Government have marked the road, and have no further intentions in the matter.

- (3.) Sir Alfred Stephen:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Do the Government intend to take any steps, or to introduce any measure, with the view of conferring upon Sir A. Stephen an additional pension, or gratuity, or grant from the Public Treasury in any form?
- (2.) Was any promise made to Sir A. Stephen, or any one else, by the Government to that effect?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Both these questions, I think, can be answered by stating that no determination was arrived at until this morning. At a meeting of the Cabinet to-day it has been decided to submit Sir Alfred Stephen's case for the consideration of Parliament.

(4.)

(4.) Public Charities—Lunatic Asylums:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When did the Inspector of Charities render the last report of his proceedings?
- (2.) Is he not instructed to report annually?
- (3.) Have any reports been received for the year 1873 from the Superintendents of the Lunatic Asylum at Parramatta, the Asylum for Imbeciles at Newcastle, and the Licensed House for Lunatics at Cook's River?
- (4.) If not, will the Colonial Secretary call for reports from these institutions?

Mr. Parkes answered,—In reference to these questions, the gentleman who holds the office of Inspector of Public Charities was appointed to that office, as has been previously explained, by the late Government, or the Government preceding that, I forget which, he at the same time holding the office of Secretary to the Board of Asylums for the Infirm and Destitute. Practically the duty of his office as Secretary to this Board absorbs nearly the whole of his time, and the office of Inspector of Public Charities might as well be not filled at all. Although he receives salary as Inspector of Public Charities, in reality he performs the duties of the other office. That certainly was not the intention of the Legislature, and I will see that a change takes place within a very short time. With regard to the Lunatic Asylums, annual reports are made to Parliament by the Superintendents of these Asylums. I am aware that the Inspector of Public Charities was intended to hold an office and exercise his duties in check of the persons in charge of these Asylums.

(5.) The Prisoner Gardiner:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that the Colonial Secretary, either in his public or private capacity, wrote a letter, or sent any other paper or document, to His Excellency the Governor, recommending the liberation of the prisoner Gardiner?
- (2.) Did the Colonial Secretary ever verbally, or in any other manner, recommend His Excellency the Governor to liberate the prisoner Gardiner?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No.

(6.) Volunteer Regulation:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has His Excellency the Governor, as Commander-in-Chief of the Volunteer Force, made a Regulation, "That appointments to the Regimental Staff of a Brigade or Battalion to a rank higher than that of Captain should be made by election by the Captains in the Brigade or Battalion"—or has any such Regulation been made by the Governor and Executive Council, under the 50th Section of the Volunteer Act of 1867?
- (2.) If so, has such Regulation been laid before both Houses of Parliament, and published in the *Government Gazette*, in conformity with the said section of the said Act?
- (3.) If there be no such Regulation, upon what authority was a memo. issued from the Volunteer Brigade Office, dated April 7th, and addressed to the several Captains of the Western Battalion, requesting them to nominate one of their number as successor to Major Hales?
- (4.) Is it intended that the course which was followed on that occasion shall be followed in reference to all future vacancies which may arise in the rank of Major throughout the Volunteer Force?

Mr. Parkes answered:—

- (1 and 2.) His Excellency the Governor has made no regulation on the subject, but has exercised the power vested in himself and the Executive Council by the Volunteer Act.
- (3.) Under the authority of His Excellency the Governor.
- (4.) Yes.

2. PUBLIC RAILWAYS LAND RESUMPTION BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Farnell moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize for a certain period after purchase from the Crown the resumption of land for Public Railway purposes.
Question put and passed.

3. INSOLVENCY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Insolvency Laws Amendment Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 18th May, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
Question put and passed.

4. UNDERWOOD'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Burns presented a Petition from John Frazer, Esquire, in favour of the passing of this Bill.
Petition received.
Mr. Burns then (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition be printed.
Question put and passed.

5. PRISONS BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the control of Prisons and for the custody of Prisoners*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 20th May, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

PRISONS BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 20th May, 1874.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 4, line 15. *Omit* "within the meaning of the exemption in this proviso" *insert* "who shall not have been convicted and sentenced as aforesaid"

" clause 7. *Omit* clause 7 *insert* new clause 7—

"7. All powers authorities and obligations by law vested in or imposed upon the Sheriff in respect of the charge care and direction of public gaols prisons and houses of correction and in respect of the custody of convicted prisoners as hereinbefore defined shall be and the same are hereby declared from and after the commencement of this Act to be transferred from the Sheriff to the Comptroller-General of Prisons."

Transfer of certain powers &c. of Sheriff to Comptroller-General of Prisons.

Examined—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

6. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Allen moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.

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

Debate ensued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 29.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Farnell,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Hurley (Central
Mr. Cunneen,	Cumberland),
Mr. Abbott,	Tellers.
Mr. Booth,	
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 13.

Mr. John Robertson,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Raphael,
Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Combes,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. R. B. Smith,

Tellers.

Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Garrett.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question again proposed.

Debate continued.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Lord,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Hurley (Central
Mr. Teece,	Cumberland),
Mr. Booth,	Tellers.
Mr. Abbott,	
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. Stephen Brown,	

Noes, 9.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Driver,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Dangar,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Scholey,

Tellers.

Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Garrett.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to make better provision for the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly.*"

Question put and passed.

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

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 20th May, 1874.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

7. BRANDS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

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

Question put on the motion for adjournment of the Debate.

The House divided.

Ayes, 4.

Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. O'Connor,

Tellers.

Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 19.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Hoskins,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Garrett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Dangar.
Mr. Oakes,	

And so it passed in the negative.

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

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

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

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 139.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 21 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Boat for Gundagai:—Mr. Baker asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is the Government aware that at the present time there is no boat available at Gundagai for the purpose of saving life and property in case of a flood?
 - (2.) Will the Government take some steps, as have been taken in other districts, to have a boat available at Gundagai in case of another of those disastrous floods which have so often happened in that locality?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) There is no boat belonging to the Public Works Department at Gundagai.
 - (2.) Inquiry will be made as to the necessity for the Government providing a boat for this locality.
- (2.) Registration of Brands:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Will he lay upon the Table of the House copies of all Correspondence between himself, the Chief Inspector of Stock, and the Registrar General, relative to the transfer of the duties required to be performed under the Brands Registration Act from the Registrar General's Department to the Department under the Chief Inspector of Stock?
 - (2.) What amount has been received annually by the Government from the fees paid for the Registration of Brands under the Act?
 - (3.) How many clerks are employed, and what is the amount paid annually for conducting the service under the Act?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) Account of fees collected under the Brands Registration Act of 1866, from 1st January, 1867, to the 30th April, 1874 :—

	£	s.	d.
1867	14,847	14	11
1868	1,326	3	5
1869	808	2	0
1870	671	4	0
1871	781	12	0
1872	890	14	0
1873	1,119	12	2
1874, 1st January to 30th April (4 months)	492	7	4
	£20,937	9	10

- (3.) One Deputy Registrar, and one clerk. The expenses are about £1,350.
- (3.) Formation of Cleveland-street:—Mr. Stephen Brown asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session a Bill to authorize the formation of Cleveland-street from the Newtown Road to Redfern?
- Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill to authorize the opening of that portion of Cleveland-street from Abercrombie-street to Blackwattle Creek.

(4.)

- (4.) Administration of the Land Law :—Mr. Stewart asked the Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the Administration of the Land Law, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) When does the Committee intend to report to this House?
 - (2.) When was the Committee last convened?
- Mr. Cunneen answered,—
- (1.) As Chairman of the Committee on the Administration of the Land Law, I am preparing an abstract of the Evidence taken before it, and on its completion I will prepare and submit to the Committee a draft, and if possible final Report.
 - (2.) The 4th February.
- (5.) Prisoners under Sentence :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- Will he state the number of Prisoners in the different Gaols of New South Wales who have been there over ten years?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—There are at present seven Prisoners in the Gaols of the Colony who have been there over ten years.
- (6.) Payment of Government Employés for Holidays :—Mr. Oakes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Are the employés in every branch of the Government Service allowed payment for proclaimed Holidays?
 - (2.) Are all Volunteers in the Government Service allowed to attend the present Volunteer Encampment from Friday evening till Tuesday morning, without loss of pay?
- Mr. Parkes answered,—I believe no reduction is made in respect to employés under the Government on account of holidays. The Volunteers who are in the Government Service, and who will be required to attend the Encampment, will be paid as if they were performing their duties.
2. PAPER :—Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 9th April, 1874, in reference to the case *McBride v. Davison*.
Ordered to be printed.
3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising to-morrow do adjourn to Wednesday next.
Question put and passed.
4. STOCK SALE-YARDS BILL (“*Formal*” *Motion*) :—
- (1.) Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to establish Sale Yards for the sale of Live Stock.
Question put and passed.
 - (2.) Mr. Dangar presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to establish Sale-Yards for the sale of Live Stock*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Friday, 5th June.
5. BRANDS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
Ordered, that the adoption of that Report stand an Order of the Day for Wednesday next.
6. PUBLIC RAILWAYS LAND RESUMPTION BILL :—
- (1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Farnell, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize for a certain period after purchase from the Crown the resumption of land for Public Railway purposes.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.
Ordered, on motion of the Chairman (*with the concurrence of the House*), that the said Resolution be now received.
The Chairman then reported the Resolution, which was read a first time as follows :—
Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to authorize for a certain period after purchase from the Crown the resumption of land for Public Railway purposes.
Resolution, on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a second time, and agreed to.
 - (2.) Mr. Farnell presented a Bill, intituled “*A Bill to authorize for a certain period after purchase from the Crown the resumption of Land for Public Railway purposes*,”—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Wednesday next.
7. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes :—
- (1.) Lunacy Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (2.) Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Bill; second reading. } *until Wednesday next.*
 - (3.) Insolvency Laws Amendment Bill; second reading;—*to follow after the Order of the Day respecting the Prisons Bill.*
8. PRISONS BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.
On motion of Mr. Parkes that report was adopted.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the control of Prisons and for the custody of Prisoners.*"

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 21st May, 1874.*

9. **INSOLVENCY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill,—
And the Debate not being resumed,—
Question,—That this Bill be now read a second time,—put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Allen, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 140.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 22 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) School Site at Grafton:—Mr. John Robertson asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it intended by the Council of Education to sell otherwise than by auction the School Site in Grafton, at the corner of Prince-street and Victoria-street?

Mr. Allen answered,—The land in question has already been sold.

- (2.) Liberation of Prisoners:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to recommend the liberation of the seven prisoners now in gaol who have been there for over ten years?

Mr. Parkes answered,—One or more of these prisoners has already been allowed a conditional pardon, I think eighteen months ago, and refused to take it. The prisoner John Bow, and I think Fordyce, were both allowed a conditional pardon fully eighteen months ago, and they declined to take it. They are now serving their sentence in gaol rather than be exiled. It is not the intention of the Government to take any steps in relation to the others.

- (3.) Sir Alfred Stephen:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that the late Chief Justice, Sir Alfred Stephen, drew a salary as Chief Justice and also as Governor, while he was Acting Governor?

(2.) If so, what sums did he draw from the Treasury while he held the position of Acting Governor?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) As Administrator of the Government ... £1,425 0 10
As Chief Justice 716 14 10

- (4.) Expenses of the late Mudgee Election:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

Will he state the amounts paid to the Returning Officers and Poll Clerks during the late Mudgee Election?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered, £171 8s., namely:—£105 7s. to Presiding Officers, and £66 1s. to Poll Clerks.

- (5.) Andrew Hume:—Mr. John Robertson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to repay to Andrew Hume the money paid by him for telegrams from South Australia to this Government, and for his passage money from the Northern Territory of South Australia to Sydney *via* Brisbane?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The amount of money paid by Hume for telegrams has been ordered to be paid. He has not yet received the money, because it has not yet been ascertained from what fund it is to come. The question of the passage money I have reserved for the consideration of the Government.

(6.)

(6.) Mails between Wallerawang and Mudgee:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the Contract time for the Mail between Wallerawang and Mudgee?

(2.) Have complaints been made to the Postmaster General about the non-arrival in Mudgee of the mail to Contract time?

(3.) Have the Contractors complained to the Postmaster General of delays caused by Local Postmasters on the Mudgee Road?

(4.) If so, will the Postmaster General have the abuse corrected?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) Thirteen hours from Wallerawang to Mudgee; fourteen hours and thirty minutes from Mudgee to Wallerawang

(2.) There have been no recent complaints, but the Mails have, since the last alteration of the Time-table, been frequently late at Mudgee, and the Contractors have been fined accordingly.

(3 & 4.) No; but the Postal Inspector, who recently travelled over this line, reported that some of the Postmasters detained the Contractors for more than the stipulated ten minutes, and instructions have been given to the Postmasters along the line that such detention must not take place in future.

2. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. CIRCULAR OF THE COUNCIL OF EDUCATION ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Reports from Inspectors of Schools, and of Correspondence which has passed between them and Teachers, or between Teachers and the Council of Education, in relation to the Circular of the Council, dated 14th September, 1871.

Question put and passed.

4. APPOINTMENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Forster,—

"(1.) That this House is of opinion, "that" any attempt on the part of any Governor of this Colony or of any Secretary of State in Great Britain, whether by despatches or instructions, or otherwise to interfere with the appointment of Members of the Legislative Council of this Colony, or on the part of any Minister of the Crown in this Colony to sanction such interference, so as in any way to limit or restrain the power of the Government of this Colony in such appointment, or to permanently limit the number of Members of such Council, or to confine such number to a fixed standard, is contrary to law, and subversive of the rights and privileges of the Government and Legislature of this Colony.

"(2.) That the above Resolution be transmitted by Address to His Excellency the Governor,"—upon which Mr. Buchanan had moved, by way of amendment,—That all the words after the second word "that," in the first line, be omitted, with a view of substituting the words "the fact of such a motion as the one now under discussion having been brought forward by a gentleman who has occupied the positions of a Minister of the Crown and of Prime Minister of this Country, is striking evidence that a dangerous interference with our rights and privileges, on the part of the British Government, has already taken place, and that in view of the importance, wealth, and influence of this community, and as a guarantee against any further and similar interference, and as, in some measure, a security for the preservation of our freedom and independence, this House respectfully suggests that it would be advantageous to the best interests of Great Britain as well as of New South Wales that the political connection existing between them should cease, and that the people of New South Wales should be left in the full possession of their independent right to govern themselves without interference of any kind from any quarter,"—

And the Debate not being resumed,—

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

And Division called for,—

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

Original Question then put:—

(1.) That this House is of opinion, that any attempt on the part of any Governor of this Colony or of any Secretary of State in Great Britain, whether by despatches or instructions, or otherwise to interfere with the appointment of Members of the Legislative Council of this Colony, or on the part of any Minister of the Crown in this Colony to sanction such interference, so as in any way to limit or restrain the power of the Government of this Colony in such appointment, or to permanently limit the number of Members of such Council, or to confine such number to a fixed standard, is contrary to law, and subversive of the rights and privileges of the Government and Legislature of this Colony.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 19

Noes, 13.

Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hannell,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Terry,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Oakes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cummings,	
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Garrett.

Mr. Parkes,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Fitzpatrick.
Mr. Sutherland,	
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	
Mr. De Salis,	
Mr. Taylor,	
Mr. Cooper,	
Mr. Greville,	

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5.

5. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the adoption of the report from the Committee of the Whole on the Patents Act Amendment Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.
6. **UNDERWOOD'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Burns moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 27.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Baker,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Driver,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Burns.
Mr. Tunks,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers.
Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Forster.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

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

7. **PAPER** :—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 8th May, 1874, in reference to the Liberation and Exile of Prisoners.
Ordered to be printed.

8. **ANVIL CREEK COAL MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendments.

On motion of Mr. Burns, that report was adopted.

Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the 'Anvil Creek Coal Mining Company.'*"

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 22nd May, 1874.

9. **GAROTTING SUPPRESSION BILL** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Terry moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time on Wednesday next.

The House adjourned, at twenty minutes after Ten o'clock, until *Wednesday next*, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 141.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Nuisance in Town of Parramatta:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have Tenders been called for, for carrying out the necessary works for the abatement of the nuisance from the Government Establishments, Parramatta?

(2.) If so, has any Tender been accepted?

(3.) When will the work be commenced?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes, the tender of I. Bell was accepted.

(3.) I am not in a position at present to give this information, but the Engineer-in-Chief for Harbours and Rivers is in communication with the contractor with reference to the matter.

- (2.) Buildings occupied by Medical Superintendent, Parramatta:—*Mr. Driver*, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government had any report on the present dilapidated and dangerous state of the buildings in Parramatta lately in the occupation of the Medical Superintendent; if so, is it their intention to take any, and what steps, in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The building was reported upon in 1871, and the cost of putting it into repair was estimated then at £300. It was not considered desirable to incur this outlay; but to prevent the premises falling into entire dilapidation the roof has been re-shingled, and a man is in charge.

- (3.) Railway from Bathurst to Orange:—*Mr. Nelson* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Government invite tenders for the construction of the Great Western Railway Extension from Bathurst to Orange?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The advertisement inviting tenders for this extension will be inserted in the next issue of the *Government Gazette*, and will appear in the newspapers of Saturday next.

- (4.) Railway Trial Surveys:—*Mr. Nelson* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What Trial Surveys are now being, or are intended to be, proceeded with, in view of the future extension of Railways throughout the Colony?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I cannot answer this question at present. It requires consultation on the part of the Government to say what their policy in the future will be.

- (5.) Expiryes from Western Australia:—*Mr. Stewart* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Police reported to the Government that several expiryes have recently arrived here from Western Australia?

(2.) If so, do the Government intend to take any action in the matter?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Several expiryes from Western Australia have arrived in this Colony. In every case information respecting the men in question has been furnished by the Government of Western Australia to this Government. The Government, without new powers conferred by legislation, are unable to take any steps in the matter.

- (6.) Treatment of Prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol:—*Mr. Raphael* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will he lay upon the Table of the House the Papers respecting the treatment of Prisoners in Darlinghurst Gaol by Dr. Aaron?

Mr. Parkes answered,—In a few days.

(7.)

(7.) Charities Commission :—Mr. Raphael asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Report from the Royal Commission on the various Charities be laid before the House?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Not later than next week.

(8.) Certificates of Naturalization :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it a fact that Certificates or Letters of Naturalization, or whatever preliminary forms of authorization may be necessary to obtain or secure rights of naturalization in this Colony, have been refused to certain Chinamen, or reputed Chinamen, at or near Deniliquin, or anywhere else, by the present Ministers, or with their advice or concurrence?

(2.) If so, in how many, and what cases?

(3.) Is it intended that all Chinamen, or reputed Chinamen, shall be in future excluded from the benefits of naturalization in this Colony, or, at least, so long as the present Ministers may remain in office?

(4.) If not, in what cases, or to what extent, will exceptions be admitted?

(5.) Has the course taken by the Government in this matter been taken with the advice and concurrence of the Crown Law Officers?

(6.) Has care been taken in every case to ascertain whether every reputed Chinaman was a British subject?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Since the present Ministers took office in May, 1872, twenty-nine Chinamen have been naturalized. I am not aware of any refusal.

(9.) Sir Alfred Stephen :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to his Question numbered 3 on the Business Paper of Wednesday, May 20, relating to a proposed pension or grant of money to Sir Alfred Stephen, and the answer of the Colonial Secretary thereto,—

(1.) When will Sir Alfred Stephen's case be submitted for the consideration of Parliament, pursuant to the decision of the Cabinet?

(2.) Is it intended to imply that the said decision was arrived at in consequence of a promise having been made by the Government to Sir Alfred Stephen or any one else?

(3.) Was any such promise made?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I cannot at this moment name the date when this matter will be submitted for the consideration of Parliament—probably next week. Whenever it is submitted, every circumstance affecting the case within the knowledge of the Government will be explained to the House.

(10.) Rewards for discovery of New Gold Fields :—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. O'Connor, asked the Minister for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—What steps does he intend to take to make it known on the various Gold Fields that the sum of £2,000 was voted on the Supplementary Estimates to be divided amongst discoverers of new payable Gold Fields in New South Wales?

Mr. Farnell answered,—Steps will be taken to publish such notices thereof as shall be deemed necessary.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR :—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

(1.) Telegraphic Cable Communication :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Message No. 44.

Governor.

I recommend to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly an Agreement made by this Government, subject to the sanction of Parliament, with the Governments of New Zealand and Queensland for the construction of Telegraph Cables between New Zealand and New South Wales, and between Normantown, in Queensland, and Singapore.

Government House,

Sydney, 27th May, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Prisons Bill :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,

Message No. 45.

Governor.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to make better provision for the control of Prisons and for the custody of Prisoners,"—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, 27th May, 1874.

3. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Stephen Brown moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

4. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,'"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,

Sydney, 27th May, 1874.

JOHN HAY,

President.

(2.)

(2.) Maitland Gas-light Company's Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the 'Maitland Gas-light Company (Limited),'*"—with the amendment indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendment the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 27th May, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

MAITLAND GAS-LIGHT COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendment referred to in Message of 27th May, 1874.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 7, clause 22, line 40. *After* "apparatus" *add* "Provided that it shall not be lawful for the Company to open break up or remove the soil or pavement of any street or bridge or to open or break up any sewer or bridge within the boundaries of either of the Municipalities of East or West Maitland until and unless a written notice of the intention of the Company to commence any such work as aforesaid shall be delivered to the Council Clerk of the Municipality within the boundaries of which the work shall be intended to be commenced at least twenty-four hours before the commencement of such work."

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday next.

5. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Steam Postal Service. Time-Table for the combined Australian and New Zealand Mail Service for the year 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

6. PUBLIC SCHOOL AT BUNGOWANNAH:—Mr. Thomas Robertson presented a Petition from the Committee appointed at a Public Meeting of the resident Landholders of Bungowannah, for the purpose of urging the Council of Education not to sanction the erection of a Public School in such a position as to render it unavailable to the greater portion of the inhabitants of the District,—praying the House to consider the necessity of exercising its influence with the Council of Education in regard to deciding upon the site for this School.
Petition received.

7. ROADS THROUGH THE PROPERTY OF MR. GLEESON AT BRISBANE WATER ("*Formal*" *Motion*):—Mr. Cunneen moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence which may have passed between Mr. Thomas Gleeson of Womberall, Brisbane Water, and the Government respecting the opening of any road or roads through the property of Mr. Gleeson in 1873-4, with all Minutes in reference thereto.
Question put and passed.

8. GAROTTING SUPPRESSION BILL ("*Formal*" *Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Terry, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Terry then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for the more effectual suppression of Garotting.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act for the more effectual suppression of Garotting,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 27th May, 1874.

9. TELEGRAPHIC CABLE COMMUNICATION :—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions, viz. :—

"(1.) That this House approves of the following Conditions of Agreement for the construction of a Telegraph Cable between New Zealand and New South Wales, and one between Normantown, in Queensland, and Singapore, as agreed upon by the Representatives of the Colonies of New Zealand, Queensland, and New South Wales, in Sydney, on the 14th February, 1873; and empowers the Government to enter into a Contract in conjunction with the other Governments named, upon the terms therein stated, for the purpose of carrying out this undertaking :—

" *Agreement.*

"The following Conditions for the construction of a Telegraph Cable between New Zealand and New South Wales, and one between Normantown, in Queensland, and Singapore, are those which the Representatives of New South Wales, New Zealand, and Queensland agree to recommend their Governments to submit for the approval of their respective Parliaments :—

"1. The three Colonies shall jointly enter into an arrangement for the construction of an electric cable to be laid between some point in New Zealand and some point in New South Wales, and also a cable to be laid from Normantown, in Queensland, to Singapore, the latter to be a through cable touching only at such points as may be agreed on, and to be entirely distinct the whole distance from the line between Port Darwin and Singapore.

"2.

£1,000,000.
£12,000.
£12,000.
10 per cent.

15s.
9d.
40s.
35s.
2s.
7s.
20.

" 2. The arrangement to be for a guarantee of five per cent. for a term not exceeding thirty-five years, upon a sum not exceeding one million pounds for the cost of the two lines.

" 3. Twelve thousand pounds per annum to be allowed, to cover in full all expenses. All receipts above twelve thousand pounds to pass in reduction of the guarantee. The contractors to retain receipts in excess of the guarantee; but if the profits are more than ten per cent. the Governments may require that the rates shall be lowered to amounts calculated to reduce the profits to ten per cent.

" 4. The guarantee to be paid only whilst the lines are in working order: Provided that four weeks in each year will be allowed for repairs. If the New Zealand line only be in order, one-third of the guarantee to be paid; if the Singapore line only be in order, two-thirds of the guarantee to be paid. If the lines are not kept in order with due diligence, or if communication should permanently fail, the guarantee to cease.

" 5. The two lines to be commenced and constructed simultaneously.

" 6. The cost per message of twenty words, from New Zealand to New South Wales, not to exceed fifteen shillings; the charge for each word above twenty being nine-pence. And the cost for twenty words from Normantown to Singapore not to exceed forty shillings for the first two years, and thirty-five shillings afterwards; the charge for each word above twenty being two shillings.

" 7. Queensland to undertake to keep the land line to Normantown open for the use of the other contributing Colonies at rates not to exceed at any time seven shillings for twenty words.

" 8. The three Governments to act in unison, and to jointly arrange the details.

" 9. This agreement, after being approved of by the respective Governments, to be subject to ratification by the respective Parliaments; and the details to be arranged in London by representatives appointed by the three Colonies.

" 10. The Governments will require to be satisfied that the contractors have made proper provision for the use of a through line of communication between Singapore and London.

" HENRY PARKES.

" SAUL SAMUEL.

" JULIUS VOGEL.

" WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS.

" A. H. PALMER.

" J. MALBON THOMPSON."

" Sydney, 14th February, 1873.

(2.) That this Resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. BRANDS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That the report from the Committee of the Whole House on this Bill be now adopted.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Dangar,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Macintosh,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Scholey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Hill,	Mr. W. C. Browne.

Noes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 142.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 28 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Dam across the Parramatta River:—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. Taylor, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that a great portion of the Dam across the Parramatta River has been washed away, and that life is likely to be endangered through the want of repairing the same?

(2.) Is it the intention of the Government to rebuild the original Dam, or to erect a new one, and if so, when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Government is aware that part of the old Dam at Parramatta has been washed away.

(2.) The Government has no intention of rebuilding the original Dam, or constructing a new one for Parramatta.

- (2.) Aid to Agricultural Societies:—*Mr. Dangar* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Have the Government yet arrived at any decision in the matter of aid to Agricultural Societies, as indicated in the reply to *Mr. Bawden's* Question No. 1 of 5th May last?

Mr. Parkes answered,—This matter, as I have already intimated, is one on which it will be necessary for a decision to be arrived at in Cabinet, and as yet the matter has not been submitted for the consideration of the Cabinet.

- (3.) Railway Trial Surveys:—*Mr. Nelson* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What Trial Surveys have been authorized, and are being proceeded with, in view of the future extension of Railways throughout the Colony?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—I cannot answer the question without time to consult with the other Members of the Government.

- (4.) Remission of Sentences:—*Mr. Stewart* asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Will he lay upon the Table of the House a copy of the Rules and Regulations made by the Governor relating to the mitigation or remission of sentences or punishments as required by the 4th section of 11th Victoria, No. 34?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Act 11th Victoria No. 34 has been in operation now twenty-seven years. No regulations in respect to the matter referred to have been made under it; and I suppose every Government have considered, as the present Government certainly consider, that the 4th clause does not render any regulations necessary.

- (5.) Railway Bridge, Wells-street:—*Mr. Macintosh* asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will tenders for the erection of the Bridge across the Railway in Wells-street, Redfern, be called for?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Instructions were given some weeks ago for the construction of this Bridge.

2. PUBLIC RAILWAYS LAND RESUMPTION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Farnell, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 46.

It being desirable to make provision for the resumption by the Government of Land in certain cases for Railway purposes, I recommend to the Legislative Assembly, in accordance with the terms of the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the consideration of a Bill for the object named.

Government House,
Sydney, 28th May, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

3. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House at its rising to-morrow do adjourn to Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
4. UNDERWOOD'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Burns, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Burns then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Underwood's Estate Act of 1873.'*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Underwood's Estate Act of 1873.'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 28th May, 1874.

UNDERWOOD'S ESTATE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 28th May, 1874.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, clause 1, line 7. *Omit "That"*
" " lines 12 and 13. *Omit "may be carried out exercised and done by any two of them" insert "shall be vested in"*
" clause 1, line 14. *After "King" insert "and two other trustees to be appointed in the manner hereinafter mentioned and such trusts powers authorities and matters may be carried out exercised and done by any three of the said five trustees"*
" clause 1, line 15. *Omit "that"*
" " lines 16 and 17. *Omit "two of them the said William Henry Mackenzie senior John Piper Mackenzie and Robert John King or" insert "three of such five trustees or of"*

Page 2, clause 1, line 5. *After "trustee" insert "or trustees"*
" " " 9. *After "himself" insert "or themselves"*
" " " 10. *After "his" insert "or their"*
" " " 14. *Omit "one" insert "two"*
" *After clause 1 insert new clause 2:—*

" 2. The two additional trustees hereinbefore directed to be appointed shall in the first instance be appointed by the Primary Judge in Equity of the Supreme Court and every vacancy occurring in the trusteeship shall be filled up by the surviving or continuing trustees in the manner provided by section seven of 'Underwood's Estate Act of 1873.'

Examined,—

RICHARD DRIVER,
Chairman of Committees.

5. DRUMMOND COPPER MINING COMPANY'S INCORPORATION BILL:—Mr. Farnell (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, That the Petition presented on the 1st instant, from certain Shareholders in the Company, against the passing of the Drummond Copper Mining Company's Incorporation Bill, be referred to the Select Committee now sitting on the Bill.
Question put and passed.

6. STEAM POSTAL SERVICE *via* SAN FRANCISCO:—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House "approves of" the Contracts made by the Government and the Government of New Zealand (copies of which were laid upon the Table on the 28th January) for Ocean Mail Services between this Colony and San Francisco, and between New Zealand and the same Port.
Debate ensued.

Mr. Lackey moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to Wednesday next.
Debate ensued.

Question

Question put,—That this Debate be now adjourned to Wednesday next.
The House divided.

Ayes, 7.		Noes, 20.	
Mr. R. B. Smith,		Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Hill,		Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. Clarke,		Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Hoskins,		Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Lucas,		Mr. Allen,	Mr. Teece,
		Mr. Greville,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
<i>Tellers.</i>		Mr. Stewart,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Lackey,		Mr. Driver,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Single.		Mr. Fitzpatrick,	
		Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Cooper,
		Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Raphael.
		Mr. Oakes,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Debate on Original Question continued.

Mr. Lucas moved, That the Question be amended by the omission of the words "approves of," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "assents to," and the addition at the end of the Question of the words "but while doing so this House is of opinion that arrangements more economical and beneficial to the Colony might have been entered into."

Debate continued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 29 MAY, 1874, A.M.

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

Ayes, 25.		Noes, 5.	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Clarke,	Mr. John Robertson,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Burns,	Mr. Hoskins,	
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Webb,	
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Baker,	<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Lucas,	
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Garrett.	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Driver,		
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. R. B. Smith,		
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>		
Mr. Single,	<i>Cumberland</i>),		
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>		
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Raphael,		
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Greville.		
Mr. Dangar,			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question,—That this House approves of the Contracts made by the Government and the Government of New Zealand (copies of which were laid upon the Table on the 28th January) for Ocean Mail Services between this Colony and San Francisco, and between New Zealand and the same Port,—put and passed.

7. PAPERS:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table:—

(1.) Correspondence respecting the Cases of Dooley and Ebsery.
Ordered to be printed.

(2.) Second Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into and report upon the Working and Management of the Public Charities of the Colony.

Ordered, that the Report and Evidence (with a Summary thereof) be printed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 143.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 29 MAY, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Bridge over the Parramatta River:—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it the intention of the Government to proceed with the erection of a Bridge over the Parramatta River, as sanctioned by this House?

(2.) If so, have tenders been invited?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Yes; but tenders have not been invited pending the passing of an Act to resume the Field of Mars Common.

- (2.) Church and School Lands:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What was the amount of money proceeds of sale of Church and School Lands held by the Government on the 28th of May, 1874?

(2.) Was any portion of this amount invested at interest on that date?

(3.) If so, how much?

(4.) In what stock was the money invested?

(5.) To whom will the interest be paid?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) £122,716 13s. 2d.

(2.) Yes.

(3.) £105,800.

(4.) In Debentures, £15,800; in New South Wales Four-per-cents, £90,000.

(5.) The interest is payable annually (together with the rents), five-sevenths to the Churches entitled to receive it, and two-sevenths to the Council of Education.

- (3.) Road from East St. Leonards to Pennant Hills:—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Does the Government intend bringing in a Bill this Session to place the road leading through East St. Leonards, Victoria, West St. Leonards, and Willoughby, to Pennant Hills, under Trust?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Several Petitions—three I think in all—have been presented with respect to the condition of this road, and I think they will be considered either to-morrow or early next week.

- (4.) *Watson v. King*:—Mr. Raphael asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has he inquired into a case, tried at the Central Police Office, "*Watson v. King*," for cruelly ill-using a boy in St. Andrew's School; if so, will he lay a copy of the Depositions upon the Table of this House?

Mr. Allen answered,—I have made inquiries into the case referred to. No order was made by the Magistrates, and I am informed that the case will be again brought before the Bench. I think it would be proper to delay the production of the Depositions until the case is finally disposed of.

2. CORNELIUS STANLEY M'GLEW:—Mr. Allen presented a Petition from Cornelius Stanley M'Glew, a miner, setting forth that since the year 1868 he has been engaged in searching and prospecting for Tin in this Colony, and after four years succeeded in finding and developing Tin ground in payable quantities; and praying the House favourably to consider the statements contained in his Petition. Petition received.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—By-Laws of the University of Sydney.
Ordered to be printed.

4. **BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
 Debate ensued.
 Question put and passed.
 Bill read a second time.
 On motion of Mr. Smith, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
 Ordered, that the adoption of that report stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
5. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
 (1.) Reclamation of Blackwattle Bay; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*on motion of Mr. Lucas, until Tuesday next.*
 (2.) Roads Bill; second reading. } *on motion of Mr. Burns, until*
 (3.) Patents Act Amendment Bill reported; adoption of Report. } *Friday next.*
6. **MAITLAND GAS-LIGHT COMPANY'S BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Burns, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to the Council's amendment.
 On motion of Mr. Burns that report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council:—
 MR. PRESIDENT,
 The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council in the Bill, intituled "*An Act to Incorporate the 'Maitland Gas-light Company (Limited).'*"
Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 29th May, 1874.
7. **POSTPONEMENTS:**—The following Orders of the Day postponed until Friday next:—
 (1.) Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Burns, "That this Bill be now read a second time";—*on motion of Mr. Burns.*
 (2.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Driver.*
 (3.) Official Report of Parliamentary Debates; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*on motion of Mr. Cooper.*
 (4.) Public Prosecutors Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Burns.*
 (5.) Working of Municipalities; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—*on motion of Mr. Burns.*
 (6.) Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act Repeal Bill; second reading;—*on motion of Mr. Lucas.*
 (7.) Compensation to the Revd. D. M'Guinn; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*on motion of Mr. Driver.*
 (8.) Bridge over the Bell River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—*on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Tuesday, 9th June.*
8. **COMPANIES BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Driver moved, "That" this Bill be now read a third time.
 Mr. Allen moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "the Bill be re-committed for the re-consideration of clauses 39 and 49."
 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 there inserted,—put and passed.
 Question then,—That the Bill be re-committed for the re-consideration of clauses 39 and 49,—put and passed.
 Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for such re-consideration.
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill (2^d) with further amendments.
 On motion of Mr. Allen (*with the concurrence of the House*) that report was adopted.
 Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned, at five minutes after Seven o'clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 144.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 2 JUNE, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Quarantine Ground:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it true that the land known as the Quarantine Ground has been applied for and taken up as a Mineral Selection?
 - (2.) Has the said land ever been dedicated?
- Mr. Farnell answered,—
- (1.) It was applied for, but not granted.
 - (2.) There was no necessity for its dedication under the present law, as it was reserved previously to the passing of the Crown Lands Alienation Act.
- (2.) The Prisoner Gardiner:—Mr. Combes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is there any Police record, or have the Police otherwise any information, of crimes or offences committed, or alleged to have been committed, by Gardiner, *alias* Christie, *alias* Clarke, in respect of which he has not been tried?
 - (2.) Will the Government state what these crimes, or alleged crimes, are?
 - (3.) Is the Government aware of any conviction of Gardiner, *alias* Christie, *alias* Clarke, prior to those of which information has been already given to this House?
 - (4.) Is the Government aware whether Gardiner, *alias* Christie, *alias* Clarke, was tried and convicted for horse-stealing in Victoria, and sentenced to a term of imprisonment, and that he subsequently made his escape from the Pentridge Stockade?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I will in a few minutes lay a Return upon the Table which will give all the information in the possession of the Government; and I will have printed copies of that Return here for distribution among Honorable Members during the afternoon.

2. FIELD OF MARS COMMON:—Mr. Lackey presented a Petition from Isaac Shepherd, of Ryde, gentleman, representing that he has heard that it is the intention of the Government to bring in a Bill to resume and sell the Field of Mars Common; and praying the House not to sanction any measure that will tend to deprive him of his right to the use of the Common, and prevent him from receiving certain moneys due to him in connection therewith.
Petition received.
3. CORNELIUS STANLEY MCGLEW (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Allen moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 29th May, from C. S. McGlew, relative to the discovery of Tin in the Colony, be printed.
Question put and passed.
4. CLEVELAND-STREET FORMATION BILL (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Sutherland moved; pursuant to Notice, That this House will to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the formation of Cleveland-street through certain lands in the Borough of Redfern and City of Sydney.
Question put and passed.
5. BRANDS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL (*"Formal" Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time, and *passed*.
Mr. Farnell then moved, that the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Registration of Brands Act of 1866.'*"

Question

Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Combes,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. R. B. Smith,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Burns,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Wearne,	Captain Onslow,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Abbott,	Tellers.
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Greville.
Mr. Macleay,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend the Registration of Brands Act of 1866,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd June, 1874.

BRANDS REGISTRATION AMENDMENT BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 2nd June, 1874.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, clause 1, line 18. *After "section" insert "of the said Act"*
 " 2, " 2, line 4. *Omit "seven" insert "fourteen"*
 " " 4, lines 13 and 14. *Omit "the Registration of Brands Act of 1866" insert "the said Act"*
 " clause 4, line 17. *After "ordered" insert "by any two Justices of the Peace"*
 " " " 18. *Omit "by any two Justices of the Peace"*
 " " " 19. *After "cattle" insert "or horses"*
 " " " 19. *Omit "on"*
 " " " 20. *After "by" insert "order of"*
 " " " 20. *Omit "two"*
 " " " 20. *Omit "s" in Justices*
 " " " 20. *Before "expense" insert "risk and"*

Examined,—

RICHARD DRIVER,
Chairman of Committees.

6. PAPERS:—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Particulars as to Crimes or Offences committed, or alleged to have been committed, by the Prisoner Gardiner, *alias* Christie, *alias* Clarke.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 21st April, 1874, in reference to the Administration of Justice at Gulgong.
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1. (List No. 7).
Ordered to be printed.

7. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS:—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—

- (1.) The total area of Church and School Lands alienated prior to 31st December, 1873.
- (2.) The total area of such lands still held under trust at that date.
- (3.) The total proceeds per year derived from sales and leases of said lands since the year 1862.
- (4.) The distribution of the said proceeds among the several Religious Denominations, specifying in each case whether for Church or School purposes, from the year 1862 to the 31st December, 1873.
- (5.) The total area of land granted to each Religious Denomination as sites for Churches, Chapels, Parsonages, Glebes, Schools, or other Denominational purposes, since the passing of the Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act of 1862, down to the 31st December, 1873.
- (6.) The total sums annually paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the support of Schools of each Religious Denomination during the same period.
- (7.) The total sums annually paid out of the same Fund to Clergymen of each Religious Denomination as stipend or allowance for services rendered in the capacity of Chaplain to the Gaols, Asylums, or other Public Institutions, for the same period.
- (8.) The total sums annually paid from the same Fund to Clergymen of each Denomination as Stipend under Schedule C. during the same period.;

Question put and passed.

8. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—*Mr. Nelson*, on behalf of *Mr. Raphael*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill, which lapsed by the House being counted out on the 15th May, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Friday next.
Question put and passed.
9. VOLUNTEER REGULATIONS:—*Mr. Forster* moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House shall, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Answer of the Colonial Secretary to the Question of *Mr. Forster* No. 8 on the Business Paper of Wednesday, 20th May, relative to Volunteer Regulations.
Question put and passed.
10. MINERAL LEASE AT TOGO:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of *Mr. John Robertson*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Order of the Day, "Mineral Lease at Togo," which lapsed by the House being counted out on 1st May, be restored to the Paper, and stand an Order of the Day for Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
11. BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. R. B. Smith* moved, That the report from the Committee of the Whole House on this Bill be now adopted.
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
12. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day respecting Reclamation of Blackwattle Bay postponed, on motion of *Mr. Burns*, until Tuesday next.
13. COMPANIES BILL,—on motion of *Mr. Allen*, read a third time, and passed.
Mr. Allen then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act for the Incorporation Regulation and Winding-up of Trading Companies and other Associations.*"
Question put and passed.
Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council, with the following Message—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act for the Incorporation Regulation and Winding-up of Trading Companies and other Associations,*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd June, 1874.

COMPANIES BILL.

SCHEDULE of the amendments referred to in Message of 2nd June, 1874.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 9, clause 39, line 53. Omit "sixty-first" insert "sixtieth."
" 11, " 49, line 55. Omit "thirty-third" insert "thirty-second."
" 40, " 223, line 20. After paragraph (2) insert new paragraph:—
"(3.) It shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice aforesaid to apportion (as he may think fit) among the Registrars Assistant Registrars clerks and servants as aforesaid as "remuneration for their services the fees authorized by this Act to be received."

Page 47. After clause 250 insert new clause:—

"251. The repeal of the Act eleven Victoria number nineteen shall not affect any proceedings or matters which may have been commenced before or are still pending under the last-mentioned Act at the time this Act comes into operation and all such proceedings and matters shall be proceeded with and determined in the same manner as if this Act had not been passed. Provided nevertheless that the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates shall subject to appeal to the Supreme Court as in Insolvency exercise the powers and authority of the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof cumulatively with all the powers and duties now vested in him by law for the purpose of winding-up and finally determining all such proceedings and matters so commenced or pending as aforesaid."

Examined—

RICHARD DRIVER,
Chairman of Committees.

14. RANDWICK TOLL-GATE REMOVAL BILL:—*Mr. Speaker* reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Randwick and Coogee Roads Transfer Act of 1869' by authorizing the removal of the Randwick Toll-gate,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd June, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

Bill, on motion of *Mr. Farnell*, read a first time.

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

15. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Municipalities Act of 1867 Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 47.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Municipalities Act of 1867,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 2nd June, 1874.

(2.) Anvil Creek Coal Mining Company's Incorporation Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 48.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to incorporate the 'Anvil Creek Coal Mining Company,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,

Sydney, 2nd June, 1874.

16. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Permissive Liquor Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wearne, until Friday, 12th June.

17. FIELD OF MARS COMMON RESUMPTION BILL:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, pursuant to Notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

18. PUBLIC RAILWAYS LAND RESUMPTION BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Farnell moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Hoskins,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Wearne,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Lackey,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Greville,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Cooper,	Tellers.
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Cunneen,	Captain Onslow.

Noes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Lucas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

Interruption.

19. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Despatches and Correspondence respecting Prerogative of Pardon.

Ordered to be printed.

20. PUBLIC RAILWAYS LAND RESUMPTION BILL:—Mr. Farnell moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of this Bill, and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor No. 46 in relation thereto be referred to the Committee.

Question put and passed.

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

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

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

Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

21. FIELD OF MARS COMMON RESUMPTION BILL:—Mr. G. A. Lloyd presented a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the resumption and sale of the Field of Mars Common,*"—which was read a first time.

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

22. TELEGRAPHIC CABLE COMMUNICATION:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. Parkes, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions, viz.:—

(1.) That this House approves of the following Conditions of Agreement for the construction of a Telegraph Cable between New Zealand and New South Wales, and one between Normantown, in Queensland, and Singapore, as agreed upon by the Representatives of the Colonies of New Zealand, Queensland, and New South Wales, in Sydney, on the 14th February, 1873; and empowers the Government to enter into a Contract in conjunction with the other Governments named, upon the terms therein stated, for the purpose of carrying out this undertaking.

"Agreement.

" Agreement.

" THE following Conditions for the construction of a Telegraph Cable between New Zealand and New South Wales, and one between Normantown, in Queensland, and Singapore, are those which the Representatives of New South Wales, New Zealand, and Queensland agree to recommend their Governments to submit for the approval of their respective Parliaments :—

" 1. The three Colonies shall jointly enter into an arrangement for the construction of an electric cable to be laid between some point in New Zealand and some point in New South Wales, and also a cable to be laid from Normantown, in Queensland, to Singapore, the latter to be a through cable touching only at such points as may be agreed on, and to be entirely distinct the whole distance from the line between Port Darwin and Singapore.

" 2. The arrangement to be for a guarantee of five per cent. for a term not exceeding thirty-five years, upon a sum not exceeding one million pounds for the cost of the two lines. £1,000,000

" 3. Twelve thousand pounds per annum to be allowed, to cover in full all expenses. £12,000.

" All receipts above twelve thousand pounds to pass in reduction of the guarantee. The £12,000. contractors to retain receipts in excess of the guarantee; but if the profits are more than ten per cent. the Governments may require that the rates shall be lowered to amounts calculated to reduce the profits to ten per cent. 10 per cent.

" 4. The guarantee to be paid only whilst the lines are in working order: Provided that four weeks in each year will be allowed for repairs. If the New Zealand line only be in order, one-third of the guarantee to be paid; if the Singapore line only be in order, two-thirds of the guarantee to be paid. If the lines are not kept in order with due diligence, or if communication should permanently fail, the guarantee to cease.

" 5. The two lines to be commenced and constructed simultaneously.

" 6. The cost per message of twenty words, from New Zealand to New South Wales, not to exceed fifteen shillings; the charge for each word above twenty being nine-pence. 15s. And the cost for twenty words from Normantown to Singapore not to exceed forty shillings 40s. for the first two years, and thirty-five shillings afterwards; the charge for each word above twenty being two shillings. 35s. 2s.

" 7. Queensland to undertake to keep the land line to Normantown open for the use of the other contributing Colonies, at rates not to exceed at any time seven shillings for twenty words. 7s. 20.

" 8. The three Governments to act in unison, and to jointly arrange the details.

" 9. This agreement, after being approved of by the respective Governments, to be subject to ratification by the respective Parliaments; and the details to be arranged in London by representatives appointed by the three Colonies.

" 10. The Governments will require to be satisfied that the contractors have made proper provision for the use of a through line of communication between Singapore and London.

" HENRY PARKES.

" SAUL SAMUEL.

" JULIUS VOGEL.

" WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS.

" A. H. PALMER.

" J. MALBON THOMPSON."

" Sydney, 14th February, 1873."

(2.) That this Resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

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

23. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 19 inclusive postponed, to follow after the Order of the Day respecting Telegraphic Cable Communication.

24. TELEGRAPHIC CABLE COMMUNICATION :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the Resolutions respecting Telegraphic Cable Communication; and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor, No. 44, in reference thereto, be referred to the Committee.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

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

The Chairman then reported the Resolutions (*as recorded in entry 22 above*), which were read a first time.

Mr. Parkes then moved, That the Resolutions be now read a second time.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 25.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Booth,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Neale,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Baker,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Scholey,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Macintosh.

Noes, 3.

Mr. Forster,

Tellers.

Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Lucas.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolutions

Resolutions read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Parkes, agreed to.
Ordered, that the following Message be carried to the Legislative Council :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day agreed to the following Resolutions, viz. :—

“(1.) That this House approves of the following Conditions of Agreement for the construction of
“ a Telegraph Cable between New Zealand and New South Wales, and one between Normantown,
“ in Queensland, and Singapore, as agreed upon by the Representatives of the Colonies of New
“ Zealand, Queensland, and New South Wales, in Sydney, on the 14th February, 1873; and
“ empowers the Government to enter into a Contract in conjunction with the other Governments
“ named, upon the terms therein stated, for the purpose of carrying out this undertaking :—

“ *Agreement.*

“ THE following Conditions for the construction of a Telegraph Cable between New Zealand and
“ New South Wales, and one between Normantown, in Queensland, and Singapore, are those
“ which the Representatives of New South Wales, New Zealand and Queensland agree to
“ recommend their Governments to submit for the approval of their respective Parliaments :—

“ 1. The three Colonies shall jointly enter into an arrangement for the construction
“ of an electric cable to be laid between some point in New Zealand and some point in
“ New South Wales, and also a cable to be laid from Normantown, in Queensland, to Singapore,
“ the latter to be a through cable touching only at such points as may be agreed on, and to be
“ entirely distinct the whole distance from the line between Port Darwin and Singapore.

“ 2. The arrangement to be for a guarantee of five per cent. for a term not exceeding
“ thirty-five years, upon a sum not exceeding one million pounds for the cost of the two lines.

“ 3. Twelve thousand pounds per annum to be allowed, to cover in full all expenses.

“ All receipts above twelve thousand pounds to pass in reduction of the guarantee. The
“ contractors to retain receipts in excess of the guarantee; but if the profits are more than
“ ten per cent. the Governments may require that the rates shall be lowered to amounts
“ calculated to reduce the profits to ten per cent.

“ 4. The guarantee to be paid only whilst the lines are in working order: Provided
“ that four weeks in each year will be allowed for repairs. If the New Zealand line only be
“ in order, one-third of the guarantee to be paid; if the Singapore line only be in order,
“ two-thirds of the guarantee to be paid. If the lines are not kept in order with due diligence,
“ or if communication should permanently fail, the guarantee to cease.

“ 5. The two lines to be commenced and constructed simultaneously.

“ 6. The cost per message of twenty words, from New Zealand to New South Wales,
“ not to exceed fifteen shillings; the charge for each word above twenty being nine-pence.
“ And the cost for twenty words from Normantown to Singapore not to exceed forty shillings
“ for the first two years, and thirty-five shillings afterwards; the charge for each word above
“ twenty being two shillings.

“ 7. Queensland to undertake to keep the land line to Normantown open for the use
“ of the other contributing Colonies at rates not to exceed at any time seven shillings for twenty
“ words.

“ 8. The three Governments to act in unison, and to jointly arrange the details.

“ 9. This agreement, after being approved of by the respective Governments, to be
“ subject to ratification by the respective Parliaments; and the details to be arranged in
“ London by representatives appointed by the three Colonies.

“ 10. The Governments will require to be satisfied that the contractors have made
“ proper provision for the use of a through line of communication between Singapore and
“ London.

“ HENRY PARKES.
“ SAUL SAMUEL.
“ JULIUS VOGEL.
“ WILLIAM H. REYNOLDS.
“ A. H. PALMER.
“ J. MALBON THOMPSON.”

“ Sydney, 14th February, 1873.

“(2.) That this Resolution be transmitted to the Legislative Council for its concurrence,—

Transmits the same to the Legislative Council accordingly.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd June, 1874.*

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

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New South Wales.

No. 145.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Promotion of Public School Teachers:—Mr. Greville asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What Teachers were promoted by the Council of Education to Class I, section A, under the 39th Regulation in 1873?

(2.) In what schools were such Teachers then employed?

(3.) What was the proficiency of the pupils in these schools respectively, as indicated by the Inspectors reports?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) Mr. John Henry Murray and Mr. William Matthews.

(2.) In the Public Schools at William-street and the Glebe respectively.

(3.) According to the reports of the Inspectors at the time of granting the promotions to these teachers, the proficiency was in the William-street school "fair," in the Glebe school "fair to very fair."

(2.) Prisoners Fitzgibbon and Seery:—Mr. Combes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government received any information to the effect that two prisoners named Fitzgibbon and Seery, lately liberated from Darlinghurst Gaol before the expiration of their sentences, have been captured by the Police and lodged in the lock-up at Carcoar?

(2.) If so, what was the nature of the mitigation or remission of their respective sentences?

(3.) How many prisoners convicted of mail robbery, or robbery under arms, have received a remission of sentence, and been liberated during the last twelve months?

(4.) How many robberies under arms, and robberies with violence, have taken place during the last twelve months?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) The two men referred to have been arrested on a charge of horse-stealing.

(2.) Seery served eight years and nine months out of a sentence of twelve years, and would have become eligible under ordinary regulations in September next. Fitzgibbon served nine years and six months of a sentence of fifteen years, and would have been eligible under ordinary regulations in July next year.

(3.) Thirty-three, including eighteen liberated and nine exiled in abridgement of sentences for bushranging.

(4.) Forty-five reports of such robberies have been made to the Police during the year; of these, twenty were ordinary robberies in Sydney, when the complainants were assaulted in any way. Of the remaining twenty-five cases in the country some were similar kind of offences. In fourteen cases the offenders were reported to have been armed. In some cases there was reason to doubt the correctness of the reports.

(3.) Common at Gulgong:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to set apart a portion of land at Gulgong as a Common for that district?

Mr. Farnell answered,—An application for a Common at Gulgong has been received and forwarded for the report of the Gold Commissioner, whose attention has now been called to the matter. No decision has yet been arrived at.

(4.)

(4.) Mining Board :—Mr. O'Connor asked the Minister for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—Will holders of Miners Rights now in Sydney be allowed to vote for Members of the Mining Board at the forthcoming election ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—There is nothing to prevent any holder of a Miner's Right (not disqualified) from voting at one of the Polling Places appointed, or to be appointed.

(5.) Land Agent at Gulgong :—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to appoint a local Land Agent at Gulgong ?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The attention of the Government has not been called to the necessity of appointing a local Land Agent at Gulgong.

(6.) Court House at Gundaroo :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Who are, or were, the influential residents, or persons interested, alleged, by a late answer of the Colonial Secretary to a question of Mr. Forster, to have expressed opinions adverse to the expenditure of money upon a new Court House at Gundaroo ?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I desire to disclaim any feeling of want of respect, when I say this appears to me a question which no Minister should be called upon necessarily to answer.

2. RELEASE OF PRISONERS :—Mr. Combes presented a Petition from Francis Halliday, Mayor of the City of Bathurst, signed on behalf of a Public Meeting of the citizens of Bathurst, praying the House to use all lawful and constitutional means in order to prevent, or at least protest against, the release of certain Crown prisoners.
Petition received.

3. FIELD OF MARS COMMON :—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) presented a Petition from certain Landholders and others interested in the Field of Mars and Eastern Farms Common, praying the House not to pass any measure that would tend to deprive them and their offspring from enjoying the use of the said Common.
Petition received.

4. PAPERS :—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

(1.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1. (1st to 31st May, 1874.)

(2.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the same Act. (List No. 8 of 1874.)
Ordered to be printed.

5. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL :—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council :—

(1.) Underwood's Estate Act Amendment Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Underwood's Estate Act of 1873.'*"

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 2nd June, 1874.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Garotting Suppression Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act for the more effectual suppression of Garotting,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd June, 1874.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

6. PUBLIC RAILWAYS LAND RESUMPTION BILL ("*Formal*" *Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. Farnell, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Farnell then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize for a certain period after purchase from the Crown the resumption of Land for Public Railway purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize for a certain period after purchase from the Crown the resumption of Land for Public Railway purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd June, 1874.*

7. FIELD OF MARS COMMON ("*Formal*" *Motion*) :—Mr. Lackey moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 2nd June, from Isaac Shepherd, of Ryde, against the sale of the Field of Mars Common, be printed.
Question put and passed.

8. BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL ("*Formal*" *Order of the Day*),—on motion of Mr. R. B. Smith, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Smith then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to regulate the admission in certain cases of Barristers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.'*"
Question put and passed.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to regulate the admission in certain cases of Barristers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales,'*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 3rd June, 1874.*

9. POSTPONEMENTS :—The following Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes :—
- (1.) Cleveland-street Formation Bill ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the formation of Cleveland-street through certain lands in the Borough of Redfern and City of Sydney ;—*until Wednesday next.*
 - (2.) Field of Mars Common Resumption Bill ; second reading.
 - (3.) Insolvency Laws Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee. } *until To-morrow.*
 - (4.) Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
 - (5.) Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (6.) Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Bill ; second reading.
 - (7.) Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee. } *until Wednesday next.*
 - (8.) Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
 - (9.) Water Supply Regulation Bill ; second reading.
 - (10.) Coal Mines Regulation Bill ; second reading.
 - (11.) Distillation Bill ; second reading.

10. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply having been read,—
Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.
Mr. Combes moved, That the Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word "That," with a view to the insertion in their place of the words "this House disapproves of the release of the long-sentenced prisoners whose names are set forth in the Return laid on the Table of this House by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary on the 22nd May, 1874, including the name of the notorious prisoner Gardiner."
" (2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented to the Governor."
Debate ensued.
Mr. Thomas Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.
Debate ensued.
Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.
The House divided.

Ayes, 23.			Noes, 3.	
Mr. Parkes,	Mr. R. B. Smith,		Mr. W. C. Browne,	
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Scholey,		<i>Tellers.</i>	
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Piddington,			
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Watson,		Captain Onslow,	
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cummings,		Mr. Lucas.	
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Oakes,			
Mr. Driver,	Mr. O'Connor,			
Mr. Cooper,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>			
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Cumberland</i>),			
Mr. Nelson,	<i>Tellers.</i>			
Mr. Cunneen,				
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Thomas Robertson,			
Mr. Forster,	Mr. Abbott.			

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 146.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 4 JUNE, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Medical Bill:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Whether, in view of the numerous Petitions which have been presented in favour of a Medical Bill, and in view also of the promises made to different deputations from the Profession in the course of the last two years, it is intended by the Government to introduce a Medical Bill during the present Session?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I do not think there is much prospect of the Government introducing any other Bill of importance this Session; but this Bill is already in hand, and will not be lost sight of at the commencement of another Session.

- (2.) Circular of the Council of Education:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Teachers of the Model and other Schools possessing First-class Teachers who failed to meet the requirements of the Circular of the Council of Education of September, 1871, issued to Teachers, been disrated in consequence, or is it the intention of the Council to do so?

(2.) Have the Council departed from the principle laid down in this Circular, and raised a Teacher's Certificate after receiving an unfavourable report of his school?

(3.) Do the Inspectors unanimously approve of the Circular?

(4.) Have the Teachers expressed their disapproval of the Circular, or protested against it individually or collectively?

(5.) Is it the intention of the Council to withdraw or modify the objectionable points in this Circular?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) No First-class Teachers have been disrated since the issue of the Circular of September, 1871, and no question of disrating any such Teacher is at present before the Council.

(2.) The Council has, after careful consideration of all the circumstances, raised a Teacher's classification although the terms of the Circular were not strictly met.

(3.) The Council is not aware.

(4.) Seventeen Teachers residing in the Manning River District signed a Memorial praying the Council to re-consider the Circular, but the Teachers have not protested against it individually or collectively.

(5.) The Council is not aware what the points are that are characterised as objectionable.

- (3.) Railway Station, Greta and Anvil Creek:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has any, and, if any, what decision been arrived at in reference to the applications on behalf of the inhabitants of Greta and Anvil Creek for a local Railway Station?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A Post and Telegraph Office, with sufficient accommodation to admit of a portion being used as a Railway Ticket Office, is to be erected between Anvil Creek and Greta as soon as the necessary land is conveyed to Government, and plans of the proposed building are now being made.

- (4.) Bridges at Mudgee and Slasher's Flat:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will tenders be called for the re-construction of the Bridge over the Cudgegong River at Mudgee, and the erection over the same river of a Bridge at Slasher's Flat?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Drawings for the Bridge over the Cudgegong River are nearly ready, and tenders will be invited in about a fortnight. A survey of a Bridge for Slasher's Flat has been sent to the local officer for revision, and tenders will be invited in about three weeks after it has been returned.

(5.)

(5.) Wollongong Breakwater:—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that the Wollongong Breakwater has been seriously damaged during the late gales?

(2.) Has he received any report on the subject; and if so, have any instructions been issued?

(3.) If not, will the Minister call for a report?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) The Government is aware that the Wollongong Breakwater sustained some damage during the late gales.

(2.) Yes; and a gang of men are now employed repairing the damage.

(3.) No. 2 answers this.

(6.) Railway Station at Kelso:—Mr. Cummings asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Will he cause the passenger trains to be run to Kelso Station as soon as the Line is completed to the said station?

(2.) Will he cause a Goods Shed to be erected at Kelso to meet the requirements of a very large population in connection with the said station?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

(1.) Yes.

(2.) Yes.

2. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Parkes (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, without Notice, that this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn to Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.

3. PAPER:—Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Regulations for the election of, and conduct of business by, Members of the Mining Board.
Ordered to be printed.

4. CONDITIONAL PURCHASES IN THE DISTRICT OF THE PATERSON (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Burns moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Minutes and Correspondence in reference to the conflicting claims of Messrs. Macnamara & Holden to twenty acres of land, as forming a portion of their respective Conditional Purchases in the District of the Paterson, County of Durham.
Question put and passed.

5. RELEASE OF PRISONERS (*Formal Motion*):—Mr. Combes moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd June, from Francis Halliday, Mayor of Bathurst, on behalf of certain Citizens of Bathurst and Residents of that District, against the proposed release of certain Crown Prisoners, be printed.
Question put and passed.

6. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;—upon which Mr. Combes had moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view of inserting in their place the words, "this House disapproves of the release of the long-sentenced prisoners whose names are set forth in the Return laid on the Table of this House by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary on the 22nd May, 1874, including the name of the notorious prisoner Gardiner.

"(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented to the Governor,"—

Debate resumed.

Mr. John Robertson moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to Wednesday next.

Question put and passed.

7. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

(1.) Companies Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act for the Incorporation Regulation and Winding-up of Trading Companies and other Associations.*"

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th June, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(2.) Brands Registration Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Registration of Brands Act of 1866.'*"

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 4th June, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 147.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 5 JUNE, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Council of Education:—Mr. Wearne asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is the Council of Education aware that copies of the *Evening News* of 18th May, containing an attack upon the teachers, was forwarded through the post to all the teachers and assistant teachers in its service?
 - (2.) Is the Council of Education aware that a correct list of the names and addresses of such teachers could only be obtained from the records in its office?
 - (3.) Is the Council of Education aware that one of the clerks in its employment made out the list in question?
 - (4.) Does the Council of Education consider that the clerk in question was engaged in public duty when preparing such list?
 - (5.) Was the article published in the *Evening News* of 18th May, purporting to be a review of the Journal of Primary Education, submitted to, and did it receive the approval of, the Council of Education?

Mr. Allen answered,—

- (1.) The Council is not aware that copies of the *Evening News* of 18th May, containing an attack upon the teachers, was forwarded through the post to all the teachers and assistant teachers in its service.
- (2.) The Council is not aware that a correct list of the names and addresses of such teachers could only be obtained from the records in its office; but lists are compiled from time to time for purposes connected with the administration of the office, and copies of such lists have occasionally been supplied to publishers of Almanacs and agents of Insurance Companies.
- (3 and 4.) The Council is not aware that any list was supplied for the purpose above indicated.
- (5.) The article published in the *Evening News* of 18th May, purporting to be a review of the Journal of Primary Education, was not submitted to, and did not receive the approval of, the Council.

- (2.) Woolloomooloo Wharf:—Mr. Booth asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is the whole of the Woolloomooloo Wharf let; if so, who is the Lessee?
- (2.) What is the amount realized per annum?
- (3.) Is the crane included in the lease, and are the public excluded from its use?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

- (1.) Yes, subject to a small reservation on the north-western end of the wharf for the use of harbour steamers. The lessee is Mr. Robert Peisley.
 - (2.) The annual rent is £405.
 - (3.) The crane is included in the lease, but the public are not excluded from its use.
- (3.) Darling Harbour Wharf:—Mr. Booth asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—What was the cause of one of the cast-iron Cylinders at Darling Harbour Wharf being broken, and are the repairs being done by the Government?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—None of the cast-iron Cylinders of the Darling Harbour Wharf have been broken, but one of the ornamental mouldings attached to the head of one of the Cylinders has been broken by a vessel striking it. A new moulding is being cast to replace it.

2. SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. Raphael, read a third time.
Mr. Raphael moved, That this Bill do now pass.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 17.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cummings,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Hurley (Central Cumberland),
Mr. Nelson,	
Mr. Cunneen,	Tellers.
Mr. Combes,	
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Raphael.

Noes, 5.

Mr. Forster,
Mr. Allen,
Mr. Driver,
Tellers.
Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Stewart.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Raphael then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1857.'*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Sydney Corporation Act of 1857.'*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 5th June, 1874.*

3. FIELD OF MARS COMMON ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 3rd June, from Landholders and others interested in the Field of Mars Common, against the passing of the Field of Mars Common Resumption Bill, be printed.
Question put and passed.
4. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS:—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) presented a Petition from certain Citizens of Sydney and Suburbs, praying that a Bill may be passed to close all Public Houses for the sale of Intoxicating Drinks on Sundays, and to provide for effectual Police supervision.
Petition received.
5. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Stock Sale-Yards Bill; second reading;—on motion of Mr. Cunneen, until Friday next.
(2.) Roads Bill; second reading;—on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.
(3.) Patents Act Amendment Bill reported; adoption of Report;—on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday, 19th June.
6. SYDNEY AND SUBURBAN STREET TRAMWAYS BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. Burns, "That this Bill be now read a second time",—
Debate resumed,—and, on motion of Mr. Tunks, further adjourned to Friday next.
7. POSTPONEMENTS:—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—
(1.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;—on motion of Mr. Driver, until Friday next.
(2.) Official Report of Parliamentary Debates; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—on motion of Mr. Cooper, until Friday next.
(3.) Public Prosecutors Bill; second reading;—on motion of Mr. Stewart, until Friday next.
(4.) Working of Municipalities; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Resolutions;—on motion of Mr. Macintosh, until Friday next.
(5.) Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act Repeal Bill; second reading;—on motion of Mr. Raphael, until Friday next.
(6.) Compensation to the Reverend D. M'Guinn; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;—on motion of Mr. Driver, until Tuesday next.
(7.) Volunteer Regulations; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Colonial Secretary's Answer to Mr. Forster's Question;—on motion of Mr. Burns, until Tuesday next.
(8.) Randwick Toll-gate Removal Bill; second reading;—on motion of Mr. Driver, until Thursday next.

The House adjourned at Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 148.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 9 JUNE, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Mr. Brough, Solicitor:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he received several communications from Mr. Brough, solicitor, Hill End, complaining of the Police Magistrate there refusing to allow him to see depositions in cases in which he was acting?

(2.) Has he answered any of the above communications; or if not, does he intend answering them?

Mr. Allen answered,—I have received communications from Mr. Brough; the Police Magistrate has reported thereon, and a reply has been sent to Mr. Brough.

(2.) The Circular Quay:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table a copy of the Tender and letter from Messrs. Musson & Co., dated 3rd March last, in reference to their 14-berth plan for the improvement of the Circular Quay?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No; a copy of the letter in question will be laid upon the Table of the House, in the course of the evening.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Copy of the Letter of J. Musson & Co., dated 3rd March last, in reference to the improvement of the Circular Quay.
Ordered to be printed.

3. SALE OF COLONIAL WINES REGULATION ACT:—Mr. Jacob moved, pursuant to Notice, That, in the opinion of this House, it is highly desirable, in view of the Bill now before the House for the repeal of the "Colonial Wines Regulation Act of 1862," that the Government should obtain and lay upon the Table of the House a Report from the Inspector General of Police embodying the opinions and experiences of the Police in the various districts of the Colony respecting the working of the said Act.
Question put and passed.

4. CHURCH AND SCHOOL LANDS:—Mr. Buchanan moved, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the paying of any money, the proceeds of the sale of any Church and School Lands, to any of the different Religious Sects, is in violation of the spirit and intentions of the State Aid Abolition Act, and should not be continued.
(2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only sixteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Burns, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Garrett, Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*), Mr. Jacob, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Parkes, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Terry.—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at nineteen minutes before six o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 149.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS :—

- (1.) Church and School Lands :—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Do the heads of the four religious denominations receiving the revenues available for distribution from the sale and lease of Church and School Lands render any account to the Government showing the manner in which the funds placed at their disposal are appropriated?
 - (2.) If so, will the Government lay upon the Table of this House copies of the plans or particulars of the distribution last submitted by the heads of the four religious denominations referred to?
 - (3.) Have any plans of distribution been approved of by the Executive Council?
 - (4.) Have any regulations been framed, or any general principles laid down by the Colonial Secretary, or by the Government, since the 6th of July, 1865, upon which these revenues are to be appropriated by the heads of the several denominations?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) The heads of the four religious denominations render accounts to the Government showing the manner in which the Church and School Lands funds placed at their disposal are appropriated.
- (2.) I do not see any objection to laying copies of these accounts upon the Table of the House.
- (3.) Plans of distribution have always been approved by the Executive Council.
- (4.) No such regulations have been framed, nor have any general principles been laid down since 6th July, 1865.

- (2.) Church and School Lands :—Mr. Stewart asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) What was the total area of Church and School Lands alienated prior to the 31st December, 1873?
 - (2.) What was the total area of these lands unalienated at that date?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) 78,626 acres 0 roods 37½ perches.
- (2.) 357,099 acres 3 roods 19½ perches.

- (3.) Inquest on the body of Mrs. Whately :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has he received a Petition from Hill End in reference to an Inquest held on the body of a woman named Whately?
- (2.) What action has he taken, or does he intend to take, with regard to this?

Mr. Allen answered,—

- (1.) No petition; but a copy of certain resolutions passed at a public meeting at Hill End, with a copy of the *Hill End Times* of 13th May last, in reference to the inquest on the body of Mrs. Whately, was received.
- (2.) Mr. Lees, P.M. and Coroner at Hill End, was duly called on for report; and that officer's report has been received, and is now under consideration, with the whole of the papers relating to the case.

- (4.) The Case of Mr. Tebbutt :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to a question put by him some time ago to the Minister of Justice as to whether a Writ of *Supersedeas* had issued against Henry Tebbutt, J.P., Gulgong, the Minister answered, Yes. I now ask, has that Writ of *Supersedeas* been served upon Mr. Tebbutt; if not, what has been done with it, and what does the Government intend to do in reference to it?

Mr.

Mr. Allen answered,—The Writ of *Supersedeas* against Mr. Tebbutt was recorded in the usual manner in the office of the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, and, in obedience thereto, his name was struck out of the Commission of the Peace. Mr. Tebbutt was informed by letter from the Colonial Secretary's Office, dated 30th April last, that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, had been pleased to remove him from the Commission of the Peace, and that the necessary Writ of *Supersedeas* had been duly forwarded to the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court.

- (5.) Traffic between Newcastle and Greta and Anvil Creek:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to take any, and if any, what steps, to provide additional accommodation for the increasing Coal and other traffic between Newcastle and Greta and Anvil Creek?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—It is the intention of the Government, in addition to the erection of a station at Greta, to lay a second line of rails from Wallsend Junction to Hexham as soon as money is voted, and provision for this service will be made on the next Estimates.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

- (1.) Maitland Gas-light Company's Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 49.

A Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the 'Maitland Gas-light Company (Limited),' " as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council; to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th June, 1874.

- (2.) Garotting Suppression Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 50.

A Bill, intituled "An Act for the more effectual suppression of Garotting," as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 9th June, 1874.

3. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day respecting the Cleveland-street Formation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Sutherland, until to-morrow.

4. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;—upon which Mr. Combes had moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view of inserting in their place the words, "this House disapproves of the " release of the long-sentenced prisoners whose names are set forth in the Return laid on the " Table of this House by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary on the 22nd May, 1874, including " the name of the notorious prisoner Gardiner.

(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented to the Governor;—

Debate resumed.

Mr. J. S. Smith moved, That this Debate be now adjourned until to-morrow.

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 38.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Neale,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Watson,
Mr. Raphael,	Mr. Burns,
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Thomas Brown,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Oakes,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Webb,	Mr. Creed,
Mr. Thomas Robertson,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Teece,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Abbott,	Tellers.
Mr. Stewart,	
Mr. Hill,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Lackey,	Mr. Taylor.
Mr. Clarke,	

Noes, 2.

Tellers.

Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Cooper.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

5. PUBLIC RAILWAYS LAND RESUMPTION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize for a certain period after purchase from the Crown the resumption of land for Public Railway purposes,*"—returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

*Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 10th June, 1874.*

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 150.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 11 JUNE, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Fees to Medical Practitioners:—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that Medical Practitioners, when called by the Police to examine cases of alleged insanity, are not paid any fee unless they find the person examined insane?

(2.) If so, in how many cases during the last twelve months have the Medical Practitioners found the person examined free from any symptoms of insanity which would warrant confinement?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) No; the fee is paid upon the certificate of the Magistrate hearing the case, irrespective of the evidence given.

(2.) The answer to the first question appears to render unnecessary the information asked for in the second, which could not be supplied without calling for returns from the several Benches of Magistrates.

- (2.) Removal of Guns:—Mr. Hill asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Is he aware that two large and valuable Guns are lying in a very exposed position on the road near Vacluse gate, and without protection of any kind?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I find that two Guns have been lying in the situation spoken of since February; they were then being removed, when they were stopped by the proprietor of the land, who refused permission for them to pass through his property except under certain conditions, upon which the opinion of the Crown Solicitor was taken, and some considerable correspondence arose, which I have gone through to-day. This correspondence leaves the matter not very free from difficulty; but the Guns will be removed without much longer delay.

- (3.) Reprieve of Prisoners:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is it true that three men sentenced to death at the last Mudgee Assizes have been reprieved?

(2.) Is it true that Breen, sentenced to death for the murder of three men, is among those reprieved?

(3.) Is it true that the medical evidence at the trial of Breen went to prove his sanity at the time he committed the murders?

(4.) Is it true that the medical evidence given at the trial in the case of M'Crow, executed for murder some time ago, went to prove his insanity?

(5.) Was not the medical evidence given at the trial of Claus, executed for murder shortly after M'Crow, in favor of Claus's insanity?

(6.) Will Breen be liberated in the course of a few years on the Sheriff's reporting that he is well behaved and repentant?

Mr. Parkes answered,—To the first two questions the answer is simply, Yes. With regard to Breen, the Judge who tried the case represented his views strongly in favour of the alleged insanity of the prisoner, and in consequence a Commission was appointed to inquire as to his sanity. That Commission reported that, in their judgment, the man was not sane or responsible for his actions, and the decision was in accordance with that report. With regard to the other questions relating to M'Crow, I do not feel called upon to make any answers.

(4.)

- (4.) Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Bill:—Mr. Neale asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to proceed this Session with the Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Bill; if not, will they introduce a similar measure for the consideration of the House at the commencement of next Session?

Mr. Parkes answered,—There does not appear any prospect that would warrant me in saying this Bill will be proceeded with this Session, but it certainly will be introduced and proceeded with as early as possible in the next Session of Parliament.

- (5.) Petition of John Benson:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Have the Government received a Petition from one John Benson, of Molong?
 - (2.) If so, to what effect?
 - (3.) What action do the Government intend taking with regard to such Petition?

Mr. Allen answered,—A Petition was received from John Benson, but the purport of it is too lengthy to set out in answer to a question. Mr. Benson was informed that the matter was not one in which the Government could interfere; but if the Honorable Gentleman will make a motion for a Return, I shall have no objection to lay the Papers upon the Table.

- (6.) Court House at Molong:—Mr. J. S. Smith asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Do the Government intend taking any steps towards the repair of the Court House, fencing, &c., at Molong, to which their attention has been so frequently drawn?
 - (2.) If so, when?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—These repairs were advertised on the 30th ultimo, and tenders will be received until Tuesday, the 23rd instant. Tenders have on two previous occasions been invited for this work, but none were received.

- (7.) Railway to Illawarra:—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Has the survey of the proposed line of Railway *via* George's River to Illawarra been completed?
 - (2.) Has it been suggested to the Government that a more practicable and less costly route may be found by way of Liverpool and Holdsworthy?
 - (3.) Has any correspondence taken place between him and the Municipality of Liverpool on the subject?
 - (4.) Will he state what further steps it is proposed to take in the matter?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) The survey is not yet completed.
- (2.) No such suggestion has been made to the Government.
- (3.) No.
- (4.) It is not proposed to take any further steps until the completion of the present survey.

2. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Clarke presented a Petition from certain Electors of the Electoral District of Eden, praying that the place of nomination for this Electorate may be changed to Bega, and that the District may be styled the "Electoral District of Bega," or "Bega and Eden."

Petition received.

3. CLEVELAND-STREET FORMATION BILL:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. G. A. Lloyd, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 51.

In accordance with the 54th clause of the Constitution Act, the Governor recommends to the Legislative Assembly to make provision for granting compensation to Owners of Land resumed for the purpose of forming Cleveland-street through certain Lands in the City of Sydney and Borough of Redfern.

Government House,
Sydney, 10th June, 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

4. SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Parkes moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House, at its rising to-morrow, do adjourn to Tuesday next.
Question put and passed.
5. SUNDAY TRAFFIC IN INTOXICATING LIQUORS ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 5th June, from certain Citizens of Sydney and Suburbs, against Sunday Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors, be printed.
Question put and passed.
6. CIRCULAR OF THE COUNCIL OF EDUCATION ("Formal" Motion):—Mr. W. C. Browne moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return showing,—
- (1.) The number of Teachers of each class, according to the Reports of 1872-73, who failed to meet the requirements of the Circular of the Council of Education of September, 1871.
 - (2.) The number of First-class Teachers who had "excellent" and "very good" awarded to them for the schools under their charge.
 - (3.) The number of Second-class Teachers who attained to "good" and "very fair."
 - (4.) The number of Third-class Teachers who attained to "fair."
 - (5.) The number of Teachers of all Classes who have had their classification lowered, or are about to be reduced, in accordance with the provisions of this Circular.

Question put and passed.

7. PAPERS:—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Further Return to an Order, made on 12th March, 1873, respecting the deepening of the Channels near the Sow and Pigs Shoal.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table,—Despatch respecting the Sydney Branch Royal Mint.

Ordered to be printed.

8. CLEVELAND-STREET FORMATION BILL:—

(1.) The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sutherland moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the propriety of bringing in a Bill to authorize the formation of Cleveland-street through certain lands in the Borough of Redfern and City of Sydney; and that the Message of His Excellency the Governor No. 51, in reference thereto, be referred to the Committee.

Question put and passed.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

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

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

Resolved,—That it is desirable to bring in a Bill to authorize the formation of Cleveland-street through certain lands in the Borough of Redfern and City of Sydney.

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

(2.) Mr. Sutherland then *presented* a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to authorize the formation of Cleveland-street through certain lands in the City of Sydney and Borough of Redfern*,"—which was read a first time.

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

9. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the adjourned Debate, on the motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, "That" Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;—upon which Mr. Combes had moved, That the Question be amended by omitting all the words after the word "That," with a view of inserting in their place the words, "this House disapproves of the release of the long-sentenced prisoners whose names are set forth in the Return laid on the Table of this House by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary on the 22nd May, 1874, including the name of the notorious prisoner Gardiner.

"(2.) That the foregoing Resolution be presented to the Governor,"—

Debate resumed.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 26.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Lec,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Neale,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Tunks,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Hill,	
Mr. Hurley (<i>Narellan</i>),	Mr. Thomas Robertson,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Nelson,	

Noes, 26.

Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. J. S. Smith,	Mr. Webb,
Mr. Hoskins,	Mr. Clarke,
Mr. Lucas,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Jacob,	Mr. Macleay,
Mr. Garrett,	Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Croed,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Buchanan,	Mr. Thomas Brown,
Mr. Watson,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Forster,	
Mr. Combes,	Mr. Teece,
Mr. Butler,	Mr. Lackey.
Mr. Burns,	
Mr. Single,	

The numbers being equal, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote with the *Ayes*, and declared the Question to have passed in the *affirmative*.

Question again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

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

10. TELEGRAPHIC CABLE COMMUNICATION:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having taken into consideration the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 2nd June, 1874, in reference to Telegraphic Cable Communication, concurs in the Resolution of the Assembly on this subject.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 11th June, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 151.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, 12 JUNE, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Clerk of Petty Sessions for Brewarrina:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has he received a Petition with reference to the appointment of a Clerk of Petty Sessions for Brewarrina?

(2.) Is he aware that a larger amount of Court business is transacted at this Court than many others that have a regular Clerk of Petty Sessions each?

(3.) Is it his intention to cause inquiries to be made so as to remedy the evil complained of; if so, when?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A Petition has been received with reference to the appointment of a Clerk of Petty Sessions at Brewarrina, and which is still under consideration of the Government.

- (2.) Colwell v. Weston:—Mr. Garrett asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—When will the costs in the case "Colwell v. Weston" be paid to Mrs. Colwell?

Mr. Allen answered,—The Government are not responsible to Mrs. Colwell for the payment of her costs in this action, and she is not yet in a position to require the payment of them by any person. I am informed that the taxation of the Bill has been commenced, but is not concluded, waiting the production, on behalf of Mrs. Colwell, of vouchers for some of the payments charged therein.

- (3.) Wee Waa and Walgett Road:—Mr. Garrett asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is the Government aware that the lessees of the "Milchomi" and "Pilliga" Runs, between Wee Waa and Walgett, have fenced in the Government Main Line of Road, leaving no gates, thereby causing great inconvenience to the public by their being compelled to travel a long distance round through a very bad road, causing them to cross creeks and travel five miles through a bed of sand?

(2.) Will the Government cause inquiries to be made, and adopt such steps as may be necessary to remedy this grievance?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) The Government are not aware.

(2.) Inquiry will be made.

- (4.) Volunteer Encampment:—Mr. Hill, on behalf of Captain Onslow, asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is there any truth in the statement that several of the Volunteers who were on duty at the Encampment at Campbellfields on the 24th and 25th ultimo deserted their posts during the night, and returned before they were detected?

(2.) Have the Military authorities taken any action in the matter?

Mr.

Mr. Parkes answered,—On the 23rd ultimo the outlying pickets were withdrawn into Camp by the Officers commanding them. They were subsequently sent out again by order of the Commandant. This appears to have occurred through a Field Officer of the Battalion, who gave the night picket, improperly ordering its withdrawal, which led the other officers to suppose the pickets were being withdrawn by order. The Field Officer in question was informed he had no right to issue such an order. Another case has been reported of a man absenting himself from his guard. This case is about to be investigated, some delay having occurred in doing so through the Commandant's absence on a tour of inspection in the Northern District.

- (5.) Petition of Francis O'Meara.—Mr. Macleay asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—In reference to the Petition of Francis O'Meara, ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be printed on 31st March, 1858,—Will he state whether any grant has issued to the Petitioner; and if not, when is it likely to be issued?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The claim of the Petitioner to the grant of an allotment (No. 73) at Parramatta was considered and negatived as far back as the year 1836, and again in the year 1857. On the 19th May, 1858, the land was brought to auction sale, and purchased by Joseph Craig. Mr. O'Meara was apprised to this effect on the 14th of last month, in reply to a communication recently received from him.

- (6.) The Case of Mr. Lett.—Mr. Forster asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What has been the result of the inquiry by Mr. Justice M'Farland into the conduct of Mr. Lett, J.P., of Kiandra?

(2.) What course do the Government intend taking in the matter?

(3.) Are the Government aware whether or not Mr. Lett continues to act as a Magistrate, or does Mr. Lett so act with the sanction of the Government?

Mr. Allen answered,—The Honorable Member will, I think, admit the propriety of deferring his questions as to the result of Mr. Justice M'Farland's inquiry until the Government have arrived at a decision thereon. A decision will be come to in a few days. I am not aware whether Mr. Lett still continues to act as a Magistrate.

- (7.) Public Gates Act.—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—In any case of refusal on the part of the Government to allow a public gate to be erected under the Public Gates Act, are the fees returned to the applicant?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The fees are not returned, being intended to cover the cost of inquiry into the application.

- (8.) Appointment of a Warden for the Mudgee District.—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the Government appointed a Warden for the Mudgee District other than Mr. Dalton, who resides at Forbes?

(2.) Does the Minister know of Henry Berand's case, of Gulgong, wherein he cannot get an injunction against an order of Mr. Commissioner Browne without going to Forbes for it?

(3.) Will the Minister appoint a Warden for the Mudgee District without delay?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) No.

(2.) The Minister does know that Mr. Berand, of Gulgong, has sent two telegrams, and that he has been informed he can get an injunction from Mr. Warden Dalton, if he will forward an affidavit setting out all the facts, and showing therein sufficient grounds for the granting of an injunction.

(3.) Steps are being taken to alter the boundaries of Mining Districts, and when such boundaries shall have been properly adjusted, the Minister will be prepared to recommend the appointment of such Wardens as shall appear to be necessary.

- (9.) Church and School Lands.—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Will he cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, as soon as convenient, copies of the Accounts rendered to Government by the four principal religious authorities, showing the manner in which the Church and School Lands Funds placed at their disposal are appropriated; and also copies of the plans of distribution last approved of by the Executive Council?

Mr. Parkes answered,—There will be no objection to supplying this information.

2. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL ("Formal" Motion).—Mr. Clarke moved, pursuant to Notice, That the Petition presented by him on 11th June, from certain Electors of Bega, relative to an alteration in the name of the Electorate of Eden, be printed.
Question put and passed.

3. PETITION OF JOHN BENSON ("Formal" Motion).—Mr. Garrett, on behalf of Mr. J. S. Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of the Petition presented to the Minister of Justice from John Benson, of Molong.
Question put and passed.

4. POSTPONEMENTS.—The following Orders of the Day postponed:—

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| (1.) Permissive Liquor Bill; second reading;— <i>on motion of Mr. Wearne.</i> | } until Friday, 26th June. |
| (2.) Stock Sale-Yards Bill; second reading;— <i>on motion of Mr. Burns.</i> | |
| (3.) Roads Bill; second reading;— <i>on motion of Mr. Lucas.</i> | |
| (4.) Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Burns, "That this Bill be now read a second time";— <i>on motion of Mr. Cooper, until Friday next.</i> | |
| (5.) Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading;— <i>on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Friday next.</i> | |
| (6.) Official Report of Parliamentary Debates; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor;— <i>on motion of Mr. Cooper, until Friday, 26th June.</i> | |
| (7.) Public Prosecutors Bill; second reading;— <i>on motion of Mr. Buchanan, until Friday next.</i> | |

5. **WORKING OF MUNICIPALITIES** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Macintosh moved, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions embodied in the Report from the Select Committee on "Working of Municipalities," brought up on the 22nd of April last :—

(1.) That, for the encouragement and more efficient working of the Municipal system of Local Government, the Municipalities Act of 1867 should be amended as follows :—

(1.) To admit of a minimum amount of rate being levied on all properties brought under the provisions of the Act.

(2.) To give greater facilities than now exist for levying and collecting rates on unoccupied premises or lands owned by private persons.

(3.) To enable the Government to extend the boundaries of land now incorporated, and to refuse applications from persons praying that certain lands should be brought under the provisions of the Act when deemed of insufficient area or of assessable value, whereby a revenue could be collected to ensure economic and efficient working.

(4.) To grant an endowment for a more extended term than now prevails under the 189th clause of the Act.

(5.) To enable the Government to annex any two or more Municipalities.

(2.) That the powers of the Municipal Council of Sydney should be extended so as to authorize the Council to levy a general rate on all buildings occupied by the Government, and on all vacant lands, exclusive of reserves for public purposes, within the Municipality.

(3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Burns moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to Friday next.

Debate continued.

Question,—That this Debate be now adjourned to Friday next,—put and passed.

6. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act Repeal Bill ; second reading ;—*on motion of Mr. Jacob, until Friday, 26th June.*

(2.) Randwick Toll-gate Removal Bill ; second reading ;—*on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Friday next.*

(3.) Bridge over the Bell River ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—*on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Tuesday next.*

7. **MINERAL LEASE AT TOGO** :—The Order of the Day having been read,—*on motion of Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1873, the sum of £42 1s. 4d., to defray the expenses of certain Witnesses who gave evidence before the Select Committee on "Mineral Lease at Togo," in accordance with the Resolution passed by such Committee.*

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

Ordered, that the said Resolution be received on Tuesday next.

8. **POSTPONEMENTS** :—The following Orders of the Day postponed :—

(1.) Reclamation of Blackwattle Bay ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—*on motion of Mr. Burns, until Friday next.*

(2.) Compensation to the Reverend D. M'Guinn ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor ;—*on motion of Mr. Driver, until Tuesday next.*

(3.) Volunteer Regulations ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Colonial Secretary's Answer to Mr. Forster's Question ;—*on motion of Mr. Garrett, until Tuesday next.*

The House adjourned, at five minutes before Nine o'clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 152.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 16 JUNE, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Porter Edward Williamson:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Mr. W. C. Browne, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—Is it the intention of the Government to make any provision for the widow and family of Porter Edward Williamson, who was lately killed at Honeysuckle Point while in the discharge of his duty?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Inquiry has been made into the case, and the Government will consider whether it is desirable to place a sum on the Estimates for this purpose, as in similar cases.

- (2.) Public School Teachers:—Mr. Forster asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What remuneration, inclusive of salary and school fees, was received by the Head Masters of the Public Schools at William-street and the Glebe, respectively, for the twelve months immediately preceding their promotion to class I, section A?

(2.) What number of teachers under class II have during the year 1873 obtained from the Inspectors the mark of proficiency "fair" for their respective schools?

(3.) Were any such teachers under class II officially informed during 1873 by the Council, that unless they raised the proficiency of their schools from "fair" to "very fair" they, in accordance with the Circular of September, 1871, would not be entitled to retain their present classification?

(4.) If so, how many were so informed?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) Head Master at William-street, £356 4s. 3d.; Head Master at Glebe, £433 6s. 10½d.

(2.) Forty-five.

(3.) Yes.

(4.) Four.

- (3.) Church and School Lands:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What is the total amount of rent received from the lease of Church and School Lands for the year ending 31st December, 1873?

(2.) How much of this sum was distributed to the four religious denominations?

(3.) How much of the revenue derived from the Church and School Lands has been paid as stipends to the "dignitaries" of the four religious denominations, and how much in each case?

(4.) Has any portion of the Church and School Lands Funds been distributed to the Bishop of Melbourne; and if so, how much, and when?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) The total amount of rent received for the year 1873, was	...	...	...	£4,041	8	1
which, when reduced by the salary of the agent.	...	...	...	£100	0	0
and refunds of rent to the amount of	...	...	...	114	5	9
In all	...	...	...	214	5	9

leaves as the amount of rent available for distribution for the year 1873, a sum of... £3,827 2 4

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(2.) This sum, together with an amount of £1,598 15s. 3d., interest on Investments, and a sum of £174 14s. erroneously deducted from the 1872 account, amounting in all to £5,600 11s. 7d., was distributed as follows:—

Among the four religious denominations, five-sevenths	...	...	...	...	£4,000	8	3
To the Council of Education, two-sevenths	1,600	3	4

(3.) £300 to two clergymen of the Church of England.	£5,600	11	7
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(4.) No.

- (4.) Addresses of Public School Teachers:—Mr. Hurley (*Central Cumberland*) asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Were instructions given by the Secretary of the Council of Education, or any other person or persons connected therewith, by which the addresses of the teachers in the employment of the Council were furnished to the writers of an article which appeared in the *Evening News* of 18th May, 1874, reflecting on their characters?

Mr. Allen answered,—No.

- (5.) Residence on Free Selections:—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any circular or instructions been issued by the Surveyor General, with or without his sanction, to the surveyors respecting the occupation of land, and residence thereon, by Free Selectors?
- (2.) Has any circular or instructions been issued by him, or by the Crown Lands Department, to Crown Run Appraisers; respecting the increase of run rentals coming under their appraisalment?
- (3.) Have copies of these Papers been laid upon the Table of the House; if not, has he any objection to do so, and when?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes, and with the sanction of the Minister for Lands.
- (2.) Yes, from the Occupation Branch.
- (3.) Copies will be laid upon the Table.

- (6.) Courts of Petty Sessions at Baradine:—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. Dangar, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it the intention of the Government to proclaim Baradine a place for holding Courts of Petty Sessions?
- (2.) If so, will the Police Magistrate of Coonabarabran be instructed to hold Court there, say every two months?

Mr. Allen answered,—

- (1.) No application that I am aware of has been made for the appointment of Petty Sessions at Baradine; but inquiry will be made as to present facilities, and as to the necessity for holding Courts of Petty Sessions at that place.
- (2.) The Police Magistrate at Coonabarabran will be called upon to report in reference to this matter.

- (7.) Government Reserve in the Town of Lawrence:—Mr. Wearne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that Tenterfield-street, in the Town of Lawrence, is fenced in, and used as a paddock by a private individual?
- (2.) Will he take steps to have the obstruction removed?
- (3.) Is it true that a lease has been granted for the Government Reserve on the right bank of Sportsman's Creek and its confluence with the Clarence River at Lawrence; if so, to whom?
- (4.) Is he aware that in flood times this Reserve is the only available place for stock, and which the inhabitants use for the same?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) I am not aware.
- (2.) Yes, if a complaint is made and ascertained to be well founded.
- (3.) The use of the Reserve for Ferry purposes has been permitted, but this conveys no exclusive right of occupation, which is on sufferance only.
- (4.) The Reserve has been made for wharf purposes.

- (8.) Publicans acting as Postmasters:—Mr. Wearne asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—How many Publicans throughout the Colony are acting as Postmasters?

Mr. Parkes answered,—So far as the Postmaster General is aware, between thirty and forty Postmasters in the Colony hold Publicans Licenses, but the precise number can only be ascertained by means of a Circular to the various Postmasters, as in very many cases Publicans Licenses are taken out after the Postmaster has been appointed.

- (9.) Cattle-stealing in the District of Liverpool Plains:—Mr. Hoskins asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Have representations been made to the Government that the crime of Cattle-stealing is prevalent in the District of Liverpool Plains?
- (2.) Have the Police authorities reported to the Government that parties are frequently in the habit of stealing cattle from the settlers in that district, and driving such cattle to unfrequented places in the Liverpool Ranges, and that through the inadequacy of the Police Force the perpetrators of such crimes usually escape detection?
- (3.) Have applications been made to the Government for additional Police protection for the residents of the District of Liverpool Plains; if so, will such applications be granted?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No official representation has been made to the Government on the subject, but one or two private complaints have been made to me. The Inspector General thinks that the offence has been more than usually prevalent of late in the district named.
- (2.) No such report has been made to the Government.
- (3.) Applications for additional police have been made. The Police Force in the district has, owing to a variety of causes, been temporarily below the proper number, but it has now been increased.

2. ASSENT TO BILLS:—The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor were delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

(1.) Underwood's Estate Act Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 52.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Underwood's Estate Act of 1873,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th June, 1874.

(2.) Brands Registration Amendment Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 53.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to amend the 'Registration of Brands Act of 1866,'*"—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, 16th June, 1874.

(3.) Public Railways Land Resumption Bill:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 54.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize for a certain period after purchase from the Crown the resumption of Land for Public Railway purposes,'*"—as finally passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, having been presented to the Governor for the Royal Assent, His Excellency has, in the name of Her Majesty, assented to the said Bill, and has this day transmitted it to the Legislative Council, to be numbered and forwarded to the proper Officer for enrolment, in the manner required by law.

Government House,
Sydney, 16th June, 1874.

3. ROAD FROM GUNNING TO QUEANBEXAN *via* GUNDAROO ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Fitzpatrick moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Reports or Correspondence having reference to the expenditure, or proposed expenditure, of money voted or appropriated for the Road from Gunning to Queanbeyan *via* Gundaroo.
Question put and passed.

4. COURT HOUSE AT GUNDAROO ("*Formal*" Motion):—Mr. Forster moved, pursuant Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, and of all Petitions, Memorials, or other Documents having reference to the erection of a new Court House at Gundaroo, or to any proposal or application for adding to the old Court House or Lock-up, instead of building a new Court House.
Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Lord moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and negatived.

6. THE SYDNEY MUSEUM:—Mr. Cooper moved, pursuant to Notice, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Report brought up on the 18th May from the Select Committee on the condition and system of management of the Sydney Museum.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.

7. BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to amend an Act intituled 'An Act to regulate the admission in certain cases of Barristers of the Supreme Court of New South Wales,'*"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 16th June, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

BARRISTERS

BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS ADMISSION BILL.

*Schedule of amendments referred to in Message of 16th June, 1874.*JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 2, clause 3, omit clause 3.

" " 4, omit clause 4.

" " 5, omit clause 5.

Examined—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration on Friday next.

8. PAPERS:—

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—A Return showing the Contracts entered into for the erection of the New General Post Office.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Copies of Circulars issued to Surveyors respecting the occupation of land, and residence thereon, by Free Selectors; and to Crown Run Appraisers respecting the increase of Run Rentals.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 12th May, 1874; in reference to the Bishopthorpe Estate.

Ordered to be printed.

9. SPECIAL TRAINS:—Mr. Hoskins moved, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) That this House is of opinion that in future Special Trains ought not to be granted unless the parties applying for such Trains pay to the Government the charges fixed by the Railway Department for the service of such Trains; provided that such regulation shall not apply to Special Trains ordered by the Executive Council to be placed at the service of any distinguished person visiting the Colony, nor to Trains required to convey material for the Service, or repairing the Railway.

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

Debate ensued.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only eighteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Driver, Mr. Farnell, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Forster, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Macintosh, Mr. Macleay, Captain Onslow, Mr. Parkes, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Watson,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at half-past Ten o'clock, until To-morrow, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 153.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 17 JUNE, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Release of Prisoners:—Mr. Forster asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) How many prisoners, under conditional pardon, or any mitigation of sentence, lately liberated from any Gaol in this Colony, were sent from, or permitted to leave, Sydney by the last Mail Steamship for San Francisco?

(2.) If so, were any of their names included in a list lately laid before the House?

(3.) How many such prisoners have been so sent, or permitted to leave, within the present year; and if so, in what vessels?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) None.

(2.) No.

(3.) Twelve prisoners have been permitted to exile during the present year. In no case has any prisoner been allowed to exile to any British country or colony.

- (2.) Mining Registrar at Gulgong:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has Mr. Osborne, Mining Registrar at Gulgong, been deprived of that office by the Government?

(2.) How long has Mr. Osborne held the office in question?

(3.) Has there ever been a single complaint received by the Government against Mr. Osborne as to capacity, conduct, or ability to perform the duties of Mining Registrar?

(4.) Is it true that no communication of any kind was made to Mr. Osborne in reference to his being deprived of the office of Mining Registrar, but that a person was sent up to take possession of the office, which was the first and only intimation Mr. Osborne received of his removal?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Mr. Osborne has never been appointed Mining Registrar of Gulgong, consequently he cannot have been deprived of that office.

(2.) Mr. Osborne has never held the office in question.

(3.) Mr. Osborne never having been appointed Mining Registrar, no complaint could well have been made to the Government as to his "capacity, conduct, or ability" to perform the duties of that office.

(4.) It is true that no communication has been made to Mr. Osborne respecting the appointment in question, and no communication, not even an application for employment, has been received from Mr. Osborne; in fact Mr. Osborne is not officially known to the Government. The Mining Registrar at Gulgong sent in his resignation some time since, and the vacancy caused thereby has been filled.

- (3.) Release of Prisoners:—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Will the Government give due notice, by proclamation or otherwise, of the release of the twenty-four prisoners, so that the inhabitants of the interior may have time to adopt measures to avert the danger?

Mr. Parkes answered,—I have much pleasure in informing the honorable and learned Member that no proclamation will be issued.

(4.)

(4.) Certified Denominational Schools:—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Is he aware that during the year 1873 the attendance in not fewer than twenty-one Certified Denominational Schools had fallen below the number of scholars which entitles them to be certified, and that from none of these schools had the Certificate been withdrawn?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to take any action in the matter?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) From a Return recently laid before the Assembly it appears that such is the case.

(2.) The attention of the Council of Education will be called to the matter.

(5.) Denominational Schools:—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) From how many Denominational Schools were Certificates withdrawn by the Council of Education between the 1st of January and the 31st of May, 1874?

(2.) What are the names of such schools?

(3.) Is aid granted by the Council of Education to Denominational Schools until the date of withdrawal of the Certificate?

(4.) If not, in what cases, or classes of cases, is aid withheld from such schools?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) Two.

(2.) Bishop's Bridge, Church of England, and Portland Head, Presbyterian.

(3.) Yes.

(6.) Mr. Thomas Robertson, M.P.:—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Did Mr. Thomas Robertson, Member for the Electoral District of the Hume, at any time during the present Session, in writing or otherwise, directly or indirectly, apply to the Government for the office of Examiner of Titles, or any other office?

(2.) If so, did he withdraw his application, in writing or otherwise, and what were the dates respectively of the application, of its receipt by the Government, and of the withdrawal?

Mr. Parkes answered,—Mr. Thomas Robertson has never been a formal applicant for the office of Examiner of Titles, or for any other office. Soon after the death of Mr. Holden he made an intimation to my Colleague, the Minister of Justice, to the effect that he would not be unwilling to accept the office of Examiner of Titles, whereupon I understand Mr. Allen explained to him that the office was in my department. A few days after—certainly more than a month ago—he called upon me to say he was not an applicant. I have heard nothing more about it.

2. PAPER:—Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Address, adopted on 15th April, 1874, in reference to the case of George Underwood Grimes.
Ordered to be printed.

3. ROAD FROM FERNMOUNT TO NEW ENGLAND (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. R. B. Smith moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, and of all Petitions, Memorials, Reports, or other Documents having reference to the opening up of a road between Fernmount, Bellinger River, and New England.

Question put and passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Captain Onslow moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Message from the Legislative Council:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the Bill, returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to make better provision for the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly*,"—with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 17th June, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of amendments referred to in Message of 17th June, 1874.

JOHN J. CALVERT,
Clerk of the Parliaments.

Page 1, preamble, line 4. *After "Districts" insert "and by establishing a system of Registration of Voters"*

Page 1, clause 2. *Omit clause 2, insert new clause:—*

"2. Nothing in this Act contained shall apply to or affect any election of Members or of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly which may be required to be held prior to the date herein fixed for the completion of the new Electoral Rolls required by the provisions hereof."

Page 2, clause 4, line 21. *After "fourteenth" omit "and fifteenth sections of the principal Act and so much of the forty-sixth section thereof as prescribes certain forms of questions to voters where there is a gold field within the boundaries of the district for which an election is being held and to voters at elections for Gold Fields Electoral Districts" insert "sixteenth seventeenth eighteenth nineteenth twenty-sixth forty-sixth and so much of the principal Act as relates to collecting of Electoral Lists."*

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- Page 2, clause 4, line 25. *add "s" to Schedule*
- " " " 26. *After "marked" insert "A"*
- " " " *After "B" insert "D and L respectively"*
- " " " 27. *After "shall" omit "be and the same are likewise hereby repealed but*
"such lastly enacted repeal shall not take effect until the day of the commencement of this
"Act nor shall any repeal in this section enacted" insert "from and after the date of the
"expiration of the present Parliament be repealed but nothing herein contained shall"
- Page 2, clause 4, line 32. *After "enactments" insert "and not being inconsistent with the pro-*
"vision of this Act."
- Page 2, clause 5, line 37. *After "the" insert "following"*
- " " " *Omit "eight" insert "seven"*
- " " " 38. *Omit "following" insert "irrespective of the University of Sydney"*
- " " " 57. *Omit "Cudgegong"*
- " 3 " " 15. *After "Northumberland" insert "and East Maitland"*
- " " 6 " 24. *Omit "and"*
- " " " 25. *After "Macquarie" insert "and Mudgee"*
- " " 7 " 31. *Omit "tenth" insert "ninth"*
- " 4 " 9 " 12. *Omit "seventh" insert "sixth"*
- " " 11. *Omit clause 11, insert new clause:—*
- " 11. The Clerk of Petty Sessions of every Police District and every Clerk of Petty Sessions
 " appointed or nominated by the Governor under the provisions of the twentieth section of the
 " principal Act and every Deputy appointed under the twenty-fifth section of this Act shall be a
 " Registrar for the purpose of carrying out the system of Registration of Electors provided by this
 " Act And such Clerks of Petty Sessions and Deputies shall be remunerated by such fees or sums
 " as may be voted by Parliament in that behalf." Clerks of Petty
Sessions &c. to
be Registrars.
- Page 4, clause 12. *Omit clause 12, insert new clause:—*
- " 12. No person shall be entitled to vote at any election in any Electoral District unless his
 " name shall be on the Electoral Roll of such district in force for the time being and he be also the
 " holder of a Certificate of Registration (hereinafter termed an 'Elector's Right') issued to him in
 " pursuance of the provisions of this Act And such Elector's Right shall during the time such
 " person's name shall be on such Electoral Roll so in force as aforesaid be conclusive evidence of the
 " right of such person to vote unless he be disqualified or incapacitated for some cause mentioned
 " in the Principal Act." Who entitled to
vote at election.
- Page 5, clause 13. *Omit clause 13, insert new clause:—*
- " 13. Every person not entitled as aforesaid but claiming a right to vote at any election of a
 " Member or Members to serve in the Assembly in and for any Electoral District shall on some
 " day before the seventh day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four
 " and before the same day in each succeeding year deliver in person or transmit by post or other-
 " wise notice in writing thereof in the form or to the effect in the second Schedule hereto to the
 " Clerk of Petty Sessions of the Police District within which the qualification of the person so
 " claiming title to vote in and for such Electoral District arises or is situate which notice shall be
 " accompanied by a solemn declaration written thereon or attached thereto in the form or to the
 " effect in the said second Schedule." Procedure by
persons claiming
right to vote.
- Page 5, clause 14. *Omit clause 14, insert new clause 14:—*
- " 14. Every such Clerk of Petty Sessions shall before the thirty-first day of August one thou-
 " sand eight hundred and seventy-four transmit a copy of the list of persons within his Police District
 " so claiming to vote and before the like day in each succeeding year shall transmit a copy of the
 " list of persons within such Police District qualified or claiming to vote constructed and arranged
 " on the basis and according to the form of the last Electoral Roll numbered in ascending arith-
 " metical series commencing from number one and arranged in alphabetical order and according to
 " the form and distribution shown in the third Schedule hereto to the Government Printer to be
 " dealt with by him as hereinafter mentioned And it shall be the duty of every such Clerk of
 " Petty Sessions to enter the names of all persons so claiming to vote in a Register of Claims to be
 " kept by him for that purpose in alphabetical order (according to the initial letter of the claimants
 " names) And he shall file the notices mentioned in the thirteenth section hereof received by him
 " in each year and preserve them until the termination of the revision of the Lists in each year
 " Provided that whenever any Police District forms portions of two or more Electoral Districts the
 " Clerks of Petty Sessions shall make separate Lists for each such portion." Clerk of Petty
Sessions to send
Lists to Govern-
ment Printer.
- Page 5, clause 14. *After new clause, insert the following new clauses (15 to 34 inclusive):—*
- " 15. Where the boundaries of any Electoral District described in Schedule A to the
 " Electoral Act of 1858 remain unaltered by this Act the Clerk of Petty Sessions of every Police
 " District shall before the thirty-first day of August one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four
 " transmit to the Government Printer the Lists of persons claiming to vote in respect of such
 " Electoral District from whom he shall have received notices in terms of the thirteenth section
 " hereof together with a copy of the Electoral Roll in force for such last-mentioned year And such
 " Lists shall be arranged by every such Clerk of Petty Sessions before transmission in the manner
 " prescribed by the next preceding section hereof." Where Police
District forms
part of two or
more Electoral
Districts.
- " 16. The Government Printer upon receipt by him of such Lists or of such Lists and Rolls
 " as the case may be shall thereupon cause the same to be printed according to the form numbering
 " and distribution shown in the third Schedule hereto and shall before the thirty-first day of
 " October in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four and before the like day in each
 " succeeding year transmit a copy thereof to each such Clerk of Petty Sessions who shall forthwith
 " compare it with the List in their possession and make such corrections therein as may be necessary
 " in order that the same shall correspond accurately with the said List And such Clerk of Petty
 " Sessions after having so examined such printed copy and made such corrections therein (if any)
 " as may be necessary shall sign the same and the copy so signed shall be the copy to be dealt with
 " by such Clerk of Petty Sessions according to the provisions of the Principal Act as amended by
 " this Act And every such Clerk of Petty Sessions shall deliver a copy of such List to any person
 " requiring the same on payment of a reasonable price for each copy and shall likewise cause copies
 " of the Lists of their respective Police Districts to be fixed on the respective Court-houses thereof
 " and" Government
Printer to trans-
mit printed Lists
to Clerks of
Petty Sessions.

" and in such other public place as may by the Court of Petty Sessions be directed for the period of fourteen days ending on the fifteenth day of November in each year. And all such copies as may be required by the Clerks of Petty Sessions for such sale or publication shall be supplied by the Government Printer. Provided always that in case the said printed copy shall not be forwarded by the Government Printer as aforesaid to the said Clerk of Petty Sessions or shall not reach him in due time as hereinbefore provided the copy of the List in his possession shall suffice for the purposes of the said Principal Act and of this Act.

Claim and objections and notices thereof.

" 17. The Lists so to be exhibited shall be the Lists for the purpose of any claims or objections as mentioned in the twenty-first section of the Principal Act. Provided that notices thereof as therein mentioned shall be given or transmitted as therein required on or before the seventh day of November in each year. And the exhibition of such claims and objections in the form prescribed by the said section shall be made by Clerks of Petty Sessions and copies thereof be open to perusal as therein required during the seven days ending on the fifteenth day of November in each year.

Extension of time for revision of Lists.

" 18. For the purposes of the revision of the said Lists the days and times prescribed in the twenty-second and twenty-fifth sections of the Principal Act are hereby extended so as to embrace in each case the period between the fifteenth and twenty-fifth days of November in each year.

Clerks of Petty Sessions to send revised Lists to Government Printer who returns same printed as Roll to Returning Officer.

" 19. Within twenty-four hours after the revision of the said Lists in every year the Clerks of Petty Sessions shall transmit the Lists so revised to the Government Printer who shall cause a general alphabetical Roll of the Electors of every Electoral District numbered in regular ascending arithmetical series commencing from number one and arranged and distributed according to the form in the third Schedule hereto to be printed with as little delay as possible from the Lists so transmitted to him. And shall on or before the thirty-first day of December in each year cause to be transmitted by post such Roll to the Returning Officer of every Electoral District to which it appertains. And such general Roll shall be the Roll of Electors of such District for the purposes of this Act for the period between the thirty-first day of December in the year in which such Roll shall have been made and the thirty-first day of December inclusive in the succeeding year. Provided that if in any year the Roll for any Electoral District shall not be regularly made out or shall not be perfected the Roll for the preceding year or the last perfect Roll shall wholly or in part as the case may require be used as the Roll for such first-mentioned year. And the Returning Officer in every Electoral District shall deliver a copy of the Roll for such district to all persons applying for the same on payment of a reasonable price for each copy.

Forms of Electors' Rights how prepared.

" 20. The Colonial Secretary shall from time to time cause to be printed on suitable paper certificates with butts or counterfoils (hereinafter called butts) in the form contained in the fourth Schedule hereto and shall from time to time cause a sufficient number of the said certificates to be numbered in a regularly ascending arithmetical series commencing with number one and such numbering shall be effected by printing or stamping the number in red ink in the body and also in the butt of each certificate and such certificate shall upon issue as hereinafter provided be called 'Elector's Rights.'

Supply of Electors' Rights to be transmitted to Clerk of Petty Sessions.

" 21. The Colonial Secretary shall from time to time cause the certificates so printed and numbered as aforesaid to be bound together in books containing not less than one hundred nor more than two hundred in each book and also cause a sufficient number of certificates unnumbered to be bound together in separate books containing the like quantity and shall from time to time as shall be needful cause to be transmitted to each Clerk of Petty Sessions so many books of certificates numbered as aforesaid and also so many without any number as may be required by such Clerk of Petty Sessions for the purposes hereinafter mentioned.

Elector's Rights how issued.

" 22. Any person entitled under this Act to have an Elector's Right issued to him for any Electoral District who shall apply in person to the Clerk of Petty Sessions or to his deputy charged with the duty of issuing the same for such district and who shall by his answers to the questions put to him (or other evidence if required) as herein provided establish his right to exercise the vote which he claims and shall in the presence of the said Clerk of Petty Sessions or deputy sign his name in a book to be kept for the purpose and also severally in the body and the butt of the elector's right to be issued to him and pay to the said Clerk of Petty Sessions or other person as aforesaid the sum of _____ shall be entitled to receive from the said Clerk of Petty Sessions or deputy a numbered certificate purporting to entitle him to vote in and for such district in elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly and stating the several particulars required to be contained in such form and such Clerk of Petty Sessions or deputy shall at the time of issuing the same enter in the butt thereof the several particulars by this Act required to be stated in the Elector's Right. Provided that in every instance where an elector is by this Act required to sign his name he may if unable to write make his mark in the presence of a witness in lieu of his signature.

Examination before issuing Elector's Right.

" 23. The Clerk of Petty Sessions or deputy before issuing any Elector's Right under the preceding provisions shall put to the person applying for the same the following questions—

" (1.) Are you the same person whose name appears as _____ number _____ in the Roll in force for this Electoral District?

" (2.) Have you received an Elector's Right enabling you to vote in this Electoral District? And any person who shall wilfully and knowingly make a false declaration in answer to any of the questions so put to him by such Clerk of Petty Sessions or deputy shall upon summary conviction before any two Justices of such offence be imprisoned for any time not exceeding *six months*. Provided that if the said Clerk of Petty Sessions or deputy shall not be satisfied of the identity of the person applying to him with the person on the Roll in whose name he claims an Elector's Right such Clerk of Petty Sessions or deputy shall be at liberty to withhold such Elector's Right until satisfactory evidence of such identity shall be produced to him which evidence he shall be at liberty to take on oath or by solemn declaration in writing and any person knowingly or wilfully giving false evidence or making a false answer to any question put to him by such Clerk of Petty Sessions or deputy shall be liable upon summary conviction before any two Justices to be imprisoned for any term not exceeding *six calendar months*.

- " 24. No person shall be entitled to have issued to him more than one Elector's Right pur-
 porting to entitle him to vote in the same Electoral District.
- " 25. When from the extent of any Electoral District or the distance of parts thereof from
 any Court of Petty Sessions it shall appear to the Colonial Secretary impracticable for electors to
 repair in person for the purpose of obtaining their Elector's Rights to a Clerk of Petty Sessions it
 shall be lawful for the Colonial Secretary to order any Clerk of Petty Sessions to intrust the
 issuing of such Elector's Rights to any approved person as his deputy and such deputy shall be
 authorized under the direction of the Colonial Secretary to visit such distant parts and to issue
 Elector's Rights on the same proof and in the same manner as such Clerk of Petty Sessions is
 authorized to issue the same. But this provision shall not extend to the issuing of substituted
 Elector's Rights hereinafter mentioned which shall only be issued by a Clerk of Petty Sessions.
- " 26. If any Elector's Right be lost or so torn or defaced as to be in any essential part
 illegible the holder thereof if he be still qualified to vote may in lieu of such lost torn or defaced
 Elector's Right obtain a substituted Elector's Right of the like purport in manner following that
 is to say—If he shall in person apply to the Clerk of Petty Sessions having charge of the
 Electoral Roll for the Electoral District for which such lost torn or defaced right was issued and
 shall by his answers to the questions put to him as hereinafter required and on production to him
 of the butt of the said right by such Clerk show his title to have a substituted right issued to him
 and shall sign his name or (when the original Elector's Right shall have been signed with a mark)
 make his mark in the presence of such Clerk in a book to be kept by such Clerk for that purpose
 and also in the body and in the butt of the Elector's Right to be substituted before the issuing
 thereof and shall pay to such Clerk the sum of such Clerk shall upon delivery
 to him (if such Electoral Right be only torn or defaced) of the same or the remnant thereof after
 ascertaining the number of the right so lost torn or defaced enter the said number in the body
 and in the butt of an unnumbered Certificate and shall fill up sign and issue to the applicant such
 substituted Elector's Right in like manner and form in all respects as hereinbefore provided with
 regard to an original Elector's Right and shall write across the face of such substituted Elector's
 Right and across the butt thereof the word 'substituted.'
- " 27. Such Clerk of Petty Sessions before issuing any substituted Elector's Right under the
 last preceding section shall put to any person applying for the same the following questions in
 addition to the questions hereinbefore required to be put to any applicant for an original Elector's
 Right that is to say—
- " (*If the Elector's Right be stated to be lost*) Have you made diligent search for the original
 Elector's Right in respect of the loss of which you now claim a substituted one and
 is the same to the best of your belief wholly lost?
- " (*If the Elector's Right be stated to be defaced or torn*) Is the Elector's Right now produced
 by you the original one in respect of which you now claim or so much as remains
 thereof?
- " (*In cases where the original Elector's Right shall have been signed otherwise than with a mark*)
 Are you the person described as in the butt now shown to you and
 is the signature thereon your signature?
- " (*In all cases*) Are you still possessed of the qualification in respect of which you
 claimed your original Elector's Right?
- " And any person who shall wilfully or knowingly make a false answer to any question put under this
 section shall upon conviction in a summary way before any two Justices of such offence be liable
 to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six calendar months.
- " 28. The Clerk of Petty Sessions shall upon issuing any substituted Elector's Right as
 aforesaid cancel the butt of the original Elector's Right on which the same number appears by
 writing across the same the words "new Elector's Right issued" and shall affix thereto his
 signature and the date of such cancellation.
- " 29. No transfer delivery pledge sale or gift of or lien on an Elector's Right shall be valid
 against the person to whom the same was issued and any Justice on complaint made by any such
 person that any other person detains or has in his possession any such Elector's Right and on
 proof of refusal to deliver up such Elector's Right to the person to whom it was issued may order
 the same to be delivered up to the complainant and every person who shall in defiance of the
 Justice's order detain such Elector's Right shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds.
- " 30. The mode of tendering votes at elections and procedure incident thereto hereinafter
 described shall be substituted for those specified in the forty-second section of the Principal Act—
- " (1.) Every person tendering his vote shall do so in manner following (that is to say)—He
 shall state to the Returning or Presiding Officer his christian names and surname and
 such particulars required by this Act to be expressed in the Electoral Roll as the said
 Returning or Presiding Officer may require for the purpose of ascertaining and verify-
 ing upon the Roll the name intended by such person and shall exhibit to the Return-
 ing or Presiding Officer the Elector's Right which shall purport to entitle him to
 exercise such right of voting and shall thereupon demand a ballot-paper :
- " (2.) The Returning or Presiding Officer may if he think fit and shall if required so to do
 by any Scrutineer require any person tendering his vote before he shall receive a ballot-
 paper to sign his name or (if his Elector's Right shall appear to be signed with a
 mark) make his mark in a book to be kept for that purpose and the Returning or
 Presiding Officer shall compare such signature with the signature purporting to be
 that of the holder of such Elector's Right and appearing thereon as hereinbefore
 provided :
- " (3.) When any person shall have tendered his vote at any polling-place in manner herein-
 before required the Returning or Presiding Officer shall ascertain that the name
 given by such person is upon the Elector's Right (if any) exhibited by him and also
 upon the Electoral Roll of the District and shall compare such Elector's Right with
 such name upon the Roll and the particulars stated against the same so as by inspec-
 tion to satisfy himself of the identity of the person to whom such Elector's Right
 shall have been issued with the person so named on the Roll":
- " (4.)

Two Elector's
Rights not to
issue for the
same person or
qualification.
Provision for
issue of Elector's
Rights in remote
places.

If Elector's
Right be lost
substitute may
be issued.

Questions to be
asked.

Original butt to
be cancelled.

Elector's Right
inalienable.

Vote—how
tendered &c.

Mode of tender-
ing vote.

Voter to sign his
name if required.

Presiding
Officer to satisfy
himself of
identity of voter.

Voter to receive ballot-paper. Right to be initialed and name marked off on Roll.

"(4.) Each elector having tendered his vote in manner hereinbefore provided and having previously satisfied the Returning or Presiding Officer that he is entitled to vote at such election and demanded a ballot-paper shall then receive from the Presiding Officer or Poll Clerk one of the ballot-papers initialed by the Presiding Officer at the time of the delivery of which ballot-paper to any elector the Presiding Officer or Poll Clerk shall mark the Elector's Right produced by him with his (the Presiding Officer's) initials and with the date expressed in the following figures (that is to say) the number of the day of the month the number of the month in the year and the number of the year in the century of our Lord and return the same to such person and such mark shall be *prima facie* evidence of the identity of such elector with the person producing such Elector's Right and of the fact of his having voted at such election and such Presiding Officer or Poll Clerk shall also upon a certified copy of the Electoral Roll make a mark against the name of such elector which mark shall be *prima facie* evidence of the identity of such elector with the person whose name shall be so marked on the Electoral Roll and of the fact of his having voted at such election."

Questions to voters.

"31. No inquiry shall be permitted at the time of polling as to the right of any person to vote except only as follows that is to say—the Presiding Officer shall if he think fit or if required by any candidate or Scrutinizer put to any elector before he shall have voted and not afterwards the following questions or any of them but no other:—

"(1.) Was the Elector's Right now produced by you issued to you?

"(2.) Are you the same person whose name appears as (A.B. No.) in the Roll in force for this Electoral District and in the Elector's Right now produced by you?

"(3.) Have you already voted either here or elsewhere at the present election for this Electoral District?"

Mode of proceeding if second vote tendered as for same person.

"32. If at any polling-booth any ballot-paper shall have been delivered to any person having tendered his vote and if any other person shall afterwards tender his vote at such booth as of the same person in whose name such first-mentioned person shall have received such ballot-paper the Returning or Presiding Officer shall put to the person so secondly tendering the prescribed questions and also shall require him to sign his name in the book and in the manner aforesaid and such person shall and may be dealt with in all respects in like manner as any other person having tendered his vote but the ballot-paper of such person shall not be deposited in the ballot-box or allowed by the Returning or Presiding Officer and shall be set aside by him for separate custody and the Elector's Right or pretended Elector's Right produced by such person shall be retained by such Returning or Presiding Officer and impounded.

Proceeding if voter's signature does not agree with that on Right.

"33. If any person shall have tendered his vote as the holder of an Elector's Right and his writing in the book (if he shall have signed the same) hereinbefore mentioned of the name in which he shall demand to vote shall not in the opinion of the Returning or Presiding Officer be of the same handwriting as the signature appearing upon the Elector's Right when the same is signed otherwise than with a mark produced by him and purporting to be the signature of the holder thereof the Returning or Presiding Officer shall set aside for separate custody as in the next preceding section mentioned the ballot-paper of such person and shall not allow the same and shall impound the Elector's Right or pretended Elector's Right of such person.

Punishment for forging Electoral Right &c.

"34. If any person without the authority of the Colonial Secretary and without lawful excuse (the proof whereof shall be upon the person charged) shall print supply-issue or have in his possession any Certificate or document in the form or resembling or apparently intended to resemble the form set forth in the fourth Schedule hereto or shall forge or utter knowing the same to be forged any such Certificate or Elector's Right he shall on conviction of any such offence incur the penalty assigned by the sixty-fourth section of the Principal Act to the offence of personation."

Page 6, clause 18. Omit clause 18, insert new clause:—

"38. At every nomination of a candidate for any Electoral District it shall be necessary to the validity of such nomination that such candidate shall be proposed by a person qualified to vote for such Electoral District and be seconded by another person qualified in like manner."

Page 6, clause 19, line 20. Omit "Legislative"

Page 7, first schedule, paragraph 2, line 49. After "southern" insert "boundary"

Page 8, paragraph 4, line 34. Omit "western" insert "eastern"

" " 36. Omit "again"

" " 6, " 64. Omit "part of"

" " " 65. Omit "again on the north by the south boundary of J. Medley's one hundred acres again on the west by the east boundary of that one hundred acres northerly" insert "northerly 93 chains and thence by a south boundary line of that land easterly"

Page 9, paragraph 7, line 14. Omit "north-westerly prolongation of the"

" " 15. Omit "Macpherson block one" insert "Jack North"

" " lines 15 and 16. Omit "prolongation" insert "boundary"

Page 10, first schedule, paragraph 10, line 19. Omit "to" insert "westerly and the north boundary of J. Ryan's jun. 200 acres to the Boorowa River at"

" 11, first schedule, paragraph 13, line 46. After "aforesaid" insert "including the islands in the Hawkesbury River and Broken Bay"

" 13, first schedule, paragraph 19. Omit paragraph 19.

" " paragraph 21, line 44. Omit "north-westerly prolongation of the"

" " " 45. Omit "Macpherson Block one" insert "Jack North"

Page 13, first schedule, paragraph 21, line 45. Omit "prolongation" insert "boundary"

" 14, " " 5. After "run" insert "and"

" " " 6. After "southerly" insert "and the eastern boundary of Gulthul Run southerly"

" 17, first schedule, paragraph 31, " 7. After "Colonies" insert "of"

" " " 32, " 34. After "hundred" insert "and twenty" Page

Candidate to be proposed and seconded by qualified electors.

- Page 19, first schedule, paragraph 39, line 33. *After* "north" *insert* "from the eastern boundary of the Pastoral District of Liverpool Plains"
- Page 21, first schedule, paragraph 47. *Omit* clause 47, *insert* new paragraph:—
 "Embracing the western portion of the County of Phillip and the northern portion of the County of Wellington and bounded on the north from the confluence of Bylong Creek with the Goulburn River by that river to its head in the Great Dividing Range by that range and by Wialdra Creek to its confluence with the Cudgegong River on the west by the Cudgegong River to the confluence of Meroo Creek thence on the south by the range forming the southern watershed of the Meroo Creek to the head of Cudgegong Creek thence on the east by Cudgegong Creek to its confluence with the Cudgegong River thence by a line north by compass passing to the west of the village of Dungaree to the Great Dividing Range and by that range easterly and the range forming the western watershed of Bylong Creek to the confluence of that creek with the Goulburn River aforesaid But excluding therefrom the Electoral District of Gulgong."
- Page 22, first schedule, paragraph 53, line 61. *After* "River" *insert* "from its intersection with a line north by compass from Mount Werrikimbe"
- Page 23, first schedule, paragraph 55, line 24. *After* "Northumberland" *insert* "and East Maitland"
- " 24, " " " 54. *Omit* "eighteen" *insert* "eighty"
- " 24, " " " 57, " 47. *After* "southerly" *insert* "and the eastern boundary of Gulthul Run southerly"
- Page 25, first schedule, paragraph 60, line 28. *Omit* "aforesaid" *insert* "to the point of commencement"
- Page 26, first schedule, paragraph 63, line 9. *After* "range" *insert* "easterly"
- " 27, " " " 14. *Omit* "westerly" *insert* "easterly"
- " 28, " " " 70, " 39. *After* "watershed" *insert* "westerly"
- " 28, " " " 72, " 12. *After* second word "Cockle" *insert* "Creek"
- " " " " " 74, " 52. *After* "creek" *insert* "thence by that creek northerly"
- " 29, " " " 77, " 63. *Omit* "to" *insert* "westerly and the north boundary of J. Ryan's junr. 200 acres to the Boorowa River at"

After Schedule 1 *insert* new Schedule:—

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Referred to in clause 12.

Notice of Claim to be given to Clerk of Petty Sessions.

To the Clerk of Petty Sessions at

I hereby give you notice that I claim to have my name inserted in the Electoral Roll for the Electoral District of _____ my name and residence and qualification being as hereunder stated:—

Christian and Surname.	Residence (specifying if in a town the name of the street).	Qualification.	Where situate or how arising.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 18 _____

(Signature of claimant).

Declaration of qualification to accompany claim.

I _____ of (residence and description) do solemnly declare that I am possessed of the qualification mentioned in my notice of claim hereto attached and that the particulars of such qualification as contained in the said notice of claim are severally correct. Referred to in clause 12.

(Signature of Claimant).
(Or mark).

- Page 31, line 1. *Omit* "second" *insert* "third"
- " 2. *After* "Electoral" *insert* "List and"
- " 4. *After* "Electoral" *insert* "List ("or "):)
- After* third Schedule, *insert* the following new Schedule:—

FOURTH SCHEDULE.

Referred to in
clause 14.

BUTT.	ELECTOR'S RIGHT.
No.*	No.*
Electoral District of	Electoral District of
Name of person to whom issued	The holder hereof of (a blank to be left here for occupation) whose name is signed (or whose mark is affixed) hereunder is entitled to vote at elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly in the above Electoral District being qualified as a (here state qualification) in such District.
Residence and occupation	
Qualification	
Date of issue	Dated the day of 18 .
E.F.	E. F.
Clerk of Petty Sessions.	Clerk of Petty Sessions.
(A.B.) above named.	(Signature or mark of holder above named.) (A.B.) above named.

* The number must correspond with the number on the Electoral Roll.

Examined,—

JOSEPH DOCKER,
Chairman of Committees.

Ordered, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow.

6. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 1 to 5 inclusive postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, to follow after the Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Ways and Means.
7. SUPPLY :—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.
The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.
Ordered, that the reception of the Resolutions stand an Order of the Day for to-morrow.
8. POSTPONEMENTS :—The Orders of the Day Nos. 7 to 16 inclusive postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until to-morrow.
9. CLEVELAND-STREET FORMATION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Sutherland moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of Mr. Sutherland that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.
10. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Field of Mars Common Resumption Bill.
11. FIELD OF MARS COMMON RESUMPTION BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. G. A. Lloyd moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Scholey,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Watson,	Mr. Hurley (Narellan),
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Lee,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. John Robertson,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Allen,
Mr. R. B. Smith,	Mr. Cunneen,
Mr. Piddington,	Tellers.
Mr. Campbell,	
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Clarke,	Mr. Wearne.

Noes, 3.

Mr. J. S. Smith,
Tellers.
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. Lackey.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read a second time.

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

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

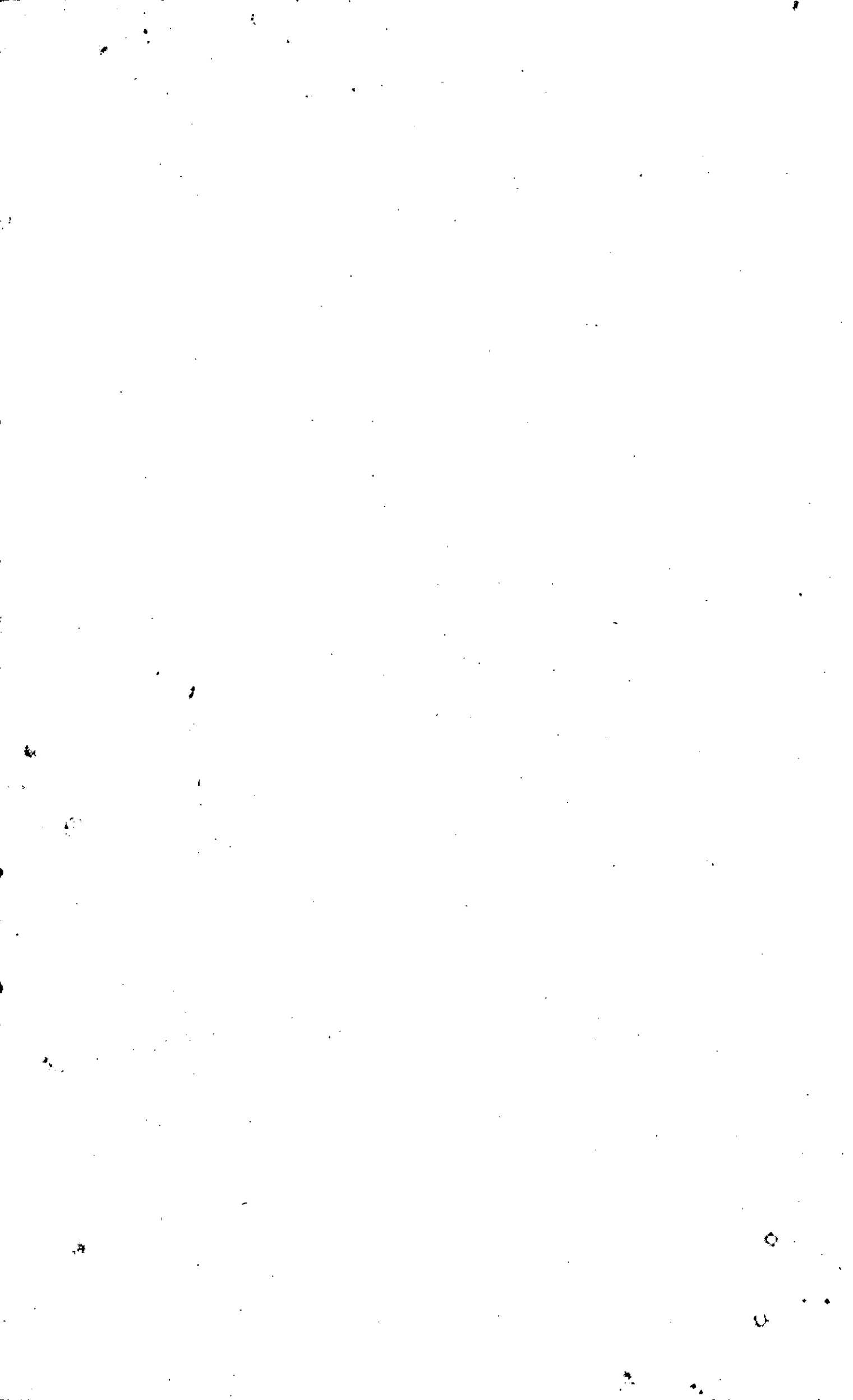
On motion of Mr. Lloyd, that report was adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

12. POSTPONEMENT :—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes, until to-morrow
13. INSOLVENCY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL :—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of this Bill.
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Chairman reported the Bill with amendments.
On motion of Mr. Allen (*with the concurrence of the House*), that report was adopted.
Ordered, that the Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 154.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 18 JUNE, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Circular of the Council of Education:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Were the opinions of the whole of the Inspectors, relative to the Circular of September, 1871, sought by the Council of Education before the Circular was issued to the teachers?
- (2.) Have such opinions been sought since such issue, as to the actual working of the said Circular?
- (3.) Was the Circular as a whole discussed by the Inspectors at their Conference in 1872?
- (4.) Do the records of the proceedings of the Conference show that the Inspectors as a body approve of the provisions of the said Circular, or otherwise?
- (5.) Are Inspectors bound to report in accordance with the terms of the said Circular, or is it optional?
- (6.) Is the Inspector made the final adviser of the Council before a teacher under his charge is promoted or degraded?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1 and 2.) No.

(3, 4, and 5.) Answered in Returns laid before Parliament on the motion of Mr. Burns.

(6.) Before any teacher is promoted or degraded, the Council obtains all information possible in the case, and uses its own judgment.

- (2.) Alignment of Streets in Municipality of Prospect and Sherwood:—Mr. Lackey asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any letter or application reached the Government from the Mayor of Prospect and Sherwood, or any other person, asking for an alignment of the streets on the old Racecourse and Police Paddock within that Municipal District?
- (2.) If so, when?
- (3.) Has any gentleman been authorized to make the same.
- (4.) If so, when?
- (5.) When will the alignment be given?
- (6.) Has any letter or application reached the Government from the Mayor of Prospect and Sherwood, or any other person, asking them to name and proclaim the streets of that Municipal District public thoroughfares; if so, when?
- (7.) Has any letter or application reached the Government from the Mayor of Prospect and Sherwood, or any other person, asking them to name the roads and streets of that Municipality by the names forwarded for their approval on the 27th of December, 1873; if so, when?
- (8.) Has any application been made by the Mayor, or any other person, to have the reserve at the corner of Burnett-street and the Western Road conveyed in trust to the Municipal Council of the Districts of Prospect and Sherwood; if so, when will the Government convey the same?

Mr.

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes, from the Council.
 - (2.) On the 30th July, 1873.
 - (3.) Yes; Mr. Licensed Surveyor Handcock.
 - (4.) On the 3rd February, 1874.
 - (5.) The Surveyor who has been instructed to align the streets referred to is at present engaged in the alignment of the Town of Yass, and there is no other Surveyor whose services are now available for the purpose.
 - (6.) Yes; on the 27th December, 1873.
 - (7.) Yes; on the 10th April, 1874.
 - (8.) Yes; the deed is in course of preparation.
- (3.) Payment of Railway Workmen for Holidays :—Mr. O'Connor asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to the answer given to Mr. Burns's question, on Wednesday May 6th, on payment of Railway employes,—Have the employes in the Locomotive Branch of the Railway Works been paid for all proclaimed holidays?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—Instructions have been given for the payment of all Railway employes. As regards the men employed in the locomotive workshops, they have either been paid, or their wages for the holidays are included in the pay-sheets for the last fortnight. The engine drivers and firemen have represented their wish that the holidays should be allowed to accumulate, to be taken by them at some time convenient to the Department, and their wish has been complied with.

- (4.) Pay of Government Boatmen :—Mr. John Robertson asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that the eight Boatmen attached to the Customs Department have had no increase to their pay since the first of January, while the eighteen Boatmen attached to the Marine Board have had a considerable increase of pay during that time?
- (2.) Is it true that the eight Boatmen attached to the Customs have far more work to perform than the Boatmen attached to the Marine Board?
- (3.) Is it true that the Collector of Customs has recommended increased pay for the Boatmen attached to his Department?
- (4.) Is it the intention of the Government to equalize the pay of the Boatmen, so as to make the pay of those of the Customs the same as those of the Marine Board?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—In answer to the Honorable Member's questions, I beg to state that the Boatmen attached to the Marine Board have had their pay increased since the 1st of January, having made application to that effect in time for the Estimates of the current year. A like application from the Customs Boatmen was received too late for the Estimates, but on the 12th instant I signed a Minute directing their pay to be equalized, and the document is in the hands of the Collector of Customs, who will give it effect.

- (5.) Court House at Gundaroo :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When is it likely that the Government will come to a decision regarding the erection of a Court House at Gundaroo?

Mr. Parkes answered,—A decision will be arrived at by Monday.

2. ASSENT TO COMPANIES BILL :—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker :—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 55.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act for the Incorporation Regulation and Winding-up of Trading Companies and other Associations*,"—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, 18th June, 1874.

3. FIELD OF MARS [COMMON RESUMPTION BILL ("*Formal*" Order of the Day),—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Lloyd then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the Resumption and Sale of the Field of Mars Common.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, That the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message :—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the Resumption and Sale of the Field of Mars Common*,"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 18th June, 1874.

4. RAILWAY TRIAL SURVEYS ("*Formal*" Motion) :—Mr. Nelson moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a copy of any instructions given by the Secretary for Public Works to the Engineer-in-Chief for Railways, or any other person, with reference to Trial Surveys for the future extension of Railways throughout the Colony, or the reservation of land for that purpose, with a full report of the progress made up to date.

Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Combes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

FRIDAY, 19 JUNE, 1874, A.M.

Words of Heat:—Mr. Parkes, in addressing the House, having used certain words to which exception was taken, the words were, at the instance of the Honorable Member for Wellington (Mr. J. S. Smith), taken down by the Clerk, and are as follows,—“a low and mean nature.” And Mr. Parkes having admitted the correctness of the words attributed to him, but denying the application of them,—

Mr. J. S. Smith moved, That the words used by the Colonial Secretary in reference to the Honorable Member for Camden are unparliamentary, and ought to be withdrawn, and an apology tendered to the House.

And Mr. Parkes having withdrawn from the Chamber,—

Debate ensued.

Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Combus,
Mr. Lucas,

Tellers.

Mr. J. S. Smith,
Mr. Garrett.

Noes, 22.

Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Macintosh,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Bennett,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Piddington,	Mr. Stewart.
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	

And so it passed in the negative.

And Mr. Parkes having re-entered the Chamber, resumed his address.

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

6. PAPER:—Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—By-laws under Public Vehicles Regulation Act of 1873.
Ordered to be printed.

7. ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Parkes moved, “That” Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Point of Order:—Mr. Burns called the attention of Mr. Speaker to the new clause numbered 11 proposed by the Legislative Council, which provides for the payment of Clerks of Petty Sessions out of moneys to be voted by Parliament, and requested the opinion of Mr. Speaker whether this clause, originating in the other branch of the Legislature, ought to be entertained by this House.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Speaker said that he had in 1871 called the attention of the House to amendments made in a Customs Bill, and pointed out that such amendments, if made by the House of Lords, would not be entertained by the Commons; but the House had, by a large majority, determined to entertain such amendments, and thus appeared to recognize the right of the Legislative Council to make them,—otherwise he should have thought it his duty to point out what seemed to be an irregularity on the present occasion.

Debate continued.

Mr. John Robertson moved, That the Original Question be amended, by the omission of all the words after the word “That,” with a view to the insertion in their place of the words “the Bill be laid aside.”

Debate ensued.

Mr. Wearne moved, That this Debate be now adjourned to Monday next.

Debate continued.

Question put, That this Debate be now adjourned to Monday next.

The House divided.

Ayes, 10.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Nelson,
Mr. Terry,
Mr. Garrett,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Burns,
Captain Onslow,

Tellers.

Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Wearne.

Noes, 22.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Driver,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Cunneen,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Cummings,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Scholey,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Cooper.
Mr. Tunks,	
Mr. Piddington,	

And so it passed in the negative.

Original

Original Question again proposed.

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

The House divided.

Ayes, 23.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Wearne,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. O'Connor,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Cunneen,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Piddington,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Bennett,	
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Stewart,
Mr. Terry,	Mr. Nelson.

Noes, 8.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Driver,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Scholey,
Tellers.
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Garrett.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Original Question put.

The House divided.

Ayes, 24.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Fitzpatrick,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Cooper,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. De Salis,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. W. C. Browne,
Mr. Nelson,	Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Terry,
Mr. Cummings,	Mr. Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. O'Connor,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Cunneen,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. Piddington,	
Mr. Bennett,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Tunks,	Mr. Driver.
Mr. Macintosh,	

Noes, 8.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. Wearne,
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Scholey,
Tellers.
Mr. Lucas,
Mr. Garrett.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Council's amendments.

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

8. **POSTPONEMENT** :—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply postponed, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, until Monday next.
9. **SUPPLY**—*Reception of Resolutions* :—The Chairman of Committees reported from the Committee of Supply certain Resolutions, which were read a first time, as follows :—

LOAN ESTIMATE, 1874.

To be raised by Loan.

RAILWAYS.

(154.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1874, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £217,000, for "Railways,"—being £20,000 for Trial Surveys; £100,000 for Rolling Stock; £25,000 towards purchasing land, laying sidings, and erecting sheds, Darling Harbour Wharf; £10,000 for Engine Sheds; £8,000 for enlarging Machine Shop, Sydney Station; £2,000 for Additional Machinery, Sydney; £6,000 for completing New Station, Redfern (including Approach Roads, Lighting, Water Supply, and Retaining Wall, Darling Harbour Branch); £1,000 for unadjusted Land Claims; and £45,000 to complete the Western Line to Kelso, and to provide for increased price of iron-work for the Bridges over the River Macquarie.

HARBOURS AND RIVERS NAVIGATION.

(155.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1874, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £34,000, for "Harbours and Rivers Navigation,"—being £10,000 towards construction of Harbour of Refuge, at Trial Bay, by Prison labour; £9,000 for two additional Steam Cranes, Newcastle; £10,000 for Southern Breakwater Extension; and £5,000 for improving Navigation of the River Darling.

COLONIAL ARCHITECT.

(156.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1874, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £52,000, under the head "Colonial Architect,"—being £5,000 for Light-house, Barrenjoey, Broken Bay; £4,000 for Light-house, Solitary Island; £20,000 towards the erection of Public Offices; £20,000 towards the erection of Public Offices (Lands Department); and £3,000 towards the erection of Custom House, Newcastle, further sum.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

(157.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1874, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £6,000, under the head "Roads and Bridges,"—being £6,000 for Bridge at Moruya.

ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS.

(158.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1874, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £17,800, for "Electric Telegraphs,"—being £4,500 to connect Coonamble with the Telegraph Line to Fort Bourke; £1,600 Mudgee to Rylstone; £1,600 Inverell to Warialda; £800 additional for Line to Ulladulla; £3,000 Casino to the Tweed; £1,500 Forbes to Bushman's; £3,000 Coolah to Coonabarabran; and £1,800 to connect Kempsey, *via* Gladstone, with Macleay River Heads.

REPAYMENT

REPAYMENT OF LOANS.

(159.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1874, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £250,000, for "Repayment of Loans," to meet the following Railway and Public Works Debentures which mature in 1874, viz.: £100,000 third Instalment of the Loan of £300,000, under 29 Vic. No. 5, due 31st December, 1874; and £150,000 Railway Debentures issued under the Act 16 Vic. No. 39, falling due in February, March, and November, 1874.

ADDITIONAL LOAN ESTIMATE, 1874.

To be raised by Loan.

(219.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1874, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £100,000 for "Railways,"—being £50,000 to connect the Great Northern Railway with the new Wharfage accommodation at Bullock Island; and £50,000 for purchase of Twelve Passenger Locomotive Engines for the Extensions beyond Murrurundi, Goulburn, and Bathurst.

(220.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1874, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £36,200 for "Harbours and Rivers Navigation,"—being £16,200 for Reclamation of Blackwattle Swamp, further sum; £5,000 for Extension of Newcastle Wharf, further sum; and £15,000 to complete the Dock at Cockatoo Island.

(221.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1874, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £81,000 for "Colonial Architect,"—being £4,000 for Light-house at Seal Rocks, further sum; £75,000 for New Lunatic Asylum; and £2,000 for Water Supply for Abattoirs, Glebe Island, further sum.

(222.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1874, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £6,800 for "Roads and Bridges,"—being £3,800 for Nimboi Bridge, further sum; £1,000 for Urara Bridge, further sum; and £2,000 for Windsor Bridge, further sum.

(223.) Resolved, that there be granted to Her Majesty, for the year 1874, to be raised by Loan, a sum not exceeding £5,400, for "Electric Telegraphs,"—being £3,000 to connect the new Light-house, Seal Rocks, by Electric Telegraph; and £2,400 for Telegraphic Line from Bingera to Warialda, on the guarantee principle.

The Resolutions having been read a second time, were agreed to.

10. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day Nos. 4 to 12 inclusive postponed, on motion of Mr. Parkes until Monday next.

11. WAYS AND MEANS:—The Order of the Day having been read,—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into the Committee of Ways and Means. Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again.

The Chairman also reported that the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, that the reception of the said Resolutions stand an Order of the Day for Monday next.

12. CLEVELAND-STREET FORMATION BILL,—on motion of Mr. Sutherland, read a third time and passed. Mr. Sutherland then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to authorize the formation of Cleveland-street through certain lands in the City of Sydney and Borough of Redfern.*" Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to authorize the formation of Cleveland-street through certain lands in the City of Sydney and Borough of Redfern,*" presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th June, 1874, A.M.*

13. POSTPONEMENT:—The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Farnell, until Thursday next.

14. INSOLVENCY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL,—on motion of Mr. Allen, read a third time, and passed. Mr. Allen then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to expedite and lessen the expense of proceedings in Insolvency.*" Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be returned to the Legislative Council with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly has this day agreed to the Bill returned herewith, intituled "*An Act to expedite and lessen the expense of proceedings in Insolvency,*" with the amendments indicated by the accompanying Schedule, in which amendments the Assembly requests the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 19th June, 1874, A.M.*

INSOLVENCY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL.

Schedule of the Amendments referred to in Message of 19th June, 1874, A.M.

STEPHEN W. JONES,
Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

Page 1, clause, 1, line 17. After "jurisdiction" insert "and of this Act."

Page 2. After clause 5 insert new clauses 6, 7, and 8:—

"6. When under the provisions of the one hundred and thirty-third section of the Companies Act the Court as in the said section defined makes an order for winding up a Company and directs that all subsequent proceedings for winding up the same be had and taken before the Chief

Proceedings during winding up directed under Companies Act to be laid before Chief Commissioner.

“ Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates thereupon such Chief Commissioner shall subject to appeal as in the said section provided for the purposes of winding up such Company be deemed to be the Court within the meaning of Part IV of that Act and shall have for the purposes of such winding up all the powers of the Supreme Court in its Equitable Jurisdiction.

“ 7. If any person having any right or privilege acquired under the second sub-section of section two hundred and forty-nine of the said Companies Act should be entitled to and shall hereafter institute proceedings and prosecute matters under the eleventh Victoria number nineteen the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates shall subject to appeal as in Insolvency have and exercise the powers of the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof cumulatively with the powers and duties vested in him by law for the purpose of winding up and generally determining all such proceedings and matters under the said last-mentioned Act.

“ 8. Every Attorney and Solicitor of the Supreme Court may appear and be heard in all matters and proceedings before the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates in Court or Chambers and before the Registrar in Insolvency without being required to employ counsel. And if any person not being such Attorney or Solicitor shall practise in the Insolvency Jurisdiction of the said Court as Attorney or Solicitor he shall be deemed guilty of a contempt of Court.”

Page 2, clause 6, lines 44 and 45. Omit “ and shall come into force on the first day of May next.”

Examined,—

Rd. DRIVER,
Chairman of Committees.

15. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Driver (*with the concurrence of the House*) moved, That the Question be amended by the addition of the words “ to Monday next.”

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

Question,—That this House do now adjourn to Monday next,—put and passed.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House stood adjourned at eight minutes after Eight o'clock, A.M., until *Monday next*, at Four o'clock.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

Powers of
proceedings
instituted under
Act 11 Vict.
No. 19.

Attorney or
Solicitor may be
heard.

New South Wales.

No. 155.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

MONDAY, 22 JUNE, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) The Case of Mr. Lett:—Mr. Forster asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What has been the result of the inquiry by Mr. Justice M'Farland into the conduct of Mr. Lett, J.P., of Kiandra?

(2.) What course do the Government intend taking in the matter?

(3.) Are the Government aware whether or not Mr. Lett continues to act as a Magistrate, or does Mr. Lett so act with the sanction of the Government?

Mr. Allen answered,—I am not in a position to reply to the Honorable Member's questions, as the Government have not yet arrived at a decision on the matter.

- (2.) Publicans and other Licenses:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What were the several amounts received at the Treasury during 1873 from persons holding Licenses as Publicans, Wine and Spirit Merchants, Bonded Goods Storekeepers, Auctioneers, and Hawkers, within the City of Sydney?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

	£	s.	d.
Publicans Licenses	12,088	18	0
Wine and Spirit Merchants	1,170	0	0
Bonded Goods Storekeepers	4,707	5	0
Auctioneers Licenses	491	11	3
Hawkers Licenses	243	11	8

Total 18,701 5 11

- (3.) Stamp Duty on Transfer of Land:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What was the amount received for Stamp Duty payable on the transfer of land situate within the City of Sydney, from the 31st May, 1873, to the 31st May, 1874?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—There are no possible means of answering this question. The Stamp Duty being chargeable on transactions affecting the whole of the Colony, no separate record is kept of any particular locality where the property transferred is situate.

- (4.) Land between William and Woolloomooloo Streets:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—What is the area of Land intended to be sold by the Government between William and Woolloomooloo Streets, Sydney?

Mr. Farnell answered,—About 1½ acres.

- (5.) Public Schools, William-street and the Glebe:—Mr. Greville asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Has he any objection to lay upon the Table copies of the Reports of the Inspectors on the Public Schools of William-street and the Glebe for the years 1871-2-3?

Mr. Allen answered,—It appears to me very undesirable to publish Inspectors Reports, as if they cease to be confidential they will become less valuable. If any special reasons exist for the production of the reports asked for, it would be better that the Honorable Member should move for them.

(6.)

- (6.) Mr. Harrie Wood :—Mr. John Robertson asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—
- (1.) Is it true that a Mr. Harrie Wood, recently from Melbourne, is now employed in one or other of the Departments of Lands or Mines?
 - (2.) If so, will the Minister be good enough to say what office he holds, what his rate of pay is, and from what fund he is paid?
 - (3.) Should Mr. Wood have been paid from time to time from different funds, will the Minister be good enough in his reply to distinguish such funds, and the period in each case that he has been paid therefrom?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1.) Yes, in the Mining Department.

(2.) He does not hold any particular office, but is employed generally on business in connection with the new Mining Act. He receives salary at the rate of £650 per annum, which has been paid from the votes taken on Supplementary Estimates, viz.,—(two of £250 each) "for examination and report of the Mining and Mineral Branches of Lands Department," which work he performed previously to his taking up his present duties. In addition to the above salary, he received travelling expenses at the rate of 30s. per diem during the period he was absent from Sydney engaged in the inspection of the offices of the Gold Commissioners.

(3.) Mr. Wood has been paid monthly from the funds above specified, from the 27th October, 1873, continuously. The total amount paid to him up to the 31st ultimo (the date of last payment), including salary and travelling expenses, is £480 14s. 8d.

2. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

3. QUESTIONS :—

- (7.) The Prisoner Gardiner :—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—Has the Government, or any Member of it, tendered any advice to the Governor as to the proposed release of the prisoner Gardiner?

Mr. Parkes answered,—No.

- (8.) Release of Prisoners :—Mr. Combes asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Have the Government taken into their consideration the cases of any of the prisoners which were to be re-submitted, as stated in the Return laid before this Assembly on the 22nd May, 1874?

(2.) If so, what decision has been arrived at?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government has not taken into consideration any of these cases, but such of the cases as are open to consideration will be considered by Ministers on their merits.

- (9.) Certificates of Masters of Vessels :—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Are all Masters and Officers of Passenger Ships trading out of this port in possession of Certificates of Competency?

(2.) Is it a fact that ships have been allowed to clear at the Custom House since the passing of the Navigation Act without the officers being duly certificated?

(3.) Is it required at the Custom House that all Masters and Officers shall produce their Certificates before the clearance is granted?

(4.) Will the Treasurer see that this provision of the Act is enforced?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—

(1.) On change of Masters all new Masters are required to produce Certificates of Competency before their names are endorsed on the Certificate of Registry. The Customs have no control over the inferior officers.

(2.) It is probable they have. There is nothing in the Navigation Act to prevent ships from clearing at the Customs without the officers being duly certificated.

(3.) No, certificates have been demanded and have been refused, and there is nothing to compel their production.

(4.) There is no provision in the Act of the nature mentioned.

- (10.) Mr. Thomas Robertson, M.P. :—Mr. Forster asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—With reference to his Questions No. 6 on the Business Paper of Wednesday, June 17, and the Answer of the Colonial Secretary thereto, having reference to an alleged application for office by the Honorable Member for the Hume,—

(1.) Was the "intimation," as stated by the Colonial Secretary to have been made by Mr. Thomas Robertson, "to my colleague the Minister of Justice, to the effect that he would not be unwilling to accept the office of Examiner of Titles" made in writing, or how?

(2.) What were the dates, respectively, of such "intimation," and of the explanation by the Minister of Justice that the office was not in his Department?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Honorable Member for the Hume is not an applicant for public employment. There has never been any intention on the part of Government to offer that gentleman public employment, and therefore I do not think it is necessary to say any more on the subject.

4. ROAD FROM THE MANNING RIVER TO NEW ENGLAND ("Formal" Motion) :—Mr. Stephen Brown, on behalf of Mr. R. B. Smith, moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, and of all Petitions and Resolutions passed at Public Meetings, Memorials, Reports, Surveys, Minute or Minutes, Letters, Papers, Plans, and other Documents having reference to the opening up of a Road between the Manning River and the New England District.

Question put and passed.

5. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

6. BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE:—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, on behalf of *Mr. Parkes*, moved, pursuant to Notice, That Government Business take precedence of General Business on Tuesday, the 23rd June.
Debate ensued.
Question put.
The House divided.

Ayes, 28.

Mr. Parkes,	Mr. Piddington,
Mr. G. A. Lloyd,	Mr. Stephen Brown,
Mr. Farnell,	Mr. Moses,
Mr. Allen,	Mr. Single,
Mr. Sutherland,	Mr. Macintosh,
Mr. Stewart,	Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Booth,	Mr. Hill,
Mr. Driver,	Mr. Tunks,
Mr. Taylor,	Mr. Scholoy,
Mr. De Salis,	Hurley (<i>Central</i>
Mr. Fitzpatrick,	<i>Cumberland</i>),
Mr. Cooper,	<i>Tellers.</i>
Mr. W. C. Browne,	Mr. Greville,
Mr. Lee,	Mr. Wearne.
Mr. Cunneen,	
Mr. Cummings,	

Noes, 12.

Mr. John Robertson,
Mr. Forster,
Mr. E. B. Smith,
Mr. Lackey,
Mr. Buchanan,
Mr. Burns,
Mr. Oakes,
Mr. O'Connor,
Mr. Bennett,
Mr. Combes,
<i>Tellers.</i>
Captain Onslow,
Mr. Garrett.

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

7. PAPERS:—
Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—Return of Prisoners serving terms of not less than one year, released during the five years ending 31 December, 1873, under remission of sentence, irrespective of Good Conduct Regulations.
Ordered to be printed.
Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—Returns under District Courts Act of 1858.
Ordered to be printed.
8. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS:—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd* moved, pursuant to Notice, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude the passing of a Bill, intituled "A Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes" through all its stages in one day.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
9. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 11 inclusive postponed, on motion of *Mr. Parkes*, to follow after the Order of the Day No. 12.
10. WAYS AND MEANS—*Reception of Resolution*:—The Chairman of Committees reported from the Committee of Ways and Means a Resolution, which was read a first time, as follows:—
(9.) *Resolved*,—That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty during the present Session, a sum not exceeding £806,200 be raised by the sale of Debentures or otherwise, secured upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Colony, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum, to defray the expenses of carrying on certain Public Works of the Colony, and other purposes.
The Resolution having been read a second time, was agreed to.
11. LOAN BILL:—
(1.) Ordered, on motion of *Mr. G. A. Lloyd*, that leave be given to bring in a Bill, founded on Resolution of Ways and Means No. 9, to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes.
(2.) *Mr. Lloyd* then presented a Bill, intituled "A Bill to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes,"—which was read a first time.
Ordered to be printed, and read a second time This Day.
12. POSTPONEMENTS:—The Orders of the Day of Government Business Nos. 1 to 15 inclusive postponed, on motion of *Mr. Parkes*, to follow after the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Loan Bill.
13. LOAN BILL:—The Order of the Day having been read,—*Mr. G. A. Lloyd* moved, That this Bill be now read a second time.
Debate ensued.
Question put and passed.
Bill read a second time.
On motion of *Mr. Lloyd*, *Mr. Speaker* left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for consideration of the Bill.

And the Committee continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

TUESDAY, 23 JUNE, 1874, A.M.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported the Bill without amendment.
On motion of *Mr. Lloyd*, that report was adopted.
Ordered, That the Bill be read a third time This Day.

14. POSTPONEMENTS:—The remaining Orders of the Day of Government Business postponed, on motion of *Mr. Parkes*, to follow after the Order of the Day for the third reading of the Loan Bill.
15. PAPER:—*Mr. Allen* laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 22nd May, 1874, in reference to a Circular of the Council of Education.
Ordered to be printed.

16. **LOAN BILL**:—on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, read a third time, and *passed*.

Mr. Lloyd then moved, That the Title of this Bill be "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes.*"

Question put and passed.

Ordered, that the Bill be carried to the Legislative Council, with the following Message:—

MR. PRESIDENT,

The Legislative Assembly having this day passed a Bill, intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes,*"—presents the same to the Legislative Council for its concurrence.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Sydney, 23rd June, 1874, A.M.*

17. **ADJOURNMENT**:—Mr. Wearne moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

The House adjourned, on motion of Mr. Parkes, at twenty-one minutes after Ten o'clock, A.M., until Four o'clock, P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

New South Wales.

No. 156.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, 23 JUNE, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

- (1.) Railway Employés:—Mr. Lucas asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—
At what time in the morning do the officials, the Station-masters, their Assistants, Porters, and Gate-keepers, commence their duties, and at what time at night do their duties end?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The time for the Station Staff to commence and leave off duty varies at each Station, and is dependent upon the traffic, and the times of arrival and departure of trains. As a rule the hours of attendance do not exceed twelve, inclusive of the time required for meals, and the hours of actual work are of course considerably less, the nature of the employment requiring the presence rather than the labour of the employés. In cases where inequalities in this respect are found to exist they are remedied without delay.

- (2.) The Case of Minnie Gordon:—Mr. O'Connor asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
(1.) Was there a *post mortem* examination made on the body of Minnie Gordon, who died in Darlinghurst Gaol on Sunday last?
(2.) How long was the said Minnie Gordon confined in the Gaol?
(3.) Was a complaint made to Mr. Read, the Inspector of Police, on Sunday, 7th instant, by a respectable citizen, of the conduct of the policeman who took the said Minnie Gordon into custody?
(4.) Will the Minister state to the House the nature of such complaint, and the remarks of Mr. Read thereon?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

(1.) No; the Visiting Surgeon of the Gaol has certified that death was the result of natural causes, namely, bilious diarrhœa from neglect and exposure.

(2.) From the 10th to the 14th instant.

(3 and 4.) A complaint was made, to the effect that the person making the complaint saw the Constable while escorting a woman to the Watch-house wilfully knock her down. The Constable was called upon for an explanation, and stated that this poor woman refused to accompany him unless she were allowed to walk alone; that he yielded to her wish, and she went a short distance, when, seeing her falling, he ran to assist her, but before he could do so she fell and struck her head violently against a window frame.

- (3.) The Case of Mr. Lett:—Mr. Forster asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What has been the result of the inquiry by Mr. Justice M'Farland into the conduct of Mr. Lett, J.P., of Kiandra?

(2.) What course do the Government intend taking in the matter?

(3.) Are the Government aware whether or not Mr. Lett continues to act as a Magistrate, or does Mr. Lett so act with the sanction of the Government?

Mr. Allen answered,—Since my reply to the question of the Honorable Member last night, the Government have not considered the question, nor do I think the Ministers will have time to give it their attention till they are relieved from constant attendance at this House.

(4.)

(4.) Judge Meymott:—*Mr. Burns*, on behalf of Mr. Butler, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that Judge Meymott fined the Acting Crown Prosecutor at the Quarter Sessions Court at Grafton; and if so, for what cause?
- (2.) Did the same Judge order a prisoner to be arraigned and a Jury empannelled upon an information neither signed nor exhibited by the Acting Crown Prosecutor?
- (3.) Did the same Judge afterwards discharge the Jury from trying the case, and discharge the prisoner also?

Mr. Allen answered,—

- (1.) I have been informed, by telegram, that Judge Meymott fined the Acting Crown Prosecutor for non-attendance in time at the Grafton Quarter Sessions.
- (2.) I have been informed, in the same way, that such was the case.
- (3.) I have also been informed that the Chairman discharged the Jury, and told a certain prisoner that he was discharged from the charge of horse-stealing, and should not be tried upon it again.

(5.) Government Land Agents:—Mr. Cooper asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Are the Government Land Agents authorized to charge for supplying and filling up Forms of Declaration?
- (2.) If so, what is the authorized scale of charges?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

(1 and 2.) They are authorized (under clause 75 of the Regulations under the Crown Lands Alienation Act) to charge 2d. for each form supplied. This is not a perquisite in any way, but is simply the amount they are themselves charged by the Government Printing Office. It is no part of their duty to fill up the forms. If they do so, and make a charge for it, it is not a matter of which the Government has any official cognizance.

(6.) Employment of Mr. Wood:—*Mr. Macintosh*, on behalf of Mr. Combes, asked the Minister for Mines, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has a person of the name of Wood written a Report on the management of the Gold Fields of this Colony?
- (2.) Was the Report written at this gentleman's own suggestion and cost, or was he employed and paid by the Government to do this work?
- (3.) Will the Government be good enough to lay this Report on the Table of the House?
- (4.) If he were paid by the Government, at what rate, and out of what fund was he paid?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes, he has furnished two reports.
- (2.) He was employed and paid by the Government.
- (3.) Yes.
- (4.) At the rate of £650 per annum, out of the two votes of £250 each taken on the Supplementary Estimates for examining and reporting on the Mining Branches of the Lands Department.

(7.) Railway Trial Surveys:—Mr. Nelson asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Government lay upon the Table of this House the Papers moved for by him on Thursday last relative to Trial Surveys, in view of future extension of Railways throughout the Colony?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—The papers will be laid upon the Table to-morrow.

(8.) City Council Endowment:—Mr. Stewart asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is it true that Government has consented to pay over to the City Council the £10,000 voted by way of endowment for the year 1874?
- (2.) If so, what arrangement has been made for paying off, or reducing the debt due by the City to the Government?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—The £10,000 usually retained for reduction of interest has this year been handed to the City Council, and the full amount of interest charged against them.

2. PAPERS:—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Final Return to an Order, made on 10th December, 1873, in reference to Financial Position of Municipalities.
- (2.) Returns of Live Stock and Agriculture for the year ended 31st March, 1874.
- (3.) Report from Board relative to Expenditure for Government Asylums for 1873.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order, made on 12th June, 1874, in reference to Petition of John Benson.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—Regulations relating to Mineral Licenses, and Regulations relating to Mineral Leases, Division III, under the Mining Act of 1874.

Ordered to be printed.

3. DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS (*"Formal" Motion*):—Mr. Stewart moved, pursuant to Notice, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, a nominal list of the Denominational Schools which have been certified by the Council of Education in each year since the 31st of December, 1868.
Question put and passed.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Buchanan moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. **ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT BILL:**—The Order of the Day having been read,—Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the further consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Chairman reported that a *Point of Order* had arisen in the Committee, and obtained leave to sit again so soon as Mr. Speaker's ruling had been obtained thereon.

The Chairman then reported the Point of Order, as follows:—That the amendments made by the Legislative Council in this Bill, more especially the introduction of clauses 11 and 22, are improperly before this Committee, inasmuch as they involve charges upon the people in the shape of salaries and fees, and are therefore opposed to the provisions of the Constitution Act, and to the established rules, practices, and usages of Parliament with regard to the powers in such matters of this Assembly.

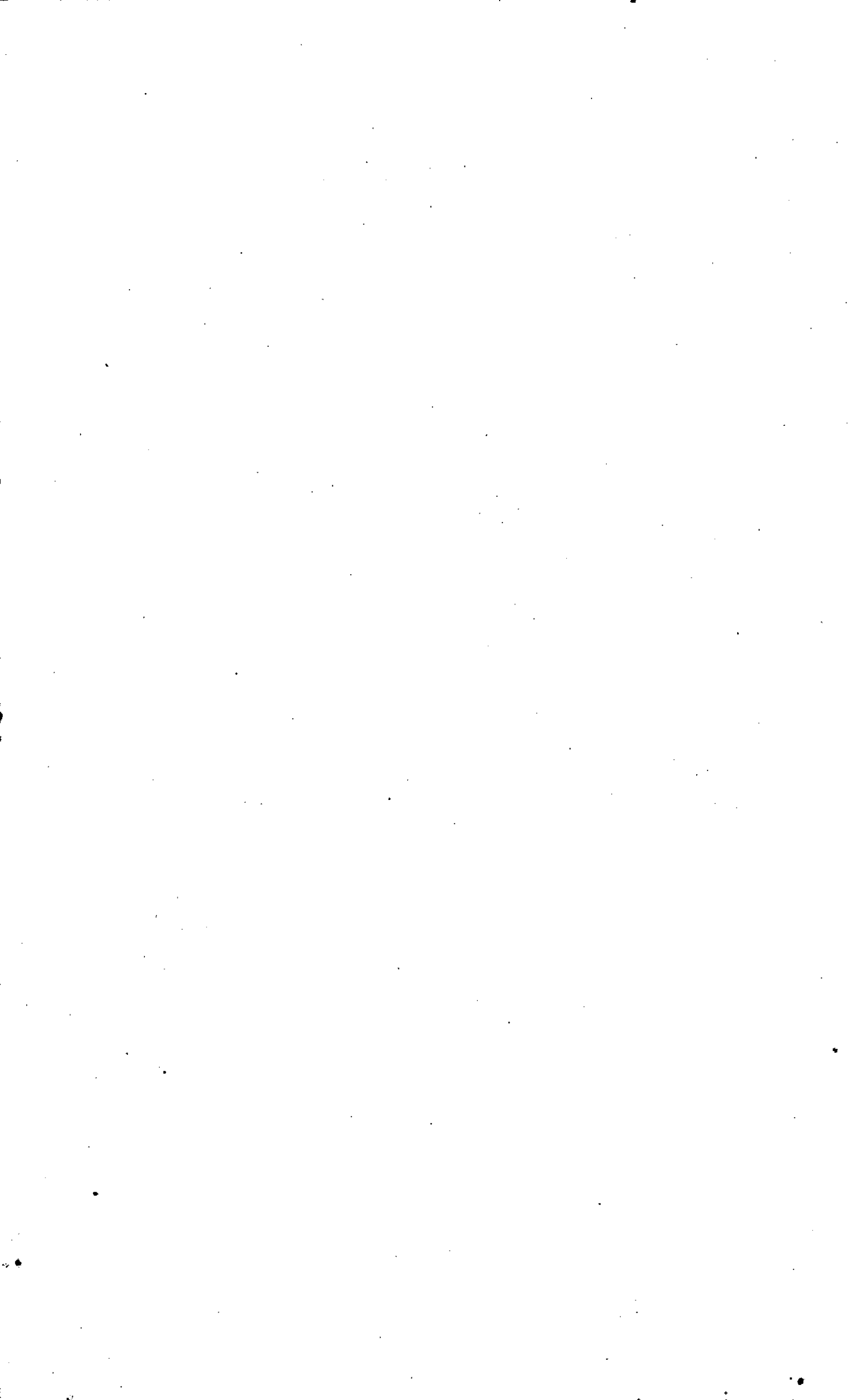
And the Chairman having stated that he had given his opinion that the amendments were improperly before the Committee,—

Mr. Speaker said that,—believing the amendments to be contrary to the spirit of our Constitution Act, and such as would not be accepted by the House of Commons if inserted by the Lords,—he agreed in the opinion expressed by the Chairman.

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**—Mr. Parkes moved, That this House do now adjourn.
Question put and passed.

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

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 157.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE, 1874.

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

QUESTIONS:—

(1.) Cattle Sale-Yards, Kiama:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) Has the attention of the Government been called to the erection of Cattle Sale-Yards on a prominent part of the Reserve for public recreation in the town of Kiama?

(2.) If so, is it the intention of the Government to order the discontinuance of this nuisance and encroachment on the rights of the inhabitants of that town?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The matter has not previously been brought to the notice of the Government. The Reserves for public recreation at Kiama have been handed over to, and are in the charge of, the local Municipal body. Inquiry will be made as to any such encroachment upon the reserved land not dedicated to recreation or similar purposes.

(2.) Goods Shed, Circular Quay:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—When will the Old Goods Shed now encumbering the Circular Quay be removed, in accordance with a promise made during the early part of the present Session?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—Tenders have already been invited, to be received on the 11th proximo, for the removal of the sheds in question?

(3.) Stamp Duty on Transfer of Land, Sydney:—Mr. Macintosh asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—What was the number of conveyances for land situate within the City of Sydney registered in the Office of the Registrar-General, and the amount of Stamp Duty paid thereon, from the 31st May, 1873, to the 31st May, 1874?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—I am informed by the Registrar General that a very large number of Deeds will have to be examined to obtain the information asked for by the Honorable Member. It cannot therefore be prepared during the present Session.

(4.) Deeds for Greta Allotments:—Mr. Burns asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—When is it probable that the Deeds will be ready for delivery for the allotments in the Township of Greta, sold by auction in the month of August last?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The last sale by auction at Greta was in August, 1873. Owing to the pressure of other duties the descriptions for preparation of the Deeds have not yet been furnished by the Survey Department, and it is not probable that the Deeds will be ready for delivery for the next six weeks.

(5.) Appointment of a Pilot:—Mr. Garrett asked the Colonial Treasurer, pursuant to Notice,—Do the Government intend to appoint a Pilot at the Sydney Pilot Station, in room of Pilot No. 6, removed to Newcastle?

Mr. G. A. Lloyd answered,—No decision has yet been arrived at, but the probability is that a Pilot will be appointed at any early period.

(6.) The case of Mr. Lett:—Mr. Forster asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

(1.) What has been the result of the inquiry by Mr. Justice M'Farland into the conduct of Mr. Lett, J.P., of Kiandra?

(2.) What course do the Government intend taking in the matter?

(3.) Are the Government aware whether or not Mr. Lett continues to act as a Magistrate, or does Mr. Lett so act with the sanction of the Government?

Mr.

Mr. Allen answered,—Mr. Justice M'Farland has recommended that Mr. Lett should not be continued as a Magistrate. The evidence taken in the inquiry, and the explanations since afforded by Mr. Lett, are very lengthy, and the Government have not, with the pressure of other important matters, been able to arrive at a final decision in the case.

- (7.) Liberation of Lunatics :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to Notice,—
 (1.) Is it the practice to liberate lunatics on condition that they leave the country?
 (2.) Is there a person named William Collins at present confined as a lunatic in one of our lunatic asylums who has been offered his liberty on condition that he leaves the country?

Mr. Parkes answered,—

- (1.) No.
 (2.) No.

- (8.) Roman Catholic Denominational School, Clarence Town :—Mr. Buchanan asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What has been the average quarterly attendance at the Roman Catholic Denominational School at Clarence Town for the last year?
 (2.) Is the school held in a church?

Mr. Allen answered,—

(1.) Quarter ending September, 1873 ...	...	32·8
" " December, 1873 ...	...	29·0
" " March, 1874 ...	...	20·4
" " June, 1874 ...	...	16·6

- (2.) Yes.

- (9.) Court House, Gundaroo :—Mr. Forster asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) What decision have the Government arrived at with reference to the building of a Court House at Gundaroo—whether to build a new one, or to add to some other building for the purpose?
 (2.) In either case, when is it likely that tenders will be called for by the Government?

Mr. Parkes answered,—The Government have decided to erect a new Court House.

- (10.) Steam Dredge for Harbour of Newcastle :—Mr. Burns, on behalf of Mr. Lec, asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) When will the Steam Dredge be ready (the money for which has been voted) for Newcastle Harbour?
 (2.) Is there any truth in the statement that the Dredge is to be employed in Sydney?
 (3.) Will the Dredge, when finished, be sent to Newcastle?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1.) In about three months.
 (2.) The Dredge will be tried in Sydney while the punts are being constructed.
 (3.) Yes, as soon as the punts shall have been finished.

- (11.) Mr. John Cummings, Railway Contractor :—Mr. Webb asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has any money been paid by the Government since the 1st March, 1874, to, or on account of, John Cummings, late contractor for No. 9 section of the Great Western Railway?
 (2.) If so, what was the amount paid?
 (3.) On what date was the payment made?
 (4.) For what service was the money paid?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—No money has been paid since 1st March, 1874, to, or on account of, John Cummings, late contractor for No. 9 section of the Great Western Railway.

- (12.) Clerk of Petty Sessions, Kiama :—Mr. Stewart asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—Is it true that the Clerk of Petty Sessions at Kiama is acting as Agent for Insurance Companies in Sydney, contrary to the Government Regulations?

Mr. Allen answered,—The Clerk of Petty Sessions at Kiama has informed me that he is acting as agent for the Australian Mutual Provident Society, Sydney, and that he is not aware of any regulation by the Government prohibiting his doing so.

- (13.) Examiners under Council of Education :—Mr. Macintosh, on behalf of Mr. Terry, asked the Minister of Justice and Public Instruction, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) How many persons are employed as Examiners by the Council of Education?
 (2.) What are the respective duties of the persons so employed?
 (3.) What salaries are paid to the said Examiners?

Mr. Allen answered,—

- (1.) Two; Examiner and Assistant Examiner.

(2.) The Examiner's principal duties consist of examination of Inspectors Reports, and advising the Council thereupon; examination of complaints from or against the Teachers; examination of annual programmes submitted by Inspectors, and questions arising therefrom; examination of Inspectors diaries and vouchers for travelling expenses; examination of applications for promotion of Teachers under article 39 of the Regulations; reporting on applications for examination under article 37 of the Regulations; reporting on applications from Teachers for admission to the Training School; reporting on qualifications of Provisional School Teachers. The Assistant Examiner's duties consist of the construction of examination questions for Pupil-teacher applicants, Pupil-teachers belonging to the first, second, third, and fourth classes, and the revision of the same; the construction of examination questions for applicants for training, candidates in training, and Teachers belonging to the first, second, and third classes, and the revision of the same; and furnishing reports to the Council upon such examinations.

- (3.) Examiner, £575 per annum; Assistant Examiner, £500 per annum.

(14.) Reserve at foot of Liverpool Range:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Is he aware that a person named Seville is still in unlawful possession of the Reserve proclaimed for travelling stock at the foot of the Liverpool Range, on the Road from Jerry's Plains to Breeza?
- (2.) Has Seville been charged by the Crown Lands Bailiff at the Police Court, Murrurundi, with being in unlawful occupation of the above Reserve?
- (3.) If so, what decision have the Magistrates arrived at?
- (4.) What course do the Government intend taking in this matter?

Mr. Farnell answered,—The Crown Lands Bailiff was instructed to prefer an information against Seville for being in unlawful occupation of the Reserve. No report of the proceedings is yet to hand.

(15.) Reserves on Road from Jerry's Plains to Breeza:—Mr. W. C. Browne asked the Secretary for Lands, pursuant to Notice,—

- (1.) Has his attention been called to the fact that a person named Seville is rendering the Reserves for travelling stock situated between the Liverpool Range and 4 D Station, on the road from Jerry's Plains to Breeza, entirely useless, by constantly keeping them stocked with store sheep?
- (2.) What action has been, or is intended to be, taken in this matter?

Mr. Farnell answered,—

- (1.) Yes.
- (2.) An information has been preferred against Seville.

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

- (1.) How many hours constitute a day's work in the Railway Traffic Department?
- (2.) At what time does the day begin and close?
- (3.) Are the men compelled to work overtime and not allowed payment?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—

- (1 and 2.) Questions 1 and 2 were answered by me yesterday, in reply to the inquiry of the Honorable Member for Canterbury.
- (3.) In reply to Question No. 3, as to over-time—the men work over-time on special occasions, and are allowed payment for same.

(17.) Post and Telegraph Office, Richmond:—Mr. Driver asked the Secretary for Public Works, pursuant to Notice,—When will tenders for the erection of a Post and Telegraph Office at Richmond be called for?

Mr. Sutherland answered,—A plan and specification have been prepared, and immediately the site is finally determined on, tenders will be invited.

2. ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAND LAW:—Mr. Cunneen, as Chairman, brought up a Third Progress Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of Evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 12th September, 1873, together with Appendix.
Ordered to be printed.

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

- (1.) Abstract of Crown Lands authorized to be dedicated to Religious and Public Purposes, in accordance with the 5th section of the Act 25 Vic. No. 1. (List No. 9 of 1874.)
 - (2.) Abstract of Crown Lands reserved from Sale until Surveyed for the preservation of Water Supply, or other Public Purposes, in accordance with the 4th section of the same Act. (From 1st to 30th June, 1874.)
- Ordered to be printed.

4. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. Raphael moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

Question put and negatived.

5. SUPPLY:—The Order of the Day for the resumption of the Committee of Supply read, and, on motion of Mr. G. A. Lloyd, discharged.

6. ADJOURNMENT:—Mr. John Robertson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

And the House continuing to sit till after Midnight,—

THURSDAY, 25 JUNE, 1874 A.M.

Notice was taken that there was not a Quorum present.

Mr. Speaker counted the House, and there being only fourteen Members present, exclusive of Mr. Speaker, namely,—Mr. Allen, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. W. C. Browne, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Driver, Mr. Lucas, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Piddington, Mr. John Robertson, Mr. Scholey, Mr. R. B. Smith, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Teece, and Mr. Wearne,—Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, at twenty-five minutes before Two o'clock A.M., until Four o'clock P.M., This Day.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.



New South Wales.

No. 158.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, 25 JUNE, 1874.

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

ASSENT TO INSOLVENCY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL;—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor was delivered by Mr. Parkes, and read by Mr. Speaker:—

HERCULES ROBINSON,
Governor.

Message No. 56.

A Bill, intituled "*An Act to expedite and lessen the expense of proceedings in Insolvency*," 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, 25th June, 1874.

2. MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—Mr. Speaker reported the following Messages from the Legislative Council:—

- (1.) Insolvency Laws Amendment Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council has this day agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly in the Bill intituled "*An Act to expedite and lessen the expense of proceedings in Insolvency*."

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th June, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (2.) Field of Mars Common Resumption Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the Resumption and Sale of the Field of Mars Common*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th June, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

- (3.) Cleveland-street Formation Bill:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to authorize the formation of Cleveland-street through certain lands in the City of Sydney and Borough of Redfern*," returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th June, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

(4.)

(4.) Loan Bill :—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council having this day agreed to the Bill intituled "*An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes,*" returns the same to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

Legislative Council Chamber,
Sydney, 24th June, 1874.

JOHN HAY,
President.

3. VACANT SEAT :—Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from James Henry Neale, Esquire, resigning his Seat as a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney.

Whereupon Mr. Parkes moved, That the Seat of James Henry Neale, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of East Sydney, hath become, and is now vacant, by reason of the resignation thereof by the said James Henry Neale.

Question put and passed.

4. PAPERS :—

Mr. Parkes laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Papers respecting the case of William Watkins.
- (2.) Explanation of Police respecting alleged ill-treatment of Minnie Gordon.
- (3.) Minute of His Excellency the Governor, and Proceedings of the Executive Council, with respect to the release of the prisoner Gardiner.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sutherland laid upon the Table,—Return to an Order made on 18th June, 1874, in reference to Railway Trial Surveys.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Farnell laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Correspondence relative to the transfer of the duties required to be performed under the Brands Registration Act from the Registrar General's Department to the Department under the Chief Inspector of Stock.
- (2.) Paper respecting Church and School Lands alienated and unalienated.

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Allen laid upon the Table,—

- (1.) Return to an Order, made on 11th June, 1874, in reference to a Circular of the Council of Education.
- (2.) Return (*in part*) to an Order, made on 2nd June, 1874, in reference to Church and School Lands.

Ordered to be printed.

5. WHARF ACCOMMODATION, SYDNEY HARBOUR :—Mr. Parkes, as Chairman, brought up the Report from, and laid upon the Table the Minutes of Proceedings of, and of evidence taken before, the Select Committee for whose consideration and report this subject was referred on 29th April, 1874, together with Appendix.

Ordered to be printed.

6. ADJOURNMENT :—Mr. Nelson moved, That this House do now adjourn.

Debate ensued.

7. MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR :—The Usher of the Black Rod was admitted, and delivered the following Message :—

MR. SPEAKER,

It is the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor that this Honorable House do attend him immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Legislative Council, where Mr. Speaker presented to His Excellency, for the Royal Assent, the following Bills, intituled :—

- (1.) An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes.
- (2.) An Act to authorize the Resumption and Sale of the Field of Mars Common.
- (3.) An Act to authorize the formation of Cleveland-street through certain lands in the City of Sydney and Borough of Redfern.

8. ASSENT TO BILLS :—His Excellency was then pleased to subscribe, and declare his Assent, in the name and on the behalf of Her Majesty, to the Bills presented by Mr. Speaker, viz. :—

- (1.) *An Act to enable the Government to raise a Loan for Public Works and other purposes.*
- (2.) *An Act to authorize the Resumption and Sale of the Field of Mars Common.*
- (3.) *An Act to authorize the formation of Cleveland-street through certain lands in the City of Sydney and Borough of Redfern.*

9. PROROGATION :—His Excellency was then pleased to deliver a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, as follows :—

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

1. It affords me much pleasure to be enabled to release you from attendance upon your Parliamentary duties after the arduous labours of this protracted Session.

2. Although the large amount of attention which in your wisdom you have devoted to other questions has rendered it impossible to complete several measures of much importance which have been introduced, still I confidently trust that the further delay now unavoidable will result in ultimate advantage to the public, by securing a fuller consideration to the Bills for effecting reforms in the system of Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, making better provision for the treatment of the Insane, and providing a better supply of Water for the Metropolis and for other parts of the Colony, all of which are of an urgent character.

3. I cannot refrain from expressing my regret that the Bill which was introduced into the Legislative Council for reconstructing that body on an Elective basis, and which had been passed by the Legislative Assembly in a previous Session, has been disposed of without the Council coming to any decision upon its merits; and that the Bill passed by the Legislative Assembly for improving the representative system of its own body, and which was calculated to redress serious grievances in the representation, has been lost through a course of action by the Council which the Assembly has pronounced to have been contrary to the spirit of the Constitution Act.

4. In the absence of any new legislation affecting the Alienation and Occupation of the Crown Lands, efforts have been made to improve the administration of the existing laws not unattended by a large measure of success. The Land Revenue for the portion of the year now past shows an increase of £151,516 upon the corresponding period of 1873; and the applications for Conditional Purchases for the five months ending the 1st of June last have exceeded by more than threefold the applications for the first five months of 1871, and are in excess of all previous years.

5. The new Statute for the regulating of Mining is being brought into effective operation, and although the defects of system arising out of the former state of the law were many and conflicting, there is every prospect that the whole Mining Industry of the Colony will be brought under a change of management which will ensure, among other advantages, speedier and more accurate Surveys, more definiteness in regard to individual rights, and greater facilities, combined with greater economy, in the administration of justice.

6. The Act by which the *Ad valorem* Duties have been repealed and the Customs Tariff confined to a much smaller number of articles, cannot fail in promoting the prosperity and raising the reputation of the Colony. The enlightened policy which you have promulgated will, I sincerely believe, hasten the time when the great Colonies of Australasia shall all be united in the laws regulating their Ports and their external commerce.

GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

7. I thank you for the Supplies you have so liberally granted for the Public Service, and for the Loans you have authorized to be raised for Public improvements. The greatest care will be taken in the expenditure to consult the interests of the Colony by the permanent utility of Works undertaken, and by the strictest economy in carrying them out.

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,—

8. The new Mail Service connecting this Colony with America and Europe, although it is being performed by vessels temporarily employed, has been carried out so far with a success which justifies the expectation that under the Permanent Contract, and with the ships now in the course of being built, it will secure the delivery of the Mails between Sydney and Liverpool in a shorter time than has ever been accomplished in past years. It must be gratifying to you that the Government of the United States, as well as the Government of the Hawaiian Islands, has in the most friendly spirit entered into a Convention with this Colony for promoting the efficiency of this Service.

9. No time will be lost in acting upon your sanction to the Agreement between this Government and the Governments of New Zealand and Queensland for the construction and maintenance of Electric Cables between New Zealand and New South Wales, and between Normanton and Singapore in connection with India and Europe.

10. It is with much satisfaction that I am enabled to assure you that the Works for the extension of Railway Communication are in active progress. Contracts have been entered into by which the Southern line, to a point 118 miles beyond Goulburn, will be completed by the end of 1875, and I look forward to the line being opened to Wagga Wagga early in the following year. A Contract has also been entered into for the completion of the Northern extension from Murrumbidgee to Tamworth by the 31st of March, 1876. Portions of the Western Extension are now under Contract, and it is calculated that the line will be carried into Orange in 1876. At the same time Trial Surveys are being made in the Southern, Western, and Northern Districts for further Extensions, and between Grafton and the table-land of New England for a new line to the border of Queensland.

11. Among the many useful laws of the Session which have resulted from your labours, the Friendly Societies Act will secure advantages to large and valuable classes of the population, and the Act providing for the free carriage of Newspapers by the Mails will increase the means of intelligence throughout the Colony.

12. In dismissing you to your respective homes I congratulate you on the continued prosperity of the Colony. Notwithstanding the large remissions of taxation, the Public Revenue from all sources is in excess of the returns of last year; and the prospect of steady progress is in no respect diminished.

13. I sincerely hope the Blessing of the Almighty will attend you in your private avocations.

I now declare this Parliament prorogued until Tuesday, the 28th of July.

W. M. ARNOLD,
Speaker.

1873-4.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.
NEW SOUTH WALES.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS—ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Campbelltown Reservoir better Preservation Bill (No. 2) ; second reading.
2. Lunacy Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
3. Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Bill ; second reading.
4. Criminal Law Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Equity Consolidation and Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Water Supply Regulation Bill ; second reading.
7. Coal Mines Regulation Bill ; second reading.
8. Distillation Bill ; second reading.
9. Sale of Liquors Licensing Act Amendment Bill (No. 3) ; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the expediency of bringing in a Bill to amend the Sale of Liquors Licensing Act of 1862.
10. General Elections Bill ; second reading.
11. Ways and Means ; resumption of the Committee.
12. Imported Stock Act Amendment Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
13. Dedicated Crown Lands Resumption Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
14. Goulburn Volunteer Rifle Corps—Case of Captain Rossi ; further consideration in Committee of the Whole of His Excellency's Message No. 17, respecting the Report of the Select Committee on the " Goulburn Volunteer Rifle Corps."

GENERAL BUSINESS—NOTICES OF MOTIONS :—

1. MR. R. B. SMITH to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government and any person or persons, and of all Petitions, Memorials, Reports, Minute or Minutes, Letters, Papers, Plans, and all other Documents having reference to the Forster Forest Reserve, Cape Hawke.
2. MR. BUCHANAN to move,—
 - (1.) That, in the opinion of this House, the paying of any money, the proceeds of the sale of any Church and School Lands, to any of the different Religious Sects, is in violation of the spirit and intentions of the State Aid Abolition Act, and should not be continued.
 - (2.) That the above Resolution be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor.
3. MR. FORSTER to move, That an Address be presented to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) A copy of the proceedings of a Meeting of Volunteer Officers, held in Sydney in May, 1873, having reference to all future appointments of Staff Officers.
 - (2.) A copy of the Commandant's letter forwarding the result of the said Meeting to His Excellency the Governor.
 - (3.) A copy of His Excellency's letter in reply.
 - (4.) Copies of all Correspondence, Minutes, and other Documents having reference to the appointment of Captain Holborrow to the rank of Major of the Western Battalion of Volunteer Rifles.
4. MR. JOHN ROBERTSON to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence (if any) between the Government and Mr. Amos Davis, on the subject of a claim for work performed by Mr. Davis, on the authority of Mr. Narden, lately in charge of works on the Northern Main Road ; also, copies of all Correspondence on the subject between the Government and Mr. Davis respectively and Mr. Narden.
5. MR. TERRY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the influx of Criminals into New South Wales.
6. MR. FORSTER to move, That there be laid upon the Table of this House,—
 - (1.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Government and the Water Police Magistrate having reference to four girls having been put into cells at Biloela, in December, 1871.
 - (2.) Copies of all Correspondence between the Colonial Secretary and the Superintendent having reference to four girls having absconded and broken windows of the Dock buildings at Biloela, on or about 10th October, 1873.
 - (3.) Copies of Report of the Superintendent, Biloela, or of the Water Police Magistrate, having reference to a case of the burning of a Dormitory at Biloela, in 1873 ; also, of any Evidence or Suggestions taken by or made to the Water Police Magistrate in the same case ; also, of all Correspondence having reference thereto.
 - (4.) Copies of any Reports of, and of Evidence taken before, the Board of Inquiry appointed to inquire into Charges against any Officer of the Industrial School, Biloela ; also, all Correspondence having reference thereto, during 1873, or present year.
 - (5.) Copies of any Reports of the Acting Superintendent at Biloela, since November, 1873.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Patents Act Amendment Bill reported; adoption of Report.
2. Sydney and Suburban Street Tramways Bill; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Burns, "That this Bill be now read a second time."
3. Mining Partnership Acts Amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Public Prosecutors Bill; second reading.
5. Working of Municipalities; resumption of the adjourned Debate on the motion of Mr. Macintosh, "That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the following Resolutions, embodied in the Report from the Select Committee on 'Working of Municipalities,' brought up on the 22nd of April last :—
 " (1.) That, for the encouragement and more efficient working of the Municipal system of Local Government, the Municipalities Act of 1867 should be amended as follows :—
 " (1.) To admit of a minimum amount of rate being levied on all properties brought under the provisions of the Act.
 " (2.) To give greater facilities than now exist for levying and collecting rates on unoccupied premises or lands owned by private persons.
 " (3.) To enable the Government to extend the boundaries of land now incorporated, and to refuse applications from persons praying that certain lands should be brought under the provisions of the Act when deemed of insufficient area or of assessable value, whereby a revenue could be collected to ensure economic and efficient working.
 " (4.) To grant an endowment for a more extended term than now prevails under the 189th clause of the Act.
 " (5.) To enable the Government to annex any two or more Municipalities.
 " (2.) That the powers of the Municipal Council of Sydney should be extended so as to authorize the Council to levy a general rate on all buildings occupied by the Government, and on all vacant lands, exclusive of reserves for public purposes, within the Municipality.
 " (3.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated by Address to His Excellency the Governor."
6. Randwick Toll-gate Removal Bill; second reading.
7. Reclamation of Blackwattle Bay; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year a sum sufficient to reclaim the whole of Blackwattle Bay situate to the east of Pymont Bridge Road.
8. The Sydney Museum; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Report brought up on the 18th May from the Select Committee on the condition and system of management of the Sydney Museum.
9. Barristers and Attorneys Admission Bill; consideration in Committee of the Whole of Legislative Council's amendments.
10. Bridge over the Bell River; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the propriety of presenting an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1874, a sum of money not exceeding £500, for the construction of a Bridge over the Bell River, on the road between Ironbarks and Molong.
11. Mineral Lease at Togo; reception of Resolution from Committee of the Whole.
12. Compensation to the Reverend D. M'Guinn; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, a sum sufficient to compensate the Reverend D. M'Guinn for the loss of his stipend through the omission of his name from the Schedule of Clergymen entitled thereto under the Grants for Public Worship Prohibition Act.
13. Volunteer Regulations; consideration in Committee of the Whole of the Answer of the Colonial Secretary to the Question of Mr. Forster No. 6 on the Business Paper of Wednesday, 20 May, relative to Volunteer Regulations.
14. Permissive Liquor Bill; second reading.
15. Stock Sale-Yards Bill; second reading.
16. Roads Bill; second reading.
17. Official Report of Parliamentary Debates; consideration in Committee of the Whole of an Address to the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be placed on the Supplementary Estimates for 1874, a sum not exceeding £3,000 to defray the expense of providing an Official Report of the Parliamentary Debates.
18. Sale of Colonial Wines Regulation Act Repeal Bill; second reading.