

NEW SOUTH WALES.

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# VOTES

AND

## PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

DURING THE

SESSION OF THE YEAR

**1848,**

WITH THE VARIOUS DOCUMENTS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

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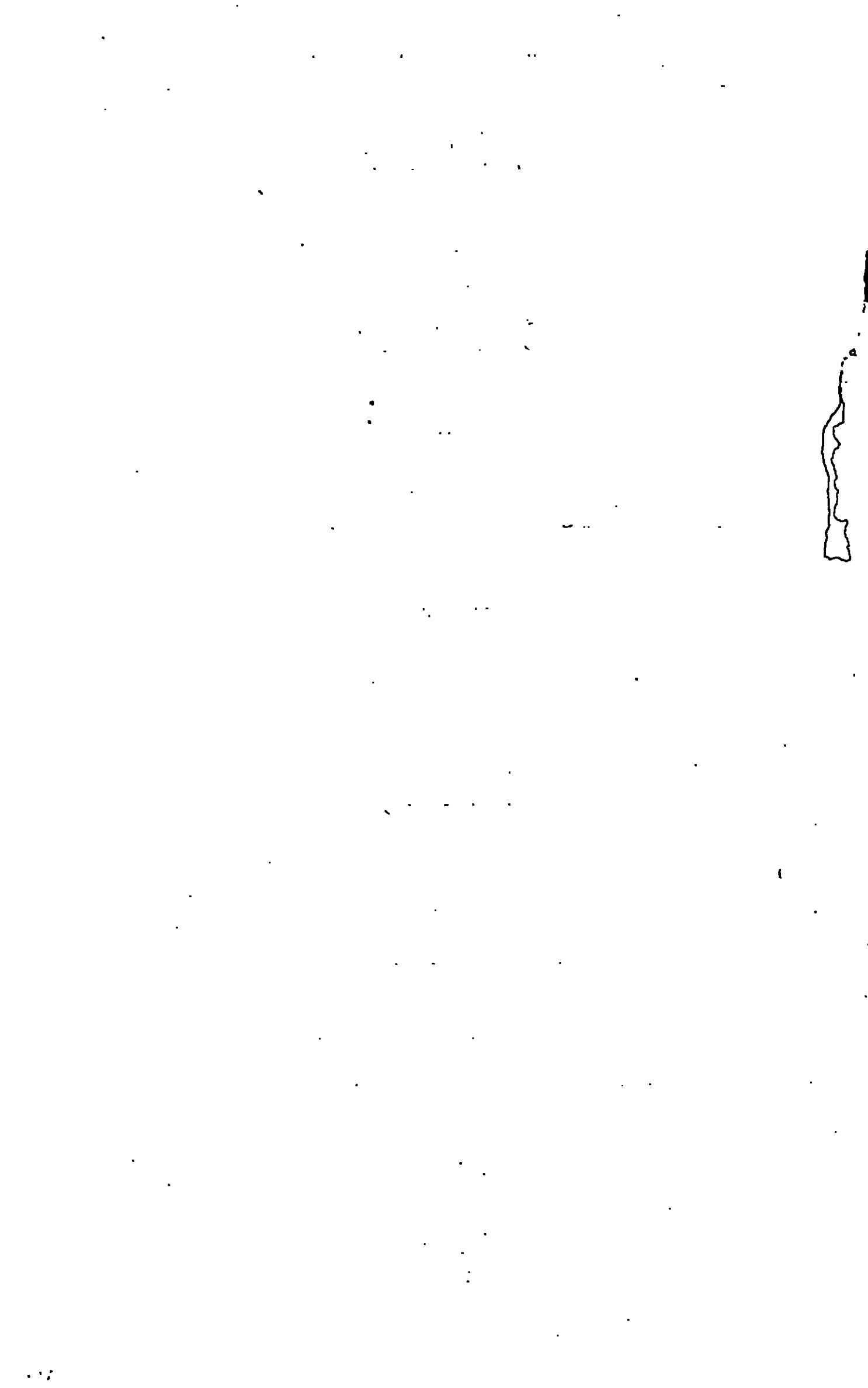
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APPOINTED DURING THE SESSION OF 1848.

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## STANDING ORDERS.

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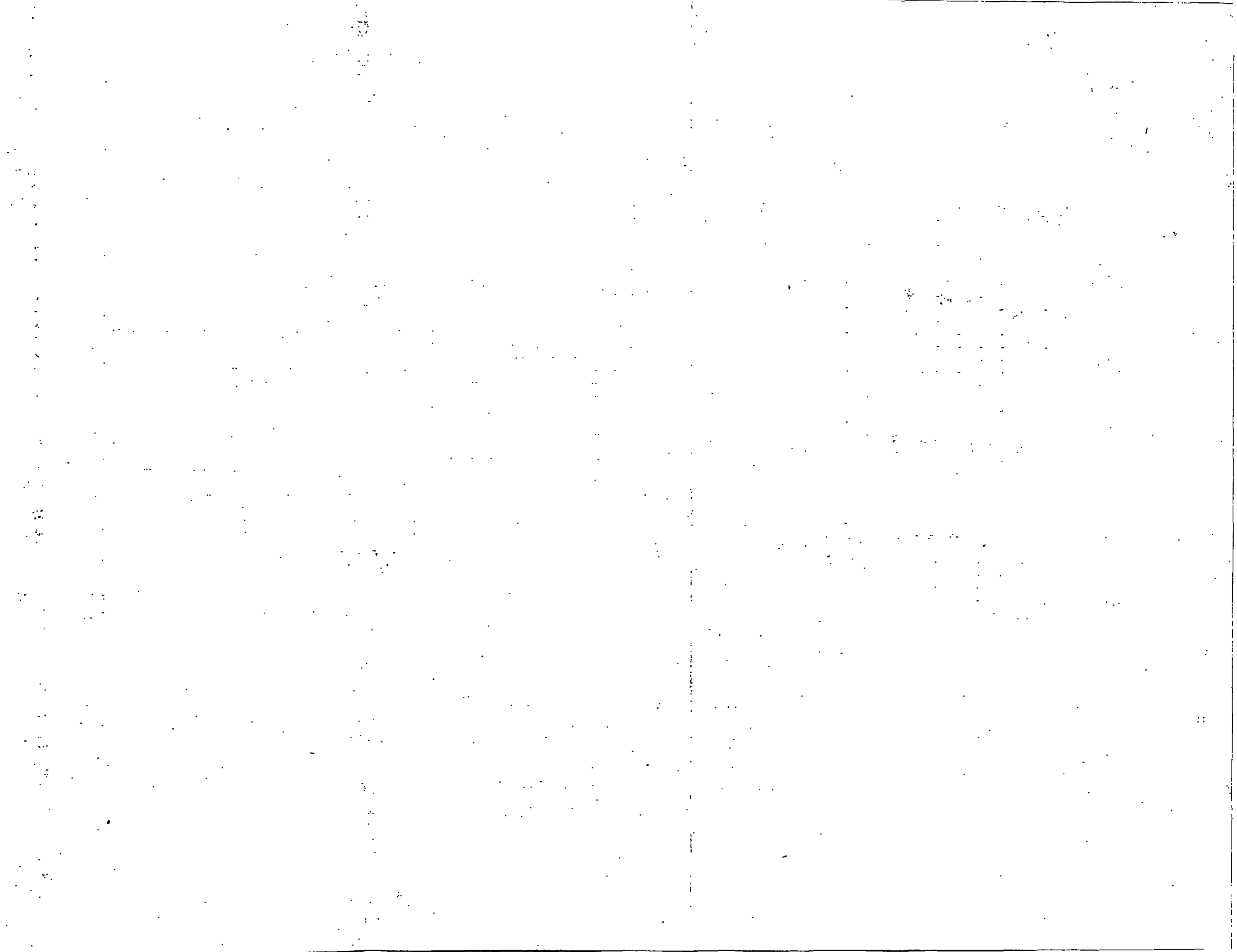


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| SHORT TITLES OF BILLS.  | HOW AND WHEN INITIATED.   | PROGRESS.      |                 |            |           |                                      |               |                            |           |           |                                    |          | REMARKS.   |
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|   |                           | First Reading. | Second Reading. | Committee. | Report.   | Amendments proposed by the Governor. | Re-committal. | Report after Re-committal. | Passing.  | Assent.   | Publication in Government Gazette. |          |  |
| Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill   | By Message - - - - -      | 22 March.      | 29 March.       | 10 April.  | 27 April. | 11 May.                              | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 18 May.   | 15 June.                           | 27 June. |  |
| Sydney Roads Bill   | By Message - - - - -      | 23 March.      | 29 March.       | 5 April.   | 4 May.    | 11 May.                              | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 18 May.   | 15 June.                           | "        |  |
| Country Towns Police Bill   | By Message - - - - -      | 22 March.      | 29 March.       | 5 April.   | 5 April.  | 5 April.                             | .....         | 13 April.                  | 13 April. | 13 April. | 15 June.                           | "        |  |
| Colonial Spirits' Exportation Bill                                  | By Message - - - - -      | 22 March.      | 29 March.       | 5 April.   | 5 April.  | 5 April.                             | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 12 April. | 15 June.                           | "        |  |
| Appropriation of Fines and Penalties Bill                           | By Message - - - - -      | 22 March.      | 29 March.       | 5 April.   | 5 April.  | 5 April.                             | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 12 April. | 15 June.                           | "        |  |
| Petty Sessions Bill   | By Message - - - - -      | 29 March.      | 30 March.       | 5 April.   | 5 April.  | 5 April.                             | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 12 April. | 15 June.                           | "        |  |
| Bushranging Bill -  | By Message - - - - -      | 29 March.      | 30 March.       | 5 April.   | 5 April.  | 12 April.                            | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 13 April. | 15 June.                           | "        |  |
| Legal Profession Bill   | By Mr. Wentworth          | 7 April.       | 7 April.        | 25 April.  | 26 May.   | 9 June.                              | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 13 June.  | 17 June.                           | "        |  |
| Savings Banks Bill  | By Message - - - - -      | 11 April.      | 13 April.       | 18 May.    | 1 June.   | 1 June.                              | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 8 June.   | 14 June.                           | "        |  |
| Vice Admiralty Court Bill   | By Mr. Donaldson -        | 11 April.      | 11 April.       | 18 April.  | 18 April. | 19 April.                            | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 25 April. | 15 June.                           | "        |  |
| Presbyterian Marriage Bill  | By Mr. Foster - - -       | 25 April.      | 25 April.       | .....      | .....     | .....                                | .....         | .....                      | .....     | .....     | .....                              | .....    | Lapsed by the House being counted out, on motion for second reading, 19th May, 1848. |
| Law Simplifying Bill  | By Mr. Lowe - - - -       | 25 April.      | 25 April.       | 20 May.    | 5 June.   | 9 June.                              | 20 June.      | 20 June.                   | 20 June.  | 13 June.  | 20 June.                           | "        |  |
| Validity of Grants of Land Bill -                                   | By Mr. Wentworth -        | 29 April.      | 29 April.       | 5 May.     | 5 June.   | 6 June.                              | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 9 June.   | 17 June.                           | "        | Referred to a Select Committee, 28th April, 1848.                                    |
| Commercial Bank Bill - - - - -                                      | By Mr. Lowe - - - -       | 28 April.      | 28 April.       | 8 June.    | 8 June.   | 8 June.                              | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 9 June.   | 17 June.                           | "        | Discharged from the Paper, 12th May, 1848.   |
| Melbourne Building Bill -   | By Mr. Robinson - -       | 28 April.      | 28 April.       | .....      | .....     | .....                                | .....         | .....                      | .....     | .....     | .....                              | .....    |  |
| Section 70 of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill | By Message - - - - -      | 2 May.         | 10 May.         | 25 May.    | 25 May.   | 25 May.                              | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 1 June.   | 15 June.                           | "        |  |
| National Education Board Bill -                                     | By Message - - - - -      | 2 May.         | 10 May.         | 11 May.    | 11 May.   | 11 May.                              | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 18 May.   | 15 June.                           | "        |  |
| Disputed Boundaries Commissioners' Bill                             | By Message - - - - -      | 2 May.         | 10 May.         | 31 May.    | 8 June.   | 13 June.                             | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 15 June.  | 17 June.                           | "        |  |
| Colonial Postage Bill - - - - -                                     | By Message - - - - -      | 2 May.         | 11 May.         | 18 May.    | 18 May.   | 18 May.                              | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 25 May.   | 15 June.                           | "        |  |
| Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill        | By Mr. Wentworth -        | 2 May.         | 2 May.          | 9 May.     | 30 May.   | 9 June.                              | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 13 June.  | 17 June.                           | "        |  |
| Yass School Lands Bill - - - - -                                    | By Mr. Murray - - -       | 9 May.         | 16 May.         | .....      | .....     | .....                                | .....         | .....                      | .....     | .....     | .....                              | .....    | Discharged from the Paper, 19th May, 1848.   |
| Slaughtering and Exportation of Stock Bill                          | By Mr. Murray - - -       | 16 May.        | 16 May.         | 30 May.    | 2 June.   | .....                                | .....         | .....                      | .....     | .....     | .....                              | .....    | To be further considered in Committee this day six months; 2nd June, 1848.           |
| Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill -                             | By Mr. Wentworth -        | 19 May.        | 10 May.         | 30 May.    | 30 May.   | 30 May.                              | 14 June.      | 15 June.                   | 15 June.  | 2 June.   | 17 June.                           | "        |  |
| Administration of Justice (Port Phillip) Bill                       | By Mr. Edden - - - -      | 19 May.        | 19 May.         | .....      | .....     | .....                                | .....         | .....                      | .....     | .....     | .....                              | .....    | Negated on motion for second reading, 30th May, 1848.                                |
| Merchant Seamen's Bill - - - - -                                    | By the Attorney General   | 25 May.        | 25 May.         | 8 June.    | .....     | .....                                | .....         | .....                      | .....     | .....     | .....                              | .....    | Discharged from the Paper, 13th June, 1848.  |
| Quarter Sessions Abolition Bill - - - -                             | By Mr. Lowe - - - -       | 30 May.        | 30 May.         | .....      | .....     | .....                                | .....         | .....                      | .....     | .....     | .....                              | .....    | Discharged from the Paper, 6th June, 1848.   |
| Cumberland Courts of Requests abolition Bill -                      | By Mr. Lowe - - - -       | 30 May.        | 30 May.         | .....      | .....     | .....                                | .....         | .....                      | .....     | .....     | .....                              | .....    | Discharged from the Paper, 6th June, 1848.   |
| Transportation of Female Offenders abolition Bill                   | By Message - - - - -      | 30 May.        | 1 June.         | 8 June.    | 8 June.   | 8 June.                              | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 12 June.  | 17 June.                           | "        |  |
| Public Hospitals Bill - - - - -                                     | By Message - - - - -      | 6 June.        | 8 June.         | 12 June.   | 12 June.  | 12 June.                             | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 15 June.  | 17 June.                           | "        |  |
| Bourke-street Bill - - - - -  | By the Attorney General   | 8 June.        | 8 June.         | 9 June.    | 9 June.   | 12 June.                             | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 15 June.  | 17 June.                           | "        |  |
| Licenses on Wool and Mortgages on Stock Bill                        | By Mr. Wentworth -        | 8 June.        | 8 June.         | 13 June.   | 13 June.  | 13 June.                             | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 14 June.  | 17 June.                           | "        |  |
| Appropriation Bill - - - - -  | By the Colonial Secretary | 19 June.       | 19 June.        | 12 June.   | 12 June.  | 12 June.                             | .....         | .....                      | .....     | 15 June.  | 16 June.                           | "        |  |

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 21 MARCH, 1848.

1. The Council met pursuant to Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor, bearing date the 20th January, 1848, and the Speaker having taken the Chair, the said Proclamation was read by the Clerk, by order of the Speaker.
2. New Member sworn:—Stuart Alexander Donaldson, Esquire, having taken the Oath prescribed by the 25th section of the Act of Parliament, 5 and 6 Victoria, chap. 76, and delivered to the Clerk of the Council the following Declaration of his Qualification to serve in the Council, prescribed by the 3rd section of the Act of Parliament, 7 and 8 Victoria, chap. 74, took his seat as Member for the Electoral District of the County of Durham, in room of Richard Windeyer, Esquire, deceased.

" I, Stuart Alexander Donaldson, do declare and testify that I am duly seised  
" at Law or in Equity of an Estate in freehold, for my own use and benefit, in lands  
" or tenements, in the Colony of New South Wales, of the yearly value of one hundred  
" pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same. (The  
" said Estate is situated within the City of Sydney, in Pitt-street, adjoining the Union  
" Bank of Australia, having a frontage of forty-four feet to Pitt-street, by a depth of  
" one hundred and seventy-six feet; and on it are erected a mercantile warehouse, offices,  
" dwelling-house, stable, and out-buildings;—the whole of the rents and profits deri-  
" vable from the same belonging to me absolutely;) And that I have not collusively or  
" colorably obtained a title to, or become possessed of the said lands and tenements, or  
" any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying, or enabling me to be returned a Member  
" of the Legislative Council of New South Wales."

" STUART A. DONALDSON."

" Sydney, 20th March, 1848."

3. Opening Address:—An opening Address, by Message from His Excellency the Governor, was presented by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, and the Honorable the Attorney General, and read by the Speaker, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—

I have called you together at this early period of the year in consequence of the approaching dissolution of the Council. I am happy, however, to believe that whilst this arrangement will allow ample time for the business of the Session, it will equally suit your convenience.

It is consolatory to reflect that, notwithstanding the commercial depression which prevails to so great an extent in the Mother Country, and the consequent low prices of Colonial Produce in that Market, the chief resources of this Colony have continued to increase in a manner alike rapid and surprising. The Exports of Wool—its main staple—reached in the past year the large quantity of upwards of twenty-two millions of pounds, of the official value of £1,260,000, being an increase on the previous year exceeding five millions seven hundred thousand pounds in weight, or equal to the whole export of that article in the year 1838. The Export of Tallow in 1847, was 60,000 cwt. of the official value of £107,000, being an increase on the previous year of 49,000 cwt.

It is our privilege to continue to enjoy, under the blessing of Divine Providence, a great superabundance of all the necessaries of life, of the best quality, and procurable at very moderate rates.

Although the advanced and still rising price of agricultural and pastoral labor, consequent on its scarcity, has lately pressed so severely on the employers, it has on the other hand been the source of highly remunerative employment to the working classes; but as no community in the aggregate can long continue to be prosperous where the fair profits of the capitalist are liable to be absorbed in the payment of an excessive or disproportionate rate of wages, I have endeavoured, by seeking fresh supplies of labor from the Mother Country, to restore that equilibrium, the maintenance of which, between the two classes, is so essential to the general as well as to their mutual welfare.

The anticipations which I entertained in my last opening Address to the Council have, I am glad to say, been fully realised. The whole of the Land and Immigration Debentures have been paid off, and the Territorial Revenue has exhibited so prosperous a state as to have enabled me to request Her Majesty's Government to send out to the Colony, in addition to the 5,000 Statute Adults already promised—and of whom the two first ship-loads lately arrived

arrived in the "Hyderabad" and "Lady Peel"—an equal number in the ensuing season. There is every prospect that the whole of this Immigration may be effected without the necessity of incurring any debt. The Territorial Revenue will thus remain available as a security for raising the necessary funds for any additional supply of labor which circumstances may render expedient. The Emigrants now in progress of arriving are to be selected equally from the three great divisions of the United Kingdom. They are also to be equally divided between the Sydney and Port Phillip Districts, and the expense charged accordingly, so that each District will receive the number for which it pays. I will cause to be immediately laid before you the Correspondence which has taken place on the subject with Her Majesty's Government and the Land and Emigration Commissioners.

Connected with the supply of labor to the Colony, I will also cause to be laid before you, a Despatch from the Right Honorable Earl Grey, setting forth the terms on which Her Majesty's Government will be disposed to send out Exiles and Ticket of Leave Holders, to be subsequently followed by their wives and families, and by a number of free Emigrants, equal to the number of such Exiles and Ticket of Leave Holders, at the expense of the British Treasury. This proposal is made subject to the concurrence of the Legislative Council, and I accordingly recommend it to your early and attentive consideration.

Immediately on receipt of Earl Grey's Despatch, No. 203, of 31st July, 1847, I considered it my duty to cause it to be published for general information. It communicates the important decision, at which Her Majesty's Government have arrived, of proposing to Parliament the erection of the District of Port Phillip into a separate Colony, under the designation of Victoria. It also communicates the intentions of Her Majesty's Government with respect to some important alterations in the Constitution of this and the neighbouring Colonies.

The usual Abstracts of Receipt and Expenditure for the past year will be forthwith laid before you. I am happy to be able to say that the Revenue continues in a very prosperous state. The collections in 1847 show a considerable increase on the previous year, particularly in the District of Port Phillip. The Estimates are in course of preparation, and will be presented to you on as early a day as possible.

In conformity with my previously expressed intention, I have appointed a Board to superintend the temporal Regulation of the Denominational Schools supported in whole or in part from public funds, leaving, as heretofore, the religious instruction of the children in these Schools entirely under the direction of the Clergymen of the different denominations to which they respectively belong.

I have also appointed a separate Board to superintend the Schools to be established on Lord Stanley's National System. I confidently expect that the appointment of these Boards may be attended with beneficial results as regards the general education of the people; but I am fully aware that much is required yet to be done in this respect beyond the Settled Districts, and it is my intention therefore, on submitting the Estimates, to propose to you an appropriation for this purpose from the produce of the Revenue arising from the Assessment on Stock in those localities.

I have received a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, on the subject of establishing Steam communication between England and this Colony by way of the Cape of Good Hope, by means of vessels fitted with auxiliary screw propellers;—this Despatch will also be laid before you. The great importance of a speedy introduction of any means to effect a certain and rapid postal communication with England is so obvious, that it is only requisite for me to recommend the subject to your further attentive consideration, and to repeat the expression of my willingness to co-operate with you to the utmost of my power, in devising the means of speedily accomplishing this most desirable object.

I will also cause to be laid before you a Despatch from the Secretary of State, conveying to me the authority of Her Majesty's Government to introduce a measure authorising the employment of the funds of the Savings' Bank in the prosecution of any public works of general utility. This will place at the disposal of the Government a fund which, so soon as the state of the labor market will allow, may be very usefully employed in facilitating the means of communication between the different parts of the Colony, and will enable the Depositors in the Savings' Bank to enjoy a moderate rate of interest on their earnings. A Bill for this purpose will be presented to you on an early day.

It will be my further duty to place before you some other Despatches, on subjects of interest to the Colony, which I have received from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonial Department; among them is one transmitting a series of Reports relating to the project of constructing a Railway from Halifax to Quebec. His Lordship directs particular attention to one of these Reports on the result of experience in the United States of America with regard to Wooden Railways, and points out the great importance of establishing such means of communication at the earliest possible period in this Colony.

I shall avail myself from time to time of the usual medium of conferring with you by Message on any other subject of importance which it may be necessary to communicate to you.

CH<sup>s</sup>. A. FITZ ROY.

*Sydney, 21st March, 1848.*

Council adjourned until Three o'clock.

4. Reply to opening Address:—The Council resumed, and the Speaker having again read His Excellency the Governor's Address by Message on opening the present Session of the Council,—

Moved by Mr. Donaldson and seconded by Mr. Lord, That a Select Committee, to consist of not less than seven Members, be appointed to prepare a Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Address on opening the Council.

Debate ensued.

Question

Question put and passed ; and the following Committee appointed accordingly :—

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| Mr. Donaldson,          |                       |
| Mr. Lord,               | Mr. Wentworth,        |
| Mr. Cowper,             | The Attorney General, |
| The Colonial Secretary, | Mr. Lowe.             |

Mr. Donaldson, as Chairman, having brought up the Reply to His Excellency the Governor's Address on opening the Council, prepared by the Committee, the same was read by the Clerk, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, as follows :—

*" To His Excellency Sir Charles Augustus Fitz Roy, Knight Companion of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c."*

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

" We, the Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales, in Council assembled, desire to express to your Excellency our affection and loyalty to the Person and Government of Our most Gracious Sovereign, and to offer our respectful thanks for your Excellency's Address to this Council."

" The great commercial crisis which has so lately occurred in England, has been felt by this Colony in the depreciated value of its staple productions. The fact, however, that during the past year there was so great an increase in the aggregate of the two main Exports of the Colony—Wool and Tallow—over the Export of the preceding year, affords a striking proof of the magnitude and rapid development of the resources of the Colony. We lament, however, that owing to the deficiency of labor, and its consequent high price, the condition of many employers is one of great difficulty. We concur with your Excellency in the belief that no community can, in the aggregate, continue to be prosperous, where the fair profits of the capitalist are liable to be absorbed in the payment of an excessive or disproportionate rate of wages. We therefore offer to your Excellency our thanks for those enlightened efforts whereby your Excellency sought to restore that due relation between the profits of the employer and the laborer—the maintenance of which is essential to their reciprocal welfare."

" We are happy to learn that your Excellency's anticipations, expressed in your last opening Address to the Council, have been fully realised, and that the whole of the Land and Immigration Debentures have been paid off. The pressing want of labor now experienced throughout the Colony will render the arrival of the 5,000 Statute Adults, whose introduction was recommended by your Excellency, a most seasonable, though only a partial relief. We therefore rejoice that your Excellency has felt justified in recommending to Her Majesty's Government to send out, in addition to the 5,000 Statute Adults who are now in progress of arriving, an equal number in the ensuing season."

" Whilst we would, however, respectfully express our doubts as to whether the amount of Immigration herein contemplated may be adequate to the wants of the Colony, we would beg to record our conviction that the Crown and Land Revenues of the Territory afford ample security for any loan which, in pursuance of previous resolutions and recommendations of this Council, it may be thought necessary to raise for the purpose of furnishing the Colony with that amount of population and labor, without a due supply of which its growth must be arrested, and the most important branch of its productive industry diminished or destroyed."

" The Despatch from the Right Honorable Earl Grey, setting forth the terms on which Her Majesty's Government will be disposed to send out Exiles and Ticket of Leave holders, to be subsequently followed by their wives and families, and by a number of Free Emigrants in a proportion equal to the number of such Exiles and Ticket of Leave holders, at the expense of the British Treasury, will receive that attentive consideration which the great importance of the question merits."

" The Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary for the Colonies, communicating the important decision at which Her Majesty had arrived of proposing to Parliament the erection of the District of Port Phillip into a separate Colony, under the designation of Victoria, and also communicating the intentions of Her Majesty's Government with respect to some important alterations in the constitution of this and the neighbouring Colonies, is one which will receive our most grave and anxious consideration. We shall lose no time in communicating to your Excellency our deliberate opinion upon this most important subject, with the view of bringing the same, with the least possible delay, under the notice of Her Majesty's Government."

" We are happy to learn that the condition of the Revenue is prosperous, and we shall bestow our careful consideration on the Estimates of Expenditure for the ensuing year, when laid before us by your Excellency."

" The Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, on the subject of establishing Steam Communication between England and this Colony by way of the Cape of Good Hope, by means of vessels fitted with the screw propeller, will receive our attentive consideration."

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"We agree in considering that the introduction of Railways into this Colony is a subject of the greatest importance. The Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, and the documents accompanying it, will afford ample materials for investigation, and shall receive such attention as the shortness of the Session will allow."

"We entirely concur with your Excellency in believing that beneficial results, as regards the general education of the people, are likely to arise from the appointment of the respective Boards for superintending the Denominational and General Systems of education, in securing a more satisfactory and efficient appropriation of the sums granted out of the public revenue for these purposes."

"We rejoice to learn that your Excellency intends to make early provision for the establishment of schools beyond the settled districts. The present destitution of all means of education in those localities, is an evil, the correction of which is well worthy the deliberate attention of the Government."

"The Bill which your Excellency proposes to lay before us in connexion with the investment of the funds of the Savings' Bank, together with such other documents and messages as your Excellency may refer or address to us, shall receive our most attentive and anxious consideration."

*Legislative Council Chamber,  
Sydney, 21st March, 1848.*

Moved by Mr. Donaldson, and seconded by Mr. Lord, That this Reply to His Excellency's Address on opening the Council be adopted by the Council.  
Debate ensued.

Question put and passed; whereupon the Speaker, pursuant to the 16th Standing Order of the Council, appointed two Members (the Colonial Secretary and the Colonial Treasurer,) to wait upon the Governor to ascertain when and where His Excellency will be pleased to receive the Reply to the opening Address.

The Colonial Secretary acquainted the House that, in anticipation of the Order of the House, he had already waited upon the Governor, and ascertained it to be His Excellency's pleasure to receive the Council's Reply to his opening Address at Government House, to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock.

5. Chairman of Committees:—Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That Henry Watson Parker, Esquire, be the Chairman of Committees of the whole Council for the present Session.

Question put and passed; whereupon Mr. Parker returned his acknowledgments for the honor conferred on him in re-electing him to office.

6. Despatches:—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table the Correspondence and several Despatches adverted to in His Excellency the Governor's opening Address, viz. :—

- (1.) Correspondence on the subject of Immigration with Her Majesty's Government and the Land and Emigration Commissioners.
- (2.) Despatch No. 213, of 3rd September, 1847, respecting the introduction of Exiles and Ticket of Leave Holders, to be followed by their wives and families, concurrently with equal numbers of free Immigrants.
- (3.) Despatch No. 203, of 31st July, 1847, respecting the separation of Port Phillip.
- (4.) Despatch No. 166, of 9th June, 1847, respecting Steam Communication with England.
- (5.) Despatch to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, of 31st October, 1846, and the Secretary of State's Despatch in Reply, No. 194, of 24th July, 1847, respecting the employment of the Savings' Banks' Funds.
- (6.) Despatch No. 202, of 31st July, 1847, respecting Wooden Railways.

Ordered to be printed, together with the several accompanying Enclosures.  
Council adjourned at Five o'clock, until to-morrow at Two o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22.

MEMO:—The Council will proceed to Government House, to present to the Governor their Reply to His Excellency's opening Address, at half-past Two o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY to move, That the Standing Orders Committee be re-appointed.
2. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY to move, That Wednesdays and Thursdays be the days appointed for the dispatch of Government business during the present Session.
3. MR. COWPER to move, That the Library Committee be re-appointed.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Reply to opening Address:—The Council proceeded to Government House, pursuant to appointment yesterday, to present to His Excellency the Governor their Reply to His Excellency's opening Address.  
The Council having returned, the Speaker read His Excellency's Answer, as follows:—

MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:—

I thank you for this Address, and for the assurance it conveys to me, that the questions I may have to submit to you shall receive your attentive consideration.

Government House, Sydney,  
22nd March, 1848.

CHs. A. FITZ ROY.

2. The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor received and read.  
(1.) Naturalization of Aliens:—

CHs. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

Message No. 1.

The Governor submits to the Legislative Council, a copy of a Circular Despatch which he has recently received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the Naturalization of Aliens, together with a copy of the Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, (10th and 11th Victoria, chap. 83,) which is referred to by His Lordship.

Government House, Sydney,  
22nd March, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Circular Despatch and Act.

- (2.) Lady Dowling's Pension:—

CHs. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

Message No. 2.

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Council a copy of a Despatch, dated 30th July, 1847, No. 198, from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, enclosing an application from Lady Dowling, widow of the late Chief Justice of New South Wales, to be allowed to draw Pension from the date of her husband's death, instead of from the date from which it was voted for her by the Council; and, in obedience to the instructions contained in the Despatch, His Excellency submits to the Council, His Lordship's recommendation, that, under all the circumstances of the case, the application of Lady Dowling may be taken into their favorable consideration.

The necessary sum will be placed on the Supplementary Estimate, to be paid to Lady Dowling, if sanctioned by the Council.

Government House, Sydney,  
22nd March, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Documents, and taken into consideration with the Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure for the present year.

- (3.) Intended Appropriations, under Schedule B, in 1849:—

CHs. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

Message No. 3.

Agreeably to the provisions of the 39th section of the Act for the Government of this Colony, 5th and 6th Victoria, chap. 76, the Governor lays before the Legislative Council a Statement of the Sums intended to be appropriated, during the year 1849, to the several Services and Purposes named in Schedule B, to that Act annexed.

Government House, Sydney,  
22nd March, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Statement.

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## (4.) Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill :—

CH<sup>s</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

Message No. 4.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act for the Government of New South Wales, 5th and 6th Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the draft of a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to regulate the keeping and carriage of Gunpowder imported into that part of the Colony of New South Wales called Port Phillip.*"

Government House, Sydney,  
22nd March, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Bill, and taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

## (5.) Sydney Roads Bill :—

CH<sup>s</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

Message No. 5.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act for the Government of New South Wales, 5th and 6th Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, the draft of a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to provide for the improvement of certain Roads in the neighbourhood of the City of Sydney.*"

Government House Sydney,  
22nd March, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Bill, and taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

## (6.) Country Towns Police Bill :—

CH<sup>s</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

Message No. 6.

In conformity to the provisions of the 30th clause of the Act for the Government of New South Wales, 5th and 6th Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, the draft of a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Act for regulating the Police in the Towns of Parramatta, Windsor, Maitland, Bathurst, and other Towns respectively, and for removing and preventing nuisances and obstructions, and for the better alignment of streets therein.*"

Government House, Sydney,  
22nd March, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Bill, and taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

## (7.) Colonial Spirits Exportation Bill :—

CH<sup>s</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

Message No. 7.

In conformity to the provisions of the 30th clause of the Act for the Government of New South Wales, 5th and 6th Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the draft of a Bill, intituled "*A Bill to continue an Act, intituled 'An Act to authorise and regulate for a limited time, the warehousing, under bond, and the exportation free of duty, of Spirits distilled within the Colony of New South Wales.'*"

Government House, Sydney,  
22nd March, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Bill, and taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

## (8.) Appropriation of Fines and Penalties Bill.

CH<sup>s</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

Message No. 8.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act for the Government of New South Wales, 5th and 6th Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the draft of a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend certain Acts of the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, with respect to the appropriation of Fines and Penalties.*"

Government House, Sydney,  
22nd March, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Bill, and taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

3. New Member sworn :—John Moore Cole Airey, Esquire, having taken the Oath prescribed by the 25th section of the Act of Parliament, 5 and 6 Victoria, chap. 76, and delivered to the Clerk of the Council the following Declaration of his Qualification to serve in the Council, prescribed by the 3rd section of the Act of Parliament, 7 and 8 Victoria, chap. 74, took his seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Port

Port Phillip, in room of John Dunmore Lang, Esquire, whose seat had become vacated by his having, for two successive Sessions, failed to give his attendance in the Council, without permission of Her Majesty or the Governor, signified to the Council by the Governor.

" I, John Moore Cole Airey, do declare and testify, that I am duly seised at Law or in Equity of an Estate in freehold, for my own use and benefit, in lands or tenements, in the Colony of New South Wales, of the yearly value of one hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the same, viz., One freehold estate, consisting of five hundred and ninety-three acres, in the parish of Danesed, County of Grant, in the District of Port Phillip; also two other freeholds of three hundred and fifty, and one hundred and thirty-nine acres, in the parish of Moorpanyal, County of Grant, in the said District of Port Phillip—the whole of the rents and profits derivable from the same belonging to me absolutely: And that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said lands and tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council of New South Wales."

"J. M. C. AIREY."

"Sydney, 22nd March, 1848."

4. Bank Liabilities and Assets:—The Colonial Secretary, pursuant to the requirement of the Act of Council, 4 Victoria, No. 13, laid upon the Table General Abstracts of the Sworn Returns of the Average Assets and Liabilities, and of the Capital and Profits of the several Banks in the Colony of New South Wales, for the quarters ended respectively, 30th June, 1847, 30th September, 1847, and 31st December, 1847.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Ordinance:—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table:—
  - (1.) A Return of all Monies received by or payable to the respective Officers of Her Majesty's Ordinance, under the provision of the Act 4 Victoria, No. 2.
  - (2.) A Return of all Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Buildings, vested in such Officers under the said Act.
 Ordered to be printed.
6. Vaccine Institution:—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table the first Annual Report from the Medical Officer in charge of the Vaccine Institution.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Course of the Victoria River:—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table, the copy of a Despatch from Mr. Assistant Surveyor Kennedy, detailing the particulars of his expedition to ascertain the course of the River Victoria.
8. Standing Orders Committee:—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, That the Standing Orders Committee be re-appointed.  
Question put and passed; the Committee consisting of—
 

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|             | The Speaker, |                         |
| Mr. M'Leay, |              | The Colonial Secretary, |
| Mr. Cowper, |              | The Attorney General,   |
|             | Mr. Parker.  |                         |
9. Dispatch of Government business:—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, That Wednesdays and Thursdays be the days appointed for the dispatch of Government business during the present Session.  
Question put and passed.
10. Library Committee:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Library Committee be re-appointed.  
Question put and passed; the Committee, consisting of—
 

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|                           | The Speaker, |             |
| The Colonial Secretary,   |              | Mr. Cowper, |
| Mr. McLeay,               |              | Mr. Parker, |
| The Collector of Customs, |              | Mr. Lowe.   |

Council adjourned at half-past Three o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That a Select Committee of Seven Members be appointed, to take into consideration the practicability and expediency of introducing Railways into this Colony; with instructions to take Evidence, and to Report not later than two months from this date.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The COLONIAL SECRETARY to move, That a Select Committee of not less than seven Members, be appointed to resume the consideration of the best means of establishing a Steam communication between this Colony and England, with instructions to take further Evidence, and to report not later than two months from this date; and also, that the Despatch in reference to this subject laid upon the Table yesterday by command of His Excellency the Governor, be referred to that Committee.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 4, with Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill.
2. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 5, with Sydney Roads Bill.
3. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 6, with Country Towns Police Bill.
4. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 7, with Colonial Spirits Exportation Bill.
5. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 8, with Appropriation of Fines and Penalties Bill.

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CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 28 MARCH, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

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

(1.) Disallowance of Bills.

CH<sup>s</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,

*Message No. 9.*

*Governor.*

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, an Extract from a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, intimating that, for the reasons therein assigned, Her Majesty in Council cannot be advised to allow the following Bills, which were passed by the Council, in the second Session of the year 1846, and were reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, namely:—

"An Act to appoint the Honorable Francis Scott, to be Agent for New South Wales, for three years," and, "An Act to render certain persons herein described, incapable of being elected or of sitting and voting as Members of the Legislative Council, and to make void the election of certain Members."

*Government House, Sydney,  
28th March, 1848.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Extract.

(2.) Reduction in the Military Force.

CH<sup>s</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,

*Message No. 10.*

*Governor.*

The Governor submits for the consideration of the Legislative Council the copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, intimating the early prospect of a reduction in the number of the Military Force now stationed in the Colony, and directing His Excellency to draw the attention of the Council to the expediency of augmenting the Police Force of the Colony, by causing men to be engaged for that purpose in England.

*Government House, Sydney,  
28th March, 1848.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch.

2. Railways:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from the Provisional Committee, appointed by a Public Meeting held in Sydney, on the 6th day of August, 1846, to cause a survey to be made in the Southern and Western Districts of the Colony, with reference to the proposed formation of Railways, praying the Council to adopt such measures in reference to the establishment of Railways within this Colony, as to them shall seem fit.

Petition read and received.

3. Railways:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee of Seven Members be appointed, to take into consideration the practicability and expediency of introducing Railways into this Colony; with instructions to take Evidence, and to report not later than two months from this date.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed, and the following Committee appointed accordingly:—

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| Mr. Lamb,         | Mr. Cowper, | The Colonial Secretary, |
| Captain Dumaresq, |             | Mr. Murray,             |
| Mr. Icely,        |             | Mr. Lord.               |

4. Vice Admiralty Court:—Mr. Donaldson presented a Petition from certain Merchants, Shipowners, Masters of Vessels, and others interested in the Commerce of the Port of Sydney, praying the Council to adopt such measures as to them shall seem proper to obtain the revision, or modification, of the Imperial Act 2 Wm. IV., cap. 51.

Petition read and received.

Council adjourned at Four o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. The COLONIAL SECRETARY to move, That a Select Committee of not less than seven Members, be appointed to resume the consideration of the best means of establishing a Steam communication between this Colony and England, with instructions to take further Evidence, and to report not later than two months from this date; and also, that the Despatch in reference to this subject laid upon the Table on Tuesday, the 21st instant, by command of His Excellency the Governor, be referred to that Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 4, with Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill.
2. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 5, with Sydney Roads Bill.
3. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 6, with Country Towns Police Bill.
4. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 7, with Colonial Spirits Exportation Bill.
5. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 8, with Appropriation of Fines and Penalties Bill.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition, in reference to Railways, presented by him on the 28th instant, be printed.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition, in reference to the Vice-Admiralty Court, presented by him on the 28th instant, be printed.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4.

1. MR. GRANT to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of removing Slaughter houses beyond the boundaries of the City of Sydney.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Practising Attorneys, and other persons, under certain limitations, to be called to the Bar of the Supreme Court of this Colony, and also to give to Barristers of that Court the option of being disbarred and practising as Attorneys.

### CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

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

(1.) Petty Sessions Bill.

CH<sup>S</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,

Message No. 11.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act for the Government of New South Wales, 5th and 6th Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, the draft of a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Governor of the Colony to cancel appointments of places for holding Courts of Petty Sessions.*"

Government House, Sydney,

29th March, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Bill, and taken into consideration to-morrow.

(2.) Bushranging Bill.

CH<sup>S</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,

Message No. 12.

Governor.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act for the Government of New South Wales, 5th and 6th Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, the Draft of a Bill to continue for two years, the Act for facilitating the apprehension of transported felons and offenders illegally at large, and of persons found with arms and suspected to be robbers.

Government House, Sydney,

29th March, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Bill, and taken into consideration to-morrow.

2. Steam Communication with England:—The Colonial Secretary moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee, of not less than seven Members, be appointed to resume the consideration of the best means of establishing a Steam Communication between this Colony and England, with instructions to take further Evidence, and to report not later than two months from this date; and also, that the Despatch in reference to this subject, laid upon the Table on Tuesday, the 21st instant, by command of His Excellency the Governor, be referred to that Committee.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed; and the following Committee appointed accordingly:—

The Colonial Secretary,

Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Lamb,  
Mr. Wentworth,

Mr. Robinson,  
Mr. Icely,  
Mr. Cowper.

3. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill:—The Governor's Message, No. 4, received with this Bill on the 22nd instant, having been read, on motion of the Colonial Secretary,—

Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That the Bill which accompanied His Excellency's Message, be now read a first time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed; and Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to regulate the keeping and carriage of Gunpowder imported into that part of the Colony of New South Wales called Port Phillip,*" read a first time; to be read a second time this day three weeks.

4. Sydney Roads Bill:—The Governor's Message No. 5, received with this Bill on the 22nd instant, having been read, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, Bill intituled, "*A Bill to provide for the improvement of certain Roads in the neighbourhood of the City of Sydney,*" read a first time; to be read a second time this day week.

5. Country Towns Police Bill:—The Governor's Message No. 6, received with this Bill on the 22nd instant, having been read, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Act for regulating the Police in the Towns of Parramatta, Windsor, Maitland, Bathurst, and other Towns respectively, and for removing and preventing nuisances and obstructions, and for the better alignment of streets therein,*" read a first time; to be read a second time this day week.

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6. Colonial Spirits Exportation Bill :—The Governor's Message No. 7, received with this Bill on the 22nd instant, having been read, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, Bill, intituled, " *A Bill to continue an Act, intituled, ' An Act to authorise and regulate for a limited time, the Warehousing, under Bond, and the Exportation, free of Duty, of Spirits Distilled within the Colony of New South Wales,'*" read a first time; to be read a second time this day week.
7. Appropriation of Fines and Penalties Bill :—The Governor's Message, No. 8, received with this Bill on the 22nd instant, having been read, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, Bill, intituled, " *A Bill to amend certain Acts of the Governor and Legislative Council of New South Wales, with respect to the appropriation of Fines and Penalties,*" read a first time; to be read a second time this day week.

Council adjourned at twenty minutes before Five o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 30.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 11, with Petty Sessions Bill.
2. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 12, with Bushranging Bill.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 31.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition, in reference to Railways, presented by him on the 28th instant, be printed.
2. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition, in reference to the Vice-Admiralty Court, presented by him on the 28th instant, be printed.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 4.

1. MR. GRANT to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of removing Slaughter houses beyond the boundaries of the City of Sydney.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Practising Attorneys, and other persons, under certain limitations, to be called to the Bar of the Supreme Court of this Colony, and also to give to Barristers of that Court the option of being disbarred and practising as Attorneys.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Roads Bill; second reading.
2. Country Towns Police Bill; second reading.
3. Colonial Spirits Exportation Bill; second reading.
4. Appropriation of Fines and Penalties Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill: second reading.

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## CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*



## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 30 MARCH, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Petty Sessions Bill:—The Governor's Message, No. 11, received with this Bill on the 29th instant, having been read, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to enable the Governor of the Colony to cancel appointments of places for holding Courts of Petty Sessions,*" read a first time; to be read a second time on Wednesday next.
2. Bushranging Bill:—The Governor's Message, No. 12, received with this Bill on the 29th instant, having been read, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to continue for two years the Act for facilitating the apprehension of transported felons, and offenders illegally at large, and of persons found with arms and suspected to be robbers,*" read a first time; to be read a second time on Wednesday next.
3. Postponements:—
  - (1.) Mr. Cowper postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-morrow, until Tuesday next.
  - (3.) Mr. Donaldson postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-morrow, until Tuesday next.
 Council adjourned at twenty minutes before Four o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4.

## NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRANT to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of removing Slaughter houses beyond the boundaries of the City of Sydney.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Practising Attorneys, and other persons, under certain limitations, to be called to the Bar of the Supreme Court of this Colony, and also to give to Barristers of that Court the option of being disbarred and practising as Attorneys.
3. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition, in reference to Railways, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.
4. MR. DONALDSON to move, That the Petition, in reference to the Vice-Admiralty Court, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Sydney Roads Bill; second reading.
2. Country Towns Police Bill; second reading.
3. Colonial Spirits Exportation Bill; second reading.
4. Appropriation of Fines and Penalties Bill; second reading.
5. Petty Sessions Bill; second reading.
6. Bushranging Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WENTWORTH to move the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, No. 213, dated 3rd September, 1847, having been submitted to the consideration of this Council, this Council is disposed to co-operate with the Home Government in carrying out the scheme of reformatory discipline indicated therein, so far as relates to the reception and employment in this Colony of the two classes of Exiles holding Conditional Pardons and Tickets of Leave, on the terms in the said Despatch mentioned, viz., that in all cases the wives and families of such Exiles, together with a number of free Emigrants, equal to the number of such Exiles, shall be sent out at the cost of the British Treasury. This Council would, however, urge, as a point of the greatest importance to the complete success of the measure, that the wives and families of the Exiles should accompany, rather than follow them; so that the evils arising from large aggregations of males in the narrow compass of a vessel, and almost necessarily in a state of idleness, may be avoided, and the beneficial tendencies of the first stage of their probationary career on their arrival in the Colony, may not be needlessly endangered by a severance of domestic ties, no longer necessary for purposes of punishment. The Council would further urge, that in the whole progress of this combined deportation and Emigration, due care should be taken to maintain, as far as possible, an equality of the sexes, so as to prevent a recurrence of those social evils which are allowed on all hands to have been the worst feature of the late system of transportation.
  - (2.) That a copy of the above Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will be pleased to transmit the same for the information of Her Majesty's Government.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill: second reading.

## CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON  
*Speaker.*

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Postponements :—  
(1.) Mr. Grant postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.  
(2.) Mr. Cowper, in the absence, and at the request of, Mr. Wentworth, postponed the motion standing in Mr. Wentworth's name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
2. Railways :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition in reference to Railways, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Vice Admiralty Court :—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition in reference to the Vice Admiralty Court, presented by him on the 28th ultimo, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Ordered to be printed.
4. Licensed Stations beyond the Settled Districts, and sale or occupation of Crown Lands :—  
The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table the Return to No. 2 of the Addresses on these subjects adopted on the 13th August, 1847, on motion of Mr. Lowe.  
Ordered to be printed.  
Council adjourned at twenty-five minutes before Four o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Sydney Roads Bill; second reading.
2. Country Towns Police Bill; second reading.
3. Colonial Spirits Exportation Bill; second reading.
4. Appropriation of Fines and Penalties Bill; second reading.
5. Petty Sessions Bill; second reading.
6. Bushranging Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move, (after disposal of Government business) That the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Earl Grey, dated 31st July, 1847, upon the subject of Railways, and the Petition of the Committee appointed at the Public Meeting held in Sydney on the 29th January, 1846, to collect information respecting the introduction of Railways into this Colony, be referred to the Railway Committee.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WENTWORTH to move the following Resolutions :—  
 (1.) That the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, No. 213, dated 3rd September, 1847, having been submitted to the consideration of this Council, this Council is disposed to co-operate with the Home Government in carrying out the scheme of reformatory discipline indicated therein, so far as relates to the reception and employment in this Colony of the two classes of Exiles holding Conditional Pardons and Tickets of Leave, on the terms in the said Despatch mentioned, viz., that in all cases the wives and families of such Exiles, together with a number of free Emigrants, equal to the number of such Exiles, shall be sent out at the cost of the British Treasury. This Council would, however, urge, as a point of the greatest importance to the complete success of the measure, that the wives and families of the Exiles should accompany, rather than follow them; so that the evils arising from large aggregations of males in the narrow compass of a vessel, and almost necessarily in a state of idleness, may be avoided, and the beneficial tendencies of the first stage of their probationary career on their arrival in the Colony, may not be needlessly endangered by a severance of domestic ties, no longer necessary for purposes of punishment. The Council would further urge, that in the whole progress of this combined deportation and Emigration, due care should be taken to maintain, as far as possible, an equality of the sexes, so as to prevent a recurrence of those social evils which are allowed on all hands to have been the worst feature of the late system of transportation.  
 (2.) That a copy of the above Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will be pleased to transmit the same for the information of Her Majesty's Government.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Practising Attorneys, and other persons, under certain limitations, to be called to the Bar of the Supreme Court of this Colony, and also to give to Barristers of that Court the option of being disbarred and practising as Attorneys.
3. MR. DANCAR to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of Sheep, Cattle, and Horses, and of the amount of Assessment, under the Act 11 Vic., No. 18, in the Districts beyond the boundaries, for the year 1848;—distinguishing the number of Stock, and amount of Assessment for each District.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11:

1. MR. GRANT to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of removing Slaughter houses beyond the boundaries of the City of Sydney.
2. MR. FOSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of the number of Exiles sent out to Port Phillip from the several Penitentiaries in England, and stating the number from each Penitentiary.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent frivolous and vexatious Arrests of Ships or Vessels, or the Masters or Commanders thereof, by process issuing out of the Vice Admiralty Court of New-South-Wales.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill: second reading.

CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Sydney Roads Bill:—Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed; Bill read a second time; to be committed this day fortnight.
2. Country Towns Police Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, without amendment, Bill ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time this day week.
3. Colonial Spirits Exportation Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, without amendment, Bill ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time this day week.
4. Appropriation of Fines and Penalties Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, without amendment, Bill ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time this day week.
5. Petty Sessions Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with amendments, Bill ordered to be engrossed, as so amended, and read a third time this day week.
6. Bushranging Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.
7. Postponement:—Mr. Cowper postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-morrow, until Friday next.  
Council adjourned at ten minutes before Five o'clock, until *Friday next* at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY:

FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WENTWORTH to move the following Resolutions:—  
(1.) That the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, No. 213, dated 3rd September, 1847, having been submitted to the consideration of this Council, this Council is disposed to co-operate with the Home Government in carrying out the scheme of reformatory discipline indicated therein, so far as relates to the reception and employment in this Colony of the two classes of Exiles holding Conditional Pardons and Tickets of Leave, on the terms in the said Despatch mentioned, viz, that in all cases the wives and families of such Exiles, together with a number of free Emigrants, equal to the number of such Exiles, shall be sent out at the cost of the British Treasury. This Council would, however, urge, as a point of the greatest importance to the complete success of the measure, that the wives and families of the Exiles should accompany, rather than follow them; so that the evils arising from large aggregations of males in  
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(2.) That a copy of the above Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will be pleased to transmit the same for the information of Her Majesty's Government.

2. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable Practising Attorneys, and other persons, under certain limitations, to be called to the Bar of the Supreme Court of this Colony, and also to give to Barristers of that Court the option of being disbarred and practising as Attorneys.
3. MR. DANGAR to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of Sheep, Cattle, and Horses, and of the amount of Assessment, under the Act 11 Vic., No. 18, in the Districts beyond the boundaries, for the year 1848;—distinguishing the number of Stock, and amount of Assessment for each District.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Earl Grey, dated 31st July, 1847, upon the subject of Railways, and the Petition of the Committee appointed at the Public Meeting held in Sydney on the 29th January, 1846, to collect information respecting the introduction of Railways into this Colony, be referred to the Railway Committee.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 11.

1. MR. GRANT to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of removing Slaughter houses beyond the boundaries of the City of Sydney.
2. MR. FOSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of the number of Exiles sent out to Port Phillip from the several Penitentiaries in England, and stating the number from each Penitentiary.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent frivolous and vexatious Arrests of Ships or Vessels, or the Masters or Commanders thereof, by process issuing out of the Vice Admiralty Court of New South Wales.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Country Towns Police Bill; third reading.
2. Colonial Spirits Exportation Bill; third reading.
3. Appropriation of Fines and Penalties Bill; third reading.
4. Petty Sessions Bill; third reading.
5. Bushranging Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill; second reading.
2. Sydney Roads Bill; to be considered in Committee.

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CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, 7 APRIL, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
**Exileism with Immigration:**—Mr. Wentworth moved, pursuant to notice, That this Council do adopt the Resolutions following:—  
 (1.) That the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, No. 213, dated 3rd September, 1847, having been submitted to the consideration of this Council, this Council is disposed to co-operate with the Home Government in carrying out the scheme of reformatory discipline indicated therein, so far as relates to the reception and employment in this Colony of the two classes of Exiles holding Conditional Pardons and Tickets of Leave, on the terms in the said Despatch mentioned, viz., that in all cases the wives and families of such Exiles, together with a number of free Emigrants, equal to the number of such Exiles, shall be sent out at the cost of the British Treasury. This Council would, however, urge, as a point of the greatest importance to the complete success of the measure, that the wives and families of the Exiles should accompany, rather than follow them; so that the evils arising from large aggregations of males in the narrow compass of a vessel, and almost necessarily in a state of idleness, may be avoided, and the beneficial tendencies of the first stage of their probationary career on their arrival in the Colony, may not be needlessly endangered by a severance of domestic ties, no longer necessary for purposes of punishment. The Council would further urge, that in the whole progress of this combined deportation and Emigration, due care should be taken to maintain, as far as possible, an equality of the sexes, so as to prevent a recurrence of those social evils which are allowed on all hands to have been the worst feature of the late system of transportation.  
 (2.) That a copy of the above Resolution be presented to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that he will be pleased to transmit the same for the information of Her Majesty's Government.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Moved, as an amendment, by Dr. Bland, That there be added, after the word "transportation" at the end of the first Resolution, the words "The Council would further urge the justice of applying the same principle to the Exiles who have already been sent to the District of Port Phillip."  
 Debate continued.  
 Moved, as an amendment, by Mr. Lamb, That the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, No. 213, dated 3rd September, 1847, be referred to a Select Committee, with instructions to draw up Resolutions in reply thereto, and submit the same to the consideration of the House, within a month.  
 Debate continued.  
 Mr. Lamb, by leave, withdrew his proposed amendment.  
 Original question,—with the addition of the words proposed to be added at the end of the first Resolution, by way of amendment,—put and passed.  
 Address, embodying the Resolutions, as so amended, to be presented to His Excellency the Governor, by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and the Auditor General.
2. **Legal Profession Bill:**—Mr. Wentworth having, pursuant to notice, moved for, and obtained leave to bring in "*A Bill to enable Practising Attorneys, and other persons, under certain limitations, to be called to the Bar of the Supreme Court of this Colony, and also to give to Barristers of that Court the option of being disbarred and practising as Attorneys;*" Bill read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time on next Tuesday week.
3. **Assessment on Stock:**—Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the number of Sheep, Cattle, and Horses, and of the amount of Assessment, under the Act 11 Vic., No. 18, in the Districts beyond the boundaries, for the year 1848;—distinguishing the number of Stock, and amount of Assessment for each District.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Address to be presented by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and the Colonial Treasurer.

4. Railways :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Earl Grey, dated 31st July, 1847, upon the subject of Railways, and the Petition of the Committee appointed at the Public Meeting held in Sydney on the 29th January, 1846, to collect information respecting the introduction of Railways into this Colony, be referred to the Railway Committee.  
Question put and passed.  
Council adjourned at ten minutes before Eight o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 11.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRANT to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of removing Slaughter houses beyond the boundaries of the City of Sydney.
2. MR. FOSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of the number of Exiles sent out to Port Phillip from the several Penitentiaries in England, and stating the number from each Penitentiary.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill to prevent frivolous and vexatious Arrests of Ships or Vessels, or the Masters or Commanders thereof, by process issuing out of the Vice Admiralty Court of New South Wales.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Country Towns Police Bill; third reading.
2. Colonial Spirits Exportation Bill; third reading.
3. Appropriation of Fines and Penalties Bill; third reading.
4. Petty Sessions Bill; third reading.
5. Bushranging Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 18.

1. Legal Profession Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill; second reading.
2. Sydney Roads Bill; to be considered in Committee.

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## CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
*Reverend Charles Woodward, B. C. L.* :—*Mr. Lowe presented a Petition from the Revd. Charles Woodward, B. C. L., praying the extension to him of the right of a free subject, in common with others, in the exercise of his profession.*  
Petition read and received.
2. *John Yeates* :—*Mr. Lowe presented a Petition from John Yeates, late Sergeant in Her Majesty's 52nd Regiment of Foot, praying compensation, equivalent to the amount he paid for his passage to the Colony.*  
Petition read and received.
3. *New Member sworn* :—*The Speaker having announced that Letters Patent, under the hand of His Excellency the Governor and Great Seal of the Territory, nominating and appointing the Major-General Commanding Her Majesty's Troops in this Colony a non-elective member of the Council, in room of His Excellency Sir Maurice Charles O'Connell who had ceased to hold that command, had been transmitted to him by letter from the Colonial Secretary, dated the 7th April instant,—Major-General Edward Buckley Wynyard was introduced, and, the Speaker having administered to him the oath, took his seat in the Council.*
4. *Savings' Banks Bill* :—*The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, received and read* :—  
*CH<sup>s</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,* *Message No. 13.*  
*Governor.*  
*In accordance with the provisions of the Act for the Government of New South Wales, 5 & 6 Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the draft of a Bill, intituled, "A Bill to alter and amend the Laws relating to the Savings' Banks of New South Wales and Port Phillip respectively."*  
*Government House, Sydney,*  
*11th April, 1848.*  
*Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Bill, and taken into consideration on Thursday next.*
5. *Dr. James Bennett Clutterbuck* :—*Mr. Foster presented a Petition from James Bennett Clutterbuck, Doctor of Medicine, of Kilmore and Melbourne, in the District of Port Phillip, praying pecuniary compensation for Medical Services rendered to Trooper Beach of the Mounted Police.*  
Petition read and received.
6. *Postponement* :—*Mr. Grant postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.*
7. *Exiles to Port Phillip* :—*Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid on the Table of this House, a Return of the number of Exiles sent out to Port Phillip from the several Penitentiaries in England, and stating the number from each Penitentiary.*  
Question put and passed.  
Address to be presented by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and the Colonial Treasurer.
8. *Slaughter Houses* :—*Dr. Bland presented a Petition from John Neale, Thomas May, and John Kingdon Cleave, praying the Council will not sanction the removal of Petitioners' Slaughter Houses, or otherwise to grant them ample compensation.*  
Petition read and received.
9. *Vice Admiralty Court Bill* :—*Mr. Donaldson having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in "A Bill to prevent frivolous and vexatious Arrests of Ships or Vessels, or the Masters or Commanders thereof, by process issuing out of the Vice Admiralty Court of New South Wales;"* Bill read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.  
Council adjourned at four o'clock, until to-morrow at three o'clock.

NOTICES

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Country Towns Police Bill; third reading.
2. Colonial Spirits Exportation Bill; third reading.
3. Appropriation of Fines and Penalties Bill; third reading.
4. Petty Sessions Bill; third reading.
5. Bushranging Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 13.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 13, with Savings' Banks Bill.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 18.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WENTWORTH to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare a Petition of Grievances to Her Majesty and both Houses of Parliament.
2. MR. GRANT to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of removing Slaughter houses beyond the boundaries of the City of Sydney.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Profession Bill; second reading.
2. Vice Admiralty Court Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill; second reading.
2. Sydney Roads Bill; to be considered in Committee.

### CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

No. 10.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Presbyterian Free Church Marriages :—Mr. Foster presented a Petition from the Ministers and Elder composing the Synod of the Free Presbyterian Church of Australia Felix, praying the Council to pass an Act to remove all doubts respecting the validity of Marriages solemnized by Free Presbyterian Ministers, and by such others as may desire to be comprehended in its provisions.  
Petition read and received.
  2. Country Towns Police Bill :—On the Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill being called—Moved, by the Colonial Secretary, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.  
Question put and passed; and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with an amendment, Bill ordered to be re-engrossed, as so amended, and read a third time to-morrow.
  3. Colonial Spirits Exportation Bill, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
  4. Appropriation of Fines and Penalties Bill, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
  5. Petty Sessions Bill, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
  6. Bushranging Bill :—On motion of the Attorney General, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with amendments, Bill ordered to be engrossed, as so amended, and read a third time to-morrow.  
Council adjourned at a quarter before four o'clock, until to-morrow at three o'clock.
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NOTICES

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 13.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 13, with Savings' Banks Bill.
2. Country Towns Police Bill; third reading.
3. Bushranging Bill; third reading.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 14.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. Foster to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th instant, praying the passing of an Act to remove doubts respecting the Validity of Marriages Solemnized by Presbyterian Free Church Ministers, be printed.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 18.

1. MR. WENTWORTH to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare a Petition of Grievances to Her Majesty and both Houses of Parliament.
2. MR. GRANT to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of removing Slaughter houses beyond the boundaries of the City of Sydney.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Profession Bill; second reading.
2. Vice Admiralty Court Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill; second reading.
2. Sydney Roads Bill; to be considered in Committee.

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CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

No. 11.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
**THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

THURSDAY, 13 APRIL, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Savings' Banks Bill:—The Governor's Message No. 13, received with this Bill on the 11th instant, having been read, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to alter and amend the Laws relating to the Savings' Banks of New South Wales and Port Phillip respectively,*" read a first time; to be read a second time this day week.
2. Country Towns Police Bill, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
3. Bushranging Bill, on motion of the Attorney General, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
4. Postponement:—Mr. Foster postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-morrow, until Tuesday next.  
Council adjourned at a quarter before four o'clock, until *Tuesday next* at three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WENTWORTH to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare a *Petition of Grievances to Her Majesty and both Houses of Parliament.*
2. MR. GRANT to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of removing Slaughter houses beyond the boundaries of the City of Sydney.
3. Mr. Foster to move, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th instant, praying the passing of an Act to remove doubts respecting the Validity of Marriages Solemnized by Presbyterian Free Church Ministers, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Profession Bill; second reading.
2. Vice-Admiralty Court Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill; second reading.
2. Sydney Roads Bill; to be considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20.

1. Savings' Banks Bill; second reading.

CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*



## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 18 APRIL, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
**New Commercial Bank:**—Mr. Lowe presented a Petition from Thomas Barker, John Alexander, David Jones, Robert Porter, and Severin Kanute Salting, all of Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Esquires, setting forth that public notice had been given of the intention to apply for the Bill subsequently prayed for, by affixing such notice to the doors of the several subsequently mentioned Churches, for three successive Sundays, and also by publication thereof in the *New South Wales Government Gazette*, at least one month previously to the presentation of their Petition, and praying the Council to pass a Bill to enable the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney to sue and be sued in the name of the Manager for the time being of the said Company, and to vest the property of the said Company in the Manager for the time being of the said Company, and to provide for the disposal thereof by him, and to define the responsibilities and liabilities of the said Company and the proprietors thereof, and to regulate and facilitate the operations of the said Company, and to give certain other powers and privileges to the said Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned.  
 Petition read and received.  
 Proof having been made at the Bar of the House, by parol Evidence of the Clerks of St. Philip's, Christ's, St. Andrew's, St. James', St. Patrick's, St. Mary's, Trinity, Dr. Fullerton's, Dr. McGarvie's, and Dr. Lang's Churches, that the said Notice had been affixed to the doors of their respective Churches for three successive Sundays, being the 12th, 19th, and 26th days of March last, and a copy of the *Government Gazette* of the 7th of the same month, containing a similar Notice, having been produced.—Mr. Lowe gave notice that he would, on this day week, move for leave to bring in the Bill prayed for.
2. **Slaughter Houses:**—Mr. Lowe presented a Petition from certain of the inhabitants of the City of Sydney, praying the Council to adopt measures for the early removal of the Slaughter Houses now within the City of Sydney, and to award compensation to the proprietors if necessary.  
 Petition read and received.
3. **Finance:**—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table—  
 (1.) Abstract of the Revenues of the Colony of New South Wales, and of their Appropriation, for the year 1847, together with Statements 1 to 4, therein referred to. Ordered to be printed.  
 (2.) Statements of the Expenditure of the Sums appropriated for defraying the Expenses of the several services and purposes specified in the Schedules A., B., and C., annexed to the Act 5 and 6 Victoria, chap. 76, for the year 1847.  
 Ordered to be printed.
4. **Postponement:**—Mr. Wentworth postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
5. **Slaughter Houses:**—Mr. Grant moved, pursuant to notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of removing Slaughter houses beyond the boundaries of the City of Sydney.  
 Debate ensued.
6. **Military Hospital, Fort Phillip:**—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, received and read.

CH<sup>S</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,*Message No. 14.*

Governor.

The Governor submits to the Legislative Council, the copy of a Letter from the Commanding Royal Engineer, proposing to put the Colony in possession of the Military Hospital at Fort Phillip, on the understanding that the expense of erecting a Hospital Establishment at the New Military Barracks, on the South Head Road, be defrayed out of the £60,000 advanced from the Colonial Treasury for the erection of the Barracks in question.

In the original arrangement made between the Ordnance Department and the Colonial Government for the erection of the New Military Barracks, it was agreed that the buildings should be constructed so as to afford equal accommodation with that contained in the Old Barracks in George-street; provided that the total sum to be advanced from Colonial Funds should not exceed £60,000. It appears, however, that, although the Old Barrack contained no Hospital Establishment, a Hospital has been erected out of the said sum of £60,000, advanced by the Colony, at a charge of £3,700.

It is in reimbursement of this amount that the Commanding Royal Engineer has proposed the present arrangement, and it is to be understood that the sum of £60,000, already advanced, is not to be exceeded on this account,

Should the Council be prepared favourably to consider the proposal, which the Governor considers reasonable, he will apply to the Secretary of State for the transfer of the building and land to the Colony for the purposes of the General Revenue.

*Government House, Sydney,*

18th April, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Letter, and taken into consideration to-morrow week.

7. Slaughter Houses:—The Debate on Mr. Grant's motion, interrupted by the above Message, resumed.

Question put and passed; and the following Committee appointed accordingly:—

Mr. Grant

Mr. Airey,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Lamb,

Mr. Lowe;  
Mr. Allen,  
The Attorney General.

To report within three weeks.

8. Melbourne Buildings:—Mr. Robinson presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of Melbourne, praying the passing of a Melbourne Building Bill. Petition read and received.
9. Presbyterian Free Church Marriages:—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him on the 12th instant, praying the passing of an Act to remove doubts respecting the Validity of Marriages Solemnized by Presbyterian Free Church Ministers, be printed. Question put and passed. Petition ordered to be printed.
10. Postponement:—Moved by Mr. Wentworth, That the second reading of the Legal Profession Bill be postponed until this day week. Debate ensued. Question put and passed.
11. Vice-Admiralty Court Bill:—Moved by Mr. Donaldson, That this Bill be now read a second time. Debate ensued. Question put and passed; and Bill read a second time. Moved by Mr. Donaldson, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill. Question put and passed; and the Council resolved itself into Committee accordingly. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow, after disposal of the Government business. Council adjourned at twenty minutes after Six o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill; second reading.
2. Sydney Roads Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Vice-Admiralty Court Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20.

1. Savings' Banks Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney to sue and be sued in the name of the Manager of the said Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare a Petition of Grievances to Her Majesty and both Houses of Parliament.
3. MR. ROBINSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire, in the Town of Melbourne.
4. MR. FOSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts respecting the validity of Marriages solemnized by Presbyterian Free Church Ministers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Legal Profession Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 14, respecting the Military Hospital, Fort Phillip.

## CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
**THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill:—Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.
2. Customs' Surcharges:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, received and read.

CH<sup>s</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

*Message No. 15.*

The Governor submits for the consideration of the Legislative Council, copies of certain queries raised on the accounts of the Collector of Her Majesty's Customs at the Port of Sydney, by Mr. Barnes, the Officer deputed by the Honorable the Board of Customs in London to investigate these accounts; together with the copies of the Collector's answers thereto—the investigation having resulted in a surcharge against the Collector to the amount of £75,269 10s. 4d.

These documents are laid before the Council in pursuance of the instructions of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, who, "considering that the whole of the Revenue, the receipt and collection of which have been thus investigated, is placed at the disposal of the Legislative Council, is of opinion that a question affecting that Revenue to so great an extent, should not be finally disposed of by any authority in England, until the Council shall have had an opportunity of informing themselves and of submitting to the Queen their opinion as to the course which it would be right and judicious to pursue."

The copies of the correspondence between Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, and the Board of Customs, hereunto annexed, will put the Council in possession of the facts of the case, and of the amount of the surcharge.

*Government House, Sydney,  
18th April, 1848.*

Message ordered to be printed, and, together with the accompanying documents, taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

3. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill:—The debate, on the Colonial Secretary's motion, "That this Bill be now read a second time," interrupted by the above Message, resumed.  
Question put and passed; Bill read a second time; to be considered in Committee this day week.
4. Postponement:—The consideration, in Committee, of the Sydney Roads Bill, postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until this day week.
5. Vice Admiralty Court Bill:—On motion of Mr. Donaldson the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for further consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with amendments, Bill ordered to be engrossed, as so amended, and read a third time on Tuesday next.  
Council adjourned at half past Four o'clock, until *Tuesday next*, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney to sue and be sued in the name of the Manager of the said Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move, That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare a Petition of Grievances to Her Majesty and both Houses of Parliament.
3. MR. ROBINSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire, in the Town of Melbourne.
4. MR. FOSTER to move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts respecting the validity of Marriages solemnized by Presbyterian Free Church Ministers.
5. MR. COWPER to move the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That this Council cannot, consistently with a due regard for its own independence, submit to the conditions attempted to be imposed by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, in the Despatch to His Excellency Sir Charles Fitz Roy, No. 201, dated 31 July, 1847, in reference to the Bill for appointing the Honorable Francis Scott Agent for the Colony, under the authority of the Legislative Council—one of which conditions would be in contravention of the Standing Orders regulating the appointment of Select Committees. But, as the faith of the Council stands pledged to obtain the allowance of £500 per annum, promised to Mr. Scott in the Resolutions passed on the 18th September, 1844, His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to recommend to Her Majesty's Government, that the sum of £1,500 be paid to him, in fulfilment of the engagement of the Council with that gentleman during the three years he has acted, at their request, as the Agent for this Colony.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a copy of the above Resolution.
6. MR. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to simplify the Law in certain respects.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Profession Bill ; second reading.
2. Vice Admiralty Court Bill ; third reading.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 14, respecting the Military Hospital, Fort Phillip.
2. Consideration of Governor's Message, No. 15, respecting Customs' Surcharges.
3. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
4. Sydney Roads Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
5. Savings' Banks Bill ; second reading.

CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Postponement:—Mr. Foster, in the absence and at the request of Mr. Lowe, postponed the Motion standing in the name of Mr. Lowe, on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
2. Withdrawal of Notice of Motion:—Mr. Wentworth withdrew the Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Paper for to-day.
3. Supreme Court Rules:—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table:—
  - (1.) A Rule in the Insolvency Branch of the Supreme Court, in the Sydney District, made 13th October, 1847.
  - (2.) Letter from His Honor the Superintendent of Port Phillip, dated 30th March, 1848, reporting that His Honor the Resident Judge had made no Rule in matters of Insolvency since the last Rules were presented.
  - (3.) Letter from the Prothonotary, dated 11th April, 1848, reporting that no Rules under the Joint Stock Companies Act, 11 Vict., No. 19, have been framed by their Honors the Judges of the Supreme Court, in the Sydney District.
  - (4.) Letter from His Honor the Superintendent of Port Phillip, dated 3rd April, 1848, reporting that His Honor the Resident Judge had made no Rule under the Joint Stock Companies Act, 11 Victoria, No. 19.
 Ordered to be printed.
4. Major Johnstone:—Mr. Donaldson presented a Petition from Edward Johnstone, late Major, 50th Queen's own Regiment, praying compensation for loss sustained by the abolition of his office of Police Magistrate.  
Petition read and received.
5. Minimum Price of Crown Lands:—Mr. Murray presented a Petition from certain landholders, flockmasters, and other inhabitants of the District of Queanbeyan, in the County of Murray, praying the Council to adopt such measures as they shall deem best calculated to effect the reduction of the minimum price of Crown Lands in New South Wales, to five shillings an acre.  
Petition read and received.
6. Postponement:—Mr. Foster, in the absence and at the request of Mr. Robinson, postponed the Motion standing in Mr. Robinson's name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
7. Presbyterian Marriage Bill:—Mr. Foster having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in "A Bill to amend the Laws relating to the celebration of Marriages by Presbyterian Ministers within the Colony of New South Wales, and to remove doubts as to the validity of certain Marriages," Bill read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
8. Salary of Parliamentary Agent:—Mr. Cowper, pursuant to notice, moved the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That this Council cannot, consistently with a due regard for its own independence, submit to the conditions attempted to be imposed by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, in the Despatch to His Excellency Sir Charles Fitz Roy, No. 201, dated 31 July, 1847, in reference to the Bill for appointing the Honorable Francis Scott Agent for the Colony, under the authority of the Legislative Council—one of which conditions would be in contravention of the Standing Orders regulating the appointment of Select Committees. But, as the faith of the Council stands pledged to obtain the allowance of £500 per annum, promised to Mr. Scott in the Resolutions passed on the 18th September, 1844, His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to recommend to Her Majesty's Government, that the sum of £1,500 be paid to him, in fulfilment of the engagement of the Council with that gentleman during the three years he has acted, at their request, as the Agent for this Colony.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, transmitting a copy of the above Resolution.
 Debate ensued.

Question put ; Council divided.

Ayes, 16.

Mr. Murray,  
Mr. McLeay,  
Mr. Grant,  
Captain Dumaresq,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Dr. Bland,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Dangar,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Wentworth,  
Mr. Robinson,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Lowe,  
Captain O'Connell,  
Mr. Airey,  
Mr. Foster, (Teller.)

Noes, 5.

The Collector of Customs,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
The Attorney General,  
Mr. Parker,  
The Colonial Treasurer, (Teller.)

Address to be presented by the Speaker, and the mover and seconder.

9. Law simplifying Bill :—Mr. Lowe having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to introduce "*A Bill to simplify the Law in certain respects*", Bill read a first time ; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day fortnight.
10. Withdrawal of Notice of Motion :—Mr. Lowe withdrew the Notice of Motion which stood in his name first on the Paper for to-day, but which had been postponed, in his absence, until Tuesday, the 2nd May proximo ;—giving notice of the same Motion for Friday next, the 28th instant.
11. Legal Profession Bill :—Moved, by Mr. Wentworth, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put ; Council divided.

Ayes, 11.

Mr. Lowe,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Wentworth,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Grant,  
Mr. Dangar,  
Dr. Bland,  
Mr. Robinson,  
Mr. Suttor,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Foster, (Teller.)

Noes, 5.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Mr. Airey,  
The Attorney General,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Parker, (Teller.)

Bill read a second time ; to be considered in Committee on Friday next.

12. Vice Admiralty Court Bill, on motion of Mr. Donaldson, read a third time, and *passed*. To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and the Collector of Customs.
- Council adjourned at half-past Seven o'Clock, until to-morrow at Three o'Clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 14, respecting the Military Hospital, Fort Phillip.
2. Consideration of Governor's Message, No. 15, respecting Customs' Surcharges.
3. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
4. Sydney Roads Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
5. Savings' Banks Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the validity of Grants of Land in the vicinity of Sydney.
3. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from Queanbeyan, in the County of Murray, praying the reduction of the minimum price of Land to 5s. per acre, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.
4. MR. ROBINSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire, in the Town of Melbourne.
5. MR. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney to sue and be sued in the name of the Manager of the said Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Profession Bill : to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, MAY 2.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

- 1. Presbyterian Marriage Bill ; second reading.
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TUESDAY, MAY 9.

- 1. Law simplifying Bill ; second reading.
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CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

- 1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
**Supreme Court Rules** :—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table :—  
 (1.) Certain Rules made by their Honors the Judges, in the Supreme Court, in the Sydney District.  
 (2.) Certain Rules made by His Honor the Resident Judge, in the Supreme Court, in the Port Phillip District.  
 Ordered to be printed.
2. **Military Hospital, Fort Phillip** :—The Governor's Message No. 14, in reference to this building, received on the 18th instant, having been read on motion of the Colonial Secretary,—  
 The Colonial Secretary moved the following Resolution :—  
 The Council having taken into consideration the proposal contained in the Message of His Excellency the Governor, No. 14, of the 18th instant,—for defraying out of the sum of £60,000 advanced from the Colonial Treasury for the erection of the New Military Barracks, the expense, estimated at £3,700, of erecting an Hospital in the same, and on condition that the present Military Hospital at Fort Phillip should be given up to the Colony,—desire to express their entire concurrence in this arrangement, and accordingly request that His Excellency the Governor will be pleased to take the necessary measures for bringing the same into effect.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That this Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Address to be presented by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
3. **Supreme Court Rules** :—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table three Despatches from the Right Honorable Secretary of State, in reference to certain Rules promulgated by the Supreme Court; bearing number and date respectively,—177, 25th June, 1847; 218, 10th September, 1847; and 236, 13th October, 1847.  
 Ordered to be printed.
4. **Customs Surcharges** :—On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Governor's Message, No. 15, in reference to certain Surcharges on the Collector of Customs at the Port of Sydney, received on the 19th instant, read.  
 Mr. Lowe moved the following Resolution :—  
 Resolved, after consideration of the Message from His Excellency the Governor, No. 15, That as the regulation of the Customs Department has been expressly withdrawn from the control of this Council, by the Statute 7 and 8 Vict., c. 72, and as no assurance is given to this Council, that the result of the proposed investigation will be final, or will indeed in any way influence the ultimate decision of the Board of Customs, this Council declines to enter into the investigation of the surcharges against the Collector of Customs.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Moved, by Mr. Lowe, That this Resolution be communicated, by Address, to His Excellency the Governor.  
 Question put and passed.  
 Address to be presented by the Speaker, Mr. Robinson, and Captain O'Connell.
5. **Postponements** :—On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the remaining Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow.  
 Council adjourned at half-past Six o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. AIREY to move, (after disposal of the Government business) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House a Return of the various sums of money disbursed, or debts incurred by the several District Councils in New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Sydney Roads Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Savings Banks Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales.
2. Mr. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the validity of Grants of Land in the vicinity of Sydney.
3. Mr. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from Queanbeyan, in the County of Murray, praying the reduction of the minimum price of Land to 5s. per acre, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.
4. Mr. ROBINSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating Buildings and Party Walls; and for preventing mischiefs by fire, in the Town of Melbourne.
5. Mr. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney to sue and be sued in the name of the Manager of the said Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
6. Mr. WENTWORTH, to move the following Resolutions :—

This Council having had under consideration the copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Earl Grey, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to His Excellency Governor Sir Charles Augustus Fitz Roy, No. 203, dated Downing-street, 31st July, 1847, it is resolved thereupon :—

(1.) That the only useful amendment of our present Constitution, as established by the Imperial Act, 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, suggested in this Despatch is the proposition relative to a Congress under the various Colonial Legislatures in the Australian Colonies, with power to enact laws on inter-colonial questions; that such a Congress, if not too numerous, might be got together for short periods at certain intervals; but that all the rest of the scheme developed in this Despatch is so cumbrous and expensive, and implies so numerous, so concentrated, and so opulent a population to carry out its indispensable details, that it is wholly unsuited to the circumstances of our population, and if passed into law must of necessity become a dead letter.

(2.) That the allegation contained in the Despatch, that this Council "has absorbed all the powers of the Colonial state," in derogation of the "balance and checks" intended to be established by the Municipal Corporations created by the Imperial Act, is wholly unfounded; and granting it to be true "that the Municipalities have only a nominal existence," their abeyance is ascribable mainly to the incompleteness of the machinery devised for carrying them into effect. That it could scarcely, however, be expected that this Council would lend its aid (which it had an undoubted right either to grant or withhold) in extending, as it was called upon to do by the late Head of our Executive, a scheme of municipal Government which it had denounced as one of the constitutional grievances of the Colony, and the failure of which, from its evident inapplicability to the dispersed state of our rural population, and the mischievous tendencies with which it was fraught, was a subject of congratulation among all classes of the people, and most of all among those who were to have been participants of the fancied benefits which this system of balances and checks was to provide.

(3.) That the intention indicated in this Despatch, of making the contemplated municipalities bear to the House of Assembly "the relation of Constituents and Representatives," is viewed by this Council as an attempt to force upon this Colony a plan of local Government not adapted to its requirements; and if this plan be carried out against the wishes of the entire community, as their various and unanimous Petitions to Her Majesty and both Houses of Parliament attest, it will involve a virtual repeal of the Elective Franchise,—one of the inalienable rights of the British Constitution; which Englishmen, according to the doctrine of the Common Law, carry with them wherever they settle as subjects of the British Crown. That this immemorial right, asserted in Magna Charta, confirmed by all succeeding Charters, and finally embodied in the Bill of Rights, is a fundamental principle in the Act which establishes the right of Her Majesty to the Throne.

(4.) That this Council emphatically denies that any British Minister, or any other authority, has, or of right ought to have, any power to abrogate this immemorial and undefeasible franchise; and this Council also emphatically asserts, that the people of this Colony have a vested interest in the constitution which they now enjoy, and that it ought not



not to be altered or interfered with, unless at the instance of the Colonists themselves, or of their representatives. That if the Colonists are not altogether satisfied with their present form of Constitution, they have not yet sought for any alterations or amendments therein, except those pointed out in the General Grievance Report adopted by a large majority of this Council, in its Session of 1844.

(5.) That it appears to this Council there is a certain degree of inconsistency on the part of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in not explaining,—if it be so good for the Colonies “to devolve the management of local affairs upon the inhabitants of districts of moderate size,” by the creation of a system of municipalities, and to make these bear to the General Legislature, “the relation of Constituents and Representatives,”—why it is that these principles are not carried out either in the Mother Country, or in the great Republic of the United States to which his Lordship refers as his exemplar, in both of which countries, and particularly in the latter, the Elective Franchise, properly so called, instead of being thus virtually abrogated, has been placed and is exercised on the widest basis.

(6.) That it appears to this Council there is a further unexplained inconsistency in that part of the Despatch of the Right Honorable Secretary, which deprecates centralization of power in the General Legislatures of Colonies, while the office over which His Lordship presides, in fact monopolises, and enforces by its rescripts,—in many instances illegal—the whole Government and authority of the Colonies, to the great detriment and dissatisfaction of the Colonies themselves.

(7.) That this Council is averse, at present, to the introduction of the old form of Colonial Constitution, embracing two Houses—the one composed of Nominees of the Crown—the other of the Representatives of the People:—1st. Because there does not, and, for some considerable period yet to come, cannot exist in these Colonies, any class of sufficient fortune and stability to be raised to the situation of Hereditary Legislators, or even to be created Legislators for life:—2nd. Because, if this opinion be correct, the Upper House would have to be composed of Nominees of the Crown, appointed during pleasure, or for limited periods; and the experience of other Colonies shows that a Council thus constituted, is a mere machine interposed between the Executive and the Representatives of the People, to ward off the responsibility attached to the exercise of the veto, and thus to prevent those wholesome and Constitutional collisions which ever have been, and still are, whenever they occur, the main source and preservation of Constitutional freedom.

(8.) That this Council, therefore, denounces this proposed change in the Government of the Colony, as uncalled for, visionary, impracticable, and unwarranted by any Constitutional precedents to be found either at Home or in the United States of America, or in any of our older Colonies; and as an attempt, without any sufficient cause shewn to warrant so great an innovation, to establish in a British Community, most averse to its reception, the system of Electoral Colleges which exists in France, and the practical effect of which in that country is, that the Elective franchise is exercised by about 200,000 people out of a population exceeding 30,000,000, and that the nation thereby is virtually disfranchised and enslaved.

(9.) That this Council cannot in conclusion refrain from the expression of its deliberate opinion, that if the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies be sincere in his desire “that the Colonial Governments of Australasia should be settled on a basis on which the Colonists may, under the blessing of Divine Providence, themselves erect Institutions worthy of the Empire to which they belong, and of the people from whom they are descended,” the best, the easiest, and indeed the only way of attaining this end, is to leave its purely domestic legislation to itself, unfettered by instructions from, or references to Downing-street;—to give to the Governor an absolute discretion in the exercise of the Royal Prerogative of the Veto, in all cases, except where Imperial interests are involved;—in a word to act with good faith on the conclusion at which the Noble Secretary himself appears to have arrived,—“that the interests of this Colony may be more promptly, effectually, and satisfactorily decided within Australia itself, than by the more remote, the less accessible, and in truth the less competent authority of Parliament.”

(10) That these Resolutions be embodied in Petitions to Her Majesty, and both Houses of Parliament.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Profession Bill : to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, MAY 2.

1. Presbyterian Marriage Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, MAY 9.

1. Law simplifying Bill ; second reading.

CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, when the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
Speaker.



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 27 APRIL, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Postponement :—Mr. Wentworth postponed the Motion standing in his name sixth on the Notice Paper for Friday next, until Tuesday, the 2nd proximo.
2. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill:—On motion of the Colonial Secretary the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.
3. Postponements :—  
(1.) The consideration in Committee of the Sydney Roads Bill postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until this day week.  
(2.) The second reading of the Savings' Banks Bill postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until Wednesday next.
4. District Councils' Expenditure :—Mr. Airey moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the various sums of money disbursed, or debts incurred by the several District Councils in New South Wales.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and *negatived*.  
Council adjourned at half-past Five o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the validity of Grants of Land in the vicinity of Sydney.
3. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition from Queanbeyan, in the County of Murray, praying the reduction of the minimum price of Land to 5s. per acre, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.
4. MR. ROBINSON to move for leave to bring in a Bill for regulating Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire, in the Town of Melbourne.
5. MR. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney to sue and be sued in the name of the Manager of the said Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
6. MR. LOWE to move the re-appointment of the Select Committee appointed in the Session of 1847, to enquire into, and report upon, what ought to be the Minimum Upset Price or Prices of Land in the various Counties and Districts of New South Wales.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Profession Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, MAY 2.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

## I. MR. WENTWORTH, to move the following Resolutions :—

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(1.) That the only useful amendment of our present Constitution, as established by the Imperial Act, 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 76, suggested in this Despatch is, the proposition relative to a Congress from the various Colonial Legislatures in the Australian Colonies, with power to enact laws on inter-colonial questions ; that such a Congress, if not too numerous, might be got together for short periods at certain intervals ; but that all the rest of the scheme developed in this Despatch is so cumbrous and expensive, and implies so numerous, so concentrated, and so opulent a population to carry out its indispensable details, that it is wholly unsuited to the circumstances of our population, and if passed into law must of necessity become a dead letter.

(2.) That the allegation contained in the Despatch, that this Council "has absorbed all the powers of the Colonial state," in derogation of the "balance and checks" intended to be established by the Municipal Corporations created by the Imperial Act, is wholly unfounded ; and granting it to be true "that the Municipalities have only a nominal existence," their abeyance is ascribable mainly to the incompleteness of the machinery devised for carrying them into effect. That it could scarcely, however, be expected that this Council would lend its aid (which it had an undoubted right either to grant or withhold) in extending, as it was called upon to do by the late Head of our Executive, a scheme of municipal Government which it had denounced as one of the constitutional grievances of the Colony, and the failure of which, from its evident inapplicability to the dispersed state of our rural population, and the mischievous tendencies with which it was fraught, was a subject of congratulation among all classes of the people, and most of all among those who were to have been participators of the fancied benefits which this system of balances and checks was to provide.

(3.) That the intention indicated in this Despatch, of making the contemplated municipalities bear to the House of Assembly "the relation of Constituents and Representatives," is viewed by this Council as an attempt to force upon this Colony a plan of local Government not adapted to its requirements ; and if this plan be carried out against the wishes of the entire community, as their various and unanimous Petitions to Her Majesty and both Houses of Parliament attest, it will involve a virtual repeal of the Elective Franchise,—one of the inalienable rights of the British Constitution, which Englishmen, according to the doctrine of the Common Law, carry with them wherever they settle as subjects of the British Crown. That this immemorial right, asserted in Magna Charta, confirmed by all succeeding Charters, and finally embodied in the Bill of Rights, is a fundamental principle in the Act which establishes the right of Her Majesty to the Throne.

(4.) That this Council emphatically denies that any British Minister, or any other authority, has, or of right ought to have, any power to abrogate this immemorial and undefeasible franchise ; and this Council also emphatically asserts, that the people of this Colony have a vested interest in the constitution which they now enjoy, and that it ought not to be altered or interfered with, unless at the instance of the Colonists themselves, or of their representatives. That if the Colonists are not altogether satisfied with their present form of Constitution, they have not yet sought for any alterations or amendments therein, except those pointed out in the General Grievance Report adopted by a large majority of this Council, in its Session of 1844.

(5.) That it appears to this Council there is a certain degree of inconsistency on the part of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in not explaining,—if it be so good for the Colonies "to devolve the management of local affairs upon the inhabitants of districts of moderate size," by the creation of a system of municipalities, and to make these bear to the General Legislature, "the relation of Constituents and Representatives,"—why it is that these principles are not carried out either in the Mother Country, or in the great Republic of the United States to which his Lordship refers as his exemplar, in both of which countries, and particularly in the latter, the Elective Franchise, properly so called, instead of being thus virtually abrogated, has been placed and is exercised on the widest basis.

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(7.) That this Council is averse, at present, to the introduction of the old form of Colonial Constitution, embracing two Houses—the one composed of Nominees of the Crown—the other of the Representatives of the People:—1st. Because there does not, and, for some considerable period yet to come, cannot exist in these Colonies, any class of sufficient fortune and stability to be raised to the situation of Hereditary Legislators, or even to be created Legislators for life:—2nd. Because, if this opinion be correct, the Upper House would have to be composed of Nominees of the Crown, appointed during pleasure, or for limited periods ; and the experience of other Colonies shows that a

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Council thus constituted, is a mere machine interposed between the Executive and the Representatives of the People, to ward off the responsibility attached to the exercise of the veto, and thus to prevent those wholesome and Constitutional collisions which ever have been, and still are, whenever they occur, the main source and preservation of Constitutional freedom.

(8.) That this Council, therefore, denounces this proposed change in the Government of the Colony, as uncalled for, visionary, impracticable, and unwarranted by any Constitutional precedents to be found either at Home or in the United States of America, or in any of our older Colonies; and as an attempt, without any sufficient cause shewn to warrant so great an innovation, to establish in a British Community, most averse to its reception, the system of Electoral Colleges which exists in France, and the practical effect of which in that country is, that the Elective franchise is exercised by about 200,000 people out of a population exceeding 30,000,000, and that the nation thereby is virtually disfranchised and enslaved.

(9.) That this Council cannot in conclusion refrain from the expression of its deliberate opinion, that if the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies be sincere in his desire "that the Colonial Governments of Australasia should be settled "on a basis on which the Colonists may, under the blessing of Divine Providence, "themselves erect Institutions worthy of the Empire to which they belong, and of the "people from whom they are descended," the best, the easiest, and indeed the only way of attaining this end, is to leave its purely domestic legislation to itself, unfettered by instructions from, or references to Downing-street;—to give to the Governor an absolute discretion in the exercise of the Royal Prerogative of the Veto, in all cases, except where Imperial interests are involved;—in a word to act with good faith on the conclusion at which the Noble Secretary himself appears to have arrived,—"that the interests of this "Colony may be more promptly, effectually, and satisfactorily decided within Australia "itself, than by the more remote, the less accessible, and in truth the less competent "authority of Parliament."

(10.) That these Resolutions be embodied in Petitions to Her Majesty, and both Houses of Parliament.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Presbyterian Marriage Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply all the provisions of the Merchant Seamen's Act to Colonial vessels.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Savings' Banks Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, MAY 4.

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Sydney Roads Bill; to be considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, MAY 9.

1. Law simplifying Bill; second reading.

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#### CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, 28 APRIL, 1848.

- 1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Hinton Post Office:—Mr. Donaldson presented a Petition from certain Magistrates, landholders, settlers, and others residing at Hinton, and in its vicinity, praying the re-establishment of a Post Office at Hinton.  
Petition read and received.
- 2. Withdrawal of Notice of Motion:—Mr. Wentworth withdrew the Motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for Tuesday next,—substituting Notice of a similar Motion for the same day.
- 3. Postponement:—Mr. Wentworth postponed bringing forward the Motion standing in his name first on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
- 4. Validity of Grants of Land Bill:—Mr. Wentworth having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in "*A Bill to remove doubts as to the validity of Grants of Land in the vicinity of Sydney*",—  
Moved, That this Bill be now read a first time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
- 5. Minimum Price of Land:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Queanbeyan, in the County of Murray, praying the reduction of the minimum price of Land to 5s. per acre, presented by him on the 25th instant, be printed.  
Question put and passed.  
Petition ordered to be printed.
- 6. Postponement:—Mr. Foster, in the absence, and at the request of Mr. Robinson, postponed Mr. Robinson's motion until after the disposal of the other motions on the Notice Paper for to-day.
- 7. Commercial Bank Bill:—Mr. Lowe having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in "*A Bill to enable the Proprietors in a certain Banking Company called 'The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney,' to sue and be sued in the name of the Manager for the time being of the said Company, and to vest the property of the said Company in the Manager for the time being thereof, and to provide for the disposal of the said property by him, and to define the responsibilities and liabilities of the said Company and of the Proprietors thereof, and to regulate and facilitate the operations of the said Company, and to give certain other powers and privileges to the said Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned,*" Bill read a first time.  
Moved by Mr. Lowe, That this Bill be now referred to a Select Committee, consisting of five Members.  
Question put and passed; and the following Committee appointed accordingly:—  

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| Mr. Darvall, | Mr. Lowe, | The Attorney General, |
| Mr. Cowper,  |           | Mr. Lord.             |

  
To report within a fortnight.
- 8. Minimum Upset Price of Land:—Mr. Lowe, pursuant to notice, moved the re-appointment of the Select Committee appointed in the Session of 1847, to enquire into, and report upon, what ought to be the Minimum Upset Price or Prices of Land in the various Counties and Districts of New South Wales.  
Debate ensued, (whether the motion was in order.)  
The Speaker, in answer to a call for his opinion, ruled that the motion was not in order, and that it was not competent to the Honorable Member to move it.  
Debate continued.  
Moved by Mr. Cowper, That it is competent to the Honorable Member to make this motion,  
Debate continued.

Question

Question put; Council divided.

Ayes, 8.  
 Dr. Bland,  
 The Colonial Secretary,  
 Mr. Airey,  
 Mr. Lamb,  
 Mr. Allen,  
 Mr. Murray,  
 Mr. Lowe,  
 Mr. Cowper, (Teller.)

Noes, 11.  
 The Attorney General,  
 Mr. Grant,  
 Captain O'Connell,  
 Mr. Parker,  
 Mr. Bowman,  
 Mr. Wentworth,  
 Mr. Foster,  
 Mr. Darvall,  
 Mr. Donaldson,  
 Mr. Lord,  
 The Colonial Treasurer, (Teller.)

9. Leave of Absence :—Moved by Mr. Airey, That he have leave of absence for fourteen days.  
 Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

10. Melbourne Building Bill :—Mr. Foster having, in absence of, and pursuant to notice given by, Mr. Robinson, moved for and obtained leave to bring in "A Bill for regulating Buildings and Party Walls, and for preventing mischiefs by fire, in the Town of Melbourne,"—Bill read a first time.

Moved by Mr. Foster, That this Bill be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

Debate ensued.

Moved, as an amendment, by Mr. Lowe, That this Bill be not printed, and that it be read a second time this day six months.

Debate continued.

Question on the amendment put; Council divided.

Ayes, 8.  
 Mr. Lowe,  
 The Colonial Treasurer,  
 The Attorney General,  
 Mr. Cowper,  
 Mr. Lamb,  
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 The Colonial Secretary,  
 Mr. Grant,  
 Mr. Parker,  
 Mr. Foster, (Teller.)

Original Question put and passed.

Bill ordered to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

11. Legal Profession Bill :—Moved by Mr. Wentworth, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.

Debate ensued.

Motion by leave withdrawn.

Moved, by Mr. Wentworth, That this Bill be considered in Committee this day fortnight.

Question put and passed.

Council adjourned at half-past Six o'clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MAY 2.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LAMB to move, That the Petition in reference to Slaughter Houses, presented by Dr. Bland on the 11th, and that on the same subject presented by Mr. Lowe on the 18th instant, be referred to the the Select Committee on Slaughter Houses.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to enable any Joint Stock Banking or other Company, not being a Body Corporate, to sue any of its own Members, and to enable any Member of any such Joint Stock Banking or other Company, not being a Body Corporate, to sue any such Company, and for other purposes.
3. MR. WENTWORTH to move the following Resolutions :—  
 This Council having had under consideration the copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Earl Grey, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to His Excellency Governor Sir Charles Augustus Fitz Roy, No. 203, dated Downing-street, 31st July, 1847, it is resolved thereupon :—  
 (1.) That the erection of Port Phillip into a new Province may be effected without any fundamental change in the Constitution of this Colony.  
 (2.) That the allegation contained in the Despatch, that this Council "has absorbed all the powers of the Colonial State," in derogation of the "balance and checks" intended to be established by the Municipal Corporations contemplated by the Imperial Act,



5 and 6 Vic., chap. 76, is unfounded; and granting it to be true that "the Municipalities have only a nominal existence," their abeyance is ascribable mainly to the incomplete and objectionable machinery devised for carrying them into effect, and their evident inapplicability to the dispersed state of our rural population.

(3.) That the intention indicated in this Despatch, of making the contemplated Municipalities bear to the House of Assembly "the relation of Constituents and Representatives," is viewed by this Council as an attempt to force upon this Colony a plan of local Government not adapted to its requirements; and if this plan be carried out against the wishes of the entire community, as their various and unanimous Petitions to Her Majesty and both Houses of Parliament attest, it will involve a virtual repeal of the Elective Franchise,—one of the inalienable rights of the British Constitution, which Englishmen, according to the doctrine of the Common Law, carry with them wherever they settle as subjects of the British Crown.

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(8) That these Resolutions be embodied in Petitions to Her Majesty, and both Houses of Parliament.

- 4. Mr. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales.
- 5. CAPTAIN O'CONNELL to move, That there be a Call of the House on Friday next.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

- 1. Presbyterian Marriage Bill; second reading.
- 2. Validity of Grants of Land Bill; second reading.
- 3. Melbourne Building Bill; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

- 1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply all the provisions of the Merchant Seaman's Act to Colonial vessels.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

- 1. Savings' Banks Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, MAY 4.

- 1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
- 2. Sydney Roads Bill; to be considered in Committee.

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1. Mr. GRANT to move the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That this House view with much regret the evident preference shown by Her Majesty's Ministers to the interests of New Zealand, when brought into collision with those of New South Wales.
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  - (8.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.
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TUESDAY, MAY 9.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Law simplifying Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, MAY 12.

1. Legal Profession Bill; to be considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 2 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Andrew White:—Mr. Dangar presented a Petition from Andrew White, late a private Soldier in the 2nd Regiment of Royal North British Dragoons, or Scots' Greys, praying compensation for the loss he sustained by commuting his Pension and emigrating to this Colony.  
Moved by Mr. Dangar, That this Petition be now read.
2. The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor received and read:—  
(1.) Financial Message, (No. 16,) for the year 1848-9.  
Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimates, and taken into consideration on Wednesday, the 10th instant.

(2.) 70th section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill.

CH<sup>S</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

Message No. 17.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act for the Government of New South Wales, 5th and 6th Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the draft of a Bill "To suspend for one year so much of 'An Act' 'to declare the Town of Sydney to be a City and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof,' 'and so much of 'An Act to incorporate the Town of Melbourne,' as relates to the 'estimating and levying a rate for the Police of the said City and Town respectively.'"

Government House, Sydney,  
2nd May, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Bill, and taken into consideration on Wednesday, the 10th instant.

(3.) National Education Board Bill;

CH<sup>S</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

Message No. 18.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act for the Government of New South Wales, 5th and 6th Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council, the draft of a Bill "To incorporate the Board of Commissioners for National Education."

Government House, Sydney,  
2nd May, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Bill, and taken into consideration on Wednesday, the 10th instant.

(4.) Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill;

CH<sup>S</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

Message No. 19.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act for the Government of New South Wales, 5th and 6th Victoria, Cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the Draft of a Bill "For appointing Commissioners to examine and report upon disputes respecting boundaries of Runs between the claimants of 'Leases under Her Majesty's Order in Council of the 9th March, 1847.'"

Government House, Sydney,  
2nd May, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Bill, and taken into consideration on Wednesday, the 10th instant.

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## (5.) Colonial Postage Bill ;

CH<sup>S</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,  
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Message No. 20.

In accordance with the provisions of an Act for the Government of New South Wales, 5th and 6th Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the draft of a Bill "To amend the law of Postage of Letters to and from the neighbouring Colonies of Van Diemen's Land, South Australia, and Western Australia."

Government House, Sydney,  
2nd May, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Bill, and taken into consideration on Wednesday, the 10th instant.

3. Andrew White's Petition:—Question on Mr. Dangar's motion,—interrupted by the above Messages,—“That this Petition be now read,” put and passed.

Petition read.

Moved by Mr. Dangar, That this Petition be now received.

Question put and passed.

4. Financial Papers:—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table the following papers, referred to in His Excellency's Financial Message, received this day:—

(1.) Revision of Scale of Pay and Classification of Clerks in Public Offices;—Proceedings of a Board assembled, pursuant to the order of His Excellency the Governor, to examine into, and report upon, these subjects.

(2.) Allowances to Meteorological-Recorders;—Despatch from the Right Honorable Secretary of State, Earl Grey, No. 162, of 3rd June, 1847, in reference to allowances to Meteorological Recorders in New South Wales.

Ordered to be printed.

5. Slaughter Houses:—Mr. Lamb moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition in reference to Slaughter Houses, presented by Dr. Bland on the 11th, and that on the same subject presented by Mr. Lowe on the 13th ultimo, be referred to the Select Committee on Slaughter Houses.

Question put and passed.

6. Individual Members' of Joint Stock Companies liabilities Bill:—Mr. Wentworth having, pursuant to notice, moved for, and obtained leave to introduce "A Bill to enable any Joint Stock Banking or other Company, not being a Body Corporate, to sue any of its own Members, and to enable any Member of any such Joint Stock Banking or other Company not being a Body Corporate, to sue any such Company, and for other purposes." Bill read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

7. Proposed change in the Constitution:—Mr. Wentworth, pursuant to notice, moved the following Resolutions:—

This Council having had under consideration the copy of a Despatch from the Right Honorable Earl Grey, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to His Excellency Governor Sir Charles Augustus Fitz Roy, No. 203, dated Downing-street, 31st July, 1847, it is resolved thereupon:—

(1.) That the erection of Port Phillip into a new Province may be effected without any fundamental change in the Constitution of this Colony.

(2.) That the allegation contained in the Despatch, that this Council "has absorbed all the powers of the Colonial State," in derogation of the "balance and checks" intended to be established by the Municipal Corporations contemplated by the Imperial Act, 5 and 6 Vic., chap. 76, is unfounded; and granting it to be true that "the Municipalities have only a nominal existence," their abeyance is ascribable mainly to the incomplete and objectionable machinery devised for carrying them into effect, and their evident inapplicability to the dispersed state of our rural population.

(3.) That the intention indicated in this Despatch, of making the contemplated Municipalities bear to the House of Assembly "the relation of Constituents and Representatives," is viewed by this Council as an attempt to force upon this Colony a plan of local Government not adapted to its requirements; and if this plan be carried out against the wishes of the entire community, as their various and unanimous Petitions to Her Majesty and both Houses of Parliament attest, it will involve a virtual repeal of the Elective Franchise,—one of the inalienable rights of the British Constitution, which Englishmen, according to the doctrine of the Common Law, carry with them wherever they settle as subjects of the British Crown.

(4.) That this Council emphatically denies that any British Minister, or any other authority, has, or of right ought to have, any power to abrogate this immemorial and undefeasible franchise; and this Council also emphatically asserts; that the people of this Colony have a vested interest in the Constitution which they now enjoy, and that it ought not to be altered or interfered with, unless at the instance of the Colonists themselves, or of their Representatives. That if the Colonists are not altogether satisfied with their present form of Constitution, they have not yet sought for any alterations or amendments therein, except those pointed out in the General Grievance Report adopted by a large majority of this Council, in its Session of 1844.

(5.) That the only useful amendment in our present Constitution, suggested in this Despatch is, the proposition relative to a Congress from the various Colonial Legislatures in the Australian Colonies, with power to enact laws on inter-colonial questions; that such a Congress, if not too numerous, might be got together for short periods at certain intervals; but that all the rest of the scheme is so cumbrous and expensive, and

and implies so numerous, so concentrated, and so opulent a population to carry out its indispensable details, that it is wholly unsuited to the circumstances of this community.

(6.) That this Council therefore objects to the proposed change in the Government of the Colony, as uncalled for, impracticable, and unwarranted by any constitutional precedents to be found either at Home, in the United States of America, or in any of our older Colonies.

(7.) That this Council cannot, in conclusion, refrain from the expression of its deliberate opinion, that if the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies desire "that the Colonial Governments of Australia should be settled on a basis "on which the Colonists may, under the blessing of Divine Providence, themselves "erect Institutions worthy of the Empire to which they belong, and of the "people from whom they are descended," the best, and indeed the only way of attaining this end is, to leave its purely domestic legislation to itself, unfettered by instructions from, or references to Downing-street;—to give to the Governor an absolute discretion in the exercise of the Royal Prerogative of the Veto, in all cases except where Imperial interests are involved;—in a word to act with good faith on the conclusion at which the Noble Secretary himself appears to have arrived,—"that "the interests of this Colony may be more promptly, effectually, and satisfactorily "decided within Australia itself, than by the more remote, the less accessible, and, in "truth, the less competent authority of Parliament."

(8) That these Resolutions be embodied in Petitions to Her Majesty, and both Houses of Parliament.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Wentworth, by leave, withdraw the seven Resolutions following the first, in order to their being subsequently put seriatim—with the understanding that the Debate should proceed upon the whole.

Debate resumed.

Moved by Dr. Bland, That this Debate be adjourned until to-morrow, and take precedence of all other business on the Paper.

Question put and passed.

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

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3.

### NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move (after disposal of proposed Resolutions on contemplated change in the Constitution) for leave to bring in a Bill to apply all the provisions of the Merchant Seamen's Act to Colonial vessels.
2. CAPTAIN O'CONNELL to move (after disposal of the other business on the Paper) That there be a Call of the House on Friday next.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Resumption of the Debate on the following Resolutions, (the first of which was moved by Mr. Wentworth yesterday,) to have precedence of all other business on the Paper.  
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4. **MR. WESTWORTH** to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Presbyterian Marriage Bill; second reading.
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 3 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Proposed Change in the Constitution:—The Debate on Mr. Wentworth's proposed Resolutions in reference to this subject,—the first of which he yesterday moved as follows,—  
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Moved, as an amendment, by Mr. Cowper, That all the words following the word 'resolved' be omitted, and the following words inserted in their place, “ That this Council do to-morrow resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to frame Resolutions thereupon.”  
Debate continued.  
Question on the amendment put and passed.
2. Postponement:—The Attorney General postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until to-morrow.
3. Withdrawal of Notice of Motion:—Captain O'Connell withdrew the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day.
4. Postponement:—On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the second reading of the Savings' Banks Bill postponed, until to-morrow.  
Council adjourned at Nine o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

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THURSDAY, MAY 4.

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CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 4 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 Exiles to Port Phillip :—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table the Return to the Address on this subject, adopted on motion of Mr. Foster, on the 11th ultimo.  
 Ordered to be printed.
2. Francis Flanagan, Esq., J. P. :—Mr. Murray presented a Petition from Francis Flanagan, Esq., J. P., praying indemnity for the costs and expenses of an action brought against him for certain proceedings in discharge of what he conceived to be his duty as a Magistrate of the Territory.  
 Petition read and received.
3. Postponements :—
  - (1.) The Attorney General postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Wednesday next.
  - (2.) On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the further consideration in Committee of the Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill postponed, until the House shall have resumed from Committee on Earl Grey's Despatch.
  - (3.) On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the consideration in Committee of the Sydney Roads Bill postponed, until the House shall have resumed from Committee on Earl Grey's Despatch.
  - (4.) On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the second reading of the Savings' Banks Bill postponed, until the House shall have resumed from Committee on Earl Grey's Despatch.
4. Proposed Change in the Constitution :—On motion of Mr. Cowper, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, to frame Resolutions upon Earl Grey's Despatch, No. 203, of 31st July, 1847.  
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
5. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill :—On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.  
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day week.
6. Sydney Roads Bill :—On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.  
 The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next.
7. Postponement :—On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the second reading of the Savings' Banks Bill postponed, until Wednesday next.  
 Council adjourned at half-past Six o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, MAY 5.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRANT to move the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That this House view with much regret the evident preference shown by Her Majesty's Ministers to the interests of New Zealand, when brought into collision with those of New South Wales.
  - (2.) That a large portion of the Troops formerly stationed in the latter have, from the effect of this preference, been withdrawn for the purpose of engaging in the conquest of the former Territory.
  - (3.) That this withdrawal is highly detrimental to the interests of Her Majesty's loyal and attached subjects in this productive and most important Colony, by exposing their territory, persons, and property to foreign aggression, as well as to other contingent dangers.
  - (4.) That it is impossible to ascribe this extraordinary circumstance to any other cause than a certain secret and unconstitutional influence of the New Zealand Company in both Houses of Parliament, as well as in the British Cabinet.
  - (5.) That this House do respectfully, but earnestly entreat Her Majesty, to take into Her own Royal consideration the serious consequences likely to accrue from permitting the interests of private individuals, however influential, to interfere with those of the public, as identified with Her own, and thereby incurring the hazard of impairing the sincere and warm affection of Her Majesty's devoted and loyal subjects in this Colony.
  - (6.) That this House further view, with deep regret, the defenceless state of the City of Sydney, seeing that in the far from improbable event of a war, there would be no artillery men to mount or work the guns which now lumber the Harbour, and that, consequently, a very small Naval Force, entering unperceived, (as in the case of an American Exploring Squadron some time ago,) might with perfect impunity lay this City under contribution, and carry off a booty of not less than a million sterling in value, including the coin now lying in the Colonial Treasury, and the various Banks of this City.
  - (7.) That this House do therefore hope, that Her Majesty may be graciously pleased to direct that some few Batteries at all events may be erected at once, on certain Islands and other suitable positions along the Harbour, and that a sufficient number of artillerymen may be sent from the great Military Depot and Army of Occupation in New Zealand, or from any other quarter that may be selected by Her Majesty's advisers.
  - (8.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen.
2. MR. COWPER to move, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration and adoption of an Address to Her Majesty upon the Quit Rent Regulations.
3. MR. LOWE to move the following Resolutions :—
 

That this Council having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed on July 23rd, 1847, to inquire into and report upon what ought to be the minimum upset price or prices of land in the various counties and districts of New South Wales, resolves :—

  - (1.) That the minimum upset price of Crown land (not intended for Town or Suburban allotments, and not being agricultural land), ought to be reduced to a sum not exceeding five shillings per acre.
  - (2.) That all parts of the Colony, not already alienated in fee by the Crown ought to be at all times open to sale by auction on these terms.
  - (3.) That the recent Land Orders made by Her Majesty in Council, and the Act of Parliament which authorises them, together with the effect of the present upset price of one pound per acre, must withdraw from sale the largest and most fertile part of the Colony, check the importation of capital and labor, scatter population, arrest improvement, annihilate the value of land already alienated, and introduce discord into the Colony ; and that many of these consequences have become already apparent.
  - (4.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to Her Majesty, and in Petitions to both Houses of Parliament.
4. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales.
5. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition of Francis Flanagan, Esq., J. P., presented by him yesterday, be printed.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Presbyterian Marriage Bill ; second reading.
2. Validity of Grants of Land Bill ; second reading.
3. Melbourne Building Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, MAY 9.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURRAY to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the division in the profession of the Law in New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Law simplifying Bill ; second reading.
2. Individual Members' of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill ; second reading.
3. The Council to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of Resolutions upon Earl Grey's Despatch, No. 203, of 31st July, 1847.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply all the provisions of the Merchant Seamen's Act to Colonial vessels.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Consideration of Governor's Financial Message No. 16, for the year 1848-9.
2. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 17, with 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill.
3. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 18, with National Education Board Bill.
4. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 19, with Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill.
5. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 20, with Colonial Postage Bill.
6. Sydney Roads Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Savings' Banks Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, MAY 11.

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, MAY 12.

1. Legal Profession Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
Speaker.



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, 5 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Withdrawal of Notice of Motion:—Mr. Grant withdrew the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day.
2. Quit Rents:—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration and adoption of an Address to Her Majesty upon the Quit Rent Regulations.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed; and the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole accordingly.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Tuesday next.
3. Postponements:—
  - (1.) Mr. Lowe postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
  - (2.) Mr. Wentworth postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Friday next.
  - (3.) Mr. Murray postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
  - (4.) Mr. Murray postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for Tuesday next, until Tuesday, the 16th instant.
  - (5.) The second reading of the Presbyterian Marriage Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, in absence of Mr. Foster, until Tuesday next.
4. Validity of Grants of Land Bill, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, read a second time; to be considered in Committee on Friday next.
5. Postponement:—Moved by Mr. Robinson, That the second reading of the Melbourne Building Bill, be postponed until this day week.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Council adjourned at Eight o'Clock, until Tuesday next at Three o'Clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MAY 9.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. WENTWORTH to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the Copy of a Despatch addressed by His Excellency to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, on the subject of the allowance of a stipend to the Jewish Minister at Sydney, as well as of Earl Grey's reply to that Despatch.
2. MR. FOSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor requesting that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the amounts paid from Schedule C to each Minister of the Church of England, during the year 1847.
3. MR. MURRAY to move, That the Petition of Francis Flanagan, Esq., J. P., presented by him on the 4th instant, be printed.
4. MR. MURRAY to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Church of England School at Yass, to sell certain School Lands in that Town.

ORDERS

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Law simplifying Bill ; second reading.
2. Individual Members' of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill ; second reading.
3. The Council to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of Resolutions upon Earl Grey's Despatch, No. 203, of 31st July, 1847.
4. The Council to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the proposed Address to Her Majesty upon the Quit Rent Regulations.
5. Presbyterian Marriage Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply all the provisions of the Merchant Seamen's Act to Colonial vessels.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Consideration of Governor's Financial Message No. 16, for the year 1848-9.
2. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 17, with 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill.
3. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 18, with National Education Board Bill.
4. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 19, with Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill.
5. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 20, with Colonial Postage Bill.
6. Sydney Roads Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Savings' Banks Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, MAY 11.

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, MAY 12.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LOWE to move the following Resolutions :—
  - That this Council having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed on July 23rd, 1847, to inquire into and report upon what ought to be the minimum upset price or prices of land in the various counties and districts of New South Wales, resolves :—
    - (1.) That the minimum upset price of Crown land (not intended for Town or Suburban allotments, and not being agricultural land), ought to be reduced to a sum not exceeding five shillings per acre.
    - (2.) That all parts of the Colony, not already alienated in fee by the Crown ought to be at all times open to sale by auction on these terms.
    - (3.) That the recent Land Orders made by Her Majesty in Council, and the Act of Parliament which authorises them, together with the effect of the present upset price of one pound per acre, must withdraw from sale the largest and most fertile part of the Colony, check the importation of capital and labor, scatter population, arrest improvement, annihilate the value of land already alienated, and introduce discord into the Colony ; and that many of these consequences have become already apparent.
    - (4.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to Her Majesty, and in Petitions to both Houses of Parliament.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Profession Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Validity of Grants of Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Melbourne Building Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, MAY 16.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURRAY to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the division in the profession of the Law in New South Wales.

CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS.

OF

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 9 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Licensed Stations beyond the Settled Districts, and Sale or Occupation of Crown Lands:—  
The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table the Return to the first of the three Addresses on these subjects, adopted on motion of Mr. Lowe, on the 13th day of August, in the Session of 1847.  
Ordered to be printed.
  2. Stipend to Jewish Minister, at Sydney:—Mr. Wentworth moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, the Copy of a Despatch addressed by His Excellency to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, on the subject of the allowance of a stipend to the Jewish Minister at Sydney, as well as of Earl Grey's reply to that Despatch.  
Question put and passed.  
Address to be presented by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and the Colonial Treasurer.
  3. Stipends to Ministers of the Church of England, under Schedule C.:—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the amounts paid from Schedule C to each Minister of the Church of England, during the year 1847.  
Question put and passed.  
Address to be presented by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and the Colonial Treasurer.
  4. Francis Flanagan, Esq., J. P.:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition of Francis Flanagan, Esq., J. P., presented by him on the 4th instant, be printed.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Petition ordered to be printed.
  5. Yass School Lands Bill:—Mr. Murray having, pursuant to notice, moved for, and obtained leave to bring in "*A Bill to enable the Trustees of the Church of England 'School at Yass, to sell certain School Lands in that Town,—*"  
Moved That this Bill be now read a first time.  
Debate ensued, (on the point of order, whether an unrepresented Bill could be read a first time.)  
Motion by leave withdrawn.
  6. Postponement:—On motion of Mr. Cowper, in absence of Mr. Lowe, the second reading of the Law Simplifying Bill postponed, until after the disposal of the other Orders of the Day.
  7. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, read a second time; to be considered in Committee on Tuesday next.
  8. Proposed Change in the Constitution:—On motion of Mr. Wentworth the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of Resolutions upon Earl Grey's Despatch, No. 203, of 31 July, 1847.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day six months.
  9. Postponements:—
    - (1.) The further consideration in Committee of the proposed Address to Her Majesty upon the Quit Rent Regulations postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Friday next.
    - (2.) The second reading of the Presbyterian Marriage Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Foster, until this day week.
    - (3.) The second reading of the Law simplifying Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Lowe, until this day week.
- Council adjourned at Ten o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

NOTICES

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply all the provisions of the Merchant Seamen's Act to Colonial vessels.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Consideration of Governor's Financial Message No. 16, for the year 1848-9.
2. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 17, with 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill.
3. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 18, with National Education Board Bill.
4. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 19, with Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill.
5. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 20, with Colonial Postage Bill.
6. Sydney Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Savings' Banks Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, MAY 11.

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, MAY 12.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LOWE to move the following Resolutions :—  
That this Council having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed on July 23rd, 1847, to inquire into and report upon what ought to be the minimum upset price or prices of land in the various counties and districts of New South Wales, resolves :—  
(1.) That the minimum upset price of Crown land (not intended for Town or Suburban allotments, and not being agricultural land), ought to be reduced to a sum not exceeding five shillings per acre.  
(2.) That all parts of the Colony, not already alienated in fee by the Crown ought to be at all times open to sale by auction on these terms.  
(3.) That the recent Land Orders made by Her Majesty in Council, and the Act of Parliament which authorises them, together with the effect of the present upset price of one pound per acre, must withdraw from sale the largest and most fertile part of the Colony, check the importation of capital and labor, scatter population, arrest improvement, annihilate the value of land already alienated, and introduce discord into the Colony; and that many of these consequences have become already apparent.  
(4.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to Her Majesty, and in Petitions to both Houses of Parliament.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales.
3. MR. LAMB to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of persons who, in virtue of one or more Licenses, hold tracts of Land beyond the Settled Districts, (including Port Phillip,) in quantities in the whole exceeding 25,000 acres, and less than 50,000 acres;—50,000 acres and less than 100,000 acres;—100,000 acres and less than 150,000 acres;—150,000 acres and less than 200,000 acres;—200,000 acres and less than 250,000 acres;—250,000 acres and less than 300,000 acres;—300,000 acres and less than 350,000 acres;—350,000 acres and less than 400,000 acres;—400,000 acres and less than 450,000 acres;—450,000 acres and less than 500,000 acres;—500,000 acres, and so on to the extent of one million acres and upwards.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Profession Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Validity of Grants of Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Melbourne Building Bill; second reading.
4. The Council to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the proposed Address to Her Majesty upon the Quit Rent Regulations.

TUESDAY, MAY 16.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURRAY to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the division in the profession of the Law in New South Wales.
2. MR. MURRAY to move the first reading of the Yass School Lands Bill.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Presbyterian Marriage Bill; second reading.
3. Law simplifying Bill; second reading.

## CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
**THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Postponement:—The Attorney General postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
2. Assessment on Stock:—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table the Return to the Address on this subject, adopted on motion of Mr. Dangar, on the 7th ultimo.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Estimates for 1848-9:—The Financial Message (No. 16) from His Excellency the Governor, received on the 2nd instant, having, on motion of the Colonial Treasurer, been read,—  
Moved by the Colonial Treasurer, That the Supplementary Estimate for the year 1848, and the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1849, be considered in Committee this day week.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
4. 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill:—The Governor's Message No. 17, received with this Bill on the 2nd instant, having been read, on motion of the Colonial Secretary,—Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to suspend for one year so much of an Act to declare the Town of Sydney to be a City, and to incorporate the Inhabitants thereof, and so much of an Act to incorporate the Town of Melbourne, as relates to the estimating and levying a rate for the Police of the said City and Town respectively,*" read a first time; to be read a second time this day week.
5. National Education Board Bill:—The Governor's Message, No. 18, received with this Bill on the 2nd instant, having been read on motion of the Colonial Secretary,—  
Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That the Bill which accompanied His Excellency's Message be now read a first time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed; and Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to incorporate the Board of Commissioners for National Education,*" read a first time; to be read a second time to-morrow.
6. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill:—The Governor's Message, No. 19, received with this Bill on the 2nd instant, having been read on motion of the Colonial Secretary,—  
Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That the Bill which accompanied His Excellency's Message be now read a first time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed; and Bill, intituled, "*A Bill for appointing Commissioners to examine and report upon disputes respecting boundaries of runs between the claimants of Leases under Her Majesty's Order in Council, of the ninth March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven,*" read a first time; to be read a second time this day week.
7. Postponements:—On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the three remaining Orders of the Day postponed until to-morrow.  
Council adjourned at a quarter before Eight o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY:

THURSDAY, MAY 11.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. National Education Board Bill; second reading.
3. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 20, with Colonial Postage Bill.
4. Sydney Roads Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Savings' Banks Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, MAY 12.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. LOWE to move the following Resolutions :—  
That this Council having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed on July 23rd, 1847, to inquire into and report upon what ought to be the minimum upset price or prices of land in the various counties and districts of New South Wales, resolves :—  
(1.) That the minimum upset price of Crown land (not intended for Town or Suburban allotments, and not being agricultural land), ought to be reduced to a sum not exceeding five shillings per acre.  
(2.) That all parts of the Colony, not already alienated in fee by the Crown ought to be at all times open to sale by auction on these terms.  
(3.) That the recent Land Orders made by Her Majesty in Council, and the Act of Parliament which authorises them, together with the effect of the present upset price of one pound per acre, must withdraw from sale the largest and most fertile part of the Colony, check the importation of capital and labor, scatter population, arrest improvement, annihilate the value of land already alienated, and introduce discord into the Colony; and that many of these consequences have become already apparent.  
(4.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to Her Majesty, and in Petitions to both Houses of Parliament.
2. Mr. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales.
3. Mr. LAMB to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of persons who, in virtue of one or more Licenses, hold tracts of Land beyond the Settled Districts, (including Port Phillip,) in quantities in the whole exceeding 25,000 acres, and less than 50,000 acres ;—50,000 acres and less than 100,000 acres ;—100,000 acres and less than 150,000 acres ;—150,000 acres and less than 200,000 acres ;—200,000 acres and less than 250,000 acres ;—250,000 acres and less than 300,000 acres ;—300,000 acres and less than 350,000 acres ;—350,000 acres and less than 400,000 acres ;—400,000 acres and less than 450,000 acres ;—450,000 acres and less than 500,000 acres ;—500,000 acres, and so on to the extent of one million acres and upwards.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Profession Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Validity of Grants of Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Melbourne Building Bill ; second reading.
4. The Council to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the proposed Address to Her Majesty upon the Quit Rent Regulations.

TUESDAY, MAY 16.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. MURRAY to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the division in the profession of the Law in New South Wales.
2. Mr. MURRAY to move the first reading of the Yass School Lands Bill.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Presbyterian Marriage Bill ; second reading.
3. Law simplifying Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply all the provisions of the Merchant Seaman's Act to Colonial vessels.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Estimates for 1848-9 ; to be considered in Committee.
2. 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill ; second reading.
3. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill ; second reading.

## CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,

Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 11 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
 New Member Sworn:—Charles Hotson Ebdon, Esquire, having taken the Oath prescribed by the 25th section of the Act of Parliament, 5 and 6 Victoria, chap. 76, and delivered to the Clerk of the Council the following Declaration of his Qualification to serve in the Council, prescribed by the 3rd section of the Act of Parliament, 7 and 8 Victoria, chap. 74, took his seat as a Member for the Electoral District of Port Phillip, in room of Edward Jones Brewster, Esquire, resigned.  
 " I, Charles Hotson Ebdon, do declare and testify, that I am duly seised " at Law or in Equity, of an Estate in freehold, for my own use and benefit, in lands " or tenements, in the Colony of New South Wales, of the yearly value of one " hundred pounds sterling money, above all charges and incumbrances affecting the " same, situate in Collins-street, in the City of Melbourne, in the District of Port " Phillip; and that I have not collusively, or colorably obtained a title to, or become " possessed of the said lands and tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of " qualifying, or enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Council of " the Colony of New South Wales."  
 " C. H. EBDEN."
2. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill:—On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for further consideration of this Bill.  
 The Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments; Bill as so amended, to be engrossed, and read a third time this day week.
3. National Education Board Bill:—Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed; Bill read a second time.  
 Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and the Council resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.  
 Question put and passed; the Council resolved itself into Committee accordingly.  
 The Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments; Bill as so amended, to be engrossed, and read a third time this day week.
4. Colonial Postage Bill:—The Governor's Message No. 20, received with this Bill on the 2nd instant, having been read on motion of the Colonial Secretary,—  
 Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That this Bill be now read a first time.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Question put and passed; Bill, intituled, " A Bill to amend the Law of Postage " of Letters to and from the neighbouring Colonies of Van Diemen's Land; South " Australia, and Western Australia," read a first time; to be read a second time this day week.
5. Sydney Roads Bill:—On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.  
 The Chairman reported the Bill, with amendments; Bill as so amended, to be engrossed, and read a third time this day week.
6. Postponement:—The second reading of the Savings Banks Bill postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until this day week.  
 Council adjourned at Seven o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, MAY 12.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LOWE to move the following Resolutions :—  
That this Council having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed on July 23rd, 1847, to inquire into and report upon what ought to be the minimum upset price or prices of land in the various counties and districts of New South Wales, resolves :—
  - (1.) That the minimum upset price of Crown land (not intended for Town or Suburban allotments, and not being agricultural land), ought to be reduced to a sum not exceeding five shillings per acre.
  - (2.) That all parts of the Colony, not already alienated in fee by the Crown ought to be at all times open to sale by auction on these terms.
  - (3.) That the recent Land Orders made by Her Majesty in Council, and the Act of Parliament which authorises them, together with the effect of the present upset price of one pound per acre, must withdraw from sale the largest and most fertile part of the Colony, check the importation of capital and labor, scatter population, arrest improvement, annihilate the value of land already alienated, and introduce discord into the Colony ; and that many of these consequences have become already apparent.
  - (4.) That these Resolutions be embodied in an Address to Her Majesty, and in Petitions to both Houses of Parliament.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales.
3. MR. LAMB to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of persons who, in virtue of one or more Licenses, hold tracts of Land beyond the Settled Districts, (including Port Phillip,) in quantities in the whole exceeding 25,000 acres, and less than 50,000 acres ;—50,000 acres and less than 100,000 acres ;—100,000 acres and less than 150,000 acres ;—150,000 acres and less than 200,000 acres ;—200,000 acres and less than 250,000 acres ;—250,000 acres and less than 300,000 acres ;—300,000 acres and less than 350,000 acres ;—350,000 acres and less than 400,000 acres ;—400,000 acres and less than 450,000 acres ;—450,000 acres and less than 500,000 acres ;—500,000 acres, and so on to the extent of one million acres and upwards.
4. MR. LOWE to move, That the time given to the Commercial Bank Bill Committee to report, be extended one month from this day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Profession Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Validity of Grants of Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Melbourne Building Bill ; second reading.
4. The Council to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the proposed Address to Her Majesty upon the Quit Rent Regulations.

TUESDAY, MAY 16.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURRAY to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the division in the profession of the Law in New South Wales.
2. MR. MURRAY to move the first reading of the Yass School Lands Bill.
3. MR. COWPER to move the following Address to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir Charles Augustus Fitz Roy, Knight Companion of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales, in Council assembled, beg respectfully to request, that Your Excellency will be pleased to communicate to Her Majesty's Government, that this Council is of opinion :—

- (1.) That the erection of Port Phillip into a new Province may be effected without any fundamental change in the Constitution of this Colony.
- (2.) That the principle that local affairs should be managed by local authorities though obviously true, as between the Colonies and the Mother Country, and as regards the regulation of the affairs of large Towns, cannot safely be extended to the relation between the Central Government of this Colony and its rural districts.
- (3.) That it is from the utter inability of the rural districts to bear the expenses of District Councils, and not from any desire on the part of the Legislative Council to monopolize all the powers of the Colonial state, that the one part of the Constitution intended for the Colony, has been brought into operation, while the other has remained in abeyance.
- (4.) That any scheme of District Councils, involving powers of local assessment for local purposes, would operate as a virtual confiscation of the Lands already alienated ; would create endless discord and confusion ; and by simultaneously introducing a federal and local system of Government, render that Government at once ruinously expensive and miserably inefficient.

(5.)

(5.) That grievous as this Council would esteem it, to see any system of delegated election imposed upon the Colony, the disfranchisement of the present Constituencies in order to confer the Elective right upon these justly obnoxious Corporations, would render this invasion of public liberty still more intolerable.

(6.) That this Council cannot acquiesce in any plan for an inter-colonial Assembly in which the superior wealth and population of New South Wales, as compared with the other Colonies of the Australian group, both individually and collectively, shall not be fully recognized as the basis of representation.

(7.) That this Council cannot forbear expressing its strong sense of the indignity with which the People of this Colony are treated, by the announcement that a measure so seriously influencing their destiny for good or for evil, will be introduced into Parliament, without affording them an opportunity of previously expressing their sentiments upon it.

4. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the slaughtering and exportation of Sheep, Cattle, and Horses.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Presbyterian Marriage Bill; second reading.
3. Law simplifying Bill; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 17.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply all the provisions of the Merchant Seamen's Act to Colonial vessels.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Estimates for 1848-9; to be considered in Committee.
2. 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill; second reading.
3. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, MAY 18.

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill; third reading.
2. National Education Board Bill; third reading.
3. Colonial Postage Bill; second reading.
4. Sydney Roads Bill; third reading.
5. Savings' Banks Bill; second reading.

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CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,

*Speaker.*





VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, 12 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.

Sale and Occupation of Crown Lands:—Mr. Lowe moved the first of the series of Resolutions standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, (with the understanding that the Debate be taken upon the whole of those Resolutions,) as follows:— That this Council having taken into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed on July 23rd, 1847, to inquire into and report upon what ought to be the minimum upset price or prices of land in the various counties and districts of New South Wales, resolves:—

(1.) That the minimum upset price of Crown Land (not intended for Town or Suburban allotments, and not being Agricultural Land), ought to be reduced to a sum not exceeding five shillings per acre.

Debate ensued.

Moved as an amendment by Mr. Donaldson, That all the words following the word resolves be omitted, and the following words inserted in their place—"That the minimum upset price of all Crown Lands, (not being Agricultural Lands, nor Lands intended for Town or Suburban allotments,) saving always the Rights conferred by Her Majesty's Order in Council, in pursuance of the Act of Parliament, 9 and 10 Victoria, chap. 104, ought to be reduced to a sum not exceeding five shillings per acre."

Debate continued.

Moved by Mr. Murray, That this Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

This motion being seconded by a member (Mr. Lamb) who had spoken to Mr. Lowe's motion—

The Speaker ruled, that this motion had not, in point of order, been duly seconded.

The Council called on the Speaker to put this Question—

Whereupon the Speaker put the Question, "That this Debate be adjourned until Tuesday next.

The Council divided.

Ayes, 7.

The Attorney-General,  
Mr. Lamb,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Lowe,  
Mr. Allen,  
Dr. Bland,  
Mr. Murray, (Teller.)

Noes, 9.

Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Ebden,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Foster,  
Captain Dumaresq,  
Mr. Dangar,  
Mr. Wentworth,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Robinson, (Teller.)

Debate continued.

Mr. Parker moved the *Previous Question*.

The *Previous Question* being seconded by a Member (Mr. Robinson) who had spoken to Mr. Lowe's motion, the Speaker observed, that in his opinion the *Previous Question* had not, in point of order, been duly seconded.

Captain Dumaresq seconded the *Previous question*.

Whereupon the Speaker put the *Previous question* "Shall the question be now put?"

The Council divided.

Ayes, 6.

Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Lowe,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Lamb,  
Dr. Bland,  
Mr. Cowper, (Teller.)

Noes, 8.

Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Ebden,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Foster,  
Captain Dumaresq,  
Mr. Wentworth,  
Mr. Dangar,  
Mr. Robinson (Teller.)

2. Postponements :—  
 (1.) Mr. Wentworth postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.  
 (2.) Mr. Lamb postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
3. Commercial Bank Bill Committee :—The time given to this Committee to report, extended, on motion of Mr. Lowe, pursuant to notice, one month from this day.
4. Postponements :—  
 (1.) The consideration in Committee of the Legal Profession Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, until Friday next.  
 (2.) The consideration in Committee of the Validity of Grants of Land Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, until Friday next.
5. Melbourne Building Bill :—Moved by Mr. Robinson, That the second reading of this Bill be postponed until Tuesday next.  
 Debate ensued.  
 Moved, as an amendment, by the Attorney General, That the second reading of this Bill be postponed until this day six months.  
 Bill, by leave, withdrawn from the paper.
6. Postponement :—The further consideration in Committee of the proposed Address to Her Majesty upon the Quit Rent Regulations postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, until Tuesday next.  
 Council adjourned at a quarter before Nine o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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TUESDAY, MAY 16.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. MURRAY to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the division in the profession of the Law in New South Wales.
2. MR. MURRAY to move the first reading of the Yass School Lands Bill.
3. MR. COWPER to move the following Address to His Excellency the Governor :—

*To His Excellency Sir Charles Augustus Fitz Roy, Knight Companion of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales, in Council assembled, beg respectfully to request, that Your Excellency will be pleased to communicate to Her Majesty's Government, that this Council is of opinion :—

- (1.) That the erection of Port Phillip into a new Province may be effected without any fundamental change in the Constitution of this Colony.
  - (2.) That the principle that local affairs should be managed by local authorities though obviously true, as between the Colonies and the Mother Country, and as regards the regulation of the affairs of large Towns, cannot safely be extended to the relation between the Central Government of this Colony and its rural districts.
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  - (6.) That this Council cannot acquiesce in any plan for an inter-colonial Assembly in which the superior wealth and population of New South Wales, as compared with the other Colonies of the Australian group, both individually and collectively, shall not be fully recognized as the basis of representation.
  - (7.) That this Council cannot forbear expressing its strong sense of the indignity with which the People of this Colony are treated, by the announcement that a measure so seriously influencing their destiny for good or for evil, will be introduced into Parliament, without affording them an opportunity of previously expressing their sentiments upon it.
4. MR. MURRAY to move for leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the slaughtering and exportation of Sheep, Cattle, and Horses.

5. MR. LAMB to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of persons who, in virtue of one or more Licenses, hold tracts of Land beyond the Settled Districts, (including Port Phillip,) in quantities in the whole exceeding 25,000 acres, and less than 50,000 acres;—50,000 acres and less than 100,000 acres;—100,000 acres and less than 150,000 acres;—150,000 acres and less than 200,000 acres;—200,000 acres and less than 250,000 acres;—250,000 acres and less than 300,000 acres;—300,000 acres and less than 350,000 acres;—350,000 acres and less than 400,000 acres;—400,000 acres and less than 450,000 acres;—450,000 acres and less than 500,000 acres;—500,000 acres, and so on to the extent of one million acres and upwards.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Presbyterian Marriage Bill; second reading.
3. Law simplifying Bill; second reading.
4. The Council to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the proposed Address to Her Majesty upon the Quit Rent Regulations.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 17.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply all the provisions of the Merchant Seamen's Act to Colonial vessels.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Estimates for 1848-9; to be considered in Committee.
2. 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill; second reading.
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THURSDAY, MAY 18.

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill; third reading.
2. National Education Board Bill; third reading.
3. Colonial Postage Bill; second reading.
4. Sydney Roads Bill; third reading.
5. Savings' Banks Bill; second reading.

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FRIDAY, MAY 19.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. LOWE to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to direct a Report of the present state of the Schools under their charge to be made to him by the Denominational Board, and that His Excellency will cause the same to be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Profession Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Validity of Grants of Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.

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CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
Speaker.



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 16 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Division of Legal Profession abolition Bill:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That he have leave to bring in "A Bill to abolish the division in the Profession of the Law in New South Wales."  
Debats ensued.  
Question put; Council divided.

Ayes, 8.

Mr. Lowe,  
Mr. Ebden,  
The Collector of Customs,  
Mr. Lamb,  
Mr. Robinson,  
Mr. Berry,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Murray, (Teller.)

Noes, 10.

The Colonial Secretary,  
Mr. Foster,  
The Attorney General,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Wentworth,  
Captain Dumaresq,  
The Colonial Treasurer,  
Mr. Parker, (Teller.)

2. Yass School Lands Bill:—On motion of Mr. Murray, pursuant to notice. Bill intituled, "A Bill to enable the Trustees of the site of the intended Episcopalian School House at Yass, to sell and dispose of the same, for the purpose of purchasing other land in a more suitable situation, to erect a School House thereon"—read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
3. Proposed change in the Constitution:—The Speaker,—requesting the attention of the Council to the Minutes of the Votes and Proceedings on the 9th instant, wherein it is recorded under this head, That, "on motion of Mr. Wentworth, the Council resolved "itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of Resolutions "upon Earl Grey's Despatch No. 203, of 31st July, 1847."  
And that, "The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day "six months,"—observed that in his opinion it was not competent for the Honorable Member for Cumberland, (Mr. Cowper,) to make the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, as it involved substantially the same question as that disposed of by the question of "that day six months," on the 9th instant, and ruled accordingly.  
Motion made (by Mr. Lowe) and question put, That it is competent for the Honorable Member for Cumberland to make this motion.  
Council divided—

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Foster,  
Mr. Lowe,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Lamb,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Grant,  
Mr. Cowper, (Teller.)

Noes, 11.

Mr. Ebden,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Robinson,  
Mr. Wentworth,  
The Attorney General,  
Captain Dumaresq,  
The Collector of Customs,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
The Colonial Treasurer, (Teller.)

4. Slaughtering and Exportation of Stock Bill:—Mr. Murray having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in a Bill, intituled, "A Bill to regulate the Slaughtering and Exportation of Sheep, Cattle, and Horses," Bill read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

5. Crown Lands occupied under License beyond the Settled Districts:—Mr. Lamb moved, pursuant to (*amended*) notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return shewing the number of persons who, in virtue of one or more Licenses, hold tracts of Land beyond the Settled Districts, (including Port Phillip,) in quantities in the whole exceeding 25,000 acres, and less than 50,000 acres;—50,000 acres and less than 100,000 acres;—100,000 acres and less than 150,000 acres;—150,000 acres and less than 200,000 acres;—200,000 acres and less than 250,000 acres;—250,000 acres and less than 300,000 acres;—300,000 acres and less than 350,000 acres;—350,000 acres and less than 400,000 acres;—400,000 acres and less than 450,000 acres;—450,000 acres and less than 500,000 acres;—500,000 acres, and so on, by additions of 50,000 acres, up to the greatest quantity held by any person or persons under one or more Licenses.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed.

Address to be presented by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and the Colonial Treasurer.

6. Postponements:—

(1.) The consideration in Committee of the Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies' Liabilities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, until Friday next.

(2.) The second reading of the Presbyterian Marriage Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Foster, until Friday next.

(3.) The second reading of the Law Simplifying Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Lowe, until Tuesday next.

7. Quit Rents; on motion of Mr. Cowper, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the proposed Address to Her Majesty upon the Quit Rent Regulations.

The Chairman reported the following Address, with its Appendix, as agreed to by the Committee:—

#### TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, your Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of New South Wales, in Council assembled, desire to approach your Majesty with the renewed assurance of our attachment to your Majesty's Person and Government.

We beg humbly to represent to your Majesty, that Quit Rents of various rates have been imposed from time to time upon lands granted by the Crown in New South Wales.

That although such Quit Rents were reserved in the grants, by the respective Governors, they were never rigorously enforced until the administration of His Excellency Sir George Gipps, who justified the collection of them on the ground of the debt upon the Territorial Revenue. That the delay which occurred in their exaction created a belief which was universally entertained, that the Government would never require them to be paid, or if paid at all, under concessions which would materially lessen the hardship of their collection. Instances are indeed numerous of purchasers having, under such a persuasion, bought lands at their full value without any reference to the Quit Rents chargeable thereupon.

That this belief was entertained more especially with reference to country or pasture lands, upon which in the year 1826, the excessive Quit Rent of two pence per acre was fixed.

That the Council beg humbly to refer to the Evidence appended to the Report of the Select Committee appointed on the 30th of May, 1844, to report upon all grievances connected with the lands of the Colony, to shew that the feeling generally entertained upon this subject has been as is there represented.

That although the local Government admitted that some remission of Quit Rents ought to be made, no definite proposition for their commutation was made until the Regulations published by His Excellency Sir Charles Augustus Fitz Roy, on the 9th of October, 1846.

That these Regulations, though conceived in a spirit which entitles the framer of them to the grateful acknowledgments of the Colonists, were wholly insufficient to meet the justice of the case.

That soon after these Regulations were published, remonstrances were addressed to His Excellency, who declined to consider any suggestions pending the reference of the subject to the Imperial Government. That having waited with great anxiety until the time approached for the redemption of Quit Rents under the Regulations, and not having heard that the decision of Her Majesty's Government had been received, a Memorial was presented to His Excellency, a copy of which, together with the reply, is in the Appendix. That this reply, caused very great disappointment, as the persuasion had been indulged that if the Government intended to make concessions it would be willing to receive, and to consider favorably, any representations pointing out the inadequacy of the principle upon which the proposed concessions were made.

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The Council humbly beg to urge upon the attention of your Majesty, that with reference to the neighbouring Colony of Van Diemen's Land the principle has been sanctioned, upon the recommendation of the Land and Emigration Commissioners, of making all parties liable to the payment of Quit Rent upon one low and uniform rate. That this principle is that recommended by this Council in the year 1844, but which has never yet been recognized with reference to this Colony, although we humbly submit that there is no argument which can be urged in its favor as regards Van Diemen's Land, which does not apply with greater force to New South Wales.

That in addition to this precedent, the Council beg also to bring under the notice of your Majesty, that your Majesty and the Imperial Parliament have passed an Act (10 and 11 Victoria, c. 57), cancelling the claim for Quit Rents against the Van Diemen's Land Company, on the ground of their having maintained a sufficient number of convicts to save to the British Government £25,000, as the cost of their maintenance for 20 years, at £16 per annum. Assuming what we have no doubt is the fact that during the 20 years, immediately preceding the abolition of Transportation, there were annually 10,000 convicts in assignment in this Colony, the saving to the British Government would be, at a similar calculation, £3,200,000, a sum compared with which the whole amount of Quit Rents due by this Colony is utterly insignificant.

That the Policy of the Home Government with regard to this Colony, has virtually destroyed the saleable value of the lands within the Settled Districts; and the Council respectfully submit, that to insist upon the payment of Quit Rents upon pasture lands, under the altered circumstances produced by that Policy, will be felt as a grievous hardship.

The Council, therefore, earnestly entreat the favorable attention of your Majesty to the circumstances above detailed, and humbly pray that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to give directions that the claim of the Crown for Quit Rents be absolutely remitted.

#### APPENDIX.

To His Excellency Sir Charles Augustus Fitz Roy, Knight Companion of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Territory of New South Wales, and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the undersigned, Holders of Land chargeable with Quit Rents of two-pence per acre, finding that instructions have been given for levying for their payment, beg leave respectfully to address Your Excellency as to the hardship of enforcing the collection of that rate or Quit Rent, under the altered circumstances of the Colony. In making this representation, we desire to express to Your Excellency our grateful acknowledgment of the consideration and sense of justice which induced Your Excellency to sanction the remission of arrears, and so desirous are we to be relieved of the anxiety attendant upon those outstanding claims, that we would most willingly do all in our power to have the matter settled upon equitable terms.

We respectfully submit, however, that the Regulations of October, 1846, do not place the debtor, who has paid up some part of his Quit Rents, upon so good a footing as the individual who has not paid any portion, and the feeling of injustice occasioned by this feature in the Regulations has tended to create a persuasion that some modification of them would be eventually made. Memorials, suggesting and praying for such modification, would, we are assured, have been, ere this, presented, but from its having been made known that Your Excellency, with the advice of the Executive Council, declined to attend to any such representation pending the reference made to Her Majesty's Government respecting them.

We respectfully suggest to Your Excellency, that if that is a valid reason for refraining from attending to any application for their amendment, it is an equally valid reason for delaying to enforce payment of the Quit Rents at all, until the expected communications upon the subject shall be received.

We further beg to state, that the present time is peculiarly unfortunate for the adoption of such a course as the Government appears to have resolved upon. Not only have the Wheat and Maize crops failed, owing to the drought with which the Colony is now visited, but the landlords have generally been obliged in consequence to forego their claims for rents, and to lose the return which they might reasonably have expected for the capital expended in improvements upon their Lands. We would here repeat the statement which has been frequently made, that a large proportion of the Lands upon which the heavy Quit Rent referred to is chargeable, are of so inferior a quality, that they would not have been considered worthy of purchase, even at five shillings per acre; being in many respects refuse Lands, which would never have been selected as grants, but in consideration of their giving a title to the services of Convicts, and under a belief, to which the delay of the Government in calling for payment gave encouragement, that they would never be enforced. Whereas, after the Assignment of Convicts has been discontinued for years, and at a time when the Colony is suffering from other causes, as well as from the grievous want of labor, which is now occasioning such serious inconvenience to the Agriculturists and Flockmasters, the payment of this Quit Rent which, under the most flourishing circumstances of the Colony, was regarded oppressively high, is to be levied by distress and sale.

The enhanced rate of wages, and the depreciation in the price of wool, are such as to annihilate our means of paying the charge alluded to. Owing to the former cause we cannot calculate upon any profits whatever, and to the latter, the resources of the Colony have been diminished at least £300,000. Indeed our inability to pay these Quit Rents, is so obvious, that should the Government carry out its resolution to compel payment, very great distress will be created, property will be sacrificed, and the credit of many individuals, who have no means of raising the required amount, will be destroyed.

We submit too, with deference, that our case forms a striking contrast to that of the holders of Crown Lands beyond the boundaries of location, under the late Land Orders. While they are allowed to occupy Lands selected from millions of acres, and consequently of much superior quality; at a rent from 3-20 to 3-16 of a penny per acre, we feel it to be inequitable that we should be subjected to a charge of 2d. per acre for inferior Lands; more particularly when it is taken into consideration that this charge applies almost exclusively to the purchasers of Land to a large amount, the payment for which has been the chief means of promoting the immigration into the Colony of shepherds and servants employed by the licensed occupants of Crown Lands, who hold them upon terms so much less burdensome than ourselves.

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The only objection which we can anticipate to our being relieved from this impost is, that others have been able to redeem the charge. But we would observe, that such redemption, where it has been made, has either been forced by Insolvency, or superinduced by the favoured locality, or superior quality of the Lands subject to the Quit Rent. Were our lands sufficiently valuable, we should doubtless have been enabled, and found it to our interest to do the same, but unfortunately this is not the case.

We observe that the Land and Emigration Commissioners, in their last Report, admit, with reference to Van Diemen's Land, that "the difficulty of the Quit Rent question has been increased by the different rates, established by different sets of Regulations," and they accordingly suggest that "a general measure of commutation should be adopted, calculated upon the assumption that all parties are liable to *one low and uniform rate of payment.*" To this suggestion it appears that the Secretary of State has informed the Governor "he sees no objection." We humbly submit that the same principle ought also to be carried out in this Colony, and the Quit Rent of two-pence per acre reduced to the old scale of 2s. per hundred acres, which was the rate recommended by the Legislative Council in the Crown Land Grievance Report in 1844. In the evidence taken upon the subject, and appended to the Report of the Committee, the extreme hardship of our being called upon to pay this peculiarly high rate of Quit Rent, is so clearly demonstrated, that we consider it superfluous to adduce further arguments in support of this our representation. Not only have the claims for Quit Rents been relinquished in other Colonies, upon easy terms, but Her Majesty's Government have repeatedly expressed an opinion unfavourable to this kind of revenue, and a desire that it should be abolished.

Under all these circumstances, we earnestly entreat your Excellency to re-consider the Regulations of 1846, with a view to the publication of a more equitable scheme of commutation; and that at all events the enforcement of payment of these Quit Rents should be deferred until the Colony shall be in a condition more able to meet the demands of the Government.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Sydney, January 3, 1848.

GENTLEMEN,

I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of a Memorial from certain holders of land chargeable with Quit Rents, representing the hardship to which they will be subjected if the Government should proceed immediately to enforce their collection, and urging His Excellency to re-consider the Regulations of 1846, with a view to their modification; or, at all events, that he will postpone the enforcement of the payment of the same until the Colony shall be in a condition more able to meet the demands of the Government. In reply, His Excellency the Governor instructs me to inform you, that Her Majesty's Government having already disapproved of the very liberal concessions which he authorized to the holders of lands chargeable with Quit Rent, by the Regulations of the 9th October, 1846, His Excellency regrets that he does not feel at liberty, under the instructions which he has in consequence thereof recently received, to entertain any proposition whatever for a relaxation of any part of those Regulations.

I have the honor to be,  
Gentlemen,  
Your most obedient servant,  
E. DEAS THOMSON.

Charles Cowper, Esq., and the other Gentlemen signing the Memorial.

Motion made (by Mr. Cowper) and question put, That the Council do adopt this Address; with its Appendix.  
Council divided.

Ayes, 11.

- Mr. Grant,
- Mr. Lowe,
- Mr. Lamb,
- Mr. Foster,
- Mr. Wentworth,
- Mr. Donaldson,
- Mr. Lord,
- Mr. Bowman,
- Mr. Murray,
- Captain Dumaresq,
- Mr. Cowper, (Teller.)

Noes, 4.

- The Colonial Secretary,
- The Colonial Treasurer,
- Mr. Ebdon,
- Mr. Parker, (Teller.)

Moved by Mr. Cowper, That the Speaker, Mr. Wentworth, and Mr. Lamb, present this Address, with its Appendix, to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the same to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, for presentation to Her Majesty.

Question put and passed.  
Council adjourned at twenty minutes before Nine o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17.

NOTICE OF MOTION:—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply all the provisions of the Merchant Seamen's Act to Colonial vessels.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Estimates for 1848-9; to be considered in Committee.
2. 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill; second reading.
3. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY,



THURSDAY, MAY 18.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill ; third reading.
2. National Education Board Bill ; third reading.
3. Colonial Postage Bill ; second reading.
4. Sydney Roads Bill ; third reading.
5. Savings' Banks Bill ; second reading.

FRIDAY, MAY 19.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. LOWE to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to direct a Report of the present state of the Schools under their charge to be made to him by the Denominational Board, and that His Excellency will cause the same to be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House :—

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(3.) A Return shewing the number of acres alienated in fee by the Crown up to 31st December, 1835 ;—specifying how many by grant, and how many by purchase.

(4.) A Return of the number of acres of land sold in 1836, and in 1837, respectively.

4. MR. LOWE to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Reports of all the Boards which have been appointed to enquire into the conduct of Mr. Miles, the Superintendent of Police, in the last two years, and all Correspondence having reference thereto.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That the vote of this Council on Tuesday, the 9th day of May instant, That the Committee of the whole Council to whom was committed Earl Grey's Despatch, No. 203, of 31 July, 1847, for the purpose of framing Resolutions thereupon, have leave to sit again that day six months, be rescinded.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Profession Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Validity of Grants of Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Yass School Lands Bill ; second reading.
4. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
5. Presbyterian Marriage Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, MAY 23.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Court of Quarter Sessions, and the Courts of Requests in the County of Cumberland.
2. MR. FOSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the expenses incurred in the transmission of Prisoners for trial from Geelong and Portland to the Gaol of Melbourne ; also, of all sums paid to Witnesses from the above named places, summoned on the trial of such Prisoners.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Slaughtering and Exportation of Stock Bill ; second reading.
2. Law simplifying Bill ; second reading.

## CONTINGENT ORDER OF THE DAY.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 2, respecting Lady Dowling's Pension, with the Supplementary Estimate for the present year.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair. Stipend to Jewish Minister, at Sydney:—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table the Return to the Address on this subject, adopted on motion of Mr. Wentworth, on the 9th instant.  
Ordered to be printed.
2. Stipends to Ministers of the Church of England, under Schedule C.:—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table the Return to the Address on this subject, adopted on motion of Mr. Foster, on the 9th instant.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Postponement:—The Attorney General postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until this day week.
4. Estimates for 1848-9:—On motion of the Colonial Treasurer, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the Supplementary Estimate for the year 1848, and of the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1849. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
5. Postponements:—
  - (1.) The second reading of the 70th section of the Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until to-morrow.
  - (2.) The second reading of the Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until this day week.
 Council adjourned at Ten o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, MAY 18.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill; third reading.
2. National Education Board Bill; third reading.
3. Colonial Postage Bill; second reading.
4. Sydney Roads Bill; third reading.
5. Savings' Banks Bill; second reading.
6. Estimates for 1848-9; to be further considered in Committee.
7. 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, MAY 19.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. LOWE to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to direct a Report of the present state of the Schools under their charge to be made to him by the Denominational Board, and that His Excellency will cause the same to be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. Mr. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales.
3. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House :—
  - (1.) A Return of the number of Convicts in private assignment, in the years severally 1835, 1836, 1837.
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- (3.) A Return shewing the number of acres alienated in fee by the Crown up to 31st December, 1835 ;—specifying how many by grant, and how many by purchase.
- (4.) A Return of the number of acres of land sold in 1836, and in 1837, respectively.
4. Mr. LOWE to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Reports of all the Boards which have been appointed to enquire into the conduct of Mr. Miles, the Superintendent of Police, in the last two years, and all Correspondence having reference thereto.
5. Mr. COWPER to move, That the vote of this Council on Tuesday, the 9th day of May instant, That the Committee of the whole Council to whom was committed Earl Grey's Despatch, No. 203, of 31 July, 1847, for the purpose of framing Resolutions thereupon, have leave to sit again that day six months, be rescinded.
6. Mr. EBDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the better administration of Justice in the District of Port Phillip.
7. Mr. MURRAY to move, That this Council do take the Petition of Francis Flanagan, Esq., J. P., into its consideration, and present an Address to the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to place a sum not exceeding £338 6s. 6d. on the Estimates, to indemnify that gentleman for the costs incurred by him in the case of Charman versus Flanagan.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Profession Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Validity of Grants of Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Yass School Lands Bill ; second reading.
4. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
5. Presbyterian Marriage Bill ; second reading.

TUESDAY, MAY 23.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Court of Quarter Sessions, and the Courts of Requests in the County of Cumberland.
2. Mr. FOSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the expenses incurred in the transmission of Prisoners for trial from Geelong and Portland to the Gaol of Melbourne ; also, of all sums paid to Witnesses from the above named places, summoned on the trial of such Prisoners.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Slaughtering and Exportation of Stock Bill ; second reading.
2. Law simplifying Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply all the provisions of the Merchant Seamen's Act to Colonial vessels.

## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill ; second reading.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
Speaker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 18 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Withdrawal of Notice of Motion :—Mr. Lowe withdrew the Notice of Motion standing in his name on the Paper for Tuesday next—substituting two Notices of Motion to the same effect.
2. Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
3. National Education Board Bill, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
4. Colonial Postage Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, without amendment, Bill ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time this day week.
5. Sydney Roads Bill, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
6. Savings' Banks Bill :—Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put, and passed.  
Bill read a second time; to be considered in Committee this day week.
7. Estimates for 1848-9 :—On motion of the Colonial Treasurer, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the Supplementary Estimate for the year 1848, and of the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1849.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next.
8. Postponement :—On motion of the Colonial Secretary the remaining Order of the Day postponed, until Thursday next.  
Council adjourned at Ten o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, MAY 19.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. Mr. LOWE to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to direct a Report of the present state of the Schools under their charge to be made to him by the Denominational Board, and that His Excellency will cause the same to be laid upon the Table of this House.
2. Mr. WENTWORTH to move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales.
3. Mr. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House :—
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  - (4.) A Return of the number of acres of land sold in 1836, and in 1837, respectively.

4. MR. LOWE to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Reports of all the Boards which have been appointed to enquire into the conduct of Mr. Miles, the Superintendent of Police, in the last two years, and all Correspondence having reference thereto.
5. MR. COWPER to move, That the vote of this Council on Tuesday, the 9th day of May instant, That the Committee of the whole Council to whom was committed Earl Grey's Despatch, No. 203, of 31 July, 1847, for the purpose of framing Resolutions thereupon, have leave to sit again that day six months, be rescinded.
6. MR. EBDEN to move for leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the better administration of Justice in the District of Port Phillip.
7. MR. MURRAY to move, That this Council do take the Petition of Francis Flanagan, Esq., J. P., into its consideration, and present an Address to the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to place a sum not exceeding £338 6s. 6d. on the Estimates, to indemnify that gentleman for the costs incurred by him in the case of Charman versus Flanagan.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Legal Profession Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Validity of Grants of Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Yass School Lands Bill ; second reading.
4. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
5. Presbyterian Marriage Bill ; second reading.

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TUESDAY, MAY 23.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FOSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the expenses incurred in the transmission of Prisoners for trial from Geelong and Portland to the Gaol of Melbourne ; also, of all sums paid to Witnesses from the above named places, summoned on the trial of such Prisoners.
2. MR. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Court of Quarter Sessions, and to transfer its Jurisdiction to the Supreme Court.
3. MR. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Courts of Requests in the County of Cumberland, and to transfer their jurisdiction to the Petty Sessions and Supreme Court.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Slaughtering and Exportation of Stock Bill ; second reading.
2. Law simplifying Bill ; second reading.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 24.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply all the provisions of the Merchant Seamen's Act to Colonial vessels.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill ; second reading.

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THURSDAY, MAY 25.

1. Colonial Postage Bill ; third reading.
2. Savings' Banks Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Estimates for 1848-9 ; to be further considered in Committee.
4. 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill ; second reading.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
**THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

FRIDAY, 19 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Postponement:—The Motion standing first on the Notice Paper for to-day, in the name of Mr. Lowe, postponed, in absence of Mr. Lowe, until the other Motions on the Notice Paper for to-day be disposed of.
2. Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill:—Mr. Wentworth having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in "*A Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales;*" Bill read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
3. Convicts Assigned and Crown Lands Alienated, 1835 to 1837:—Mr. Donaldson moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House:—
  - (1.) A Return of the number of Convicts in private assignment, in the years severally 1835, 1836, 1837.
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  - (4.) A Return of the number of acres of land sold in 1836, and in 1837, respectively.  
Debats ensued.  
Question put and negatived.
4. Postponements:—
  - (1.) The motion standing fourth on the Notice Paper for to-day, in the name of Mr. Lowe, postponed, in absence of Mr. Lowe, until the other motions on the Notice Paper for to-day be disposed of.
  - (2.) Mr. Cowper postponed bringing forward the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
5. Administration of Justice (Port Phillip) Bill:—Mr. Ebdon having, pursuant to notice, moved for, and obtained leave to bring in "*A Bill to provide for the better Administration of Justice in the District of Port Phillip;*" Bill read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time on Friday next.
6. Francis Flanagan, Esq., J. P.:—Mr. Murray moved, pursuant to notice, That this Council do take the Petition of Francis Flanagan, Esq., J. P., into its consideration, and present an Address to the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to place a sum not exceeding £338 Gs. 6d. on the Estimates, to indemnify that gentleman for the costs incurred by him in the case of Charman versus Flanagan.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Cowper moved the *Previous Question*.  
*Previous Question* put, "Shall the question be now put?"  
Council divided.
 

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Ayes, 6.</p> <p>The Collector of Customs,<br/>Mr. Ebdon,<br/>Mr. Allen,<br/>Mr. Murray,<br/>The Attorney General,<br/>Mr. Parker, (Teller.)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Noes, 11.</p> <p>Mr. Grant,<br/>The Colonial Treasurer,<br/>The Colonial Secretary,<br/>Mr. Lamb,<br/>Mr. Wentworth,<br/>Dr. Bland,<br/>Mr. Cowper,<br/>Mr. Donaldson,<br/>Mr. Lord,<br/>The Auditor General,<br/>Mr. Foster, (Teller.)</p> |
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7. Postponements:—
  - (1.) Mr. Lamb, in absence of Mr. Lowe, postponed the motions standing in the name of Mr. Lowe on the Notice Paper for to-day, until Tuesday next.
  - (2.) The consideration in Committee of the Legal Profession Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, until Tuesday next.
  - (3.) The consideration in Committee of the Validity of Grants of Land Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, until Tuesday next.

8. **Yass School Lands Bill** :—Moved by Mr. Murray, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued (whether this should not have been introduced as a *Private Bill*)  
Bill, by leave, withdrawn from the Paper.
9. **Postponement** :—The consideration in Committee of the Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, until Tuesday next.
10. **Presbyterian Marriage Bill** :—Moved by Mr. Foster, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
There not being twelve Members present, exclusive of the Speaker—The Speaker adjourned the Council at a quarter after Five o'clock, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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TUESDAY, MAY 23.

**NOTICES OF MOTION :—**

1. **MR. FOSTER** to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the expenses incurred in the transmission of Prisoners for trial from Geelong and Portland to the Gaol of Melbourne; also, of all sums paid to Witnesses from the above named places, summoned on the trial of such Prisoners.
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**ORDERS OF THE DAY :—**

1. Slaughter and Exportation of Stock Bill; second reading.
2. Law simplifying Bill; second reading.
3. Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill; second reading.
4. Legal Profession Bill; to be considered in Committee.
5. Validity of Grants of Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24.

**NOTICE OF MOTION :—**

1. **THE ATTORNEY GENERAL** to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply all the provisions of the Merchant Seamen's Act to Colonial vessels.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY :—**

1. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

1. Colonial Postage Bill; third reading.
2. Savings' Banks Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Estimates for 1848-9; to be further considered in Committee.
4. 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, MAY 26.

1. Administration of Justice (Port Phillip) Bill; second reading.

**CHARLES NICHOLSON,**  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 23 MAY, 1848.

There being present only six Members, exclusive of the Speaker, namely,—Mr. Lamb, Captain Dumaresq, Mr. Berry, Mr. Wentworth, Mr. Lord, and Mr. Parker;—The Speaker took the Chair and adjourned the Council at half past Three o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24.

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- 4. MR. COWPER to move, That the vote of this Council on Tuesday, the 9th day of May instant, That the Committee of the whole Council to whom was committed Earl Grey's Despatch, No. 203, of 31 July, 1847, for the purpose of framing Resolutions thereupon, have leave to sit again that day six months, be rescinded.
- 5. Mr. LOWE to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to direct a Report of the present state of the Schools under their charge to be made to him by the Denominational Board, and that His Excellency will cause the same to be laid upon the Table of this House.
- 6. Mr. LOWE to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Reports of all the Boards which have been appointed to enquire into the conduct of Mr. Miles, the Superintendent of Police, in the last two years, and all Correspondence having reference thereto.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

- 1. Administration of Justice (Port Phillip) Bill; second reading.
- 2. Slaughtering and Exportation of Stock Bill; second reading.
- 3. Law simplifying Bill; second reading.
- 4. Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill; second reading.
- 5. Legal Profession Bill; to be considered in Committee.
- 6. Validity of Grants of Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
- 7. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill; to be considered in Committee.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
**THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

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WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY, 1848.

There being only four Members present, exclusive of the Speaker, namely, Mr. Parker, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Ebdon;—The Speaker took the Chair and adjourned the Council at half-past Three o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

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NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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THURSDAY, MAY 25.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to apply all the provisions of the Merchant Seamen's Act to Colonial vessels.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Colonial Postage Bill; third reading.
  2. Savings' Banks Bill; to be considered in Committee.
  3. Estimates for 1848-9; to be further considered in Committee.
  4. 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill; second reading.
  5. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill; second reading.
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FRIDAY, MAY 26.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FOSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the expenses incurred in the transmission of Prisoners for trial from Geelong and Portland to the Gaol of Melbourne; also, of all sums paid to Witnesses from the above named places, summoned on the trial of such Prisoners.
2. MR. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Court of Quarter Sessions, and to transfer its Jurisdiction to the Supreme Court.
3. MR. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Courts of Requests in the County of Cumberland, and to transfer their jurisdiction to the Petty Sessions and Supreme Court.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That the vote of this Council, on Tuesday, the 9th day of May instant, That the Committee of the whole Council to whom was committed Earl Grey's Despatch, No. 203, of 31 July, 1847, for the purpose of framing Resolutions thereupon, have leave to sit again that day six months, be rescinded.
5. MR. LOWE to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to direct a Report of the present state of the Schools under their charge to be made to him by the Denominational Board, and that His Excellency will cause the same to be laid upon the Table of this House.
6. MR. LOWE to move, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Reports of all the Boards which have been appointed to enquire into the conduct of Mr. Miles, the Superintendent of Police, in the last two years, and all Correspondence having reference thereto.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Administration of Justice (Port Phillip) Bill; second reading.
2. Slaughtering and Exportation of Stock Bill; second reading.
3. Law Simplifying Bill; second reading.
4. Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Legal Profession Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Validity of Grants of Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Individual Members of Joint-Stock Companies Liabilities Bill; to be considered in Committee.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

**THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

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THURSDAY, 25 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Foreign Immigrants :—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table; by command of His Excellency the Governor, certain Correspondence and Documents relating to the introduction of Immigrants from Foreign Countries.  
Ordered to be printed.
  2. Merchant Seamen's Bill :—The Attorney General having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in "*A Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Seamen in the Merchant Service of the Colony of New South Wales, and for keeping a Registry of Seamen belonging to Ships Registered in the said Colony,*" Bill read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time this day week.
  3. Colonial Postage Bill, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, read a third time, and passed.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
  4. Postponements :—
    - (1.) The consideration in Committee of the Savings' Banks Bill postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until this day week.
    - (2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Estimates for 1848-9, postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until Wednesday next.
  5. 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts Suspension Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole for consideration thereof.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with amendments; Bill, as so amended, ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time this day week.
  6. Postponement :—The second reading of the Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until Wednesday next.  
Council adjourned at Four o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.
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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, MAY 26.

## NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FOSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the expenses incurred in the transmission of Prisoners for trial from Geelong and Portland to the Gaol of Melbourne; also, of all sums paid to Witnesses from the above named places, summoned on the trial of such Prisoners.
2. MR. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Court of Quarter Sessions, and to transfer its Jurisdiction to the Supreme Court.
3. MR. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Courts of Requests in the County of Cumberland, and to transfer their jurisdiction to the Petty Sessions and Supreme Court.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That the vote of this Council, on Tuesday, the 9th day of May instant, That the Committee of the whole Council to whom was committed Earl Grey's Despatch, No. 203, of 31 July, 1847, for the purpose of framing Resolutions thereupon, have leave to sit again that day six months, be rescinded.
5. MR. LOWE to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to direct a Report of the present state of the Schools under their charge to be made to him by the Denominational Board, and that His Excellency will cause the same to be laid upon the Table of this House.
6. MR. LOWE to move, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Reports of all the Boards which have been appointed to enquire into the conduct of Mr. Miles, the Superintendent of Police, in the last two years, and all Correspondence having reference thereto.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Administration of Justice (Port Phillip) Bill; second reading.
2. Slaughtering and Exportation of Stock Bill; second reading.
3. Law Simplifying Bill; second reading.
4. Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Legal Profession Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Validity of Grants of Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31.

1. Estimates for 1848-9; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1.

1. Merchant Seamen's Bill; second reading.
2. Savings Banks Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill; third reading.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, 26 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Death of Sir Maurice Charles O'Connell, K. C. H. :—Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That in testimony of respect to the memory of Lieutenant General Sir Maurice Charles O'Connell, K. C. H., whose death occurred yesterday, and who long occupied a prominent public station in the Colony, and a seat in this House, the Council do now adjourn.  
Question put and passed,  
Council adjourned accordingly, until Tuesday next, at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, MAY 30.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. FOSTER to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the expenses incurred in the transmission of Prisoners for trial from Geelong and Portland to the Gaol of Melbourne; also, of all sums paid to Witnesses from the above named places, summoned on the trial of such Prisoners.
2. MR. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Court of Quarter Sessions, and to transfer its Jurisdiction to the Supreme Court.
3. MR. LOWE to move for leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Courts of Requests in the County of Cumberland, and to transfer their jurisdiction to the Petty Sessions and Supreme Court.
4. MR. COWPER to move, That the vote of this Council, on Tuesday, the 9th day of May instant, That the Committee of the whole Council to whom was committed Earl Grey's Despatch, No. 203, of 31 July, 1847, for the purpose of framing Resolutions thereupon, have leave to sit again that day six months, be rescinded.
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6. MR. LOWE to move, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Reports of all the Boards which have been appointed to enquire into the conduct of Mr. Miles, the Superintendent of Police, in the last two years, and all Correspondence having reference thereto.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Administration of Justice (Port Phillip) Bill; second reading.
2. Slaughtering and Exportation of Stock Bill; second reading.
3. Law Simplifying Bill; second reading.
4. Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill; second reading.
5. Legal Profession Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Validity of Grants of Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
7. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31.

1. Estimates for 1848-9; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1.

1. Merchant Seamen's Bill; second reading.
2. Savings' Banks Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill; third reading.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*





VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 30 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor received and read:—

(1.) Funded Debt for Immigration:—

CHS. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

Message No. 21.

The Governor avails himself of the earliest opportunity of placing before the Legislative Council a Despatch, received by the last Packet, from the Right Honorable Earl Grey, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, suggesting a scheme by which a sum might be raised in the Colony, by the creation of a funded debt, for the purpose of carrying out a more extensive scale of Immigration than is at present provided for.

In submitting this Despatch for the information of the Council, His Excellency deems it proper to state that, while he considers that a proposal of such vast importance to this Colony should be made public with as little delay as possible, it is not his intention, at this late period of the Session, to offer any specific measure for the consideration of the Council,—the more particularly, as the funds arising from the Territorial Revenue, at the disposal of the Crown, are sufficient to provide for the continued supply of Immigrants, at least for some time to come, upon as extensive a scale as it would be desirable to obtain them, with reference to the probable demand for labour, and the requisite facility of ensuring to them eligible employment immediately on their arrival in the Colony.

Government House, Sydney,  
30th May, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Despatch.

(2.) Transportation of Female Offenders abolition Bill:—

CHS. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

Message No. 22.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act of Parliament for the Government of New South Wales, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the draft of a Bill intituled "A Bill to substitute, in respect of Female Offenders, other punishments in lieu of Transportation beyond Seas."

Government House, Sydney,  
30th May, 1848.

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Bill, and taken into consideration on Thursday next.

2. Immigration:—The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid upon the Table a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, No. 16, of 31st January last, affording further information in reference to the Immigration to this Colony now in progress.

Ordered to be printed.

3. John O'Keefe:—Mr. Foster presented a Petition from John O'Keefe, of Melbourne, praying redress for having been refused a Publican's License by the Justices of the Peace acting for the City of Melbourne.

Petition read and received.

4. Expenses of Commitments from Geelong and Portland to Melbourne Gaol:—Mr. Foster moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, a Return of the expenses incurred in the transmission of Prisoners for trial from Geelong and Portland to the Gaol of Melbourne; also, of all sums paid to Witnesses from the above named places, summoned on the trial of such Prisoners.

Debate ensued.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn.

5. Quarter Sessions Abolition Bill:—Mr. Lowe having, pursuant to (amended) notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in "A Bill to abolish the Court of Quarter Sessions, and to create a fifth Judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales,"—Moved That this Bill be now read a first time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed; Bill read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time this day week.

6. Cumberland Courts of Requests Abolition Bill:—Mr. Lowe having, pursuant to (amended) notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in "A Bill to abolish the Courts of Requests in the County of Cumberland; to limit the Jurisdiction of Petty Sessions; and to give a summary Jurisdiction to the Supreme Court,"—

Moved That this Bill be now read a first time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed; Bill read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.

7. Withdrawal of Notice of Motion :—Mr. Cowper withdrew from the paper, the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Denominational Schools :—Mr. Lowe moved, pursuant to (*amended*) notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to direct a Report of the present state of the Schools in Sydney and its vicinity, under their charge, to be made to him by the Denominational Board, and that His Excellency will cause the same to be laid upon the Table of this House.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Address to be presented by the Speaker, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Lowe.
9. The Superintendent of Police :—Mr. Lowe moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all the Reports of all the Boards which have been appointed to enquire into the conduct of Mr. Miles, the Superintendent of Police, in the last two years, and all Correspondence having reference thereto.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Address to be presented by the Speaker, Mr. Cowper, and Mr. Dangar.
10. Statistics :—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table, the following Statistical Returns :—
  - (1.) Return of Coin in the Colonial Treasury, the Military Chest, and the several Banks, on the 31st December, in each year, from 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (2.) Return of the Increase and Decrease of the Population of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from 1st January to 31st December, 1847; and of the total number on the latter date.
  - (3.) Return shewing the quantity of Land in cultivation, (exclusive of Gardens, and Orchards,) and the Population of the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (4.) Return of the number of Acres of Land planted with the Grape Vine, and of the quantity of Wine and Brandy made from the produce thereof, in the year 1848.
  - (5.) Return of Live Stock in the Colony of New South Wales, on the 1st January, 1848.
  - (6.) Return of Live Stock Slaughtered, and the quantity of Tallow and Lard produced from the same, in the Year 1847.
  - (7.) Return of the Value of Imports into the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip, from the year 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (8.) Return of the Value of Exports from the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the year 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (9.) Return of the Value of the Imports into, and Exports from, the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the year 1844 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (10.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Grain, &c., Imported into the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (11.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Grain, &c., Exported from the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1843 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (12.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Butter and Cheese, Imported into the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1843 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (13.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Butter and Cheese, Exported from the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1843 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (14.) Return of Live Stock Imported into the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (15.) Return of Live Stock Exported from the Colony of New South Wales (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1843 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (16.) Return of the Value of Salt Meat Imported into the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1843 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (17.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Salt Meat, Exported from the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1843 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (18.) Return of the Value of Hides and of Manufactured and Unmanufactured Leather, Imported into the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the year 1843 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (19.) Return of the Value of Hides and of Manufactured and Unmanufactured Leather, Exported from the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the year 1843 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (20.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Wool, Exported from the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the year 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
  - (21.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Tallow, Exported from the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the year 1843 to 1847, inclusive.
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- (22.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Bark and Extract of Bark, Exported from the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the year 1843 to 1847, inclusive.
- (23.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Timber, Imported into the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1843 to 1847, inclusive.
- (24.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Timber, exported from the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
- (25.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Oil, &c., Exported from the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
- (26.) Return of the Number and Tonnage of Vessels entered Inwards, in the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
- (27.) Return of the Number and Tonnage of Vessels entered Outwards in the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
- (28.) Return of the Number of Vessels Built and Registered in the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
- (29.) Return of the Amounts received from the Sale of Crown Lands in the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) from the Year 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
- (30.) Return of the Amount of Auction Duty, at  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent., paid into the Colonial Treasury, and of the Amount of Sales, subject to the said Duty, from the Year 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
- (31.) Return of the Number and Amount of Mortgages on Land, in the Colony of New South Wales, Registered at Sydney, from the Year 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
- (32.) Return of the Number and Amount of Mortgages on Land, in the Colony of New South Wales, Registered at Port Phillip, from the Year 1838 to 1847, inclusive.
- (33.) Return of the Number and Amount of Preferable Liens on Wool, and of Mortgages on Live Stock, in the Colony of New South Wales, Registered at Sydney, since the passing of the Act of Council, 7th Victoria, No. 3,—15th September, 1843, to 31st December, 1847, inclusive.
- (34.) Return of the Number and Amount of Preferable Liens on Wool, and of Mortgages on Live Stock in the Colony of New South Wales, Registered at Port Phillip, since the passing of the Act of Council, 7th Victoria, No. 3,—15th September, 1843, to 31st December, 1847, inclusive.
- (35.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Articles Imported into the Colony of New South Wales (exclusive of the District of Port Phillip,) during the Year 1847.
- (36.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Articles Imported into the District of Port Phillip, during the year 1847.
- (37.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Articles Exported from the Colony of New South Wales, (exclusive of the District of Port Phillip,) during the year 1847.
- (38.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Articles exported from the Port of Newcastle, during the year 1847.
- (39.) Return of the Quantity and Value of Articles Exported from the District of Port Phillip, during the year 1847.
- (40.) Return of the Ships and Vessels engaged in the Fisheries, that have visited Port Jackson during the last four years; distinguishing those that are Colonial, British, or Foreign, with the tonnage of each description, and estimated value of the cargoes disposed of by the last-mentioned class for payment for repairs, refitting, and refreshment.
- (41.) Return of the number of Establishments and Quantity of Woollens Manufactured in the Colony of New South Wales, during the year 1847.
- (42.) Return of the Number of Establishments and Quantity of Soap Manufactured in the Colony of New South Wales, (including the District of Port Phillip,) during the year 1847.
- (43.) Return of the Number of Establishments and Quantity of Tobacco Manufactured in the Colony of New South Wales, during the year 1847.
- (44.) Return of the Number of Establishments and Quantity of Refined Sugar Manufactured in the Colony of New South Wales, during the year 1847.

Ordered to be printed.

11. Administration of Justice (Port Phillip) Bill:—Moved, by Mr. Ebden, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put; Council divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Collector of Customs,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
The Attorney General,  
Mr. Ebden,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Allen,  
Mr. Foster; (Teller.)

Noes, 9.

Dr. Bland,  
Mr. Lowe,  
Mr. Berry,  
Mr. Lamb,  
Mr. Wentworth,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Dangar,  
Mr. Cowper, (Teller.)

Negatived, by the Speaker voting for the Noes.

12. Slaughtering and Exportation of Stock Bill:—Moved, by Mr. Murray, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put; Council divided.

Ayes, 12.

The Collector of Customs,  
Mr. Cowper,  
The Attorney General,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Mr. Lamb,  
The Colonial Treasurer,  
Mr. Bowman,  
Mr. Lord,  
Mr. Allen,  
Mr. Ebdon,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Murray, (Teller.)

Noes, 7.

Mr. Berry,  
Mr. Dangar,  
Mr. Robinson,  
Dr. Bland,  
Mr. Wentworth,  
Mr. Lowe,  
Mr. Donaldson, (Teller.)

Bill read a second time; to be considered in Committee on Friday next.

13. Law Simplifying Bill:—Moved, by Mr. Lowe, That this Bill be now read a second time.

Debate ensued.

Question put and passed; Bill read a second time; to be considered in Committee on Friday next.

14. Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported the Bill, with an amendment, Bill, as so amended, ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Friday next.

15. Legal Profession Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wentworth the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

16. Postponement:—The consideration in Committee of the Validity of Grants of Land Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, until Friday next.

17. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill:—On motion of Mr. Wentworth the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.

The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

Council adjourned at five minutes before Nine o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 31.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Estimates for 1848-9; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill; second reading.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 1.

1. Merchant Seamen's Bill; second reading.
2. Savings' Banks Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill; third reading.
4. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 22, with Transportation of Female Offenders' abolition Bill.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 2.

1. Slaughtering and Exportation of Stock Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Law Simplifying Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill; third reading.
4. Legal Profession Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Validity of Grants of Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 6.

1. Quarter Sessions Abolition Bill; second reading.
2. Cumberland Courts of Requests Abolition Bill; second reading.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment ; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Slaughter Houses :—Mr Lamb, as Chairman, brought up the Report, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed, on the 18th April last, to take into consideration the expediency of removing Slaughter Houses beyond the Boundaries of the City of Sydney.  
Ordered to be printed.
2. Police Magistrate, Wollombi :—Mr. Dangar having presented a Petition from certain Landed Proprietors, Settlers, and others, of the Police District of Wollombi, praying the Council to abstain from voting the Salary of a Police Magistrate for Wollombi and Macdonald River—moved that the Petition be now read.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed ; Petition read.  
Moved by Mr. Dangar, That this Petition be now received.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
3. John Moring :—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from John Moring, praying compensation for the costs and expenses of an action brought against him for certain proceedings in the performance of what he believed to be his duty in making out, as Collector, a List of Voters for Gipps Ward.  
Petition read and received.
4. Estimates for 1848-9 :—On motion of the Colonial Treasurer, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the Supplementary Estimate for the year 1848, and of the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1849. The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
5. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners' Bill :—Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed ; Bill read a second time ; to stand for Committal on the Orders of the Day for to-morrow, with the understanding that it be considered in Committee on Monday next.  
Council adjourned at quarter after Nine o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1.

1. Merchant Seamen's Bill ; second reading.
2. Savings' Banks Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. 70th Section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill ; third reading.
4. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 22, with Transportation of Female Offenders' abolition Bill.
5. Estimates for 1848-9 ; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill ; to be considered in Committee (*for Monday next.*)

FRIDAY, JUNE 2.

1. Slaughtering and Exportation of Stock Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
2. Law Simplifying Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
3. Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill ; third reading.
4. Legal Profession Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Validity of Grants of Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
6. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6.

1. Quarter Sessions Abolition Bill ; second reading.
2. Cumberland Courts of Requests Abolition Bill ; second reading.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
Speaker.



No. 36.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Paddington School:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from certain Fathers of families, resident in the Parish or District of Paddington, near Sydney, praying a money vote towards the erection of a School House upon an allotment recently granted for that purpose to the Church of England.  
Petition read and received.
2. Postponement:—The second reading of the Merchant Seamen's Bill postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, in absence of the Attorney General, until to-morrow.
3. Savings' Banks Bill:—On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with several amendments, Bill, as so amended, ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time this day week.
4. 70th section of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
5. Transportation of Female Offenders Abolition Bill:—The Governor's Message, No. 22, received with this Bill on the 30th ultimo, having been read, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to substitute, in respect of Female Offenders, other punishments in lieu of Transportation beyond seas,*" read a first time; to be read a second time on Wednesday next.
6. Estimates for 1848-9:—On motion of the Colonial Treasurer, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the Supplementary Estimate for the year 1848, and of the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1849.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
7. Postponement; The consideration in Committee of the Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until to-morrow.  
Council adjourned at a quarter after Ten o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. COWPER to move, That the Petition of John Moring, (presented yesterday,) praying compensation for the costs and expenses of an action brought against him for certain proceedings in the performance of what he believed to be his duty in making out, as Collector, a list of voters for Gipps Ward, be printed.
2. The COLONIAL SECRETARY to move, That the House at its rising, do adjourn until Monday, the 5th instant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Slaughtering and Exportation of Stock Bill; to be considered in Committee.
2. Law Simplifying Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill; third reading.
4. Legal Profession Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Validity of Grants of Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Merchant Seamen's Bill; second reading.
8. Estimates for 1848-9; to be further considered in Committee.
9. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill; to be considered in Committee.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, JUNE 6.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. EBDEN to move, That the Administration of Justice (Port-Phillip) Bill, be now read a second time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Quarter Sessions Abolition Bill ; second reading.
2. Cumberland Courts of Requests Abolition Bill ; second reading.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7.

1. Transportation of Female Offenders' Abolition Bill ; second reading.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8.

1. Savings' Banks Bill ; third reading.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRANT to move the following Resolutions :—

(1.) That, although the attention of the public in this Colony has been principally directed to the Southern and Western Railroads, the line in the North, along the course of the Hunter River, offers a no less advantageous field for the investment of private capital, with great benefit to the Colony.

(2.) That the direct Road from Newcastle by Maitland to the neighbourhood of the Liverpool Range, presents nearly a dead level throughout, and that some few opposing difficulties may be easily overcome, or altogether avoided by a short circuitous deviation from the straight line.

(3.) That a great portion of the land in the vicinity of this line abounds with Iron Bark Timber, which might furnish a cheap and excellent substitute for iron rails, and is calculated to last sound and unimpaired, in this dry climate, through a long series of years.

(4.) That the expense of such Wooden Railways has been estimated at various sums ; but taking £1,500 per mile as a fair average price, in so level a country along the bed of a river, and with such excellent and cheap materials on the spot, the total cost of such a Railway, extending one hundred miles, would not exceed £150,000.

(5.) That the Police and Custom House Returns for the year 1847, quoted by Mr. Woore in his pamphlet, make the quantity of Wool exported from the Hunter River eight thousand bales ; the carriage of which, from Liverpool Plains, New England, &c., &c., at even fifteen shillings per bale, would amount to £6,000—a very moderate charge, when compared with the heavy losses and expenses connected with the numerous large establishments of drays and bullocks, with their drivers, now maintained throughout the whole year, for the work of one or two months, in carrying down wool and bringing back stores.

(6.) That this amount of £6,000 for the carriage of wool alone (being an immediate available return of 4 per cent. for the proposed capital,) might be indefinitely increased, by the carriage of live cattle and sheep to the Port of Newcastle within six hours, and in as many more to the Sydney Market, without the usual serious diminution in weight and value on each animal, or their frequent deaths in sultry weather on a long tedious journey.

(7.) That, from other sources, including postal arrangements, fares of passengers, carriage of stores, and many new objects of traffic, now unthought of, at least one half more, or £2,500 might be calculated on—being a sum which would leave a considerable balance in the way of profit, after paying the daily expenses of coals (which are to be found on the whole line,) with wages, wear and tear, &c., &c.

(8.) That a prospect of the early commencement of various Railroads in this Colony would, doubtless, form a strong inducement to Emigration from Home, particularly if it was promoted by parishes, wisely seeking permanent relief from the intolerable burden of unlimited poor rates, by making one final advance in the shape of passage money ; since the certain prospect of immediate employment, on liberal terms, in this Colony might be then fairly held out to thousands, who would be afterwards gradually absorbed in other pursuits ; and that still further encouragement might be given, by the promise of future conditional remissions in the purchase of land, proportioned to the labor bestowed by each man in opening up the resources of a Colony which wants nothing but labor and Railways as a substitute for navigable rivers.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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FRIDAY, 2 JUNE, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
John Moring :—Mr. Cowper moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition presented by him yesterday from John Moring, praying compensation for the costs and expenses of an Action brought against Petitioner for certain proceedings in the performance of what he believed to be his duty in making out, as Collector, a List of Voters for Gipps' Ward, be printed.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Petition ordered to be printed.
2. Sitting on Monday :—Moved by the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to (*amended*) notice, That during the remainder of this Session the House do sit on Monday, in addition to the customary sitting days.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
3. Slaughtering and Exportation of Stock Bill :—On motion of Mr. Murray the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again this day six months.
4. Postponement :—The consideration in Committee of the Law Simplifying Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, in absence of Mr. Lowe, until Monday next, after the disposal of Government business.
5. Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill, on motion of Mr. Cowper, in absence of Mr. Wentworth, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and the Colonial Treasurer.
6. Postponements :—
  - (1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Legal Profession Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, in absence of Mr. Wentworth, until Monday next, after the disposal of Government business.
  - (2.) The consideration in Committee of the Validity of Grants of Land Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, in absence of Mr. Wentworth, until Tuesday next.
  - (3.) The further consideration in Committee of the Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Cowper, in absence of Mr. Wentworth, until Friday next.
7. Merchant Seamen's Bill :—Moved by the Attorney General, That the second reading of the Merchant Seamen's Bill be postponed, until Thursday next.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.
8. Postponements :—
  - (1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Estimates for 1848-9 postponed, on motion of the Colonial Treasurer, until Monday next.
  - (2.) The consideration in Committee of the Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until Monday next.
 Council adjourned at half-past Five o'clock, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

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NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

MONDAY, JUNE 5.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Estimates for 1848-9; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill; to be considered in Committee.
3. Law Simplifying Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Legal Profession Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. EBDEN to move, That the Administration of Justice (Port Phillip) Bill, be now read a second time.
2. MR. LAMB to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, with a copy of the Report of the Select Committee appointed, on the 18th of April, to take into consideration the expediency of removing Slaughter Houses beyond the boundaries of the City, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt measures for carrying into effect the recommendations of the Committee.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take into consideration the pressing urgency which will shortly exist for providing for the distribution, in the interior of the Colony, of Immigrants immediately after their arrival in Sydney; also the propriety of establishing depôts, with resident agents, for the temporary reception of the Immigrants at the undermentioned localities :—

Bathurst,  
Goulburn,  
Yass,  
Maitland,  
Muswell Brook,  
Moreton Bay,  
Clarence River,

and further depôts from time to time as to His Excellency may seem desirable.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Quarter Sessions Abolition Bill; second reading.
2. Cumberland Courts of Requests Abolition Bill; second reading.
3. Validity of Grants of Land Bill; to be considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7.

1. Transportation of Female Offenders' Abolition Bill; second reading.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8.

1. Savings' Banks Bill; third reading.
2. Merchant Seamen's Bill; second reading.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRANT to move the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That, although the attention of the public in this Colony has been principally directed to the Southern and Western Railroads, the line in the North, along the course of the Hunter River, offers a no less advantageous field for the investment of private capital, with great benefit to the Colony.
  - (2.) That the direct Road from Newcastle by Maitland to the neighbourhood of the Liverpool Range, presents nearly a dead level throughout, and that some few opposing difficulties may be easily overcome, or altogether avoided by a short circuitous deviation from the straight line.
  - (3.) That a great portion of the land in the vicinity of this line abounds with Iron Bark Timber, which might furnish a cheap and excellent substitute for iron rails, and is calculated to last sound and unimpaired, in this dry climate, through a long series of years.
  - (4.) That the expense of such Wooden Railways has been estimated at various sums; but taking £1,500 per mile as a fair average price, in so level a country along the bed of a river, and with such excellent and cheap materials on the spot, the total cost of such a Railway, extending one hundred miles, would not exceed £150,000.

(5.)

(5.) That the Police and Custom House Returns for the year 1847, quoted by Mr. Woore in his pamphlet, make the quantity of Wool exported from the Hunter River eight thousand bales; the carriage of which, from Liverpool Plains, New England, &c., &c., at even fifteen shillings per bale, would amount to £6,000—a very moderate charge, when compared with the heavy losses and expenses connected with the numerous large establishments of drays and bullocks, with their drivers, now maintained throughout the whole year, for the work of one or two months, in carrying down wool and bringing back stores.

(6.) That this amount of £6,000 for the carriage of wool alone (being an immediate available return of 4 per cent. for the proposed capital,) might be indefinitely increased, by the carriage of live cattle and sheep to the Port of Newcastle within six hours, and in as many more to the Sydney Market, without the usual serious diminution in weight and value on each animal, or their frequent deaths in sultry weather on a long tedious journey.

(7.) That, from other sources, including postal arrangements, fares of passengers, carriage of stores, and many new objects of traffic, now unthought of, at least one half more, or £2,500 might be calculated on—being a sum which would leave a considerable balance in the way of profit, after paying the daily expenses of coals (which are to be found on the whole line,) with wages, wear and tear, &c., &c.

(8.) That a prospect of the early commencement of various Railroads in this Colony would, doubtless, form a strong inducement to Emigration from Home, particularly if it was promoted by parishes, wisely seeking permanent relief from the intolerable burden of unlimited poor rates, by making one final advance in the shape of passage money; since the certain prospect of immediate employment, on liberal terms, in this Colony might be then fairly held out to thousands, who would be afterwards gradually absorbed in other pursuits; and that still further encouragement might be given, by the promise of future conditional remissions in the purchase of land, proportioned to the labor bestowed by each man in opening up the resources of a Colony which wants nothing but labor and Railways as a substitute for navigable rivers.

ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill; to be further considered in Committee,

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
**THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

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MONDAY, 5 JUNE, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Alexander Arbuckle, Surgeon:—Mr. Cowper presented a Petition from Alexander Arbuckle, Surgeon, praying compensation for expenses incurred over and above his allowances as Medical Witness in certain cases.  
Petition read and received.
2. Redbank:—Mr. Murray presented a Petition from certain Landholders of Redbank, praying the Council to discountenance Grants proposed for Public Buildings at Stonequarry, in prejudice to Redbank, where Petitioners purchased allotments on the faith of a Government Survey of the latter locality as the Township of Upper Picton.  
Petition read and received.
3. Estimates for 1848-9:—On motion of the Colonial Treasurer, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the Supplementary Estimate for the year 1848, and of the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1849.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Wednesday next,—taking precedence of all other business.
4. Postponement:—The consideration in Committee of the Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until Wednesday next.
5. Law Simplifying Bill:—On motion of Mr. Lowe, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman reported progress and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
6. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Legal Profession Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, until to-morrow.  
Council adjourned at ten minutes after Ten o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

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NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 6.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. EBDEN to move, That the Administration of Justice (Port Phillip) Bill, be now read a second time.
2. MR. LAMB to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, with a copy of the Report of the Select Committee appointed, on the 18th of April, to take into consideration the expediency of removing Slaughter Houses beyond the boundaries of the City, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt measures for carrying into effect the recommendations of the Committee.
3. MR. DONALDSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take into consideration the pressing urgency which will shortly exist for providing for the distribution, in the interior of the Colony, of Immigrants immediately after their arrival in Sydney; also the propriety of establishing depôts, with resident agents, for the temporary reception of the Immigrants at the undermentioned localities:—

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Clarence River,

and further depôts from time to time as to His Excellency may seem desirable.

ORDERS

## ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Quarter Sessions Abolition Bill ; second reading.
2. Cumberland Courts of Requests Abolition Bill ; second reading.
3. Validity of Grants of Land Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
4. Law Simplifying Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Legal Profession Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7.

1. Estimates for 1848-9 ; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Transportation of Female Offenders' Abolition Bill ; second reading.
3. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill ; to be considered in Committee.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 8.

1. Savings' Banks Bill ; third reading.
2. Merchant Seamen's Bill ; second reading.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 9.

## NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRANT to move the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That, although the attention of the public in this Colony has been principally directed to the Southern and Western Railroads, the line in the North, along the course of the Hunter River, offers a no less advantageous field for the investment of private capital, with great benefit to the Colony.
  - (2.) That the direct Road from Newcastle by Maitland to the neighbourhood of the Liverpool Range, presents nearly a dead level throughout, and that some few opposing difficulties may be easily overcome, or altogether avoided by a short circuitous deviation from the straight line.
  - (3.) That a great portion of the land in the vicinity of this line abounds with Iron Bark Timber, which might furnish a cheap and excellent substitute for iron rails, and is calculated to last sound and unimpaired, in this dry climate, through a long series of years.
  - (4.) That the expense of such Wooden Railways has been estimated at various sums ; but taking £1,500 per mile as a fair average price, in so level a country along the bed of a river, and with such excellent and cheap materials on the spot, the total cost of such a Railway, extending one hundred miles, would not exceed £150,000.
  - (5.) That the Police and Custom House Returns for the year 1847, quoted by Mr. Wooro in his pamphlet, make the quantity of Wool exported from the Hunter River eight thousand bales ; the carriage of which, from Liverpool Plains, New England, &c., &c., at even fifteen shillings per bale, would amount to £6,000—a very moderate charge, when compared with the heavy losses and expenses connected with the numerous large establishments of drays and bullocks, with their drivers, now maintained throughout the whole year, for the work of one or two months, in carrying down wool and bringing back stores.
  - (6.) That this amount of £6,000 for the carriage of wool alone (being an immediate available return of 4 per cent. for the proposed capital,) might be indefinitely increased, by the carriage of live cattle and sheep to the Port of Newcastle within six hours, and in as many more to the Sydney Market, without the usual serious diminution in weight and value on each animal, or their frequent deaths in sultry weather on a long tedious journey.
  - (7.) That, from other sources, including postal arrangements, fares of passengers, carriage of stores, and many new objects of traffic, now unthought of, at least one half more, or £2,500 might be calculated on—being a sum which would leave a considerable balance in the way of profit, after paying the daily expenses of coals (which are to be found on the whole line,) with wages, wear and tear, &c., &c.
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## ORDER OF THE DAY :—

1. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
**THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

TUESDAY, 6 JUNE, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Commercial Bank Bill:—Mr. Lowe, as Chairman, brought up the Report from the Select Committee to whom this Bill was referred on the 28th of April last.
2. J. K. Cleeve:—Mr. Wentworth, having presented a Petition from J. K. Cleeve, of the City of Sydney, praying that the Council will cause the publication of the Report from their Select Committee on Slaughter Houses, for public information, and that, in the meantime, no further proceeding be had in the matter of Mr. Lamb's motion on the Notice Paper for to-day,—  
Moved, That this Petition be now read.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Petition read.  
Moved by Mr. Wentworth, That this Petition be now received.  
Question put and passed.
3. Public Hospitals' Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor received and read:—  

CHS. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.
*Message No. 23.*

In accordance with the provisions of the Act of Parliament for the Government of New South Wales, 5th and 6th Victoria, cap. 76, the Governor transmits to the Legislative Council the draft of a Bill, intituled, "*A Bill to enable certain Public Hospitals to sue and be sued in the name of their Treasurer, and to provide for the taking and holding of real property belonging to the same.*"  
*Government House, Sydney,*  
*6th June, 1848.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Bill, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
4. Railways:—Mr. Cowpor, as Chairman, brought up the Report, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed, on the 28th March last, to take into consideration the practicability and expediency of introducing Railways into this Colony, with instructions to take Evidence, and to report not later than two months.  
Ordered to be printed.
5. Steam Communication with England:—The Colonial Secretary, as Chairman of the Select Committee to whom this subject was referred on the 29th March last, obtained an extension of the time within which the Committee were instructed to report, to one week from this date.
6. Registrar General's Office:—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table a letter to himself from the Registrar General, dated the 3rd instant, detailing the mode of conducting public business in his Department.  
Ordered to be printed.
7. Withdrawal of Notice of Motion:—Mr. Ebdon withdrew the Motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day.
8. Slaughter Houses:—Mr. Lamb moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, with a copy of the Report of the Select Committee appointed, on the 18th of April last, to take into consideration the expediency of removing Slaughter Houses beyond the boundaries of the City of Sydney, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt measures for carrying into effect the recommendations of the Committee.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Address to be presented by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and the Attorney General.
9. Depôts for Distribution of Immigrants:—Mr Donaldson moved, pursuant to (*amended*) notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take into consideration the pressing urgency which will shortly exist for providing for the distribution, in the interior of the Colony, of  
Immigrants

Immigrants immediately after their arrival in Sydney; also the propriety of establishing depôts, with resident agents, for the temporary reception of the Immigrants at the undermentioned localities :—

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Goulburn,  
Yass,  
Maitland,  
Muswell Brook,  
Moreton Bay,  
Clarence River,

and further depôts, from time to time as to His Excellency may seem desirable, in the Middle District; and that His Excellency will apply the same principle, under the direction of His Honor the Superintendent, to Immigrants arriving at Port Phillip.

Debate ensued.

Moved, as an amendment, by Mr. Dangar, that the words "Twofold Bay" be introduced after "Clarence River."

Debate continued.

Question, with the proposed amendment, put and passed.

Address to be presented by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Wentworth.

10. Quarter Sessions Abolition Bill discharged from the paper, on motion of Mr. Lowe.
  11. Cumberland Courts of Requests Abolition Bill discharged from the paper, on motion of Mr. Lowe.
  12. Validity of Grants of Land Bill :—On motion of Mr. Wentworth, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with amendments, Bill, as so amended, ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Friday next.
  13. Law Simplifying Bill :—On motion of Mr. Lowe the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next,—after the disposal of Government business.
  14. Postponement :—The further consideration in Committee of the Legal Profession Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, until Thursday next,—after the disposal of Government business.
- Council adjourned at Seven o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Estimates for 1848-9; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Transportation of Female Offenders' Abolition Bill; second reading.
3. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 23, with Public Hospitals' Bill.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 8.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. LOWE to move, (after the disposal of Government Business,) That the Commercial Bank Bill be now read a second time.
2. MR. WENTWORTH to move, (after the disposal of Government Business,) for leave to bring in a Bill to declare the powers of Mortgages of Sheep, under an Act to repeal an Act, intituled, "An Act to give a preferable lien on Wool from season to season, and to make Mortgages of Sheep, Cattle, and Horses, valid without delivery to the Mortgagee; and to substitute, for a limited time other provisions in lieu thereof;" and to make Liens on Wool and Mortgages on Live Stock under the said Act transferable Instruments.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Savings' Banks Bill; third reading.
2. Merchant Seamen's Bill; second reading.
3. Law Simplifying Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Legal Profession Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. GRANT to move the following Resolutions :—  
(1.) That, although the attention, of the public in this Colony has been principally directed to the Southern and Western Railroads, the line in the North, along the course of the Hunter River, offers a no less advantageous field for the investment of private capital, with great benefit to the Colony.

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(2.) That the direct Road from Newcastle by Maitland to the neighbourhood of the Liverpool Range, presents nearly a dead level throughout, and that some few opposing difficulties may be easily overcome, or altogether avoided by a short circuitous deviation from the straight line.

(3.) That a great portion of the land in the vicinity of this line abounds with Iron Bark Timber, which might furnish a cheap and excellent substitute for iron rails, and is calculated to last sound and unimpaired, in this dry climate, through a long series of years.

(4.) That the expense of such Wooden Railways has been estimated at various sums; but taking £1,500 per mile as a fair average price, in so level a country along the bed of a river, and with such excellent and cheap materials on the spot, the total cost of such a Railway, extending one hundred miles, would not exceed £150,000.

(5.) That the Police and Custom House Returns for the year 1847, quoted by Mr. Woore in his pamphlet, make the quantity of Wool exported from the Hunter River eight thousand bales; the carriage of which, from Liverpool Plains, New England, &c., &c., at even fifteen shillings per bale, would amount to £6,000—a very moderate charge, when compared with the heavy losses and expenses connected with the numerous large establishments of drays and bullocks, with their drivers, now maintained throughout the whole year, for the work of one or two months, in carrying down wool and bringing back stores.

(6.) That this amount of £6,000 for the carriage of wool alone (being an immediate available return of 4 per cent. for the proposed capital,) might be indefinitely increased, by the carriage of live cattle and sheep to the Port of Newcastle within six hours, and in as many more to the Sydney Market, without the usual serious diminution in weight and value on each animal, or their frequent deaths in sultry weather on a long tedious journey.

(7.) That, from other sources, including postal arrangements, fares of passengers, carriage of stores, and many new objects of traffic, now unthought of, at least one half more, or £2,500 might be calculated on—being a sum which would leave a considerable balance in the way of profit, after paying the daily expenses of coals (which are to be found on the whole line,) with wages, wear and tear, &c., &c.

(8.) That a prospect of the early commencement of various Railroads in this Colony would, doubtless, form a strong inducement to Emigration from Home, particularly if it was promoted by parishes, wisely seeking permanent relief from the intolerable burden of unlimited poor rates, by making one final advance in the shape of passage money; since the certain prospect of immediate employment, on liberal terms, in this Colony might be then fairly held out to thousands, who would be afterwards gradually absorbed in other pursuits; and that still further encouragement might be given, by the promise of future conditional remissions in the purchase of land, proportioned to the labor bestowed by each man in opening up the resources of a Colony which wants nothing but labor and Railways as a substitute for navigable rivers.

2. DR. BLAND to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, representing the destructive effects which have been produced hitherto by various exportations of our Land Fund to import what is termed labour into this Colony; and requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to take such steps as he may deem proper and expedient to prevent the continuance or repetition of that measure.
3. MR. ROBINSON to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Town Council of Melbourne to make by-laws for Licensing and Regulating Hackney Carriages within the City of Melbourne and its vicinity, and the conduct of the owners and drivers thereof.
4. MR. ROBINSON to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to effect the change in the style and title of the Corporation of Melbourne, rendered necessary by the erection of the Town of Melbourne into a City.
5. MR. MURRAY to move the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That the establishment of an Observatory in the neighbourhood of Sydney is an object of importance, as well for scientific purposes in affording means for noting and recording terrestrial and celestial phenomena, as for facilitating those observations which are essential to safe navigation; and this Council is of opinion that a sum ought to be provided, out of the General Revenue, for the erection of a suitable building for that purpose, and for the payment of a salary of £300 a year to a person properly qualified for the office of Colonial Astronomer.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit this Resolution to Her Majesty's Government, with an expression of the desire of this Council that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State may be pleased to communicate with the Presidents of the Royal Society and the Royal Astronomical Society, for the purpose of obtaining from them the nomination of a person whose scientific attainments render him eligible for the appointment.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Validity of Grants of Land Bill; third reading.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
The Superintendent of Police:—The Colonial Secretary laid upon the Table, the Return to the Address in reference to this Officer, adopted on motion of Mr. Lowe, on the 30th ultimo.
2. Estimates for 1848-9:—On motion of the Colonial Treasurer, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the Supplementary Estimate for the year 1848, and of the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1849.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.
3. Postponement:—The remaining Orders of the Day postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until to-morrow.  
Council adjourned at Ten o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL to move for leave to bring in a Bill to remove certain obstructions in Bourke-street, on the Surry Hills.
2. MR. LOWE to move, (after the disposal of Government Business,) That the Commercial Bank Bill be now read a second time.
3. MR. WENTWORTH to move, (after the disposal of Government Business,) for leave to bring in a Bill to declare the powers of Mortgagors of Sheep, under an Act to repeal an Act, intituled, "An Act to give a preferable lien on Wool from season to season, and to make Mortgages of Sheep, Cattle, and Horses valid, without delivery to the Mortgagee, and to substitute, for a limited time, other provisions in lieu thereof," and to make Liens on Wool and Mortgages on Live Stock under the said Act transferable Instruments.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Savings' Banks Bill; third reading.
2. Merchant Seamen's Bill; second reading.
3. Estimates for 1848-9; to be further considered in Committee.
4. Transportation of Female Offenders' Abolition Bill; second reading.
5. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill; to be considered in Committee.
6. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 23, with Public Hospitals' Bill.
7. Law Simplifying Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
8. Legal Profession Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. MR. GRANT to move the following Resolutions:—  
(1.) That, although the attention of the public in this Colony has been principally directed to the Southern and Western Railroads, the line in the North, along the course of the Hunter River, offers a no less advantageous field for the investment of private capital, with great benefit to the Colony.  
(2.) That the direct Road from Newcastle by Maitland to the neighbourhood of the Liverpool Range, presents nearly a dead level throughout, and that some few opposing difficulties may be easily overcome, or altogether avoided by a short circuitous deviation from the straight line.

(3.)

- (3.) That a great portion of the land in the vicinity of this line abounds with Iron Bark Timber, which might furnish a cheap and excellent substitute for iron rails, and is calculated to last sound and unimpaired, in this dry climate, through a long series of years.
- (4.) That the expense of such Wooden Railways has been estimated at various sums; but taking £1,500 per mile as a fair average price, in so level a country along the bed of a river, and with such excellent and cheap materials on the spot, the total cost of such a Railway, extending one hundred miles, would not exceed £150,000.
- (5.) That the Police and Custom House Returns for the year 1847, quoted by Mr. Woore in his pamphlet, make the quantity of Wool exported from the Hunter River eight thousand bales; the carriage of which, from Liverpool Plains, New England, &c., &c., at even fifteen shillings per bale, would amount to £6,000—a very moderate charge, when compared with the heavy losses and expenses connected with the numerous large establishments of drays and bullocks, with their drivers, now maintained throughout the whole year, for the work of one or two months, in carrying down wool and bringing back stores.
- (6.) That this amount of £6,000 for the carriage of wool alone (being an immediate available return of 4 per cent. for the proposed capital,) might be indefinitely increased, by the carriage of live cattle and sheep to the Port of Newcastle within six hours, and in as many more to the Sydney Market, without the usual serious diminution in weight and value on each animal, or their frequent deaths in sultry weather on a long tedious journey.
- (7.) That, from other sources, including postal arrangements, fares of passengers, carriage of stores, and many new objects of traffic, now unthought of, at least one half more, or £2,500 might be calculated on—being a sum which would leave a considerable balance in the way of profit, after paying the daily expenses of coals (which are to be found on the whole line,) with wages, wear and tear, &c., &c.
- (8.) That a prospect of the early commencement of various Railroads in this Colony would, doubtless, form a strong inducement to Emigration from Home, particularly if it was promoted by parishes, wisely seeking permanent relief from the intolerable burden of unlimited poor rates, by making one final advance in the shape of passage money; since the certain prospect of immediate employment, on liberal terms, in this Colony might be then fairly held out to thousands, who would be afterwards gradually absorbed in other pursuits; and that still further encouragement might be given, by the promise of future conditional remissions in the purchase of land, proportioned to the labor bestowed by each man in opening up the resources of a Colony which wants nothing but labor and Railways as a substitute for navigable rivers.
2. DR. BLAND to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, representing the destructive effects which have been produced hitherto by various exportations of our Land Fund to import what is termed labour into this Colony; and requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to take such steps as he may deem proper and expedient to prevent the continuance or repetition of that measure.
3. MR. ROBINSON to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Town Council of Melbourne to make by-laws for Licensing and Regulating Hackney Carriages within the City of Melbourne and its vicinity, and the conduct of the owners and drivers thereof.
4. MR. ROBINSON to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to effect the change in the style and title of the Corporation of Melbourne, rendered necessary by the erection of the Town of Melbourne into a City.
5. MR. MURRAY to move the following Resolutions:—
- (1.) That the establishment of an Observatory in the neighbourhood of Sydney is an object of importance, as well for scientific purposes in affording means for noting and recording terrestrial and celestial phenomena, as for facilitating those observations which are essential to safe navigation; and this Council is of opinion that a sum ought to be provided, out of the General Revenue, for the erection of a suitable building for that purpose, and for the payment of a salary of £300 a year to a person properly qualified for the office of Colonial Astronomer.
- (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit this Resolution to Her Majesty's Government, with an expression of the desire of this Council that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State may be pleased to communicate with the Presidents of the Royal Society and the Royal Astronomical Society, for the purpose of obtaining from them the nomination of a person whose scientific attainments render him eligible for the appointment.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Validity of Grants of Land Bill; third reading.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

VOTES, AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Bourke Street Bill:—The Attorney General having, pursuant to notice, moved for, and obtained leave to bring in "*A Bill to remove an obstruction in a certain street, called Bourke-street, within the City of Sydney,*" Bill read a first time; ordered to be printed, and read a second time to-morrow.
2. Savings' Bank Bill, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, read a third time, and *passed*. To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
3. Merchant Seamen's Bill:—Moved by the Attorney General, That this Bill be now read a second time.  
Debate ensued.
4. The following Messages from His Excellency the Governor received and read:—

(1.) Accounts of Colonial Receipt and Expenditure.

CH<sup>s</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 24.*

The Governor transmits to the Legislative Council a Copy of a Despatch, dated 27th September, 1847, received from the Right Honorable the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, together with the Report and Resolutions of the Select Committee of the House of Commons appointed to examine into the Accounts of Colonial Receipt and Expenditure, which are directed by Earl Grey to be submitted to the Council, as containing the suggestions of the Committee for the general improvement of Colonial Accounts.

His Excellency also transmits to the Council a copy of a Letter from the Auditor General, dated 31st ultimo, enclosing a paper of remarks made by him on the Resolutions referred to, which he considers calculated to shew in what respect the mode of framing accounts, adopted in this Colony, differs from that proposed therein, or is deficient.

*Government House, Sydney,  
7th June, 1848.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Documents.

(2.) Savings' Banks Loan for Public Works.

CH<sup>s</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 25.*

The Governor transmits to the Council an Estimate of the Expenses of Public Works, for which it is proposed to provide by funds, borrowed on the security of Government Debentures, from the Savings' Banks of New South Wales and Port Phillip respectively, amounting to £14,500. Should the Council concur in the expediency of undertaking the whole or any portion of the works in question, it will be necessary of course that the appropriation of the requisite sums should be embodied in an Act for that purpose—the provisions of which should also regulate the rate of interest to be paid to the Institutions in question, on the sums to be borrowed from each of them.

*Government House, Sydney,  
8th June, 1848.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and taken into consideration on Monday next.

(3.) Native Police beyond the Settled Districts.

CH<sup>s</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,

*Governor.*

*Message No. 26.*

Circumstances having been recently brought under the Governor's notice, in respect to certain collisions which have taken place, in parts beyond the Settled Districts, between the white inhabitants and the Aborigines, which appear to him to require that immediate steps should be taken for their repression, he transmits to the Council an Estimate for the formation of a small corps of Native Police, to be employed on this service, amounting to £1,000. It has not been possible to prepare an Estimate in detail; but the Council may rely that, if the money be voted, it will be expended for the purpose with every regard to economy. The amount will be chargeable on the Assessment raised beyond the Settled Districts.

*Government House, Sydney,  
8th June, 1848.*

Ordered to be printed, together with the accompanying Estimate, and taken into consideration on Monday next.

5. Merchant Seamen's Bill:—Debate on the motion for the second reading of this Bill, interrupted by the above Messages, resumed.  
Question put and passed.  
Bill read a second time; to be considered in Committee on Monday next.
6. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Estimates for 1848-9 postponed, on motion of the Colonial Treasurer, until Monday next.
7. Transportation of Female Offenders' Abolition Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with an amendment, Bill ordered to be engrossed, as so amended, and read a third time on Monday next.
8. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill:—On motion of the Colonial Secretary the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.
9. Public Hospitals' Bill:—The Governor's Message, No. 23, received with this Bill on the 6th instant, having been read, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, Bill, intitled, "*A Bill to enable certain Public Hospitals to sue and be sued in the name of their Treasurer, and to provide for the taking and holding of real property belonging to the same;*" read a first time; to be read a second time on Monday next.
10. Commercial Bank Bill:—On motion of Mr. Lowe, pursuant to notice, read a second time; whereupon, on motion of Mr. Lowe, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with amendments, Bill, as so amended, to be read a third time to-morrow.
11. Liens on Wool and Mortgages on Stock Bill:—Mr. Wentworth having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in "*A Bill to declare the powers of Mortgages of Sheep, under an Act to repeal an Act, intitled, 'An Act to give a preferable lien on Wool from season to season, and to make Mortgages of Sheep, Cattle, and Horses valid, without delivery to the Mortgagee, and to substitute, for a limited time, other provisions in lieu thereof; and to make Liens on Wool and Mortgages on Live Stock, under the said Act, transferable Instruments;*" Bill read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time on Tuesday next.
12. Postponements:—  
(1.) The further consideration in Committee of the Law Simplifying Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Lowe, until to-morrow.  
(2.) The further consideration in Committee of the Legal Profession Bill postponed, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, until to-morrow.  
Council adjourned at Nine o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9.

NOTICES OF MOTION:—

1. Mr. GRANT to move the following Resolutions:—  
(1.) That, although the attention of the public in this Colony has been principally directed to the Southern and Western Railroads, the line in the North, along the course of the Hunter River, offers a no less advantageous field for the investment of private capital, with great benefit to the Colony.  
(2.) That the direct Road from Newcastle by Maitland to the neighbourhood of the Liverpool Range, presents nearly a dead level throughout, and that some few opposing difficulties may be easily overcome, or altogether avoided by a short circuitous deviation from the straight line.  
(3.) That a great portion of the land in the vicinity of this line abounds with Iron Bark Timber, which might furnish a cheap and excellent substitute for iron rails, and is calculated to last sound and unimpaired, in this dry climate, through a long series of years.  
(4.) That the expense of such Wooden Railways has been estimated at various sums; but taking £1,500 per mile as a fair average price, in so level a country along the bed of a river, and with such excellent and cheap materials on the spot, the total cost of such a Railway, extending one hundred miles, would not exceed £150,000.  
(5.) That the Police and Custom House Returns for the year 1847, quoted by Mr. Woore in his pamphlet, make the quantity of Wool exported from the Hunter River eight thousand bales; the carriage of which, from Liverpool Plains, New England, &c., at even fifteen shillings per bale, would amount to £6,000—a very moderate charge, when compared with the heavy losses and expenses connected with the numerous large establishments of drays and bullocks, with their drivers, now maintained throughout the whole year, for the work of one or two months, in carrying down wool and bringing back stores.  
(6.) That this amount of £6,000 for the carriage of wool alone (being an immediate available return of 4 per cent. for the proposed capital,) might be indefinitely increased, by the carriage of live cattle and sheep to the Port of Newcastle within six hours, and in as many more to the Sydney Market, without the usual serious diminution in weight and value on each animal, or their frequent deaths in sultry weather on a long tedious journey.

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(7.) That, from other sources, including postal arrangements, fares of passengers, carriage of stores, and many new objects of traffic, now unthought of, at least one half more, or £2,500 might be calculated on—being a sum which would leave a considerable balance in the way of profit, after paying the daily expenses of coals (which are to be found on the whole line,) with wages, wear and tear, &c., &c.

(8.) That a prospect of the early commencement of various Railroads in this Colony would, doubtless, form a strong inducement to Emigration from Home, particularly if it was promoted by parishes, wisely seeking permanent relief from the intolerable burden of unlimited poor rates, by making one final advance in the shape of passage money; since the certain prospect of immediate employment, on liberal terms, in this Colony might be then fairly held out to thousands, who would be afterwards gradually absorbed in other pursuits; and that still further encouragement might be given, by the promise of future conditional remissions in the purchase of land, proportioned to the labor bestowed by each man in opening up the resources of a Colony which wants nothing but labor and Railways as a substitute for navigable rivers.

2. DR. BLAND to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, representing the destructive effects which have been produced hitherto by various exportations of our Land Fund to import what is termed labour into this Colony; and requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to take such steps as he may deem proper and expedient to prevent the continuance or repetition of that measure.
3. MR. ROBINSON to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Town Council of Melbourne to make by-laws for Licensing and Regulating Hackney Carriages within the City of Melbourne and its vicinity, and the conduct of the owners and drivers thereof.
4. MR. ROBINSON to move, for leave to bring in a Bill to effect the change in the style and title of the Corporation of Melbourne, rendered necessary by the erection of the Town of Melbourne into a City.
5. MR. MURRAY to move the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That the establishment of an Observatory in the neighbourhood of Sydney is an object of importance, as well for scientific purposes in affording means for noting and recording terrestrial and celestial phenomena, as for facilitating those observations which are essential to safe navigation; and this Council is of opinion that a sum ought to be provided, out of the General Revenue, for the erection of a suitable building for that purpose, and for the payment of a salary of £300 a year to a person properly qualified for the office of Colonial Astronomer.
  - (2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit this Resolution to Her Majesty's Government, with an expression of the desire of this Council that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State may be pleased to communicate with the Presidents of the Royal Society and the Royal Astronomical Society, for the purpose of obtaining from them the nomination of a person whose scientific attainments render him eligible for the appointment.
6. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY to move for leave to bring in a Bill for applying certain sums arising from the Revenue receivable in New South Wales, to the service thereof, for the year 1849; and for further appropriating the said Revenue.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:—

1. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
2. Validity of Grants of Land Bill; third reading.
3. Bourke Street Bill; second reading.
4. Commercial Bank Bill; third reading.
5. Law Simplifying Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
6. Legal Profession Bill; to be further considered in Committee.

MONDAY, JUNE 12.

1. Consideration of Governor's Message, No. 25, with additional Estimate for Public Works.
2. Consideration of Governor's Message, No. 26, with Estimate for Native Police.
3. Merchant Seamen's Bill; to be considered in Committee.
4. Estimates for 1848-9; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Transportation of Female Offenders' Abolition Bill; third reading.
6. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Public Hospitals Bill; second reading.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13.

1. Liens on Wool and Mortgages on Stock Bill; second reading.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
Speaker.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, 9 JUNE, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Withdrawal of Notices of Motion:—Mr. Grant withdrew the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day.
2. Murrurundi:—Mr. Dangar presented a Petition from certain of the inhabitants of Murrurundi, praying the appointment of a Police Magistrate, or of an Officer of Mounted Police, to assist in the duties of the Bench of their District.  
Petition read and received.
3. Exportation of Land Fund for Importation of Immigrants:—Dr. Bland moved, pursuant to notice, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, representing the destructive effects which have been produced hitherto by various exportations of our Land Fund to import what is termed labour into this Colony; and requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to take such steps as he may deem proper and expedient to prevent the continuance or repetition of that measure.  
Question put and *Negatived*.
4. Water Pipes from Melbourne to the Beach:—Mr. Robinson presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the City of Melbourne, praying that the amount on the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1849 for laying down Water Pipes from Melbourne to the Beach, be appropriated rather to the improvement of the Navigation of the River Yarra Yarra.  
Petition read and received.
5. Licensing Hackney Carriages, Melbourne:—Mr. Robinson moved, pursuant to notice, for leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Town Council of Melbourne to make by-laws for Licensing and Regulating Hackney Carriages within the City of Melbourne and its vicinity, and the conduct of the owners and drivers thereof.  
Debate ensued.  
Question put, and *Negatived*.
6. Withdrawal of Notice of Motion:—Mr. Robinson withdrew the motion standing in his name 4th on the Notice Paper for to-day.
7. Establishment of an Observatory:—Mr. Murray, pursuant to notice, moved the following Resolutions:—  
(1.) That the establishment of an Observatory in the neighbourhood of Sydney is an object of importance, as well for scientific purposes in affording means for noting and recording terrestrial and celestial phenomena, as for facilitating those observations which are essential to safe navigation; and this Council is of opinion that a sum ought to be provided, out of the General Revenue, for the erection of a suitable building for that purpose, and for the payment of a salary of £300 a year to a person properly qualified for the office of Colonial Astronomer.  
(2.) That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting him to transmit this Resolution to Her Majesty's Government, with an expression of the desire of this Council that the Right Honorable the Secretary of State may be pleased to communicate with the Presidents of the Royal Society and the Royal Astronomical Society, for the purpose of obtaining from them the nomination of a person whose scientific attainments render him eligible for the appointment.  
Debate ensued.  
Mr. Lowe moved the *Previous Question*.  
The Speaker put the *Previous Question*, "Shall the Question be now put?"  
Council divided.

Ayes, 9.

The Colonial Secretary,  
The Attorney General,  
Mr. Ebdon,  
Mr. Robinson,  
Dr. Bland,  
Mr. Icely,  
The Collector of Customs,  
Mr. Grant,  
Mr. Murray, (Teller.)

Noes, 10.

The Auditor General,  
Mr. Lamb,  
Mr. Cowper,  
Mr. Wentworth,  
The Colonial Treasurer,  
Mr. Lowe,  
Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Dangar,  
Mr. Allen,  
Mr. Parker, (Teller.)

8. Appropriation Bill:—The Colonial Secretary having, pursuant to notice, moved for and obtained leave to bring in "A Bill for applying certain sums arising from the Revenue receivable in New South Wales, to the service thereof, for the year 1849; and for further appropriating the said Revenue," Bill read a first time; to be printed, and read a second time on Monday next.

9. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill :—On motion of Mr. Wentworth, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with amendments, Bill, as so amended, ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Tuesday next.
10. Validity of Grants of Land Bill, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Attorney General.
11. Bourke-street Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of the Attorney General, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.  
The Chairman reported no progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.
12. Commercial Bank Bill, on motion of Mr. Lowe, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and the Colonial Treasurer.
13. Law Simplifying Bill :—On motion of Mr. Lowe, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with amendments, Bill, as so amended, ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Tuesday next.
14. Legal Profession Bill :—On motion of Mr. Wentworth, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with amendments, Bill, as so amended, ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Tuesday next.  
Council adjourned at twenty minutes before Eight o'clock, until Monday next, at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

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MONDAY, JUNE 12.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR DANGAR to move, That the Petition from Murrurundi, presented by him on the 9th instant, praying the appointment of a Police Magistrate, or of an Officer of Mounted Police, to assist in the duties of the Bench of that District, be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Consideration of Governor's Message, No. 25, with additional Estimate for Public Works.
2. Consideration of Governor's Message, No. 26, with Estimate for Native Police.
3. Merchant Seamens' Bill ; to be considered in Committee.
4. Estimates for 1848-9 ; to be further considered in Committee.
5. Transportation of Female Offenders' Abolition Bill ; third reading.
6. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.
7. Public Hospitals Bill ; second reading.
8. Appropriation Bill ; second reading.
9. Bourke Street Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 13.

NOTICES OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move the following Resolutions :—
- (1.) That in the opinion of this Council the period has arrived when the formation of Railways in the Colony ought to be commenced.
  - (2.) That to facilitate the speedy formation of a Company for carrying out such a means of transit, in Districts where the population and internal traffic afford reasonable prospect of success, it is expedient that the Government and the Legislature should hold out some peculiar inducement to encourage such an undertaking.
  - (3.) That this Council is of opinion, that a grant of Crown Land in fee simple ought to be made to any Company, incorporated by an Act of this Council, not only of the quantity required along the line for the construction of the Railway, but that by way of bonus the Company should also be permitted to make selection of other portions of Land, free of charge, to a reasonable extent—similar encouragement having been afforded in the British North American Colonies.
  - (4.) That, in addition, the Legislature ought to guarantee, for a limited term of years, the regular payment to the shareholders of a dividend at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, upon the first £100,000, of the capital subscribed ; security for the same being taken by the Government, upon the tolls collected by the Company.
  - (5.) That as a large amount of money is lying unemployed, and consequently unproductive, in the Savings' Bank, the Council is of opinion, that a sum not exceeding £30,000, might be advantageously invested by the Government, on behalf of that Institution, in shares in any such Company.
  - (6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated to His Excellency the Governor, with a copy of the Report of the Select Committee on Railways ; and that His Excellency be respectfully requested to take the same into his favorable consideration, and also to

to bring the subject, generally, under the notice of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with the view of obtaining the sanction of Her Majesty's Government, to such portions of the recommendations of this Council, as cannot be carried into effect by the Colonial Government.

2. Mr. ROBINSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Mayor of Melbourne and the Superintendent of Port Phillip, and between that Officer and the Government, relative to the establishment and management of the Melbourne Botanic Gardens.

**ORDERS THE DAY :—**

1. Liens on Wool and Mortgages on Stock Bill ; second reading.
2. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill ; third reading.
3. Law Simplifying Bill ; third reading.
4. Legal Profession Bill ; third reading.

**CHARLES NICHOLSON,**  
*Speaker.*



## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 12 JUNE, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Murrurundi :—Mr. Dangar moved, pursuant to notice, That the Petition from Murrurundi, presented by him on the 9th instant, praying the appointment of a Police Magistrate, or of an Officer of Mounted Police, to assist in the duties of the Bench of that District, be printed.

Debate ensued.

Question put, and *Negatived*.

2. Postponement :—Mr. Cowper postponed the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for Tuesday, until Thursday next.
3. Savings' Banks Loan for Public Works :—The Governor's Message, No 25, received on the 8th instant, with an Estimate for Public Works proposed to be carried on by means of Funds borrowed, on the security of Government Debentures, from the Savings' Banks of the Colony, having been read, on motion of the Colonial Secretary—Moved, by the Colonial Secretary, That the Estimate which accompanied the Message from His Excellency the Governor, just read, be taken into consideration, in Committee, on Wednesday next.

Debate ensued.

Mr. Robinson moved the *Previous Question*.

Debate continued.

Mr. Robinson, by leave, withdrew the *Previous Question*.

Moved, as an amendment, by Mr. Murray, That the Estimate which accompanied the Governor's Message, No. 25, be taken into consideration, in Committee, this day six months.

Debate continued.

Question put on the amendment.

Council divided.

Ayes, 7.

Mr. Donaldson,  
Mr. Dangar,  
Mr. Lowe,  
Mr. Robinson,  
Mr. Lamb,  
Mr. Murray,  
Mr. Cowper, (Teller.)

Noes, 11.

The Major General Commanding,  
The Colonial Secretary,  
Mr. Parker,  
Mr. Bowman,  
The Attorney General,  
Mr. Ebden,  
The Collector of Customs,  
Mr. Allen,  
The Auditor General,  
Mr. Icely,  
The Colonial Treasurer, (Teller.)

Original question put and passed.

4. Native Police, Sydney District :—The Governor's Message, No. 26, received on the 8th instant, with an Estimate for the formation of a small corps of Native Police, to be employed beyond the Settled Districts, in the Sydney District, having been read, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the Estimate therewith.  
The Chairman having reported progress, Estimate ordered to be further considered in Committee on the Estimates for 1848-9.
5. Merchant Seamen's Bill :—Discharged from the Paper, on motion of the Attorney General.
6. Estimates for 1848-9 :—On motion of the Colonial Treasurer, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of the Supplementary Estimate for the year 1848, and of the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1849. The Chairman reported that the Committee had gone through the various items in the Supplementary Estimate for the year 1848, in the Estimate which accompanied the Governor's Message, No. 26, and in the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1849, and brought up the following Resolutions.

(1.)

## (1.) Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1849.

- (1.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £666 11s. 3d., be appropriated to defray the expense of His Excellency the Governor's Establishment for the year 1849.
- (2.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £3,411 5s. 8d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Legislative Council Establishment, for the year 1849.
- (3.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,053 6s. 10d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Registrar General's Establishment, for the year 1849.
- (4.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £14,572 10s. 6d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Post Office Establishment, in the Sydney District, for the year 1849.
- (5.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £8,318, be appropriated to defray the expense of the Post Office Establishment, in the Port Phillip District, for the year 1849.
- (6.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £3,900, be appropriated to defray the expense of Postal Communication beyond the Settled Districts, being £2,200, for the Sydney District, and £1,700, for the Port Phillip District, for the year 1849.
- (7.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,185 1s., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Colonial Storekeeper's Establishment, for the year 1849.
- (8.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,552 2s. 6d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Port Master's Establishment, Sydney, for the year 1849.
- (9.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £311, be appropriated to defray the expense of the Telegraph Stations in the Sydney District, for the year 1849.
- (10.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £532 5s., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Light House Establishment, at the South Head of Port Jackson, for the year 1849.
- (11.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £449 5s., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Floating Light near the entrance of Port Jackson, for the year 1849.
- (12.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £74 15s., be appropriated to defray the salary of the Pilot in charge of the Basin at Wollongong, and of keeping in repair the Chain Moorings at Wollongong and Kiama, for the year 1849.
- (13.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £457, be appropriated to defray the expense of the Harbour Master's Establishment, at Newcastle, for the year 1849.
- (14.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £418 1s. 3d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Harbour Master's Establishment, at Port Macquarie, for the year 1849.
- (15.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £796 2s. 6d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Harbour Master's Establishment, at Moreton Bay, for the year 1849.
- (16.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,037 18s. 9d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Harbour Master's Establishment, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (17.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £230 10s., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Light House Establishment on Gellibrand's Point, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (18.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £357 12s. 6d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Light House Establishment on Shortland's Bluff, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (19.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £723 10s., be appropriated to defray the expense of the the Light House Establishment on Cape Otway, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (20.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £182 15s., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Telegraph Stations, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (21.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £150, be appropriated to defray the salary of the Colonial Agent General, for the year 1849.
- (22.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £400, be appropriated to defray Pensions to Ladies Forbes and Dowling, being £200 for each, for the year 1849.
- (23.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £2,863 17s. 6d., be appropriated to defray the salaries and allowances of Coroners, and the expense of Inquests, in the Sydney District, for the year 1849.
- (24.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £470, be appropriated to defray the salaries and allowances of Coroners, and the expense of Inquests, in the Port Phillip District, for the year 1849.
- (25.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £8,058 7s. 6d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Police of the City of Sydney, for the year 1849.
- (26.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £3,145 12s. 6d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Police of the City of Melbourne, for the year 1849.
- (27.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,234 17s. 1d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Water Police, Sydney, for the year 1849.
- (28.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £411, be appropriated to defray the expense of the Water Police, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (29.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £27,535, be appropriated to defray the expense of the Rural Police in the Settled Districts of the Colony, for the year 1849.
- (30.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £14,807 16s. 6d., be appropriated to defray the expense of Police beyond the Settled Districts of the Colony, for the year 1849.
- (31.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £13,927 2s. 1d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Mounted Police of the Colony, for the year 1849.
- (32.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £2,250, be appropriated to defray the expense of Native Police beyond the Settled Districts, in the Port Phillip District, for the year 1849.
- (33.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £3,855 15s., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Sydney Gaol, for the year 1849.

- (34.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,430 7s. 1d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Parramatta Gaol, for the year 1849.
- (35.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £928 17s. 6d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Bathurst Gaol, for the year 1849.
- (36.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,081 7s. 6d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Newcastle Gaol, for the year 1849.
- (37.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £961 16s. 3d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Goulburn Gaol, for the year 1849.
- (38.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £939 11s. 3d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Moreton Bay Gaol, for the year 1849.
- (39.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £2,307 13s. 11d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Melbourne Gaol, for the year 1849.
- (40.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,958 3s. 9d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Penal Establishment on Cockatoo Island, for the year 1849.
- (41.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,802, be appropriated to defray the expense of the Penal Establishment on the Blue Mountain Road, for the year 1849.
- (42.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £325, be appropriated to defray the Salaries of the Health Officer, Port Jackson, and of the Clerk to the Medical Board Sydney, for the year 1849.
- (43.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £100, be appropriated for maintaining the Vaccine Establishment in the City of Sydney, for the year 1849.
- (44.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £4,656 6s. 3d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Lunatic Asylum at Tarban Creek, for the year 1849.
- (45.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,515 7s. 6d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Lunatic Asylum at Melbourne, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (46.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £432 10s., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Medical Establishments Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (47.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £400, be appropriated for the support of Free Paupers in the Colonial Hospitals, for the year 1849.
- (48.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,800, be appropriated in aid of the Hospitals at Parramatta, Windsor, Bathurst, Newcastle, Maitland, Brisbane, Goulburn, Yass, and Melbourne, being £200 for each, on condition of sums to an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions, for the year 1849.
- (49.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,802, be appropriated to defray the expense of the Protestant Male Orphan School, near Liverpool, for the year 1849.
- (50.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,607, be appropriated to defray the expense of the Protestant Female Orphan School, Parramatta, for the year 1849.
- (51.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,500, be appropriated to defray the expense of the Roman Catholic Orphan School, Parramatta, for the year 1849.
- (52.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £8,450, be appropriated in support of Denominational Schools in the Sydney District, being £4,120 for Schools of the Church of England, £1,900 for Presbyterian Schools, £570 for Wesleyan Methodist Schools, and £1,860 for Roman Catholic Schools, to be respectively expended under the direction of the Board of Inspection, Sydney, for the year 1849.
- (53.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £250, be appropriated to defray the salary of the Secretary to the Denominational Schools' Board, and to meet the travelling expenses of the said Board, for the year 1849.
- (54.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,380, be appropriated in support of Denominational Schools, in the Port Phillip District, being £500 for Schools of the Church of England, £160 for Presbyterian Schools, £330 for Wesleyan Methodist Schools, £250 for Roman Catholic Schools, and £140 for Schools of other Denominations, to be respectively expended under the direction of the Local Board of Inspection, for the year 1849.
- (55.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £2,000, be appropriated towards the support of Schools conducted under Lord Stanley's system of National Education, for the year 1849:
- (56.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £3,000, be appropriated for the establishment of Schools beyond the Settled Districts, on the National system of Education, being £1,500 for the establishment of such Schools beyond the Settled Districts in the Sydney District, and £1,500 for the establishment of such Schools beyond the Settled Districts in the Port Phillip District, for the year 1849.
- (57.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,769 18s. 9d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Colonial Architect's Establishment, for the year 1849.
- (58.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,000, be appropriated to defray the expense of the employment of the Dredging Machine, for the year 1849.
- (59.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £5,000, be appropriated for constructing, upholding, and repairing the Public Roads, Bridges, and Ferries in the County of Cumberland, on which Tolls have been established, for the year 1849.
- (60.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £4,000, be appropriated to defray the expense of making and repairing Public Roads and Bridges, on which Tolls are not collected, for the year 1849.
- (61.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £100, be appropriated to defray the expense of repairing and painting Fencing to Enclosures, Hyde Park, Sydney, for the year 1849.
- (62.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £100, be appropriated to defray the expense of repairing Gates and Fences in the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, for the year 1849.
- (63.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £100, be appropriated to defray the expense of clearing Water Tables and repairing Roads in the Outer Government Domain, Sydney, for the year 1849.
- (64.)

- (64.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £700, be appropriated to defray the expense of Repairs to the General Hospital, Macquarie-street, preparatory to its being transferred to the Board of Directors of the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary, for the year 1849.
- (65.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £200, be appropriated to defray the expense of erecting a Court and Watch House, Macdonald River, for the year 1849.
- (66.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £100, be appropriated to defray the expense of erecting a Watch House, at Camden, for the year 1849.
- (67.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £450, be appropriated to defray the expense of erecting a new Court House, at Carcoar, for the year 1849.
- (68.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £450, be appropriated to defray the expense of erecting a Court and Watch House at Cassilis, for the year 1849.
- (69.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £3,500, be appropriated to defray the expense of Casual repairs, additions, and alterations to Colonial Public Buildings, for the year 1849.
- (70.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £500, be appropriated towards the erection of Police Escort Station Houses, on the main lines of Road throughout the Colony, for the year 1849.
- (71.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £745 11s. 3d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Clerk of Public Works Establishment at Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (72.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £422 2s. 6d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Superintendent of Bridges Establishment, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (73.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding the further sum of £2,000, be appropriated towards erecting the Bridge over the Yarra Yarra River, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (74.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £2,000, be appropriated to defray the expense of repairs and other improvements on the great Lines of Public Thoroughfare in the Port Phillip District, for the year 1849.
- (75.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,000, be appropriated to defray the expense of making approaches to the Queen's Wharf, Melbourne, for the year 1849.
- (76.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £2,000, be appropriated to defray the expense of removing obstructions in the Yarra Yarra River, and on the Corio Bar, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (77.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £2,482, be appropriated to defray the expense of laying down Water Pipes from Melbourne, to the Beach, for the year 1849.
- (78.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £250, be appropriated to defray the expense of improving the Main Road to the Beach, Melbourne, for the year 1849.
- (79.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £250, be appropriated to defray the expense of repairs to the landing place at William's Town, Port Phillip, and excavating a portion of the Beach, for the year 1849.
- (80.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £500, be appropriated to defray the expense of constructing a Jetty at North Beach, Hobson's Bay, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (81.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £300, be appropriated to defray the expense of making approaches to the Bridge over the Barwon River, at Geelong, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (82.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £500, be appropriated to defray the expense of constructing a Fresh Water Dam at Portland, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (83.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £500, be appropriated to defray the expense of constructing a Jetty at Portland Bay, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (84.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £200, be appropriated to defray the expense of constructing a Jetty at Warrnambool, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (85.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £500, be appropriated to defray the expense of Repairs to Public Works, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (86.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,760, be appropriated to defray the expense of building Enclosing Walls to the yards of the present wing of the Lunatic Asylum, Melbourne, and of erecting Iron Tanks and Force Pump, for the said Institution, for the year 1849.
- (87.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £250, be appropriated to defray the expense of building Keeper's Quarters, for the Powder Magazine, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (88.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £500, be appropriated to defray the expense of building two additional Rooms to the Post Office, Melbourne, for the year 1849.
- (89.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £950, be appropriated to defray the expense of building Cleansing Rooms and Kitchens at the new Gaol, Melbourne, and of erecting Iron Tanks and Force Pump, for the said Gaol, for the year 1849.
- (90.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £2,000, be appropriated to defray the expense of building a new Gaol, at Geelong, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (91.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,200, be appropriated to defray the expense of building Enclosing Walls to the Watch House at Portland, Port Phillip, and converting the same into a Gaol, for the year 1849.
- (92.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £800, be appropriated to defray the expense of building a Custom House at Portland, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (93.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £500, be appropriated to defray the expense of repairs to Public Buildings, Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (94.)



- (94.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £3,000, be appropriated to defray the expense of Roads and Public Works beyond the Settled Districts, being £1,500, to be expended in such Roads and Works beyond the Settled Districts in the Sydney District, and £1,500, to be expended in such Roads and Works beyond the Settled Districts in the Port Phillip District, for the year 1849.
- (95.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,030 15s. 2d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, for the year 1849.
- (96.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £400, be appropriated to defray the expense of maintaining a Botanic Garden, at Melbourne, for the year 1849.
- (97.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £300, be appropriated in aid of the Colonial Museum, Sydney, for the year 1849.
- (98.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £200 be appropriated in aid of the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, for the year 1849.
- (99.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £150, be appropriated in aid of the Mechanics Institution at Melbourne, for the year 1849.
- (100.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,118 9s. 5d., be appropriated to defray the expense of the Government Printing Office, Sydney, for the year 1849.
- (101.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £850, be appropriated to defray the expense of Paper for printing for the Public Service generally, for the year 1849.
- (102.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £150, be appropriated to defray the expense of Newspapers for Record, and for the Secretary of State, for the year 1849.
- (103.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1100, be appropriated to defray the expense of Furniture for Public Offices, being £800 for the Public Offices in the Sydney District, and £300 for the Public Offices in the Port Phillip District, for the year 1849.
- (104.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £300 be appropriated to defray the expense of the Powder Magazine Establishment, at Port Phillip, for the year 1849.
- (105.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £142 10s., be appropriated to defray the expense of lighting the Government Lamps, Sydney, for the year 1849.
- (106.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £280, be appropriated to defray the expense of preparing the Electoral Lists, being £180 for the preparation of the Electoral Lists for the Sydney District, and £100 for the preparation of the Electoral Lists for the Port Phillip District, for the year 1849.
- (107.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £100, be appropriated to defray the expense of Compiling Meteorological Tables, for the year 1849.
- (108.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £50, be appropriated to defray the expense of erecting Pounds, and of allowances to Poundkeepers in the Settled Districts of the Colony, for the year 1849.
- (109.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £100, be appropriated to defray the expense of erecting Pounds beyond the Settled Districts, being £50 for the erection of Pounds beyond the Settled Districts in the Sydney District, and £50 for the erection of Pounds beyond the Settled Districts in the Port Phillip District, for the year 1849.
- (110.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £30 be appropriated to defray the expense of Provisions to be left at Booby Island, in Torres' Straits, for the relief of shipwrecked persons, for the year 1849.
- (111.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £2,000, be appropriated to meet Unforeseen Expenses in cases of emergency, and to be hereafter accounted for, for the year 1849.
- (2.) Supplementary Estimate for 1848.
- (1.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding the further sum of £50, be appropriated to meet the expense of an additional Shorthand Writer for the Legislative Council, to 31st December, 1848.
- (2.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,000, be appropriated to meet the expense of the conveyance of Mails beyond the settled Districts in the Sydney District, to the 31st December, 1848.
- (3.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £251 13s., be appropriated to defray the Pension of Lady Dowling, from 28th September, 1844, to 31st December, 1845.
- (4.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £14 17s. 11d., be appropriated to defray an increase of pay to the Sydney Police Office Messenger, from 1s. 5d. to 2s. 6d. per diem, from 1st April, to 31st December, 1848.
- (5.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £79 4s., be appropriated to defray the expense of maintaining a communication with Cockatoo Island, from 1st July to 31st December, 1848.
- (6.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £50, be appropriated to defray an increase of pay to the Water Police Office Clerk, Sydney, from £100 to £150, for the year 1848.
- (7.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £100, be appropriated to defray the salaries of Visiting Magistrates to the Gaols at Goulburn and Newcastle, at £50 each, to 31st December, 1848.
- (8.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £80, be appropriated to meet the expense of Medicines for the Penal Establishments, to 31st December, 1848.
- (9.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £183, be appropriated as a compensation equal to one year's salary to Thomas Lee, Esquire, M.D., late Medical Officer of the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek.
- (10.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £480, be appropriated to meet the expense of repairs and alterations to the present buildings and temporary enclosures of the Lunatic Asylum, Tarban Creek, to 31st December, 1848.
- (11.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £763 14s., be appropriated in aid of the Sydney Infirmary and Dispensary, for the year 1848, an equal amount having been raised by private subscriptions in 1847.
- (12.)

- (12.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £150, be appropriated to defray the salary of the Secretary to the Board for the regulation and inspection of Denominational Schools, for the year 1848.
- (13.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £543 7s. 9d., be appropriated to defray the expense of providing Furniture and materials for the Government House, Sydney, to 31st December, 1848.
- (14.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £133 6s. 7d., be appropriated to defray the expense of keeping in order the Inner Domain, Sydney, for the year 1848.
- (15.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £250, be appropriated to meet the expense of providing Dwarf Walls, Gates to Foot Entrances, Lamp irons to Carriage entrances, and of repairing and providing north side fencing, to the Government Domain, Sydney, for the year 1848.
- (16.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding the further sum of £50, be appropriated to defray the expense of repairing the Roads, and clearing the Water Tables, of the Government Domain and Hyde Park, Sydney, to the 31st December, 1848.
- (17.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £100, be appropriated to defray the expense of providing and fixing a large Clock to the exterior of the General Post Office, Sydney.
- (18.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding the further sum of £40, be appropriated for completing the House at the Telegraph Station, Fort Phillip, Sydney.
- (19.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £60, be appropriated to defray the expense of erecting a Boat Pier at Kiama.
- (20.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £27 16s. 6d., be appropriated to defray the expense of laying down Buoys in the Northern Entrance to Moreton Bay.
- (21.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding the further sum of £150, be appropriated to defray the expense of erecting a Watch House at Dungog.
- (22.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £450, be appropriated to defray the expense of erecting a New Court House at Muswellbrook.
- (23.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £600, be appropriated to defray the expense of providing an additional Floor to the Store House of the Treadmill at the Sydney Gaol, and of roofing in and completing the same.
- (24.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £260, be appropriated to defray the expense of additional work in dividing yards, and of providing privies, and making drains at the New Gaol, Parramatta.
- (25.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £500, be appropriated to defray the expense of providing accommodation for Turnkeys, and of constructing partitions for the separate classification of male and female prisoners at the New Gaol, Goulburn.
- (26.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,000, be appropriated towards the erection of Public Hospitals at Goulburn and Yass, being £500 for each, on condition that sums to an equal amount be raised by private subscriptions, for the year 1848.
- (27.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £300, be appropriated in aid of the District Hospitals at Parramatta, Newcastle, and Brisbane, being £200 for each, on condition of sums to an equal amount being raised by private subscriptions, from 1st July to 31st December, 1848.
- (28.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,000, be appropriated to cover the expense of Superintendence, Medical Attendance, Provisions and Clothing of the Prisoners employed at the Stockade, Blackheath, to 31st December, 1848.
- (29.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £181 19s., be appropriated to defray the expense of constructing a Tank at the Female Orphan School, Parramatta.
- (30.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding the further sum of £210, be appropriated to defray the expense of building a new Punt, for the Ferry at Blackman's Point, on the River Hastings.
- (31.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £118, be appropriated to defray the expense of a new Boat, and of repairing the Punts at Wiseman's Ferry.
- (32.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £50, be appropriated to defray the expense of repairing the Public Wharf, Parramatta.
- (33.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding the further sum of £1,500, be appropriated towards completing the Museum, Sydney.
- (34.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding the further sum of £1,500, be appropriated towards completing the Enclosing Wall of the General Cemetery, Sydney.
- (35.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £500, be appropriated to defray the expense of building a Custom House, at Eden, Twofold Bay.
- (36.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,000, be appropriated to defray the expense of building a Custom House, at Moreton Bay.
- (37.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £75, be appropriated for the purchase, in England, of Beams and Scales for the purpose of comparing Common with Standard Weights.
- (38.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £234, be appropriated to defray the expense of employing Free men instead of Convicts in the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, to 31st December, 1848.
- (39.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £67, be appropriated to compensate Auctioneers holding unexpired Licenses at the termination of the late Auctioneers' Act, on 31st December, 1847.
- (40.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £200, be appropriated to meet the amount of increase to the salaries of Clerks employed in the Public Departments, under the Regulations of 20th March, 1848.
- (41.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £449 12s., be appropriated to defray the Supplementary expense of the Post Office Department, Port Phillip, for the year 1848.
- (42.)

- (42.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £925, be appropriated to defray the expense of the conveyance of Mails beyond the Settled Districts, in the Port Phillip District, to 31st December, 1848.
- (43.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £335 0s. 6d. be appropriated to defray the Supplementary expense of the Light House on Cape Otway, for the year 1848.
- (44.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £68 12s. 6d., be appropriated to defray the Supplementary expense of the Melbourne Police, for the year 1848.
- (45.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £349 8s., be appropriated to defray the Supplementary expense of the Melbourne Gaol, for the year 1848.
- (46.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding the further sum of £2,000, be appropriated for constructing the Prince's Bridge over the River Yarra, Port Phillip.
- (47.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £500, be appropriated towards constructing a Dam at Geelong, Port Phillip.
- (48.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £800, be appropriated to defray the expense of alterations to the Light House, Shortland's Bluff, Port Phillip.
- (49.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1,000, be appropriated to defray the expense of erecting a new Light House on Gellibrand's Point, Port Phillip.
- (50.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £400, be appropriated to defray the expense of a Dwarf Wall and Rails to the Custom House at Melbourne.
- (51.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £180, be appropriated to defray the expense of new fencing and repairs to old fencing at the Police Paddocks, Melbourne.
- (52.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £100, be appropriated to defray the expense of new fencing and repairs to old fencing at the Police Paddocks, Geelong, Port Phillip.
- (53.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £250, be appropriated to defray the expense of additional Cell Doors to the Melbourne Gaol.
- (54.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £250, be appropriated in further aid to the Melbourne Hospital, for the year 1848.
- (55.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £228, be appropriated to defray the expense of a Fence, and of a Boat, and Books for the Botanic Garden, Melbourne.
- (56.) Resolved, that a sum not exceeding £1000, be appropriated to defray the expense of the formation of a small Corps of Native Police, to be employed beyond the Settled Districts in the Sydney District, for the year 1848.

Moved, by the Colonial Treasurer, That this Council do adopt these several Resolutions.

Question put and passed.

- 7. Transportation of Female Offenders Abolition Bill, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
- 8. Postponement:—The further consideration in Committee of the Disputed Boundaries Commissioners' Bill postponed, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until to-morrow.
- 9. Public Hospitals' Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with amendments, Bill, as so amended, ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Thursday next.
- 10. Appropriation Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of the Colonial Treasurer, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, without amendment, Bill ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Thursday next.
- 11. Bourke-street Bill:—On motion of the Attorney General, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with amendments, Bill, as so amended, ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Thursday next.

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

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. ROBINSON to move, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid upon the Table of this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Mayor of Melbourne and the Superintendent of Port Phillip, and between that Officer and the Government, relative to the establishment and management of the Melbourne Botanic Gardens.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Liens on Wool and Mortgages on Stock Bill ; second reading.
2. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill ; third reading.
3. Law Simplifying Bill ; third reading.
4. Legal Profession Bill ; third reading.
5. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill ; to be further considered in Committee.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14.

1. Consideration in Committee of Estimate for Public Works proposed to be carried on by loan from the Savings' Banks.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this Council the period has arrived when the formation of Railways in the Colony ought to be commenced.
  - (2.) That to facilitate the speedy formation of a Company for carrying out such a means of transit, in Districts where the population and internal traffic afford reasonable prospect of success, it is expedient that the Government and the Legislature should hold out some peculiar inducement to encourage such an undertaking.
  - (3.) That this Council is of opinion, that a grant of Crown Land in fee simple ought to be made to any Company, incorporated by an Act of this Council, not only of the quantity required along the line for the construction of the Railway, but that by way of bonus the Company should also be permitted to make selection of other portions of Land, free of charge, to a reasonable extent—similar encouragement having been afforded in the British North American Colonies.
  - (4.) That, in addition, the Legislature ought to guarantee, for a limited term of years, the regular payment to the shareholders of a dividend at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, upon the first £100,000, of the capital subscribed ; security for the same being taken by the Government, upon the tolls collected by the Company.
  - (5.) That as a large amount of money is lying unemployed, and consequently unproductive, in the Savings' Bank, the Council is of opinion, that a sum not exceeding £30,000, might be advantageously invested by the Government, on behalf of that Institution, in shares in any such Company.
  - (6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated to His Excellency the Governor, with a copy of the Report of the Select Committee on Railways ; and that His Excellency be respectfully requested to take the same into his favorable consideration, and also to bring the subject, generally, under the notice of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with the view of obtaining the sanction of Her Majesty's Government, to such portions of the recommendations of this Council, as cannot be carried into effect by the Colonial Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Hospitals Bill ; third reading.
2. Appropriation Bill ; third reading.
3. Bourke Street Bill ; third reading.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 13 JUNE, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Withdrawal of Notice of Motion:—Mr. Robinson withdrew the motion standing in his name on the Notice Paper for to-day.
2. Steam Communication with England:—The Colonial Secretary, as Chairman, brought up the Report, and laid upon the Table the Evidence taken before the Select Committee appointed, on the 29th March last, to resume the consideration of the best means of establishing a Steam communication between this Colony and England, with instructions to take further Evidence, and to report not later than two months.  
Ordered to be printed.
3. Depôts for Distribution of Immigrants:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor, received and read.

CH<sup>S</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,*Message No. 27.**Governor.*

In reply to the Address of the Legislative Council of the 6th instant, requesting the Governor "to take into his consideration the pressing urgency which will shortly exist for providing for the distribution in the interior of the Colony of Immigrants immediately after their arrival in Sydney; also the propriety of establishing Depôts with resident Agents for the temporary reception of the Immigrants at certain localities therein specified," His Excellency begs to remind the Council of Earl Grey's Despatch of the 30th of August, 1847, (No. 212), a copy of which he caused to be laid before them, wherein his Lordship especially recommends the adoption of "every advisable means for corresponding with the interior of the Colony on the demand for servants, and for employing during the Emigration any additional Agency which may appear calculated to find the people good employment in the country;" and His Excellency begs further to assure the House that this subject (which is purely one of Executive arrangement) has long since received his serious consideration.

*Government House, Sydney,**13th June, 1848.*

Ordered to be printed.

4. Liens on Wool and Mortgages on Stock Bill, having been read a second time, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the consideration thereof.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with amendments, Bill, as so amended, ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time to-morrow, after disposal of the Government business.
5. Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Attorney General, and the Colonial Treasurer.
6. Law simplifying Bill, on motion of Mr. Lowe, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and the Attorney General.
7. Legal Profession Bill, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Attorney General.
8. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill:—On motion of the Colonial Secretary the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for the further consideration of this Bill.  
The Chairman having reported the Bill, with several amendments, Bill, as so amended, ordered to be engrossed, and read a third time on Thursday next.  
Council adjourned at twenty minutes after Five o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

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NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14.

1. Consideration in Committee of Estimate for Public Works proposed to be carried on by loan from the Savings' Banks.
2. Lions on Wool and Mortgages on Stock Bill ; third reading.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this Council the period has arrived when the formation of Railways in the Colony ought to be commenced.
  - (2.) That to facilitate the speedy formation of a Company for carrying out such a means of transit, in Districts where the population and internal traffic afford reasonable prospect of success, it is expedient that the Government and the Legislature should hold out some peculiar inducement to encourage such an undertaking.
  - (3.) That this Council is of opinion, that a grant of Crown Land in fee simple ought to be made to any Company, incorporated by an Act of this Council, not only of the quantity required along the line for the construction of the Railway, but that by way of bonus the Company should also be permitted to make selection of other portions of Land, free of charge, to a reasonable extent—similar encouragement having been afforded in the British North American Colonies.
  - (4.) That, in addition, the Legislature ought to guarantee, for a limited term of years, the regular payment to the shareholders of a dividend at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, upon the first £100,000, of the capital subscribed ; security for the same being taken by the Government, upon the tolls collected by the Company.
  - (5.) That as a large amount of money is lying unemployed, and consequently unproductive, in the Savings' Bank, the Council is of opinion, that a sum not exceeding £30,000, might be advantageously invested by the Government, on behalf of that Institution, in shares in any such Company.
  - (6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated to His Excellency the Governor, with a copy of the Report of the Select Committee on Railways ; and that His Excellency be respectfully requested to take the same into his favorable consideration, and also to bring the subject, generally, under the notice of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with the view of obtaining the sanction of Her Majesty's Government, to such portions of the recommendations of this Council, as cannot be carried into effect by the Colonial Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Hospitals Bill ; third reading.
2. Appropriation Bill ; third reading.
3. Bourke Street Bill ; third reading.
4. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill ; third reading.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY to move, That the Report from the Steam Communication Committee be taken into consideration.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, 14 JUNE, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Estimate for Public Works proposed to be carried on by loan from the Savings' Banks, discharged from the Paper, on motion of the Colonial Secretary.
2. Assent to Bill:—The Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the Savings' Banks Bill.
3. Friendly Societies Act Amendment Bill:—The following Message from His Excellency the Governor received and read.

CH<sup>s</sup>. A. FITZ-ROY, *Message No. 28.*  
*Governor.*

The Governor proposes to the Legislative Council the adoption of the following amendments in the Bill presented to His Excellency for the Royal Assent, intituled, "*A Bill to amend the Act regulating Friendly Societies in New South Wales*," that is to say:—That all the words between the word "in" at the commencement of the eleventh line, to the word "Government" in the twelfth line, should be omitted; also, that the word "Trustee" should be inserted after the word "Treasurer" in the seventh line, and that the letter "s" be added to the word "Trustee" in the same line, and that in the thirteenth line the word "Trustee" be inserted after the word "Treasurer," and that the letter "s" be added to the word "Trustee" in the same line.

*Government House, Sydney,*  
*14th June, 1848.*

- Ordered to be printed, and taken into consideration to-morrow.
4. Liens on Wool and Mortgages on Stock Bill, on motion of Mr. Wentworth, read a third time, and *passed*.  
 To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Attorney General, and the Colonial Treasurer:  
 Council adjourned at a quarter before Four o'clock; until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND ORDERS OF THE DAY.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. MR. COWPER to move the following Resolutions :—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this Council the period has arrived when the formation of Railways in the Colony ought to be commenced.
  - (2.) That to facilitate the speedy formation of a Company for carrying out such a means of transit, in Districts where the population and internal traffic afford reasonable prospect of success, it is expedient that the Government and the Legislature should hold out some peculiar inducement to encourage such an undertaking.
  - (3.) That this Council is of opinion, that a grant of Crown Land in fee simple ought to be made to any Company, incorporated by an Act of this Council, not only of the quantity required along the line for the construction of the Railway, but that by way of bonus the Company should also be permitted to make selection of other portions of Land, free of charge, to a reasonable extent—similar encouragement having been afforded in the British North American Colonies.
  - (4.) That, in addition, the Legislature ought to guarantee, for a limited term of years, the regular payment to the shareholders of a dividend at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, upon the first £100,000, of the capital subscribed; security for the same being taken by the Government, upon the tolls collected by the Company.
  - (5.) That as a large amount of money is lying unemployed, and consequently unproductive, in the Savings' Bank, the Council is of opinion, that a sum not exceeding £30,000, might be advantageously invested by the Government, on behalf of that Institution, in shares in any such Company.
  - (6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated to His Excellency the Governor, with a copy of the Report of the Select Committee on Railways; and that His Excellency be respectfully requested to take the same into his favorable consideration, and also to bring the subject, generally, under the notice of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with the view of obtaining the sanction of Her Majesty's Government, to such portions of the recommendations of this Council, as cannot be carried into effect by the Colonial Government.

ORDERS OF THE DAY :—

1. Public Hospitals Bill; third reading.
2. Appropriation Bill; third reading.
3. Bourke Street Bill; third reading.
4. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill; third reading.
5. Consideration of Governor's Message No. 28, proposing amendments in Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16.

NOTICE OF MOTION :—

1. THE COLONIAL SECRETARY to move, That the Report from the Steam Communication Committee be taken into consideration.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*



VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, 15 JUNE, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Assent to Bills:—The Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills:—
  - (1.) Petty Sessions Bill.
  - (2.) Colonial Spirits Exportation Bill.
  - (3.) Appropriation of Fines and Penalties Bill.
  - (4.) Country Towns Police Bill.
  - (5.) Bushranging Bill.
  - (6.) Vice Admiralty Bill.
  - (7.) Colonial Postage Bill.
  - (8.) National Education Bill.
  - (9.) Sydney Roads Bill.
  - (10.) Port Phillip Gunpowder Bill.
  - (11.) Section 70 of Sydney and Melbourne Corporation Acts suspension Bill.
2. Railways:—Mr. Cowper moved the following Resolutions, pursuant to (*amended*) notice:—
  - (1.) That in the opinion of this Council the period has arrived when the formation of Railways in the Colony ought to be commenced.
  - (2.) That to facilitate the speedy formation of a Company for carrying out such a means of transit, in Districts where the population and internal traffic afford reasonable prospect of success, it is expedient that the Government and the Legislature should hold out some peculiar inducement to encourage such an undertaking.
  - (3.) That this Council is of opinion, that a grant of Crown Land in fee simple ought to be made to any Company, incorporated by an Act of this Council, not only of the quantity required along the line for the construction of the Railway, but that by way of bonus the Company should also be permitted to make selection of other portions of Land, free of charge, to a reasonable extent—similar encouragement having been afforded in the British North American Colonies.
  - (4.) That, in addition, the Legislature ought to guarantee, for a limited term of years, the regular payment to the shareholders of a dividend at a rate not exceeding six per cent. per annum, upon the first £100,000, of the capital subscribed; security for the same being taken by the Government, upon the tolls collected by the Company.
  - (5.) That as a large amount of money is lying unemployed, and consequently unproductive, in the Savings' Bank, the Council is of opinion, that a sum not exceeding £30,000, might be advantageously invested by the Government, on behalf of that Institution, in any such Company.
  - (6.) That the foregoing Resolutions be communicated to His Excellency the Governor, with a copy of the Report of the Select Committee on Railways; and that His Excellency be respectfully requested to take the same into his favorable consideration, and also to bring the subject, generally, under the notice of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with the view of obtaining the sanction of Her Majesty's Government, to such portions of the recommendations of this Council, as cannot be carried into effect by the Colonial Government.

Debate ensued.  
Question put and passed.  
Address to be presented by the Speaker, Mr. Lamb, and the Attorney General.
3. Public Hospitals Bill, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
4. Appropriation Bill, on motion of the Colonial Treasurer, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Secretary, and the Auditor General.
5. Bourke-street Bill, on motion of the Attorney General, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and Mr. Allen.
6. Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, read a third time, and *passed*.  
To be presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.

7. **Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill** :—The Governor's Message No. 28, received yesterday, proposing amendments in this Bill, having been read, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration thereof.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the whole of the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor,—

Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That the Council do adopt the amendments so agreed to.

Question put and passed.

Moved by the Colonial Secretary, That the Bill be re-engrossed, with the amendments so agreed to, and again presented to His Excellency the Governor, for the Royal Assent, with the following Message, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General :—

*Message from the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor, in answer to certain amendments proposed by His Excellency to be made in a Bill presented to His Excellency for Her Majesty's Assent, intituled, " A Bill to amend the Act regulating " Friendly Societies in New South Wales."*

" Agreeably to the provisions of the 30th clause of the Act for the Government of New South Wales, 5th and 6th Victoria, cap. 76, the Legislative Council have taken into consideration certain amendments proposed to the Council to be made in the said Bill, by His Excellency the Governor, in his Message No. 28, of the 14th instant, and, having agreed to the whole of the said amendments, beg to present the said Bill to His Excellency for Her Majesty's Assent, with the whole of the said amendments so agreed to."

Question put and passed.

Council adjourned at half past Five o'clock, until to-morrow at Three o'clock.

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## NOTICE OF MOTION.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 16.

1. **THE COLONIAL SECRETARY** to move, That the Report from the Steam Communication Committee be taken into consideration.

**CHARLES NICHOLSON,**  
*Speaker.*

## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, 16 JUNE, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Assent to Bill:—The Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the Appropriation Bill.
2. Steam Communication with England:—The Report from the Select Committee on Steam Communication with England, having been taken into consideration, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, pursuant to notice.—  
The Colonial Secretary moved the following Resolutions:—
  - (1.) That this Council desires to express its entire concurrence in the recommendations of the Select Committees appointed in the year 1846, and during the present Session, to consider the best means of establishing Steam Communication with England.
  - (2.) That in aid of carrying out the original design of effecting a junction with the overland line at Singapore, by way of Torres' Straits, this Council desires to repeat its recommendation, that a sum of £500 per month, for a period of three years, be applied from the General Revenue of the Colony.
  - (3.) That a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions, together with a Copy of the Report of the Select Committee of the present Session, be transmitted to His Excellency the Governor, with a request that His Excellency will be pleased to forward them to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with such an expression of His Excellency's opinion thereon, as may tend to secure to the Australian Colonies the same advantages of a rapid and certain postal communication with the Mother Country, which, under an enlightened policy, has already been extended to all other portions of Her Majesty's distant Colonial Possessions.
 Moved, as an amendment, by Mr. Cowper, That the following be introduced as the second of the series of Resolutions.  
That the announcement of the determination of Her Majesty's Government to postpone the adoption of any permanent measure for this purpose, until an experiment had been made, by means of a vessel fitted with the Auxiliary Screw Propeller, by the way of the Cape of Good Hope, has created the greatest disappointment, both to this Council, and to the Colonists generally, more especially as, so far as can be learned, no steps whatever have yet been taken for carrying this project into effect, although the experimental vessel ought to have left England in the Autumn of last year.  
Question, with the proposed amendment, put and passed.  
Address to be presented by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Auditor General.
3. Quit Rents:—The following Message from his Excellency the Governor, received and read:—

CH<sup>S</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,  
Governor.

*Message No. 29.*

In reply to the request of the Legislative Council that the Governor would forward the Address of the Council relative to the existing Quit Rent Regulations, His Excellency has to inform the Council that, in compliance with their desire, this Address shall be forwarded to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne; but His Excellency deems it right to state, in order to prevent any misconception on the part of those persons who may be interested on the subject, that as Her Majesty's Government have disapproved of (although they have not advised Her Majesty to disallow) the very liberal concessions granted to the holders of land upon Quit Rent by the Regulations of the 9th October, 1846, His Excellency regrets that he can hold out no hope to those persons that the Prayer of the Address will receive the Royal Assent.

*Government House, Sydney,*  
16th June, 1848.

Ordered to be printed.

Council adjourned at twenty minutes after Four o'clock, until *Tuesday next, at Twelve o'clock.*

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
*Speaker.*

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 20 JUNE, 1848.

1. Council met pursuant to adjournment; the Speaker took the Chair.  
Report from Library Committee:—Mr. Parker brought up a Report from the Library Committee.  
Ordered to be printed.
2. Law Simplifying Bill:—The following Message from his Excellency the Governor, received and read:—  
CH<sup>S</sup>. A. FITZ ROY, *Message No. 30.*  
*Governor.*

The Governor proposes to the Legislative Council, the adoption of the following amendments in the Bill presented to His Excellency for the Royal Assent, intituled, "*A Bill to simplify and alter the Law in some respects,*" that is to say:—That in the second section and fifteenth line, the words "less than" should be inserted before the words "ten pounds"; and that in the sixteenth line, the words "less than" should be inserted before the words "thirty pounds."

*Government House, Sydney,  
20th June, 1848.*

On motion of the Colonial Secretary, the Council resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, for consideration of the proposed amendments.

The Chairman having reported that the Committee had agreed to the whole of the amendments proposed by His Excellency the Governor,—

Moved, by the Colonial Secretary, That the Council do adopt the amendments so agreed to.

Question put and passed.

Moved, by the Colonial Secretary, That the Bill be re-engrossed with the amendments so agreed to, and again presented to His Excellency the Governor for the Royal Assent, with the following Message, by the Speaker, the Colonial Treasurer, and the Attorney General.

*Message from the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor, in answer to certain amendments proposed by His Excellency to be made in a Bill presented to His Excellency for Her Majesty's Assent, intituled, "A Bill to simplify and alter the Law in some respects."*

"Agreeably to the provisions of the 30th clause of the Act for the Government of New South Wales, 5th and 6th Victoria, chap. 78, the Legislative Council have taken into consideration certain amendments proposed to the Council to be made in the said Bill, by His Excellency the Governor, in his Message No. 30, of the 20th instant, and, having agreed to the whole of the said amendments, beg to present the said Bill to His Excellency for Her Majesty's Assent, with the whole of the said amendments so agreed to."

Question put and passed.

Council adjourned, on motion of the Colonial Secretary, until a quarter before One o'clock to-day.

3. Assent to Bills:—The Council having resumed, The Speaker reported that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills:—
  - (1.) Friendly Societies Act amendment Bill.
  - (2.) Validity of Grants of Land Bill.
  - (3.) Commercial Bank Bill.
  - (4.) Transportation of Female Offenders Abolition Bill.
  - (5.) Individual Members of Joint Stock Companies Liabilities Bill.
  - (6.) Legal Profession Bill.
  - (7.) Liens on Wool and Mortgages on Stock Bill.
  - (8.) Public Hospitals Bill.
  - (9.) Bourke-street Bill.
  - (10.) Disputed Boundaries Commissioners Bill.
  - (11.) Law Simplifying Bill.
4. Business of the Session:—The Speaker reported, That of thirty-two Bills introduced during the Session, twenty-four had passed and been assented to, one had lapsed by the House having been counted out on motion for second reading, five had been discharged from the Paper, one had been disposed of by the Question of "That day six months," and one had been negatived on motion for second reading.

5. **Business of the Council** :—The Speaker reported, That of two hundred and fifty-two Bills introduced since the opening of the first Session of the present Council, in 1843, one hundred and seventy-two had passed, of which one hundred and fifty-seven had received the Royal Assent, ten had been reserved for the Royal Assent, and from five the Royal Assent had been withheld ; and that of the remaining eighty, twenty-seven had been discharged from the Paper, ten had been disposed of by the Question of " That day six months," four by the " Previous Question," three had been ordered for consideration in the next Session, eight had been rejected, eight had lapsed in Select Committees, four by the House being counted out, twelve by prorogation, two had been negatived on motion for second reading, one had lapsed in Message, and one had been superseded by Address.
6. **Dissolving Address** :—An Address, by Message from His Excellency the Governor was presented by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, the Honorable the Attorney General, and the Honorable the Colonial Treasurer, and read by the Speaker, as follows :—

**MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,**

The business of the Session has now arrived at that stage which enables me to release you from further attendance on your arduous and important duties.

A Copy of the Address which you have presented to me on the subject of establishing Steam Communication with England shall, in conformity with your request, be transmitted by an early opportunity to Her Majesty's Government, with my earnest recommendation that this highly desirable measure may be carried out with the least possible delay, according to the plan, and upon the terms proposed by the Select Committees of 1846 and of the present Session.

With respect to your Address on the subject of establishing Railways in this Colony, it is only necessary at present that I should assure you of my ardent desire to see the surpassing advantages of that mode of transit extended to the Colony, and of my readiness to co-operate with the Council in every way in which, consistently with a just consideration for the public interests, it may be in my power to promote this very important object.

Your Address on the subject of the reception of Exiles in this Colony, has already been transmitted to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The other Addresses which you have presented to me, and to which no special answer has been returned, will receive every attention on my part, with a view, as far as may be found practicable, to carry out the objects to which they relate.

I have to thank you, Gentlemen, for the liberality with which you have voted the supplies ; you may rely upon my anxious endeavours to use them with every regard to economy, consistent with the due efficiency of the public service.

In addressing the present Council for the last time, I have great pleasure in acknowledging the great ability which you have evinced, and the effective co-operation which you have afforded me, in maturing and perfecting those measures for the public welfare, which it has been my duty, since I assumed this Government, to bring under your consideration.

It only remains for me to express my good wishes towards the Members individually and collectively, and to declare this Council now to be dissolved, and the same is hereby dissolved accordingly.

CH<sup>S</sup>. A. FITZ ROY,  
GOVERNOR.

Sydney, 20th June, 1848.

CHARLES NICHOLSON,  
-Speaker.